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Magical day for Adrienne and Larry

AFTER almost 13 years together, villagers Laurence Lagrue and Adrienne Rogers got married on Saturday 24th August, at the Earth House in Cranborne. The day started with torrential rain and high winds, but just as the ceremony started, the clouds cleared, the sun shone, and everyone was able to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the celebrations, sitting outside in the lovely Dorset countryside.



Laurence and Adrienne were delighted to share their special day with family and friends, many from the village – you may spot Jo Lovett presiding as the wedding celebrant, as well as their children, Barnaby, Betty, Ellie and Zoe, plus other villagers.

Adrienne has lived in the village over 30 years, and the couple are regular faces appearing in the pantomime and other productions as part of the Milborne Players.

The wedding was a long time in the planning – the couple had been engaged for eight years (including Adrienne losing her first engagement ring) and started planning just when the pandemic hit. As the old adage goes, good things come to those who wait, and it really was the happiest day for them.

Wednesday Social Club

PIP BOWELL came to our meeting on November 6th to talk to us about his trip to Antarctica. What a fascinating holiday it was! Pip talked us through the birds, whales, seals and icebergs he saw. Then we were taken on a journey to the Falkland Islands, South Argentina, Cape Horn and Antarctica. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon!

Our next meeting will be our Christmas meal at Ashley Wood Golf Club on Thursday 5th December. We meet at the Village Hall at 12 noon to arrange transport.

We wish all our members and all those thinking of joining our club a very happy Christmas.

José Thomas

PLEASE NOTE: Any copy for the January issue should be received no later than mid-day Thursday 5th December. Sorry this is the final date

Food and Wine Club Hosts a Spectacular Evening with Sipology Social

ON 1st November, 27 members of our village's Food and Wine Club gathered for a delightful wine-tasting evening hosted by Mandy from Sipology Social. The event was an absolute hit, blending both educational insight and culinary enjoyment, and quickly became a highlight of the season for everyone in attendance.



Mandy brought a wonderful selection of wines, guiding our group through the tasting with expertise and enthusiasm. She introduced us to new flavours and aromas, teaching us how to appreciate the nuances of each pour. Members learned how to detect subtle notes and understand the wine-making process, all while enjoying Mandy's approachable style and infectious passion for wine.

Adding to the experience, the evening included delicious home-cooked dishes. Attendees had a choice between a rich and flavourful Spanish chicken or a comforting lasagne, both of which paired beautifully with the wines on offer. These hearty dishes perfectly complemented the tasting experience, allowing us to savour both food and drink in good company.

It was a fabulous night of learning, laughter, and community. The Food and Wine Club would like to thank Mandy for a fantastic evening, and we look forward to welcoming her back again soon! Cheers to many more nights of great food, wine, and friendship.

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Milborne St. Andrew By-pass

IT IS with interest that I have been following the discussion in connection with the perceived risk to pedestrians walking along the pavement beside the pub. The road has been of the same width since at least Victorian times. At the bottom of the wall opposite the pub wheel deflectors can be seen to stop hub damage from carriages, which in early photos are much more visible. Either the wall has sunk or more likely the road has risen with repeated dressing. (See early photo.)



Maybe the resurrection of the old road as a by-pass would alleviate the problem.

In the past there was a turnpike, or toll road, running through the village, which at one time was part of the Dorchester to Wimborne turnpike and earlier in time a turnpike to Salisbury. This latter information can be seen by looking on the back of the milestone near Longthorns Wood on the way to Blandford, as on the front it gives the distances to Dorchester 10, and Blandford 6, and on the back, (because it was reused and turned round), it gives distances to Dorchester and Sarum (sic). Before the turnpike was established, the road ran on the south side of the village, probably coming from the Blandford direction to the junction of Roke Lane and Homefield and continuing down Homefield to the left fork passing Manor Farm, then continuing past the manor house that was demolished in 1802, and up the hill, following the now faded, but just visible, track that passes 'The Nursery' (being a tree nursery owned by the Manor house). It re-joined the current main road on the Dorchester side just past the top of the hill out of the village.

The change to the current route of the main road was necessitated both because the owners of the Manor House did not like an increasingly frequented route running past their front door, but much more significantly because the post coaches, using the turnpike, required stopping places for horse changes and passenger refreshment. This was offered by the facilities of the then existing coaching inns, being The Crown, The Cardinals Hat and The Royal Oak.

As transport increased and evolved into the 20th century, a demand for petrol was met by a petrol pump sited at the now demolished shops on the sharp bend opposite the old Post Office. This later moved to the site alongside The Royal Oak as there was forecourt space for pumps and cars.

The weekly Milborne St. Andrew fair was held mainly in The Square, but some stalls appeared up the hill by The Royal Oak with no apparent worry to traffic. This can be observed in the photos taken at the time of people randomly standing in the road.

Progress, and traffic, have now made the issues now being investigated an interesting reminder of past changes in routes through the village.

Pip Bowell

Hedgehog listed as Near Threatened on IUCN Red List

THE conservation status of the Western European Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) has been updated from Least Concern to Near Threatened in the latest release of the IUCN Red List. This change is based on a decline that has exceeded 30% over 10 years across many parts of its range.

Once abundant across Europe, the Western European hedgehog now faces a rapidly shrinking population. Urban development, agricultural expansion and road infrastructure have fragmented the hedgehog's habitat, while vehicle collisions, the use of pesticides, and increased levels of predation continue to reduce their numbers.

The importance of data collection for hedgehog conservation

The IUCN has been able to assess the conservation status of the hedgehog thanks to long-term monitoring data. Within the UK, Garden BirdWatch (GBW) data, collected over the years, has been instrumental in informing hedgehog conservation. Back in 2012, BTO researchers reviewed the various schemes collecting data on hedgehog populations as part of a project commissioned by the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. This project highlighted that BTO Garden BirdWatch and the PTES Mammals on Roads survey were best placed to deliver robust data on UK Hedgehog trends.

More recently, GBW's Hedgehog data was used to inform the State of Britain's Hedgehogs report in 2022. This work, the result of a partnership between the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the People's Trust for Endangered Species, analysed GBW data and concluded (amongst other things) that hedgehog populations in urban environments are stable and showing signs of recovery, and highlighted the importance of gardens and public involvement in conservation action. However, the same report underscores the critical decrease in the countryside.

GBW data continue to chart the hedgehog's changing fortunes and, alongside other data sets, have enabled the IUCN's expert reviews to increase the conservation status for this species.

Wildlife-friendly garden management practices can help Hedgehogs thrive in urban and rural areas alike. These include leaving small gaps in fences to allow hedgehog movement, reducing pesticide use, and providing food and shelter by creating log piles or hedgehog houses.

Pip Bowell

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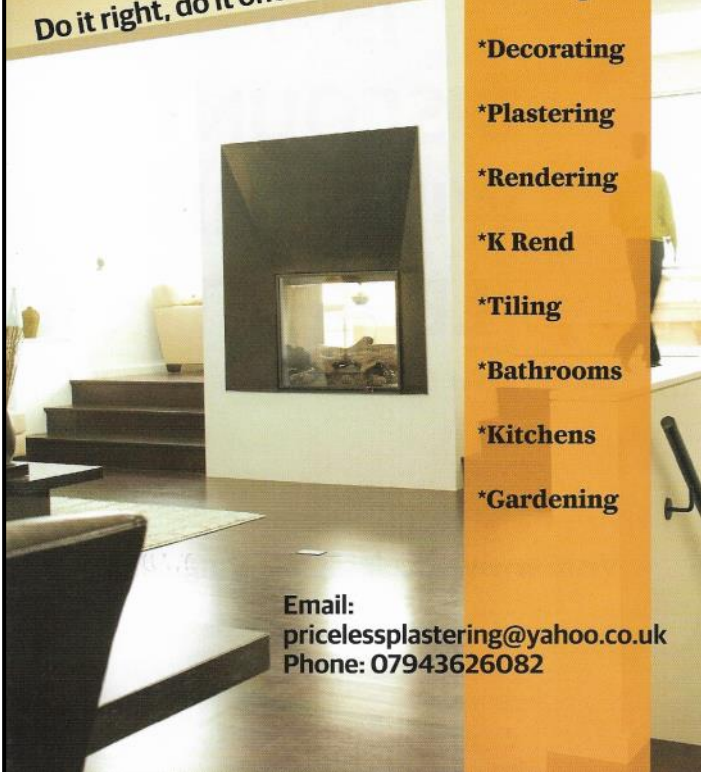
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Christmas preparations

“‘Christmas won’t be Christmas without any presents,’ grumbled Jo, lying on the rug”: a quotation from Louisa May Alcott’s novel *Little Women*.

I wonder how you would finish the sentence “Christmas won’t be Christmas without . . .” There are all sorts of things we could add: turkey, chocolate, booze, lights, cards, Christmas ads, arguments, family, queues, decorations, money worries, being too busy, parties or something else entirely. There are so many things we associate with the festive season.

There is so much to do and get ready for our celebrations. The run-up to Christmas can be so busy with no time to stop and catch our breath.

That is why for me Christmas isn’t Christmas without Advent. Advent is a time in the Church for preparations but not just the practical ones. It’s a time of preparing our inner selves, getting ready to celebrate the coming of Christ.

There is always a tension between keeping Advent and starting Christmas celebrations before Christmas Day. In times past Christmas began at Christmas and went on for the following twelve days, but in our culture today it doesn’t work quite like that any more. We celebrate Christmas before Christmas Day as well as on it rather than afterwards. So keeping Advent as a time of space and reflection has become much harder.

But it is still possible to take time out from the busy-ness, if we plan ahead and make it a priority, and it can certainly make Christmas itself feel less stressful if we’ve found space for calm and peace before it starts.

Advent is often associated with four themes: love, joy, hope and peace. Reflecting on these can be a really helpful way of preparing our hearts for Christ’s coming into the world. These are lasting qualities, which no money can buy, and which our world is so desperately in need of in these troubled times.

With good wishes for a peaceful Advent and a happy Christmas

Best wishes

Sarah

Milborne Church Notes

NOVEMBER began with the Annual Service to commemorate those from the Benefice who have died during the past year and those of our families and friends who have “gone before”. It was a moving and, at times, emotional service. Names were read out, and there was an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance. Thanks to Sarah for the inspiring Liturgy and address. After the Service, tea and cake were enjoyed. Earlier in the afternoon, we interred the cremated remains of Jason Wadham, who died earlier in the year. Sarah conducted the Service, and Tony read the psalm and led the prayers at the family’s request. We offer our condolences to all of Jason’s family.

On All Saints’ Sunday, we were reminded that we are all called to be Saints and have the capacity to be so if we allow God’s love to transform us. Our next Milborne Praise will be on December 1st, Advent Sunday when we begin a new church year.

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Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish December

1st December – Advent Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion + Holy Baptism	Puddletown
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
4.00pm	Bubble Church	Puddletown Village Hall

8th December – Advent 2

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.00pm	Carol Service	Tolpuddle

15th December – Advent 3

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
2.30pm	Christingle	Milborne
6.00	Carol Service	Puddletown

WEDNESDAY 18th December

2.00pm	Milborne First School Christmas Service	Milborne
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THURSDAY 19th December

9.30am	St Mary’s CE Middle School Christmas Service	Puddletown
11.00	St Mary’s CE Middle School Christmas Service	Puddletown
2.00pm	Puddletown CE First School Christmas Service	Puddletown

SATURDAY 21st December

6.00pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Milborne
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22nd December – Advent 4

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown Church Room
3.00pm	Carol Service	Dewlish

TUESDAY 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

3.30pm	Crib Service	Tolpuddle
5.00	Crib Service	Puddletown
10.00	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	Milborne
11.30	Midnight Mass	Puddletown

WEDNESDAY 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion	Dewlish
9.30	Public Worship with Holy Communion by Extension	Tolpuddle
10.15	Christmas Celebration	Milborne
11.15	Christmas Praise	Puddletown

29th December – Christmas 1

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Puddletown Church Room
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Remembrance Sunday saw a large congregation at St. Andrew's. It was a great joy to welcome uniformed Beavers and Cubs and to have the Beaver Standard processed. Sally Dyer read the Lesson, and Tony led the prayers. As Sarah read the Roll of Honour, Pam and Tony lit a candle in memory of those being remembered. The church was decorated with a beautiful Poppy Cross made by the talented pupils of our First School. They had written poems (opposite), too, on the theme of "Poppies." Stunning flower arrangements incorporating Poppies helped set the scene for our Remembrance, as did the knitted Poppy Garland created by Pam. Sarah preached a reflective and challenging sermon. After the Service, we joined those gathered at the Memorial Stone for the Act of Remembrance there. Milborne certainly did "Remember them".



So, to the Christmas arrangements! We are holding a Christingle at 2.30pm on Sunday, December 15th (see page 17 for details). Our Carols by Candlelight will be at 6.00pm on Saturday, 21st December. The First Eucharist of Christmas is at 10.00pm (Midnight in Bethlehem) on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, a Celebration for all the family occurs at 10.15am.

For some, this will be the first Christmas without a loved one. In the words of the Bidding Prayer used at the King's College, Cambridge, Carol Service, "We remember those upon another shore and in a greater light." That Christmas in the Northern Hemisphere is celebrated at the darkest time of the year and reminds us that, however dark a situation, the coming of Christ, the Light of the World, can turn our darkness and despair into hope and light. May you know God's peace and love at this time.

We send our love and warmest wishes to Cynthia Clarke, who celebrates her birthday at the beginning of December.

Sarah, Pam, and I, the members of the PCC and all at St. Andrew's, send our very best wishes for Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Andrew's over the festive period. Our sincere thanks to all who have supported us in any way over the past twelve months. We do appreciate it.

Tony & Pam

Dewlish Church Notes

ALTHOUGH we had fewer people attending our Harvest Supper, it was a very enjoyable and successful evening. Many thanks to Andy who worked tirelessly in the kitchen throughout, and to Andrew who (as usual) ran the auction so professionally for us. The Supper raised £165 for our church, and the Auction £200 for WaterAid. We are most grateful to everyone who contributed.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held in Dewlish Village Hall on Saturday 7th December, starting at 2.30pm. Our stalls will include Christmas goods and new items, cakes and produce, toys, a raffle and a separate special raffle of a Christmas hamper. Teas and refreshments will be available throughout the event. Any donations will be most welcome but, most of all, we are looking forward to seeing YOU!

The **Carol Service** will be held in church on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00pm. Jim is hoping that the children will take part in the Nativity and reading again – he will, no doubt, be calling to see you! The collection will be donated to the Children's Society.

Daphne Burg

Poppies at war

Poppies standing strong in the battlefield.
Only god knows what's happening to me.
Pop! Someone died, one, two, three thousand died for country.
Pant, we soldiers are tired people and still fighting.
You and me don't deserve this, my friends are here too.
Sadly my friends are defeated, it's only me. I will make my
friends proud.

By Evelyn Hay

Patter patter on the petal

On the petal I bleed crimson red,
Protect our tanks, shooting missiles out of the barrel,
Poppies are amazing, they are anything you like it to be.
Your granny's, grandad's and families are the ones to thank.

By Alfie Howorth

Evergreen Christmas at the November 2024 WI

THERE are many benefits to being outdoors, particularly here in Dorset, with nature all around us. Armed with a pair of secateurs it does not take long to find as much evergreen foliage as we might need to put together our own Christmas wreaths and decorations. Lin and Angie, two talented members of our WI, were here to show us all how to do just that.

From a sturdy base of either metal or wooden circles, a covering of moss and a mix of textured evergreen and dried foliage they built up a variety of different wreaths. Optional extras such as pine cones, dried oranges, cinnamon sticks and baubles can be added for variety. There were swags to hang on doors, table centre pieces, and candles.



How many of us bring out the old and cherished decorations every Christmas? Maybe this is the time to add to, and liven up, our collection with some of nature's offerings. As with Lin and Angie's bright and colourful arrangements, we could then stand back and say 'Well done'!

Our business meeting also had Christmas very much in mind. As agreed, members had put together a food hamper for the Blandford-based Nourish food bank and arrangements were finalised for our Christmas party in the New Year at Ashley Wood Golf club.

Book club members had discussed 'Old Rage' by actress Sheila Hancock. Written as a diary during the isolation of the pandemic, she covers wide-ranging topics, and received mixed reviews. It is followed by 'The Cook' by Ajay Chowdhury.

Congratulations to Heather V Hogg, who has now been a member of our WI for 54 years.

Our Christmas meeting will be on Thursday 12th December, when we will be lucky enough to be entertained by *The Military Wives choir*. The following month's meeting will be on Thursday 9th January 2025, with a talk on 'My Days in the WI choir'. Please do come along and join us; you will be very welcome.

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Before the Village Hall

I'M GRATEFUL to Veronica Herridge for various papers about the village which her late husband Alan had collected.

The following is a hand written account, no name, but probably by Daisy Cooper.

"I have been told by several people that I should write my version of the history of the Village Hall. During the last war we, the public, were told to save rags, bones, iron and especially lead to be recycled for the war effort. I lived in Crown House at the time where previously a convicted rustler had lived and there were lots of bones dug up in the garden.

So a small group of us with a horse and cart which Mrs Morby née Corben borrowed from her father, went round the village once a fortnight collecting. Most of the village property belonged to the Debenham Estate and we were given permission to store the commodities in the stables of the old blacksmith's. With the money we received for them we decided to start a fund for a Village Hall.

When Ernest Debenham sold his estate the late Mrs Field of Longthorns bought Crown Meadow and kindly gave it to the village so that we should have a site for a hall and playing field. The village people worked hard together organizing events, which were held mainly in the schoolroom, and with a donation we raised enough money to build a new Village Hall. The hall has been a great asset to the village and I hope it will continue to be so."

Linda Wright

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Village Hall News

AN audience of almost 50 residents and friends enjoyed a fun evening of horse racing and temporary "ownership" hosted by Nigel and Sue Hodder with help from other Committee members. Once everyone got the hang of the "tote", it flowed well and generated a profit after expenses of £500 which will help swell the funds for the new patio – now completed except for the addition of furniture probably in the spring. The success was probably due to the £300 of alcohol purchases which loosened both the tongue and the purse strings! It will also have generated a further small profit to help our funds.



The patio will provide an opportunity to relax and enjoy the various sporting activities (pétanque, table tennis, etc.) that we have to offer during the warm (and sometimes dry) summer evenings while sipping a glass of beer or wine which we, of course, can provide at very reasonable prices.

At the time of writing, we have already raised over £2000 – but it is not too late for you to help. Although we will end this appeal at the end of this year, there is still an opportunity to add your name to the Roll of Honour by sponsoring a slab at a minimum of £25. As one supporter recently said to me "Immortality Beckons"!

Our bank details can be found on the poster on the Village Hall door, but please email treasurer.msavh@gmail.com to let me know you have contributed. For those who prefer to write a cheque please use the black letterbox by the front door of the hall or hand it to a committee member.

A big thank you to all who attended the Race Night – we look forward to hosting another sometime next year. And one last thing – Merry Christmas to everyone reading this.

Nigel Hodder, Treasurer

St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow

AS another busy, fun-filled year draws to a close, we have been focussing on the future at St. Mary's as we offer prospective new families the opportunity to visit our wonderful school.

Our big Open Evening is always a terrific event, and this year was no exception. It was fabulous to see so many families come together to explore all the amazing opportunities and experiences that St. Mary's has to offer. The school was buzzing with excited Year 4 children from our local partner schools as well as from schools outside of our immediate area. Parents and children got



to meet the staff and participate in a wide range of fun activities across the school. We hope everyone enjoyed their time with us and got a glimpse of the vibrant community we cherish here at St. Mary's! A huge thank you to the St. Mary's School Association for providing tea, coffee and

snacks to keep everyone's energy up! We have also enjoyed showing parents around our school during the school day. We offer several open mornings during the autumn term that allow families to experience the excitement of a regular school day at St. Mary's. We will be offering further opportunities to visit us during additional open mornings in the New Year – keep your eyes on our Facebook page!

Our school community marked Armistice Day with a special remembrance service on the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The whole school came together in the hall to remember those who gave their lives in the wars, including the 28 young men from our own Puddletown parish. Local historian, Captain Chris Copson, spoke about the impact of the wars on the lives of people in the Dorchester area and the children were encouraged



to reflect on the significance of the day through a series of readings, instrumental and choir performances.

In an enriching cultural experience, our Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an engaging performance of *Macbeth* by the renowned Handlebards. Special thanks again to the St. Mary's School Association who supported with the funding of this thought-provoking performance. Our students appreciated the theatrical adaptation which supported them to gain deeper insights into the world of Shakespeare.



Year 7 have had the privilege of welcoming local historian Chris Copson to St. Mary's, who took our children on an enlightening journey through history as he discussed the Roman Invasion of Great Britain. This captivating presentation not only brought history to life but also sparked curiosity and engagement among our students. We are grateful for the opportunity to connect our learners with local historians, enhancing their understanding of the subject through a local lens.

And last but not least, our Year 6 artists are enjoying an opportunity to be part of the upcoming Art in Poundbury 'Hive of Creativity' winter exhibition. The exhibition, which focusses on the theme of bees, runs from 24th November to 1st December in the Jubilee Hall, Poundbury. You will not only be able to enjoy the fabulous art work of St. Mary's pupils, but also the work of a range of local artists.

Thank you for your valued support this year and very best wishes for a relaxing Christmas when it arrives.



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Milton Abbas Surgery

DNA (Did Not Attend) Appointments

Over the last year, there have been a shocking number of GP and Nurses appointments that patients have not turned up for.

For example, in October alone **43** patients did not attend their appointments, equalling a total of **14 hours of clinical time wasted**. Breakdown as follows:

- ◆ NURSE time wasted: 8 hours 50 minutes
- ◆ GP time wasted: 4 hours 10 minutes
- ◆ HCA time wasted: 40 minutes
- ◆ PHYSIO time wasted: 20 minutes

Some of these appointments are up to 40 minutes long, so missing your appointment or forgetting to cancel means we waste valuable clinic time. For ONE missed Long Term Condition Review appointment, THREE people could have had blood test appointments, so it's really important not to waste these slots.

If you can't attend an appointment, please can we ask that you cancel it at least an hour before so someone else can receive the care they need. This can be done either over the phone or by replying CANCEL to your text reminder. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter – **It could make a huge difference to another patient.**

Christmas Survival 2024

As festive and exciting Christmas time is for many, there are ones who may be struggling with financial concerns or loneliness.

Please don't skip meals to pay bills. Families or individuals can be referred to local food banks (Blandford or Dorchester) by Kelly or Anna, our Social Prescribers. Please call the surgery or send an email to miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net for their attention, and they will help in any way they can. There are also community fridges in Blandford and Dorchester, and you can just pop along to those.

As of going to print, we are not aware of any activities or meals happening locally specifically for ones who find themselves on their own, but if this changes, we shall make sure to post details on our surgery Facebook page and website. If you do not have use of the internet, you can always call our Social Prescribers at the surgery, and they can let you know if we hear of anything.

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Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Tuesday 24th December – Open as usual

Wednesday 25th December – CLOSED

Thursday 26th December – CLOSED

Friday 27th December – Open as usual

Saturday 28th December – Open as usual

Monday 30th December – Open as usual

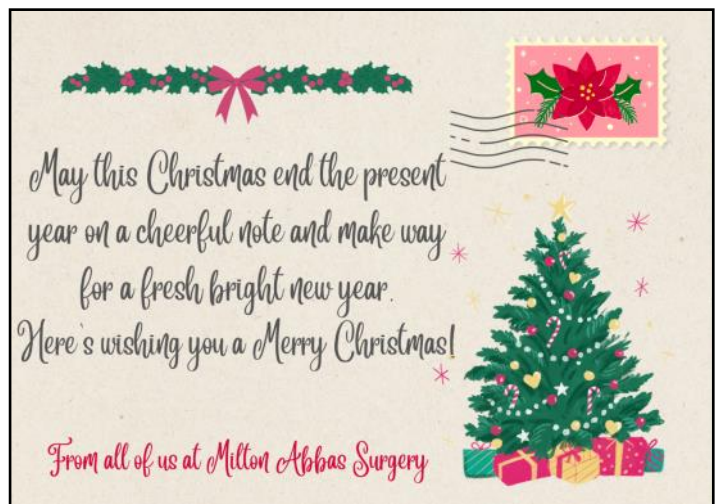
Tuesday 31st December – Open as usual

Wednesday 1st January – CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January – Open as usual

Message from our Dispensary Team: Please rest assured that while we will be closed for a couple of days, there is no need to panic. We kindly ask that you continue to order your medication as usual, and we'll ensure everything is processed as quickly as possible when we reopen. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

A Christmas Card to our Patients



Bookends' Good Read "Old Rage" by Sheila Hancock

OPINION was sharply divided on this book some seeing it as more of a "rant" often scathing, bitter, spiteful, 'chip on the shoulder' and derogatory particularly about politicians much in the public eye. The style was that of diary entries covering the years 2016/2021. The pandemic, Government changes, family life with some backward glances to her childhood, fellow Thespians and relationships.

Many felt her to be self centred, but others refreshing, positive and inspirational. Most heard her voice through the text. One saw her as sentimental and that "every page had its own story".

There was a consensus given her current age of 90 years that her mountain climbing feat was remarkable and brave.

Whatever the response it was a very individual chronicle of our times from someone who was at the front line during most of the last and so far, this century. Her account was vivid whether it be the traumas of ill health and death, inside accounts of an actor's life, relationships, education or preparing for her own demise, "departure . . . erasing my human animal tracks". She illustrates well how her art feeds into her well being and philosophy.

Addressing all aspects of life; moral laxity, the class system, discipline (the latter she claims to have only with regard to her work) and an unequal society. There is no shirking, always truthful. Her grief over her daughter's breast cancer ordeal "I howl with grief . . . racked with anger. I am powerless" is just one momentous episode in this astonishing, reflective, picturesque book.

Carole Fornachon

Snow fun for some but no fun for drivers

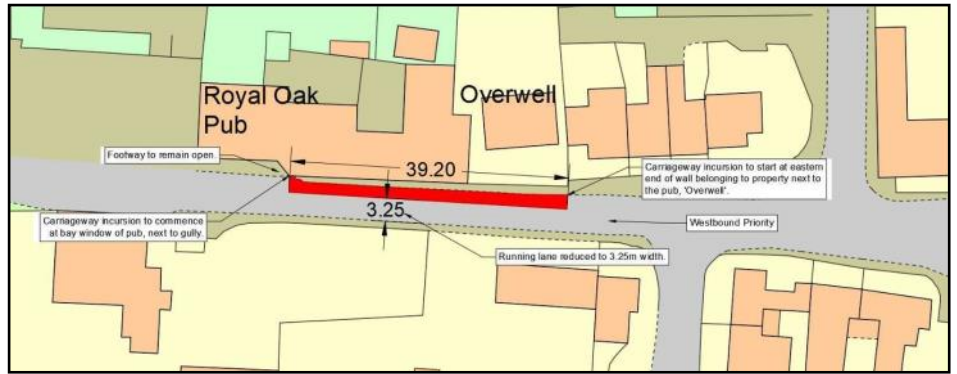


A LATE November chill brought both delight and difficulties to the village as Milborne experienced an impromptu snow day. The morning's heavy snowfall brought problems to the roads, rendering the A354 impassable for a while with vehicles unable to get traction up Blandford Hill. For others, it was a chance to have some fun in the snow with the First School shutting for the day, and giving an early winter, Christmas card look to the village. *Ed Richards*



Road narrowing trial on A354

THE trial to widen the pavement by The Royal Oak pub went ahead in late October to test the feasibility of a permanent traffic management scheme. The need for traffic calming in the village to enhance pedestrian safety has long been a concern for residents and was shown to be a primary concern in the Neighbourhood Plan, which consulted village-wide. Recent development at Huntley Down has released substantial capital which would make possible the installation of a permanent system. For the trial, Dorset Council (DC) installed barriers that created a safe passage for pedestrians and reduced the A354 to a single lane over a 39 metre distance. The aim is to improve the pedestrian environment and also to slow vehicles travelling through the village. Road users travelling east were obliged to wait for vehicles heading towards Dorchester, which had the priority. The trial was over a three week period (14th October to 1st November), which was chosen to include both a normal commuting week as well as the half-term school holiday.



Whilst the single lane trial seemed to progress relatively smoothly, there were some who took to social media to express their concerns with how it was going. Some residents had witnessed drivers being confused and also difficulty in accessing or exiting the roads off the A354, especially Chapel Street. The trial had signage to indicate where vehicles should wait and temporary stop lines, but no other road markings. A DC spokesperson said, "There are limited road markings as this is a short trial . . . If the trial progresses, permanent lining and signing for the build-out will be incorporated and could look to include any necessary 'keep clear' junction markings." Residents living near to the trial commented that the noise from car stereos and exhaust fumes of waiting traffic had increased markedly outside their homes. The Parish Council (PC) monitored the trial on multiple occasions, Chair, Cllr Macnair, said, "Once the scheme was up and running, we did not observe significant standing traffic through the village on multiple monitoring visits at different times of the day. The monitoring data will give us facts to discuss."



Residents have also questioned the decision to run the trial in October instead of the summer months when the road is busier. DC said that this is a conventional practice as "Traffic data is usually collected in a neutral time of year" and that they were keen to have data collected in both school holidays and a 'normal' week. However, residents' concerns are that summer holiday traffic – including large vehicles and caravans – combined with increased agricultural traffic due to harvest will mean long tailbacks.

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There were many voices of praise for the scheme though, with residents to the west of the pub being able to walk to the village centre in complete safety for the first time, as well as pedestrians and dog walkers and families heading for the Dewlish road and beyond. And of course, for those visiting the pub. If the scheme goes ahead, the pavement to pub will be brought up to county standard, Cllr Macnair says, enabling safe access to a key village amenity for those with buggies, wheelchairs and dogs. It should also give pedestrians safer crossing opportunities in The Square with natural breaks in traffic being created. A cry for a dedicated crossing point has long been heard in the village and has been investigated by the PC in conjunction with the county, and previously, district council. Cllr Macnair says this has been looked at since the 1990's and has been formally dismissed by the Dorset on multiple occasions. It's not possible in the village centre due to sightlines though it would be feasible further up Blandford Hill, but this would not only be in the wrong place but be prohibitively expensive (around £100k) and would need street lighting.

Alternative suggestions to the proposed scheme from residents are similarly not possible – a 20mph zone through the village? This speed limit is not within DC's current Highways policy for A roads, Cllr Macnair says. Speed humps? Similarly, not possible on A roads. How about a speed camera to slow traffic? This would need to be a police initiative rather than council and Milborne does not meet the technical criteria (and fixed speed cameras are now not a preferred method in Dorset).



Dorset Council will now evaluate the findings of the trial and the data collected from "small and discreet units attached to existing street furniture/poles" as the basis for the next phase of the trial. Whilst DC are not seeking feedback from the trial now, Cllr Macnair says that consultation with residents will take place if a proposal for a permanent scheme comes out of the evaluation process. He said, "As ever, the PC are very interested to hear the views on this (and other matters within our remit) via the Parish Clerk." To date, he said that the PC had received more positive feedback from residents about the trial than negative. See PC website or email milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

Ed Richards



Santa will be visiting the village in his sleigh on Saturday 14th at 6.35pm (Village Hall) and 6.45pm (School). Collecting donations on behalf of Ducks and Drakes.



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Parish Council meeting highlights

THERE was lots of discussion at the Parish Council (PC) meeting, and more people in attendance than usual. The highlights were:

HIP at Huntley Down – benches have been secured, stones have been removed and the area has been made dog proof. Access to the HIP from Coles Lane is still outstanding.

Traffic calming – the three week trial has been completed. Cllr Parker from Dorset Council (DC) updated the PC that the project team will meet to discuss and provide an update to PC week commencing 9th December. See article on page 15 for details about the “Road narrowing trial on A354”.

The sandbag store has been replenished. If you do need sandbags then they are available, free of charge, from the shed next to the village hall – instructions on the shed.

There were three planning applications discussed and all were supported by the PC.

There were requests for grants, two of which were:

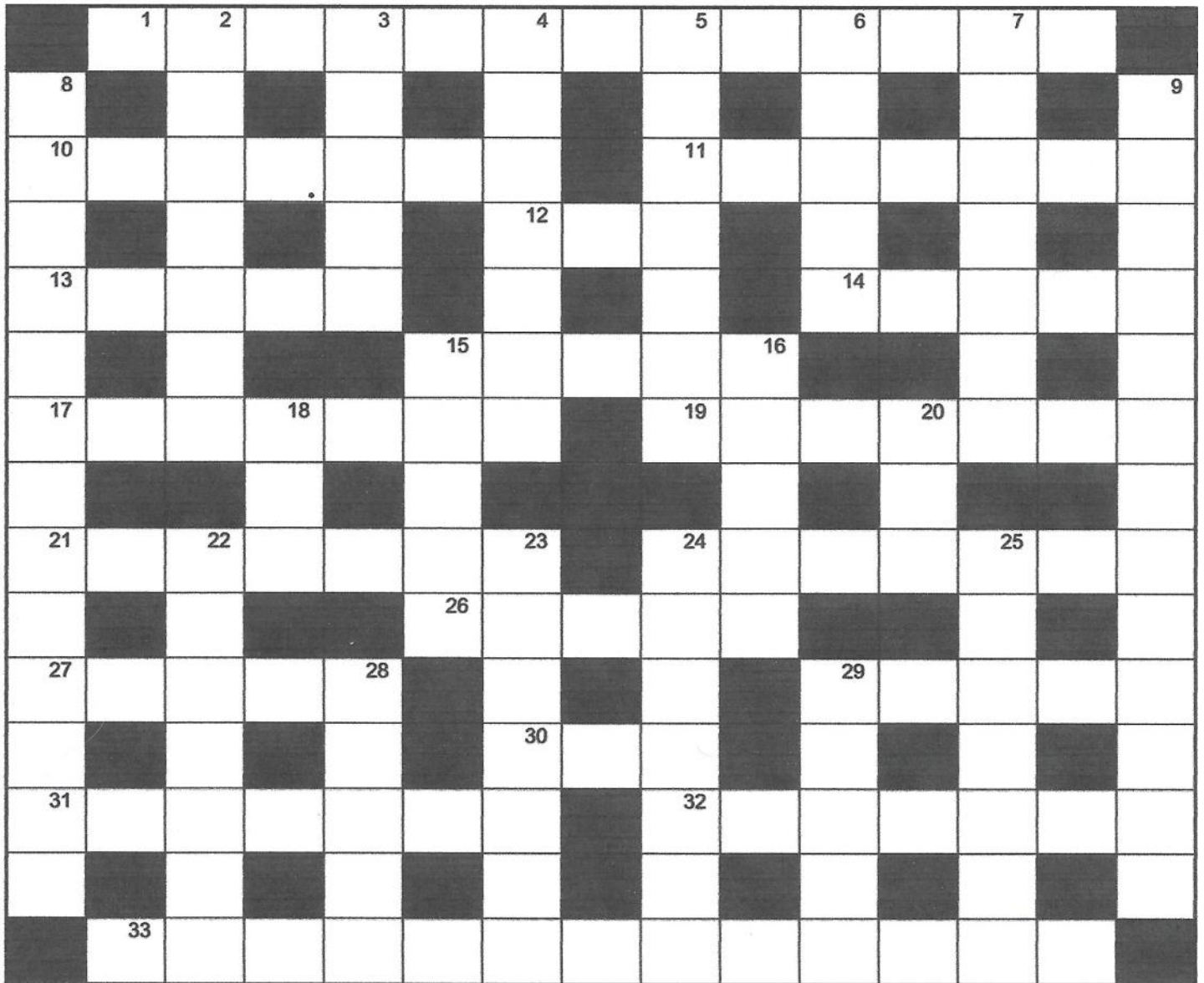
1. Artsreach for £100 to offset their central costs – this was supported.
2. VE80 MSA committee – request for £3,000. Details of the costs detailed in the application were challenged and there was lots of discussion. It was agreed to set aside £1,500 to support in principle but a revised application would be required.

The initial budget setting for 2025/26 was discussed. Clerk Lewin went through a detailed spreadsheet and was keen to keep the impact to the precept as low as possible.

The next PC meeting will be on Wednesday 8th January 2025 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Jo Whitfield

Sailors Bob's Crossword, no prize just a bit of fun. Answers on page 25



Across

- 1 Nacre (6,2,5)
- 10 Water Egress
- 11 French Fashion House
- 12 Paramilitaries (abbr)
- 13 Stop
- 14 Language
- 15 Expression
- 17 Michigan City
- 19 Rocket's departure
- 21 Paper Animals etc
- 24 Body
- 26 Cancel
- 27 Atmospheric Gas
- 29 Trunk
- 31 Licentious
- 32 Worship
- 33 3rd degree

Down

- 2 Reject
- 3 Pump
- 4 Robin?
- 5 Seasoned Croquette
- 6 Surpass
- 7 Rice dish
- 8 Tennis Champion (5,8)
- 9 American Singer (8,5)
- 15 Greek Letter
- 16 Competitor
- 18 Fix
- 20 Meal
- 22 Endurance competition
- 23 Respirator
- 24 Sport
- 25 Dizziness
- 28 Nest
- 29 Fish

Christingle

THIS year we are re-introducing a Christingle service for children on the 15th December at 3.00pm in St. Andrew's church in Milborne St. Andrew.

'Christingle is an orange decorated with a red ribbon, sweets or dried fruit, and topped with a candle. The orange represents the world, the ribbon represents Christ's love, the sweets represent God's creation, and the candle represents Christ as a light of the world'

Children enjoy making their own Christingle and they will have the opportunity for doing other craft activities. Parents often enjoy helping their children. After the Christingles and other crafts are done there will be an Open the Book Christmas story, some Carol's and prayers.

The afternoon session will conclude with refreshments.

There is no need to book in advance, just turn up. All are welcome to join. If you want to chat about the session, contact Tony or Pam.

PLEASE NOTE: Any copy for the **January** issue should be received no later than **5th December**

Ladybirds: child car seats and the law

WE WERE asked by a parent the other day about car seats and what age or weight they should be before they are no longer required.

We weren't entirely sure of the law so had to check it out. Do have a read and think about the safety of everyone in your vehicle as you travel around this winter. The information below is direct cut and paste from: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

Using a child car seat or booster seat

Children must normally use a child car seat **until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.** Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall must wear a seat belt.

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

Height-based seats

Height-based seats are known as 'i-Size' seats. They must be rear-facing until your child is over 15 months old. Your child can use a forward-facing child car seat when they're over 15 months old.

You must check the seat to make sure it's suitable for the height of your child.

Only EU-approved height-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'R129'.

Weight-based seats

The seat your child can use (and the way they must be restrained in it) depends on their weight.

Only EU-approved weight-based child car seats can be used in the UK. These have a label showing a capital 'E' in a circle and 'ECE R44'.

You may be able to choose from more than one type of seat in the group for your child's weight.

Manufacturers can now only make booster cushions approved as group 3. This won't affect any existing booster cushions in group 2 and you'll still be able to use them.

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Group	Seats	
0kg to 10kg	0	Lie-flat or 'lateral' baby carrier, rear-facing baby carrier, or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
0kg to 13kg	0+	Rear-facing baby carrier or rear-facing baby seat using a harness
9kg to 18kg	1	Rear- or forward-facing baby seat using a harness or safety shield
15kg to 25kg	2	Rear- or forward-facing child car seat (high-backed booster seat or booster cushion) using a seat belt, harness or safety shield
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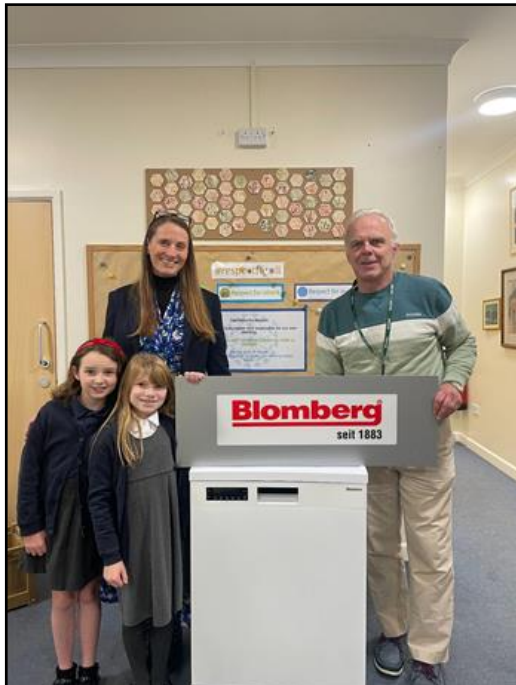
But our community is far bigger than just those inside our building. It's our families who work alongside us daily. Our fantastic Friends of School team who work so hard to provide our children with wonderful opportunities. Our community is our

local Church and the marvellous Open The Book Team. It's being included in celebrations, being invited to take part in remembrance. It's asking our children to decorate the Village Hall and so much more.

Our community is full of people helping us when we are in need. Most recently Terry, from Service Appliance Ltd, who donated our dishwasher and Barry Andrews, who stepped in and provided us with our cooker.

Our community and its generosity is showing our children something that is totally priceless, and that is kindness, respect and a sense of belonging.

So from all of us here at Milborne First School, a big thank you. It really does take a village!



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Rosie's travels on the SWCP continued

Walking Day 10: Westward Ho! to Bucks Mill (7.7 miles – 2084ft of ascent)

GUESS what? Katie and me are back in the tin box on wheels to do some more lovely walks in Devon. It was a horrible rainy day yesterday so we had a 'rest day' (weird because we haven't even started walking this week yet)! Today was much better but it was a very early start (early for Mum anyway), we got the



giant tin box on wheels to Westward Ho! Mum said she didn't think too much to Westward Ho! 55 years ago when she was last here and didn't change her opinion today but hey ho 'each to their own' as the saying goes.

Us pups were just happy to be

back on the path, Katie ran around like a loony to start with but calmed down a bit when she remembered it can be a long day. A nice path but some cruel ups and downs, Mum was huffing and puffing a bit, especially when we got right down to the beach and then had to climb straight back up another big hill, 'not f***ing funny' was what I think she said!



Still we met some friendly people doing the walk, a man called Chris is walking all around Britain to raise money for charity, I'm glad we're not his dogs (fair play he left his dog at home). Dad spotted a strange looking creature on the path, Mum said it was a sweet little toad, I thought it looked more like a turd!



Walking back to the car Katie found a lovely little stream for us to cool our paws, Mum was pleased because they were quite muddy and it saved her a job.

Day 11: Clovelly to Hartland Point (7.2 miles – 1354ft of ascent)



We caught the giant tin box on wheels to Clovelly, we didn't need to go into the village as we'd already been there a few times before (plus Dad didn't want to pay £9.50 to get in) so we walked out of the car park and down a lane and 'hey presto' we were on the coast path.

It was our favourite sort of walk, lovey woods full of interesting smells, Katie was off like a rocket as usual, I just

took my time sniffing every bush, tree and blade of grass. I got told 'come on Rosie' lots of times but I just pretended not to

hear. There was a pretty little wooden shelter called Angels Wings right in the middle of nowhere, of course Mum got us to pose so she could click her phone at us, there was lots of clicking today as it was a lovely walk.



Mum spotted a sign saying 'Flower Margin' which was a bit odd but then we saw lots of lovely flowers along the edges of the fields, even Katie and me thought they were very pretty. All this walking was thirsty



work and we had to keep stopping for a drink, that Katie always pushes in first!

At the end of the walk there was a giant mushroom, Dad thought it was some sort of radar thingy, Mum was more interested in getting a nice cup of tea, for once the tea



room was open!

Bye for now, love Rosie

Day 12: Hartland Quay to Morwenstow (8.95 miles – 1985ft ascent)

The lovely lady on our campsite dropped us off at Hartland Quay, a very nice place to start today's hike, and what a hike it was! It was a very warm day but luckily there were a few nice streams for me and Katie to paddle in and have a quick drink, sadly Dad kept saying 'come on Girls, that's enough'. Dad was on a mission today and got a bit fed up with Mum stopping to click her phone at everything and us Girls stopping for paddles and sniffs, we didn't take much notice (and neither did Mum).



There must have been at least a million steps up and down which was ok for those of us with four legs but not so easy our two legged parents. Every time Mum saw a bench she had to sit down for a minute (that was all she was allowed), she would always say 'what a lovely bench and thank you to whatever kind soul had put it there'. There was lots of big hills to climb up and down and as it got hotter we were all struggling a bit, Mum especially found it hard towards the end and the only thing keeping her going was the thought of a lovely cream tea.

Bye for now, love Rosie



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Davis, Biles, Brown and Way: Episode 7 of “The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew” by Andy Way

FOR most of this year, we’ve been featuring characters from Andy Way’s book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew* in the *Reporter*. Last month, we saw that in 1841, over one in five of the MSA population were covered by just four surnames, namely Davis, Biles, Brown and Way.

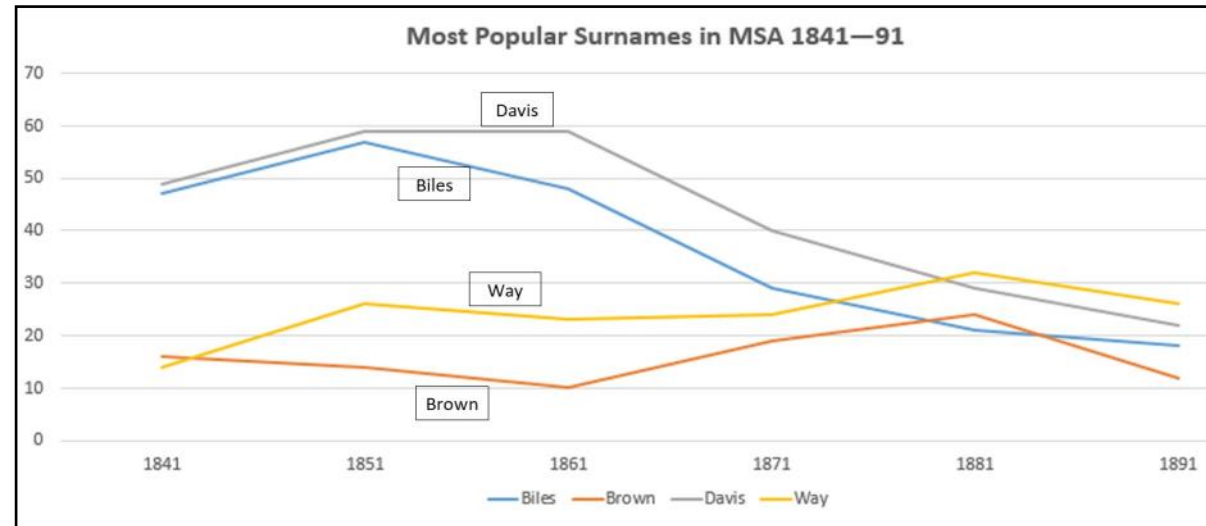
The figure shows that Davis and Biles were by far the most popular names for the majority of this time. In 1841, there were 49 inhabitants with the name Davis, 47 named Biles, 16 Browns and 14 Ways. The number of Browns declines over the next two censuses, but the number of people named Davis (59), Biles

but the Biles clan are nine fewer in number (8%), and there are three fewer Ways (almost 4%). By 1871, the population has diminished to 555 inhabitants, including 40 Davises (7%), 29 Biles (5%), 24 Ways (4%), and 19 Browns (3%).

In the 1881 and 1891 returns, we see that Way becomes the most popular of these four surnames, with 32 in 1881, and 26 in 1891. This was the premise for Andy’s book: worldwide “Way” is not a popular surname, but it was actually *the* most popular surname in MSA in 1881, accounting for 6.1% of all the people who lived there; Andy explores why this was the case,

uncovering who all these people were, and some interesting stories to boot! Note that the most popular surname overall in the 1891 census for the village is ‘Derrick’ with 28, two more than the number of Ways.

Who were all these people? Who stayed and who left? Which



(57), and Way (26) increases in the ten years to 1851. This census records the largest number of inhabitants (644) in the village across all six censuses, with 22% of the population represented by just these three surnames.

The 1861 census records 49 fewer people living in MSA. The number of Davises rises a little to 64 (10.75% of the population),

family members were responsible for growing their family numbers? From the 1881 records, what did they do? Next month we’ll have a more in-depth look at the Davis, Biles, Brown, and Way families over this period.

If you’d like a copy of Andy’s book email:

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Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

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Players prepare for Aladdin

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We'd love to hear from you if you are able to help with the raffle or behind the bar. Call or message Kate on 07804 600204. Inevitably, we welcome any raffle prizes you can donate to us. Thank you in advance for supporting the Players to continue to entertain you and enabling us to follow our acting passions.

Kate Hawker



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

IN November we had our AGM and social with a quiz and refreshments. This was our final event of the year, so there is no meeting in December.

Our club year starts again on Thursday, January 16th with a talk by Linda Wright of Greensleeves, our local lawn care company.

Cost is just £2.00 for non-members and includes refreshments. Do come along, you will be very welcome! *Angela Johnson*

Answers to Sailor Bob's Crossword on page 17

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Barbara and David would like to wish their many friends a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2025

PLEASE NOTE: Any copy for the January issue must be received no later than mid-day Thursday 5th December. Anything sent in after this time will be carried forward to the February issue.

What's on in December

- Tuesday 3rd** Julia's House presents **Christmas Carols** St. Mary's church, Dorchester 7.00pm.
- Thursday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Christmas Lunch at Ashley Wood meet Village Hall 12 noon.
- Thursday 5th** **Deadline** for January's Reporter. Anything received after this date will be carried forward to the February issue.
- Friday 6th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
- Saturday 7th** **Christmas Bazaar** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.
- Thursday 12th** **WI** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 13th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
- Saturday 14th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am.
- Saturday 14th** **A Christmas Carol** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Sunday 15th** **Christingle service** St. Andrew's church 3.00pm *see page 17.*
- Wednesday 18th** **Christmas Carols** The Royal Oak 7.00pm.
- Saturday 21st** **Candlelit Carol Service** St. Andrew's church 6.00pm.
- Tuesday 24th** **Christmas Eve Holy Communion** St. Andrew's church 10.00pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

- Players** Monday 7.00pm weekly.
- Line Dancing** Tuesday 7.30pm weekly.
- Wednesday Club** 2.00pm 1st Wednesday monthly.
- Yoga** Thursday 3.30pm weekly (term time only)
- Karate** Thursday 5.10pm weekly.
- Women's Institute** 7.30pm 2nd Thursday monthly.
- Gardening Club** 7.30pm 3rd Thursday monthly.
- Artsreach Events** – look out for the posters. Check the Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the Sports & Social Club

- Pilates** Monday 6.30–7.30pm.
- Yoga** Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm.
- Stitchcraft** (kids) Wednesday 4.15–5.15pm and 5.30–6.30pm, Thursday 4.00–5.00pm
- Surgery Wellbeing Papercraft Group** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 1.30–3.30pm.
- Sewcial Crafters** (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
- Busy Bees** baby and toddler group from 9.30–11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Claire Tudge on 07970 734162.
- Kickboxercise** Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (school holidays only).
- Yoga** (Mellulah) Friday mornings.
- Beavers** Friday 5.30–6.45pm.
- Football** Saturdays and Sundays.
- Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions** check online calendar.
- Check the Sports & Social online calendar on the village website for any other events you might be able to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

- Ladybirds Playgroup** Monday–Friday 9.00am.
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Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

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