



See page 15

£1 WHERE SOLD

Reporter

News and Views from around the area

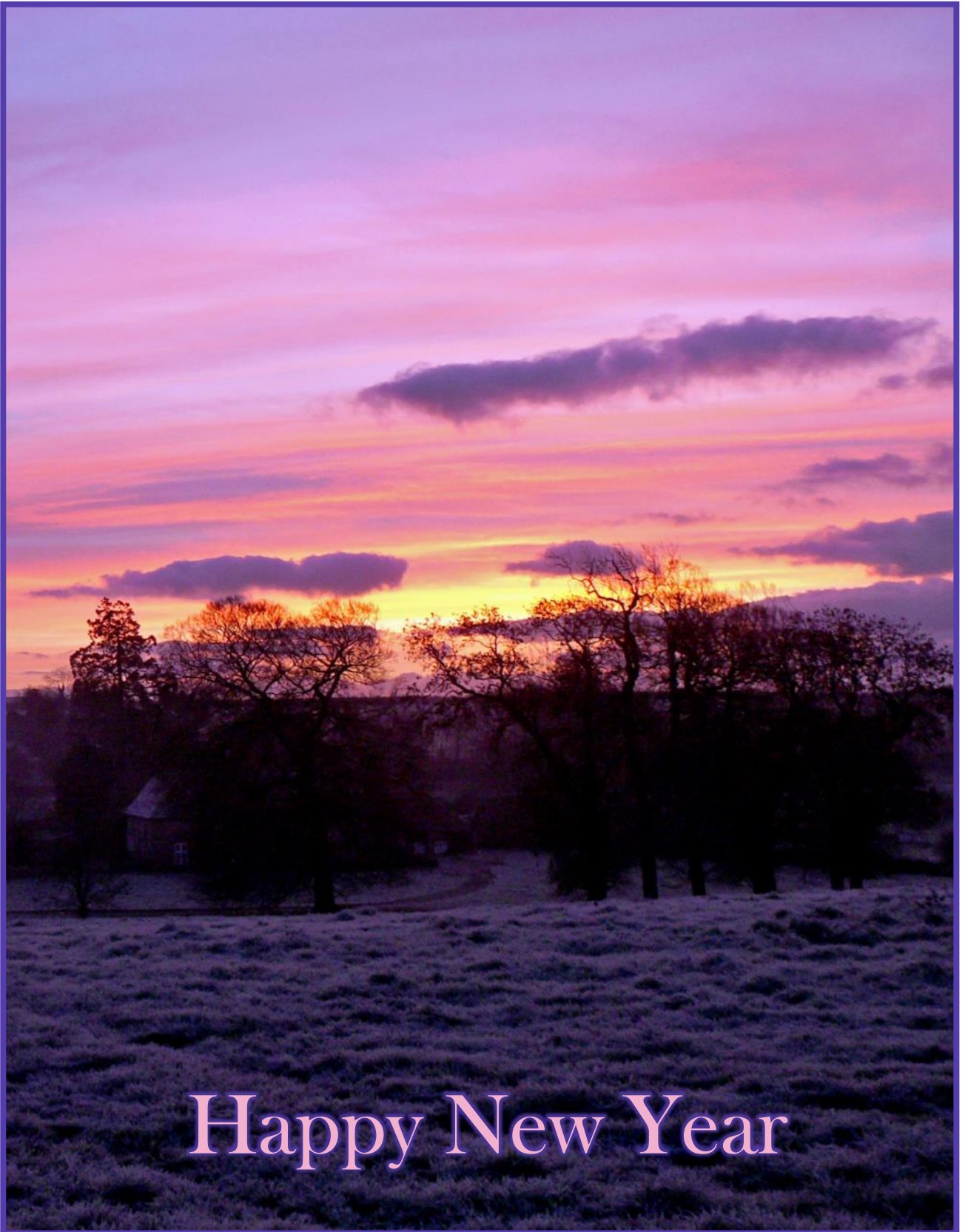
Volume 17 Issue 1

January 2025

www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/reporter

facebook.com/MilborneReporter

Milborne St. Andrew



Happy New Year



I J Motors

We are a local, family-run business

Established for over 40 years

Servicing, repairs and MOT work

All makes and models

Air conditioning specialists

Full Diagnostic and Wheel Alignment facilities

Free local collection and return



Contact: Ian and Kelly Joyce
01258 881173 – 07789 724082
ijmotorsdorset@gmail.com
Gorse Hill Unit, DT11 0LH

MSA Community Café

@ the Village Hall



Saturday 11th January
10.00am until Midday

Come along for bacon butties, coffee and
cake or a soft drink
whilst you meet up with friends.
Books and puzzles 50p min donation.
Cash or card payment accepted.

live happy!
with
Slimming World

Now at
Puddletown Village Hall, DT2 8RX
On Thursdays at 7.30pm
Call Julie 07871 821928 for more details

for this delicious curry recipe visit
slimmingworld.co.uk
0344 897 8000

the Slimming World Difference
We are proud to be the UK's number 1 diet & lifestyle brand
giving people the tools they need to change their lives

Slimming
WORLD
Inspiring hearts, changing lives

Disclaimer

THE views expressed in the *Reporter* are not necessarily those of the editorial team. Also, please be aware that articles and photographs printed in the *Reporter* will be posted on our website and so are available for anyone to access. The *Reporter* is not responsible for the content of any advertisement or material on websites advertised within this magazine.

Please note

Please ensure that your anti-virus software is up to date before e-mailing. Copy should be sent as a Word (or other) text file and do not embed pictures, logos, etc. into the document. Photos should be sent as separate .jpg files. Do not send articles as .pdf. Do not send anything as .html as it will be deleted on arrival. All these things may seem small to you but it does make all the difference in time saved later.

Advertise with the Milborne St. Andrew *Reporter*

Distributed to approximately 525 homes 11 times each year

Full page £300.00 p.a. / £55.00 per issue

Half page £195.00 p.a. / £35.00 per issue

Quarter page 105.00 p.a. / 20.00 per issue

Eighth page £70.00 p.a. / £11.00 per issue

Back page £500.00 per annum

Community events at the Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall, half page or less free of charge, other community events in Milborne St. Andrew at half the above rates for half page or less, all subject to availability.

Advertising copy MUST be received by the 13th of the month

msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

Your *Reporter* Team

Bob Clark, Linda and Pete Constant, Rich Hawker,
Heather V. Hogg, David Payne, Ed Richards, Jo Whitfield,
John and Josie Wright

Advertising: Ed Richards 01258 837907 (07843 018007)

Advertising renewals: Pete Constant 01258 839246 (daytime)

Distribution: Bob Clark 01258 839266

Editor: David Payne 01258 837700. Assistant Editor: Jo Whitfield

Treasurer and photography: Heather V. Hogg 01258 837392

Copy for the next issue MUST be received by mid-day 14th January

Enquiries and copy to: msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

E-copy as .docx or .pub files, pictures as .jpg files please.

Paper copy to any of the team.

The famous Stag!

Another gem from the late Alan Herridge's papers

AS told to Daisy Cooper by Ernest Way (1867 – 1955).

"The stag was presented to Mr George Groves of Coles Farm by Earle Drax MP of Charborough Park together with a brass cannon (which was stolen).



The stag and cannon were given for the interest Mr Groves took in the parliamentary election in Wareham when Earle Drax was returned to parliament. When Mr Groves left Milborne in 1880 he gave the stag to Mr Pope and when Mr Pope built an office, which was used as a Post Office for many years, he placed the stag on top, where it still remains." Linda Wright

Healthy Homes Dorset

AT this time of year, we're probably all thinking about ways of keeping our energy costs down. Rogue traders know this and the sale of unnecessary, inappropriate, or poorly fitted roof insulation continues to be a priority area for Trading Standards.

In addition, the BBC recently reported that homeowners with spray foam insulation are struggling to sell or remortgage homes as some major lenders are rejecting properties with it fitted. They found that a quarter of the UK's biggest mortgage providers will not lend against homes with spray foam due to concerns over poor fitting, leaving moisture trapped and roof timbers at risk of decay. They may ask homeowners for documentation showing it has been installed correctly, or for a specialist report to be carried out.

Not only have Trading Standards found instances of rogue traders being involved with the fitting of unnecessary, inappropriate, or poorly fitting spray foam insulation, but then at a later date also being involved in the removal of that same spray foam insulation, either themselves, or by passing householder details to other linked companies. In effect profiting twice.

In some of the worst-case examples, householders are pressured into having the spray foam removed at what might seem a reasonable price, only to be told part way through the job that a new roof will also be needed.

If you are thinking about making energy efficient improvements to your home, then why not contact Healthy Homes Dorset? They are funded by Dorset Council, BCP Council and Public Health Dorset, and it is delivered by Ridgewater Energy.

Healthy Homes Dorset help Dorset residents keep warm through their offer of free, impartial, energy advice to all. They may also be able to help with the installation of free cavity wall and loft insulation, new heating systems, or replace existing boilers. Visit www.healthyhomesdorset.org.uk or phone 0300 003 7023.

Trading Standards run a Buy With Confidence approved trader scheme which checks and approves traders to make sure they trade fairly. To find an approved trader near you visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or phone 0808 2231133.



Davis, Biles, Brown and Way: Episode 8 of "The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew" by Andy Way

WE continue our investigation of characters from Andy Way's book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*. We saw that in 1841, over one in five of the Milborne St. Andrew (MSA) population were covered by just four surnames: Davis, Biles, Brown and Way. In the next few issues of the *Reporter*, we'll take a more in-depth look at these families during the period 1841–91.

Starting with the Davises (pp.39–49 in Andy's book), in 1841 the 49 people with this surname comprised 5 people in 2 houses in the MSA census, 2 in 1 house in Milborne Churchstone (MC), and 42 people in 12 houses in Milborne Stileham (MS).

The number of Davises increases to 59 in 1851, in 15 households: 1 in MSA (27 year old Charles working in *The Royal Oak*), 6 people in 2 houses in MC, and 52 people in 12 houses in MS. Some of these are new to the village, but others are still here a decade later. Of interest is the family headed by 31 year old William, his wife Catherine (also 31), and their 4 children in MS, as Catherine is listed as coming from "Trinity Bay Newfoundland", and a "British Subject". Note too that despite some of the houses being quite crowded already with large families, several have lodgers to bring in extra money.

In 1861, there are 64 Davises: 7 people in 3 houses in MSA, 1 in MC, and 56 people in 14 houses in MS. In the 1871 census, there is a significant drop in the number of Davises to 40, with 5 people in 2 houses in MSA, 7 people in 2 houses in MC, and 28 people in 10 houses in MS. Some return to the village having been absent in the previous census. One family worth commenting on is that comprising Robert (82), Richard (59), and his wife Frances (55), as they have been present in all four village censuses to date. Another individual is 87-year old Martha from Poole, who has been in the village since records began in 1841.

The 29 inhabitants named Davis in 1881 comprise 10 people in 5 houses in MSA, 1 in MC, and 18 people in 5 houses in MS. The 1881 census provides information on people's occupations, and the street names where they lived. We see Davises who are woodmen, agricultural labourers (some as old as 76), saddlers, one farmer (33 year old John Herbert, living on Dorchester Road with his wife Eliza and their 6 children. John is a saddler and farmer of 50 acres employing 3 men and 1 boy), a seamstress, and a stocking knitter. Others are unfortunately listed as paupers, so times were hard indeed.

Finally, in 1891, there are 22 Davises: 6 people in 2 houses in MSA, 5 people in 3 houses in MC, and 11 people in 3 houses in MS. One MC inhabitant worth a mention is 74 year old George (living with his 67 year old wife Frances), as he has appeared in all 6 censuses!

Next month we'll investigate the Biles clan over the same period. A Happy New Year!

(email andy.way@adaptcentre.ie if you'd like a copy.)

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

The Reporter team wish all our readers, distributors, advertisers and all those who contribute to the content of the magazine a very Happy New Year



Mobile Foot Care in the comfort of your own home

- Nail Cutting (including Diabetics)
- Corns
- Calluses
- Verrucas
- Hard Skin
- Ingrown Nails
- Thick Nails
- Fungal Nails
- Cracked Heels
- Athletes Foot



Book an appointment today
07917 683569
danbelt@outlook.com



In need of a Window Cleaner?

Call Darren

for a friendly and reliable service



Fully insured for complete peace of mind

For that clearer vision just call:

07704 656777

Or email: clearvision312@gmail.com

Domestic and Commercial

Gutters Downpipes Facias Soffits

Conservatories Flash Roofs

GRASSBY FUNERAL SERVICE

*Still a family run business,
serving the local community since 1861*

Office and Chapel of Rest
8 PRINCES ST,
DORCHESTER
Tel. 01305 262338 (24 Hours)



MEMORIAL MASONRY
Memorial showroom at
9 Princes St, Dorchester

www.grassby-funeral.co.uk

Milborne Movies

A Haunting in Venice

Friday 17th January 2025 at 7.30pm
Village Hall, Milborne St Andrew DT11 0JX
Doors and bar open 7.00pm

Tickets cost £6.50, which includes a drink or an ice-cream

A Haunting in Venice

Set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve and based on Agatha Christie's novel, this mystery features the return of the celebrated sleuth, Hercule Poirot. Now retired and living in self-imposed exile in the world's most glamorous city, Poirot reluctantly attends a séance at a decaying, haunted palazzo. When one of the guests is murdered, the detective is thrust into a sinister world of shadows and secrets.

Unplug to Unwind

LEAVING small electrical devices on charge overnight has been the cause of multiple house fires in recent years, so Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to 'Unplug to Unwind'.

Only large appliances such as fridges are designed to be left switched on all the time, so ensuring that everything else is unplugged before you go to bed is a simple routine that could protect your home from fire.

To help reduce the risk of a fire in your home, take these simple steps:

- Make sure an electrical appliance has a British or European safety mark when you buy it. Only buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Never leave items on charge when you are sleeping or when you are not at home.
- Don't overload sockets.
- Regularly check for frayed or worn cables and wires.
- Buy your electrical chargers from a reputable source.
- Register your appliances to receive notification of safety alerts or product recalls at www.registermyappliance.org.uk

More information about the Unplug To Unwind campaign can be found on the DWFRS website www.dwfire.org.uk/unplug-to-unwind/

Deadline for the next issue 14th January

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



THERE was a great turn out for our AGM in November. We got through the business of the day, then turned our attention to the mulled wine and delicious food. This was followed by a quiz that was very close right until the end!

We will meet again on Thursday 16th January when Pip Bowell is sharing his knowledge on wild orchids.

The Gardening Club would like to wish everyone in the village a Happy New Year.

At the January meeting you could join the club for just £12 for the whole year with no obligation to come every month – there's plenty of room in the hall.

Cost is just £2 for non-members and includes refreshments. Do come along, you will be very welcome! *Angela Johnson*

Wednesday Club enjoy their Christmas meal

ON December 5th, 30 of us gathered at the village hall car park, and after Jenny had checked we were all present we made our way in convoy to the Ashley Wood Golf Club for our annual Christmas meal. The food and service were excellent and it was so good to catch up on all the village chat in such a happy atmosphere.

Our celebrations do not end there. This month on 8th January in the village hall we will be having our New Year party. Games will be played, Charades, a 'true or false' interlude where we bring two statements of incidents in our lives, where we must guess which one of the scandalous revelations is true, and usually followed by a quiz. Then a 'bring and share' buffet with mulled wine and tea or coffee, followed by lots of gossip and finishing with our raffle.

Do come and join us, Wednesday Club is the first Wednesday in each month, starting at 2.00pm in the afternoon usually at the village hall. *Josie Wright*



Greenways Tree Care

and Garden Services

(fully insured)



Felling
Reductions
Pruning
Stump Grinding
Hedges
Lawn Maintenance
Turfing
Strimming
Garden Fencing
Chippings delivered

Tim Moore

01258 837124

07968 154708

20 years experience

Free estimates and advice

Dewlish, Dorchester

Yoga for You

Practising yoga for a very short time each day has amazing benefits.... but you need help deciding what it's best to do. I teach individually, whether your prime interest is maintaining your health, healing, or spiritual development.

For information, ring Sarah Ryan 01258 839230

or email: saryan6630@gmail.com

www.sarahryanyoga.co.uk

KickBox-FIT GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Our fun, no contact KickBox-Fit classes will help get you fitter, build confidence, & reduce stress, whilst teaching you core kickboxing and self defence skills.

With expert black belt instruction and friendly, supportive classes, you'll soon be on your way to a stronger, fitter, more confident you! All fitness levels welcome.

We offer FREE trial sessions - so simply come along and give it a go. Get ready to kick, punch, and sweat your way to a healthier, fitter, body and mind.

Ansty
Old Brewery Hall
Tuesdays 7-8pm

Milborne St Andrew
First School
Thursdays 7-8pm

Please call 07742 015 121 for more info
Or visit: www.KickBox-FIT.com

Painting and Decorating

Interior and Exterior

Repairs to Walls / Plaster / Render

Doors / Windows / Skirting / Woodwork

Furniture Painting/ Re Finishing

Fully Insured

Richard Andrews Decor

07736 283397 Milborne St Andrew

richardandrewsdecor@gmail.com

STEVE BEALING PAINTER & DECORATOR Interior & Exterior



Friendly Professional Service

Tel: 07815 957296

stevebealing@aol.co.uk

Stickland & District Table Tennis Club for Adults

This friendly table tennis club has some spare room for additional players!

We play on Tuesdays from 2—4 pm and most Fridays from 7—9 pm.

Cost is £2 per session—with the first taster one free.

If you would like to play,
give Graham a ring on 880740.

We play at the village hall in Winterborne Stickland.

PRICELESS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Do it right, do it once!

*Painting

*Decorating

*Plastering

*Rendering

*K Rend

*Tiling

*Bathrooms

*Kitchens

*Gardening

Email:

pricelessplastering@yahoo.co.uk

Phone: 07943626082



THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND
MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
PART OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN THE DIOCESE OF SALISBURY



All through the Year

Have you noticed how that little bear Paddington draws people together? Who could forget his tea with the Queen – part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations? Last night I went to see the latest film *Paddington in Peru* at the cinema. Although basically a film for children, people of all ages gathered to watch. Somehow Paddington, that marmalade-loving, fluffy, endearing creature draws round him good people who save the day, but he also has an uneasy knack of attracting the attention of the malevolent and greedy, who want to see his demise.

Paddington is in my thoughts right now because of the new film. I've seen both the previous ones and as a child I read the books by Michael Bond, but most of the time he is far from my mind.

It struck me that for many people Jesus is like that too. Millions celebrate Christmas, sing carols, attend christingles and crib services and the like, listen to the story of the nativity and then pack the baby Jesus away with the decorations and think no more about him until the following year.

It's always good to welcome people to our Christmas church celebrations and services. Each year it is fantastic that people who are not a part of our regular congregations join us during the festive season. We love to see you. But don't forget we're here all year round; we don't stop and pack up once the trees and decorations are taken down.

Did you know that we pray daily for our village communities? Did you know that the church building is open during the day so that people can escape for some quiet time to think or pray? Did you know that we're here for funerals, baptisms and weddings for anyone that lives in our patch? Did you know that there is a Sunday service at St. Andrew's nearly every week of the year? Our churchwardens, the main contact people in the village, are always willing to hear ideas, chat, answer questions and support you in other ways.

As you celebrate the beginning of 2025, may I wish you a very happy new year and blessings for the weeks and months to come

Best wishes

Sarah

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

5th January – Epiphany

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

12th January – Epiphany 2

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise Church Room	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

19th January – Epiphany 3

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

26th January – Epiphany 4

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

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Thursday. 8.30am; Saturday. 9.00am
On Zoom, please contact Sarah Hillman
(sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com) for the link

Notes from St. Andrew's

IT SEEMS odd to write for the January *Reporter* on the evening of the First Sunday in Advent! This morning, we celebrated Advent Sunday with our monthly Morning Praise led by Tony. Thanks to all those who took part: Hazel, our Welcomer; Linda and Rose for reading; Teresa for lighting the first of the candles on our Advent wreath; Veronica for providing the refreshments on a wet and windy morning; and all who attended and sang so well. We still have three more Sundays in Advent as we await the yearly celebration of Christmas. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the coming of Christ, the Light of the world, and await the lighter evenings and lengthening days. Now seems a good time to thank the Team that produces the *Reporter* month by month. Thank you for all you do.

We will keep the Feast of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 5th, with the next Milborne Praise, when we offer Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

The new year is often a time for resolutions, although if you're anything like me, they barely make it to the end of January (if that far!). On Advent Sunday, the first day of the Church's new year, we were reminded of a quote from C.S. Lewis. "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

So, as we enter a New Year, may we remember Jesus's promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time." May 2025 be a healthy, happy, peaceful, and blessed year for all of us.

Tony and Pam, Churchwardens



Church Contacts

Vicar Sarah Hillman 01305 848784
E-mail: sarah.c.hillman@outlook.com

Churchwardens

Milborne St. Andrew

Pam Shults 01258 837203

Tony Fox 01258 837651

Dewlish

Jim Burg 01258 837466

Sue Britton 01258 837218

Benefice Office

Emma Hughes

puddletownbenefice@outlook.com

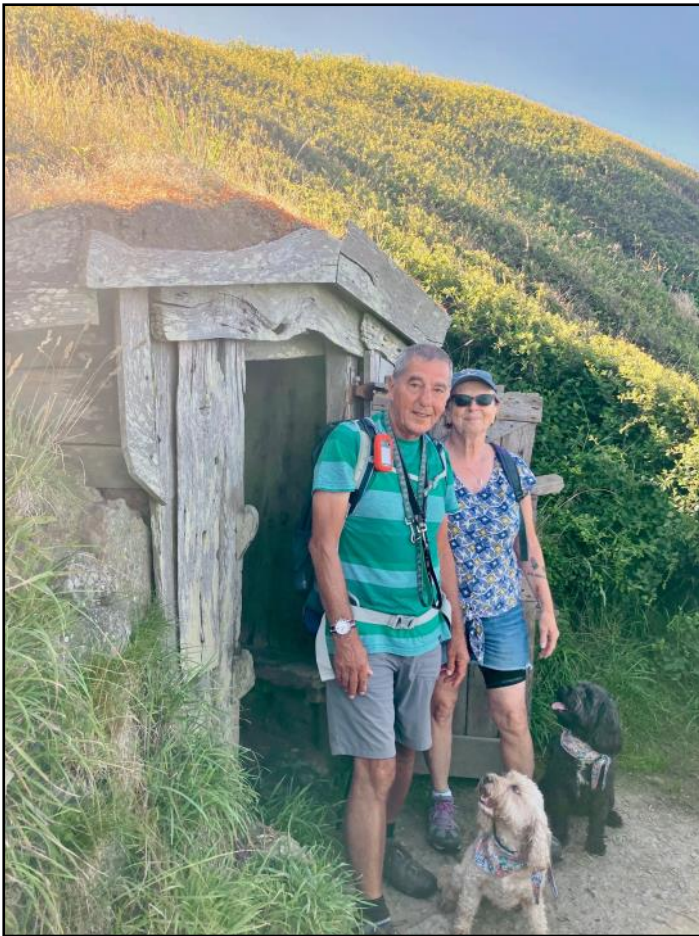
or by telephone on 01305 849039

Rosie's travels on the SWCP continued

Day 13: Morwenstow to Bude (8.37 miles – 1656ft ascent)

ANOTHER early start, a drive to Bude to catch the giant tin box back to Morwenstow, Katie and me are getting used to the noisy, rattling box stopping and starting to let people on and off, this time the poor driver had to struggle down very narrow lanes and several times the tin boxes coming the other way had a job to squeeze past.

The sun was shining again today but it wasn't quite as hot as yesterday so that was a relief to us all, apart from Mum and Dad who had extra bottles of water in their backpack just incase. We took a little detour to see a scruffy wooden hut, it belonged to a man called Hawker and Mum thought it was sweet, I thought it needed a coat of paint!



Lots of ups and downs again today and lots more streams to paddle in. I spotted a giant mushroom and was just having a sniff when Dad screamed 'leave it Rosie, it might be poisonous' as if I would have eaten such strange thing! A bit further along my poor paws started to hurt, it was a bit prickly underfoot so I stopped walking and Dad kindly carried me for a bit. Later on



Dad called out to Mum that there were 'men strimming' she hurried up then, she thought he said 'men stripping'! Although she was a bit

disappointed she thanked them anyway for doing a great job.

We stopped for lunch near the top of a hill, lovely views, lots of clicking by Mum but when we got up to leave Dad nearly had a fit, a

big herd of cows were just behind us! He wouldn't have enjoyed his cheese and tomato sandwich if he had known that the big hairy beasts were nearby.

When we got near to the place called Bude we all stopped for refreshments, Mum said she would like an ice cream and a cold drink, the look on Dad's face was a picture, 'an ice cream AND a drink'!



Day 14: Hartland Point to Hartland Quay (3.5 miles – 1700 ft ascent plus 4 miles back to the caravan site)

Another bright sunny day but not too hot, my favourite weather for a walk. The path started off easy but soon started going up and down but we are all used to that now so not much of a problem, not much huffing and puffing. Mum started clicking at the sight of a nice lighthouse (she likes lighthouses), she took our picture with it in the distance but someone had forgotten to cut the grass and she had to move on and take another photo without us!

Katie and me enjoyed chasing around in the long grass until we came to a field with lots of other Cockapoos, at least they looked like Cockapoos, they had curly coats like us but were a bit bigger than us. Spoilsport Dad said we mustn't chase the sheep and put us on the lead, boring, I'm sure they would have liked to play with us girls.

Eventually we got to go on a beach and Mum took us over



the rocks for a paddle, great fun, I couldn't stop barking as I was so happy! There was a funny little place on the beach made of sticks, I don't think it would keep the rain out, but mum thought it was cute and clicked her phone at it.

A few more ups and downs and we reached the Wreckers Retreat a watering hole at Hartland Quay, there were millions of



people and dogs (well dozens at least). Luckily we sat next to a cockapoo called Chip who wasn't very hungry and had left some of his lunch in his bowl so we helped him out by finishing it up! We got called cheeky monkeys

but Chip's mum liked us and gave us a few more treats, what a lucky day!

Day 15: Buck Cross to Clovelly, filling in the gap due to bridge repairs. (4.29 miles – 823 ft of ascent)

Dad parked our tin box in the car park at Clovelly and sent Mum in to pay £7.50, he said that wasn't too bad. Then we got in the giant tin box to Bucks Mills to start today's walk. The long walk down the road was boring for us on the lead but we were soon running free up lots of steps, a lady coming down warned the oldies it was steep going up but she didn't know they are fitter than they look!

Katie and me love walking in the woods, it's full of interesting smells and there were some giant trees in this wood. Mum was clicking again and made us pose by a real old stone seat, it didn't look very comfy.

There were some big signs saying CLOSED across the path but either the oldies should have gone to Specsavers or they decided it didn't apply to them. Along the path a bit we heard some noisy machinery but still we



carried on, eventually we got to the bridge that was being repaired, I didn't think we'd get across but Mum said we could do it and we did! The workmen at the top just waved us through and we were up onto the Hobby Drive.

This was a bit stony underfoot and Mum was moaning because she couldn't see the sea and there were no benches to sit on for lunch so she had to sit on the ground, not too comfy. After lunch we walked around the corner and there were two benches (Mum said typical, it was just like buses, you wait ages for one and then two come along).

A bit further along we saw some weird green flying saucer things, (they were full of seed) then out of the bushes came lots of funny birds, Mum said they were quails but me and Katie thought they would be fun to chase, boy did we get shouted at (so did Dad for not having us on the lead).

We soon arrived at Clovelly and after a quick visit to see the donkeys we were back off to our cosy tin box, that was the last walk for this stage, we'll be back again soon, bye for now, Rosie (the pretty blond one).



Milton Abbas Surgery

New Year's Resolutions

Lifestyle change doesn't have to be huge and overwhelming. Sometimes the smallest changes add up to the biggest impact.

Why not ease your way into a healthier you with some simple and achievable bite-sized wellbeing boosts by joining one of our Wellbeing groups run by our volunteer health champions? We have a beginner's line dancing group, walking group, crafting group and nurtured by nature group.

You can find out more details on our surgery website under the Wellbeing Team page. Alternatively, you can contact Anna or Kelly, our Social Prescribers at the surgery either by calling 01258 880210 or by completing the "Social Prescribing Contact Us Form" on our website and they will be happy to help.

Keeping warm

As the colder weather arrives, here are a few reminders for keeping warm and safe:

- Dress in layers to keep warm. Several thin layers work better than one thick layer of clothing.
- Use hot water bottles, electric blankets, and wheat bags. Do not use both a water bottle and electric blanket at the same time though!
- Heating your home. If you are not very mobile, are 65 or over, or have a health condition heat your home to at least 18°C. Draw curtains at dusk and keep doors closed to block out draughts.
- Eat the right foods. Make sure you are eating well, with at least one hot meal a day. Try to eat a balanced diet with lots of fruit and veg to get nutrients.
- Keep as active as possible. This is a great way to keep warm.
- Be prepared if you are heading out. Wear warm footwear with non-slip soles, and keep hands, heads and faces warm.
- Check on older neighbours and relatives. Make sure that they are safe and well, are warm enough (especially at night) and have enough food and medicines so that they do not need to go out during the very cold weather. If you are worried about a relative or elderly neighbour, please contact your local council or call the Age UK helpline on 0800 678 1602.
- If you are struggling with heating costs, you may be able to claim financial and practical help with heating your home. Please speak with the Citizens Advice Energy Advice Team by calling 01929 775500 or email energyadvice@cabnet.org.uk.

New Year Opening Times

Monday 30th December – Open as usual

Tuesday 31st December – Open as usual

Wednesday 1st January – CLOSED

Thursday 2nd January – Open as usual

New Year's Message to all our patients

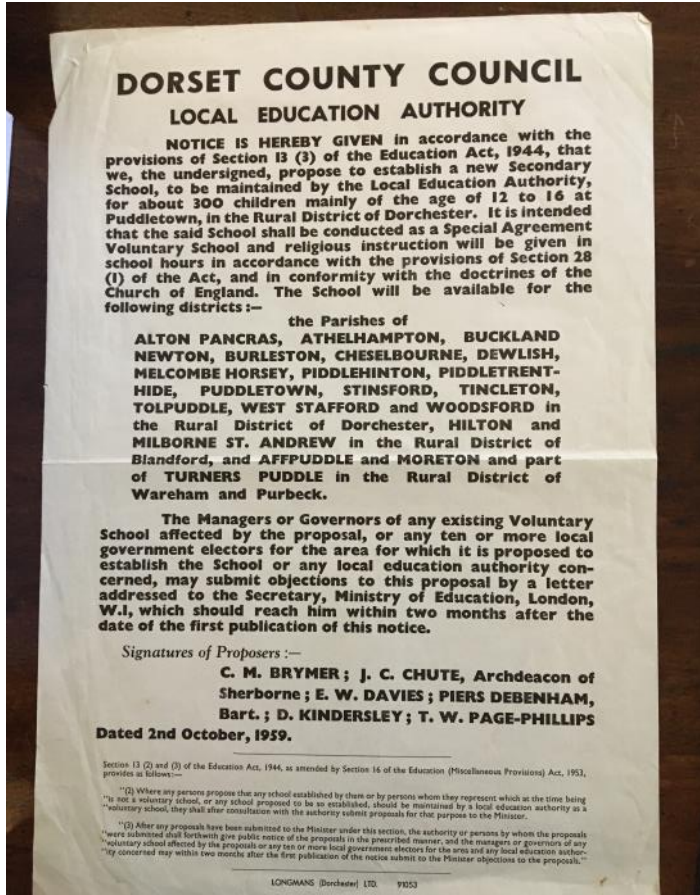
May the New Year bring you happiness and peace and be filled with new adventures. Wishing you a joyous 2025 from all of us here at Milton Abbas Surgery!

St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow

2025 – 60th Anniversary year of a secondary school in Puddletown!

2025 is a particularly exciting year for St. Mary's as it's the year of our 60th anniversary! Back in 1959 notice was given of the

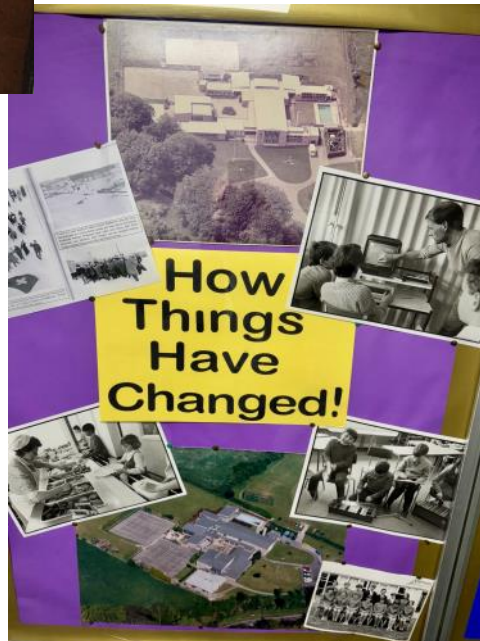


proposal to establish a new secondary school for about 300 children, mainly of the ages of 12 to 16, in Puddletown to serve the village and its surrounding parishes. Today the school goes from strength to strength, comprising a thriving community of 450 children between the ages of 9 to 13 and 70 staff.

This year will see various exciting events taking place to mark our anniversary, including a summer concert and various



opportunities for St. Mary's alumni to return to the school to meet old friends and share memories. We held an alumni morning last summer which was a great success, being attended by 30 former pupils. Our visitors enjoyed a tour of the school, led by our current pupils, a chance to meet the staff and the opportunity to reminisce over a cup of tea! We have all sorts of similar events in the pipeline for 2025 – watch this space (and our Facebook feed!).



CONTACTS

For further information, admission details or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office

Head of School: Tim Ennion Chair of Governors: Caleb Brown

St Mary's School Association: Chairpersons: Briony Hosford and Marie Chappell

e-mail: office@stmaryscemiddle.uk website: www.stmaryscemiddleschool.co.uk

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SMCEMIDPUDD> Tel: 01305 848293

MILTON ABBAS SURGERY ARE SEEKING ARTISTS OF THE YEAR!

We want to make our surgery walls fun and colourful by hanging up some artwork from local artists in both our places!

You don't need to be a super skilled artist—anyone can join in! Just give it a try and drop off your picture at reception. Your artwork can be any size up to A4. Please remember to put your name, age, and contact details on the back. We can't wait to see your creations!

Categories: 0-5 years old / 6-11 years old / 12 to 18 years old / 18 years and over

**Theme:
WHAT MAKES ME HAPPY!**



Closing date is Friday 31st January 2025

**Please make them as colourful and imaginative
as you can 😊**



more* than a movie
at the Village Hall
on the BIG screen

*Enjoy an **ICE CREAM** or a **DRINK** and the **MOVIE** for an all-in ticket price of **just £6.50**
Cash / Card accepted

MORE* THAN A MOVIE PRESENTS

KENNETH BRANAGH EYLE ALLEN GABRIELE COTTIN JAMIE DORNAN TIM FEY JUDE HILL ALI KHAN EMMA LAIRD KELLY REILLY RICCARDO SCAMARCIO MICHELLE YEOH



**A
HAUNTING
IN
VENICE**

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY AT 7.30PM
DOORS AND BAR AT 7.00PM

The Village Hall - Milborne St Andrew - DT11 0JX

**POSTUREFLEX PILATES AT
MILBORNE ST ANDREW VILLAGE HALL**



Gentle Pilates classes
Friday mornings 9.30am – 10.30am
Everyone welcome!

New term starts Friday 10th January 2025

Join us for a free trial session and see if Pilates is for you!

Please get in touch if you would like to know more
Email: hayley@postureflexpilates.co.uk

Hayley Mob: 07581 304329 Simon Mob: 07508 257337



PostureFlex Pilates



@PostureFlex_Pilates



Hustings Electrical Ltd

New Services - Traditional Values

www.hustingselectrical.com
office@hustingselectrical.com
Office: 01258 837385
Mobile: 07966 403 965 or 07549 380 217
Call or email us with your requirements

Electrical Contractors Since 1980

Agricultural – Commerical – Industrial - Bespoke Panel Building & Controls
Domestic – Equestrian – Intruder - SMS & Programmable Logic Automation
Alarms – Emergency Lighting – Testing - Computer Infrastructure Services
Inspection – Control Systems & Panels - Data Recovery – Firewall Security
CCTV – Data Cabling and Computing - Custom Builds & Repairs
Malware Rescue – Security & Access Control Systems
Website & Web Applications - IP – CCTV

No job too small, Friendly, Reliable & Trustworthy Team.
Call our Office for a Free No Obligation Quote
Watercress Cottage, Tindeton, Dorchester DT2 8QP

Philip Trim Contractors

ULTIMATE LIQUID & SLURRY SOLUTIONS

Do you need your septic tank or water treatment plant emptied?

Our range of liquid waste collection and disposal services for homes and businesses include septic tank and cesspit emptying, drains and gullies, grease traps, catchment pits, high pressure jetting and more...!

01929 472192

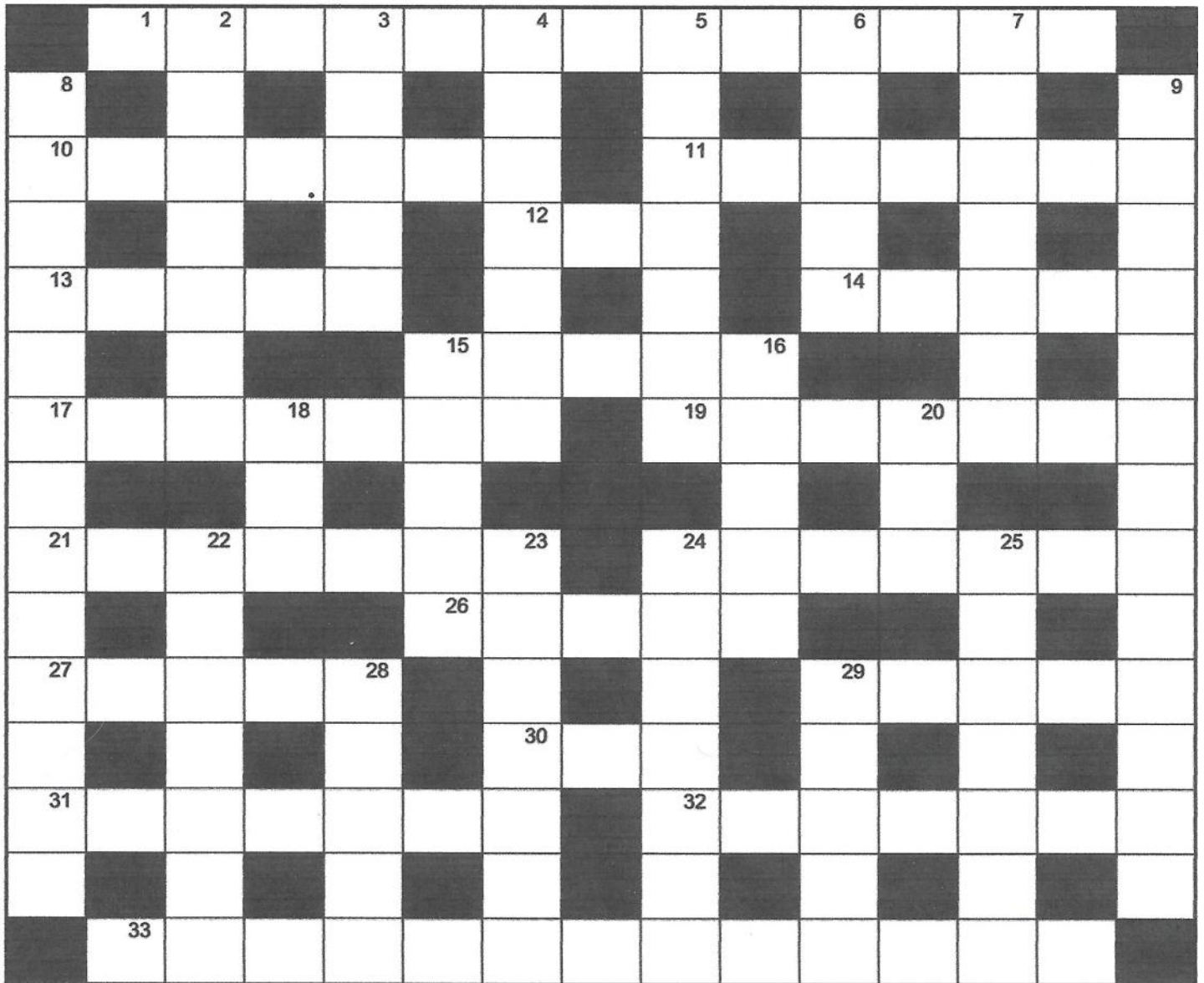
Call our friendly team to find out more about our competitive services and rates!

www.philiptrimcontractors.com
info@philiptrimcontractors.com

Chamberlaynes Farm Workshop, Bere Regis, Wareham BH20 7LS
UPPER TIER WASTE CARRIER REGISTRATION NO: CBDU125281



Sailors Bob's Crossword, no prize just a bit of fun. Answers on page 22



Clues

Across

- 1 Married Relation (8,2,3)
- 10 And Swallows?
- 11 Alligator Pear
- 12 Facial Spasm
- 13 Small Fish
- 14 Outfit
- 15 Cut Off
- 17 Praise
- 19 Cancels
- 21 Scruffy
- 24 Egocentric
- 26 Explode
- 27 Mistake
- 29 Raw Fish
- 30 Immediately
- 31 And Needs?
- 32 In The Middle Of
- 33 Sleep Doctors?

Down

- 2 Opts To Stop
- 3 Rub It In
- 4 For Sleeping Trials?
- 5 Jack, (Lee Childs Character)
- 6 Lasso
- 7 Kemal, Old Middle Eastern President
- 8 American Commonwealth
- 9 SW Texan City (6,7)
- 15 Bird
- 16 Adjusted
- 18 ... West, Actor
- 20 Dolt
- 22 Baleen Constituent
- 23 Passage
- 24 PC Protection
- 25 Perspicacity
- 28 Lift
- 29 Finland

Anyone for Bridge

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all Bridge enthusiasts.

The MSA Bridge Group is entering our 12th year playing social bridge in a blame-free environment every Friday afternoon in The Royal Oak in Milborne St Andrew. It is a very social group comprising players of varying experience with newcomers being made very welcome. There is no charge to join or play where everyone, regardless of past experience, is welcome. New or novice players can be provided with individual instruction if required. Through the winter we meet at the pub and play from 2.30 to 4.30pm every Friday afternoon. Anyone interested in trying something new should contact Laurie Benn on 01258 837720 or email laurie@benn.me.uk.

Best wishes for a prosperous 2025.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Have you visited the Library recently? Ladybirds have!!

WE were all very excited to be able to take the coach alongside our friends in Buttercup and Bluebell classes at school. There was much excitement about travelling with the older children, being up high and looking over hedges, seeing the Christmas trees on the shop fronts in Dorchester High Street and then actually exploring the library itself. We were amazed at each child being able to borrow 20 books each.

We are really grateful for the patience the library staff had with our younger children who were excited to look around and find books they liked.



There's lots going on at the library for children of any age – see posters for more info.

December Kindness challenge

Did you get a smile, a wink or a wave from any of our pre-schoolers?

We've set our children and families a weekly challenge throughout December to show kindness. We have been showing them different ways of displaying friendliness. From saying hello to people, drawing pictures for people and giving foodbank donations.

In 2025 – DO SOMETHING BIG!

Be part of something big – working with small children is a big deal. It's a job that makes a difference by helping to give children the best start in life.

Do you want to do something new? Have you previously worked in education or childcare and want to return? Are you a student in need of a placement?

We are looking for unique individuals who are keen to get into childcare. We need bank staff. Experience and qualification at Level 2 or 3 would be desirable.

In return we can promise that you will laugh and smile a lot, and know that you have supported children at a crucial stage in their learning and development.

Please call and speak to Sam for more information.



Milborne Ladybirds

Learning through play to help children achieve their potential

Located in Milborne First School

With friendly knowledgeable staff, we offer a high quality preschool experience for children aged 2 years to school age in Milborne St Andrew and the surrounding area

Rated **GOOD** again by
Ofsted

*"Children enjoy learning"
"Staff are knowledgeable about child development and know when to stand back and let children problem solve"*

Minimum attendance 3 hours per day starting at 9am

To find out more:

Call in to see us at the Milborne First School
Phone **07767 450967** during opening hours
Email secretary@milborneladybirds.com

Opening times
Term time 9.00 –15.00

Ofsted registered no.217717

www.milborneladybirds.com

Registered Charity no. 1087441



Our School Values

Respect For Self – We are kind to ourselves and responsible for our own learning

Respect For Others – We are kind to each other. Our differences make us stronger

Respect For Our World – We are part of nature. We will work together to make the world a better place



Dear Village

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. On a personal note, and on behalf of the school community, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the support that has surrounded our school from our wonderful village community. We treasure our strong links across the community.

We firmly believe in the power of community at school and our values of respect for self, others and our world to remind us of how we can achieve this. The strength we need to persevere with this comes from the togetherness that is within reach for all of us. We implore you to reach out to one another whether to support, encourage or ask for help. Our world can seem harsh at times but, alongside each other, we can make a difference.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming panto, which is genuinely one of the highlights of my year. If you make one promise to yourself as we embrace a new

year, perhaps it can be to set about the serious business of being kind – to yourself, to others and to our beautiful world.

I hope to continue to support our school and community to flourish in 2025.

Yours with gratitude,

Michelle Cheeseman, Head of School



CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admission details, or would like to arrange a visit please contact the school office

Head of School: Michelle Cheeseman

School Receptionist/Admin Assistant: Holly Latham-Winning

Chair of Governors: Caleb Brown

FOS Chairman: Kate O'Kelly

e-mail: office@milborne.dorset.sch.uk

website: www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk

Tel: (01258) 837362

Fax: (01258) 837170

WOODS FUNERAL SERVICES

serving the community since 1878

We have been serving the local community in Dorchester and surrounding areas for more than 130 years and we will soon be opening a state-of-the-art funeral home.

We offer a comprehensive range of services from practical assistance in arranging a funeral through to sympathetic advice and expert support.

Funeral Directors:

• **Pauline Guy** Dip FD MBIFD • **Becci Wiles**

11A Icen Way, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1EW

www.woodsfuneralservices.co.uk

01305 250425

Woods Funeral Services is part of Tapper Funeral Service.



Thinking of selling or letting your property?



Contact us to arrange a valuation.

Forum
Sales & Lettings

01258 459600
www.forumsalesandlettings.co.uk
15 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7AU

Computer Problems?



**BLACKCAP
COMPUTING LTD**

**A friendly personal service.
Ring and have a chat.**

Telephone : 01258 881008

Mobile : 07979 853683

Email: steve@blackcap.net



Proud members of

Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

JURASSIC

— C O M P U T E R S —



*The incredibly friendly
computer people*

Call Darrell Hounsome or Lee Thompson for
jargon free, patient, friendly computer help
for home and business users.

Whatever your computer problem, call us... we can help!

01305 755668

Repairs • Servicing • Sales • Training • Virus Removal

Email: info@jurassic-computers.co.uk
Web: www.jurassic-computers.co.uk

*Are you ready for a new PC or Laptop? If so, come and see us.
We offer a complete service and will guide you through the whole
process. We can supply, update, set-up and then transfer your
documents/emails from your old system. We will give you the
benefit of our combined 37 years experience gained whilst
working for Kingston Maurward College in Dorchester.*

PROSPECT HOUSE, PEVERELL AVE EAST, POUNDBURY, DORCHESTER DT1 3WE



***Do you need transport for surgery and other
medical appointments? If so, we can help.***

Milton Abbas NeighbourCar is an established
voluntary transport scheme covering the area
served by Milton Abbas surgery. We can take you
to medical appointments and certain social
events.

**WE ALSO NEED MORE DRIVERS – you can
commit whatever time suits your
circumstances.**


***Ring 01258 470333 to register
or to obtain more information.***

***Local villages covered:
Milborne, Cheselbourne and Dewlish***

BURROW



**Septic Tank Owners
register your interest
in a fully-funded upgrade**



Due to the Phosphate pollution in your local
river catchment we are operating a septic tank
replacement scheme using private funding.

We install wastewater treatment plants that
remove almost all pollutants, with funding secured
from planning applicants who need to create a
positive impact on the environment.

Register on our website today.



burrow-environmental.com 01935 507 508

A Darby Building Services Ltd



**All Types of Building Work Undertaken;
New Builds, Extensions,
Structural Alterations, Kitchen,
Bathrooms**

Telephone: 01258 470151

01305 757162

Mobile: 07974 260938

Email: adbsltd@gmail.com

Queen Thorne

LANDSCAPES

RHS CHELSEA SILVER GILT
www.queenthorne.co.uk

Purveyors of the Finest Gardens

01935 850848

Extend your home and maximise
your outdoor space

Consultation
Design
Construction
Ground Preparations
Water Features
Turfing & Seeding
Planting
Renovations
Wild Flower
Meadows
Lawn Care

As seen on the **BBC**



Kens Kabs

TRAVEL SAFELY IN OUR HANDS



Our Services Include

- Airport and Cruise Terminal Transfer Specialists
- 4, 6 and 8 Seater Vehicles Available
- Corporate, Sporting Events
- Female Driver (on request)
- Wedding Guest Transport
- Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle
- School Transport
- Transport for Doctor, Dentist, Hospital Appointments and Shopping Trips

Quote "MR21" to be
Entered into our
Free Prize Draw



01258 456136

Email: admin@kenskabs.co.uk

www.kenskabs.co.uk

P.N. Gray Electrical

Limited

AGRICULTURAL - DOMESTIC - INDUSTRIAL -
COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS

ESTABLISHED OVER 60 YEARS!

ALL ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN FROM MINOR WORKS TO
INSTALLATIONS.

THIS INCLUDES INSPECTING AND TESTING PROPERTIES, UNDERTAKE
REWIRES AND
ANY GENERAL MAINTENANCE.

PLEASE CONTACT US ON THE PHONE OR EMAIL FOR A FREE QUOTATION
OR SOME FRIENDLY ADVICE:

TEL: 01258-837354

MOB: 07774-838851

EMAIL: pngrayelectrical@btinternet.com

www.pngrayelectrical.co.uk

RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE AND A FAST RESPONSE
ELECTRICAL SERVICE,
IN DORSET AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES.



Chris Perrins Chimney Sweep

Solid fuel stove installer

Flue relining
Fire place alterations
Chimney repairs
Cowls fitted



01258 837449

07824 698109

csweep.co.uk

cfperrins@gmail.com



MOVE IT OR LOSE IT!®
with **Pippa**

Over 55? Age with confidence!
Feel younger and fitter with our fun and friendly exercise classes to improve your

- ✓ balance & confidence
- ✓ mobility & flexibility
- ✓ strength & independence

Standing, seated or with chair support so all abilities are catered for!

Milborne St Andrew Village Hall

Tuesday mornings at 10.15 starting on January 21st

£6 weekly

First class is free!

Free parking

Please contact
pippa.thurgood@moveit.orloseit.co.uk to book!



FABS
Flexibility | Aerobic | Balance | Strength



“It's friendly and fun and has given me my life back!”

Editor's quiz for the New Year

Answers on page 21

1. Which of these is not a real place in Dorset? • Scratchy Bottom • Shitterton • Tincton • Burpwell • Shaggs • None, they're all real
2. Where in Dorset would you find "The Cobb"?
3. Name the Dorset cliff which is the highest point on the South Coast
4. Where does Chesil Beach start and end?
5. Who designed and engraved the windows in Moreton church?
6. What is noteworthy about the post box found at Barnes Cross near Sherborne?
7. Which is the longest river in Dorset?
8. What is it considered unlucky to say on Portland?
9. Which of the following won't you find in Dorset?
1. Motorway 2. Cathedral 3. Cities
10. What is a Dorset Knob?
11. Hall & Woodhouse, the brewery behind Badger Beers, can be found in which Dorset town?
12. Where was the first scout camp held in 1907?
13. Where would you find the Fossil Forest?
14. Which famous castle on the Isle of Purbeck was built by William the Conqueror?
15. What is the diameter of Culpepper's Dish just south of Briantspuddle?
16. Old Harry Rocks are connected by a chalk ridge-line with which Isle of Wight landmark?
17. Durnovaria is the Roman name for which place in Dorset?
18. Weymouth was famously a popular holiday spot for which royal?
19. How tall is the Cerne Abbas giant?
20. What is the official county town of Dorset?
21. How many rivers drain into Poole Harbour?
22. Name the Abbey half a mile east of Wool
23. What is the highest point in Dorset?
24. Who was the first person who vaccinated his family against Smallpox?
25. Name the Tolpuddle Martyrs
26. Dorset Blue Vinney is a kind of what?
27. Which famous person was killed in a motorbike accident at Clouds Hill in Dorset?
28. Who was the last woman to be hanged in Dorset?
29. Where was the comedian Alan Carr born?
30. What is AFC Bournemouth's nickname?
31. What was the name of the pub in Tolpuddle before it was renamed The Martyrs Inn in early 1970s?



Welcome Back

Busy Bees baby and toddler group

Thursdays from 9.30 to 11.30am

Milborne Sports Pavilion

£3 per child, refreshments provided

Come along or contact Louise
07944875337

Family Business

Dorset Roofing & Property Maintenance

New Roofs & Repairs, Flat Roofs, Chimney Work, Pointing
UPVC Fascias & Guttering, Roofs & Guttering Cleaned
Leadwork, Brick Work

All work Guaranteed • Free Estimates & Advice

Tel: 01202 640481 • Mobile: 07810 472347

Abbas Mowers

Service & Repairs

Mowers
Horticultural Equipment
ATV's
Trailers
Small Plant

www.abbasmowers.co.uk
info@abbasmowers.co.uk
07795494861

Collection & Delivery service available

Selling a car? Can't face the . . .



hassle?

We buy cars, bikes, campers and vans for cash at a time to suit you. Trading in elsewhere? We can usually offer more . . . Halcyon Motors, now based in Milborne St. Andrew, is a small, friendly business and we will happily come to you. Impartial advice comes free!

Buying? Visit www.halcyonmotors.co.uk to see "warts and all" descriptions and photos of our current stock. Warranties with all cars. Part exchange welcome. Call Don MacLeod

07782 189555 (Mon - Sun, 8.00am - 9.00pm)

Outward Hounds Pet Care & Walking Services

Companions for your friend. Peace of mind for their people.



- 🐾 Solo & Group walks (max 4 dogs)
- 🐾 Comfort and Companion visits for Dogs, Cats & Small Animals
- 🐾 Tailored Pet Care Visits
- 🐾 7 Years Experience
- 🐾 IMDT Certificate in Dog Walking

Fully Insured - Pet First Aid - Basic DBS - Member of PDWA

PHONE: 07900 207796

EMAIL: outwardhoundspetcare@gmail.com

FB: Outward Hounds Pet Care & Walking Services



LOGON-WOODBURNERS LTD

SALES & INSTALLATIONS

20% DISCOUNT

ON STOVES FOR SUMMER INSTALLATIONS FROM
MAY TO SEPTEMBER...BEAT THE WINTER RUSH !!!

WOOD AND MULTI FUEL STOVES	FLEXIBLE FLUE LINERS & RIGID FLUE SYSTEMS
CHIMNEY & ROOF REPAIRS	ALL BUILDING WORK UNDERTAKEN
FREE QUOTATIONS & FULLY INSURED	 Checkatrade.com

WWW.LOGON-WOODBURNERS.COM

CALL STEVE GUSCOTT
M: 07733 47729 T: 01258 858537

Treat a member of your f🐾mily.....



To book an appointment, call

Emma Whittington
Staddlestones
Milton Road
Milborne St Andrew
Dorset, DT11 0JZ

Tel: 07824 392813
01258 839171

emmawhittington@btinternet.com

Follow us on 

the
DORSET
GROOMER

Answers to quiz on page 19

1. Burpwell
2. Lyme Regis
3. Golden Cap – at 191 metres (627 feet) it is the highest point on the south coast of Great Britain
4. West Bay, Portland
5. Laurence Whistler
6. It is the oldest working post box in the UK – dating from 1853
7. River Stour, at 60 miles in length
8. The word “rabbit”
9. All of them
10. A kind of biscuit. These hard, dry savoury biscuits are made by the Moore’s company.
11. Blandford Forum (specifically in the village of Blandford St. Mary)
12. Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour
13. On the cliffs to the east of Lulworth Cove
14. Corfe Castle
15. 90m (98 yards)
16. The Needles
17. Dorchester
18. King George III
19. 55 metres (180 feet, 60 yards)
20. Dorchester
21. Four, River Frome, River Piddle, the Corfe River and the Sherford River
22. Bindon Abbey
23. Lewesdon Hill, at an impressive height of 279 metres (915 feet) two metres higher than Pilsdon Pen and five metres higher than Bulbarrow
24. Benjamin Jesty
25. George Loveless, James Loveless, John Standfield, Thomas Standfield, James Brine, James Hammett
26. Cheese
27. T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia)
28. Elizabeth Martha Brown in 1856
29. Portwey Hospital, Weymouth June 14, 1976
30. The Cherries
31. The Crown

**Would you like to compile a quiz, write a story or tell us about a favourite local walk?
Email msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk**

Please help the editors

Please ensure that your anti-virus software is up to date before e-mailing. Copy should be sent as a Word (or other text file) and do not embed pictures, logos, etc. into the document.

It is really helpful if you send it in 10pt black and do not use underlining, UPPER CASE formatting (even for heading) or include any tables or graphics.

Photos should be sent as separate .jpeg files. Do not send articles or photographs by .pdf. All these things may seem small but it does make all the difference in time saved later.

What’s on in January

- Wednesday 8th** **Wednesday Club** New Year’s Party. Village Hall 2.00pm.
- Wednesday 8th** **Parish Council meeting** Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Thursday 9th** **WI** talk on *My Days in the WI choir* Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 10th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
- Saturday 11th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am.
- Tuesday 14th** **Deadline** for February’s *Reporter*. Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk.
- Thursday 16th** **Gardening Club** Pip Howell will be sharing his knowledge of wild orchids Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 17th** **Milborne Movies** *A Haunting in Venice* Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 5.
- Wednesday 20th** **PC Meeting** Village Hall 7.00pm.
- Thursday 26th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak.
- Friday 31st** **Milton Abbas Surgery** Artists of the Year deadline for entries – see page 11.

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.

Badminton Wednesday 6.30–8.00pm (term time only).

Kickboxercise Thursday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only).

COLIN J. CLOSE FUNERAL SERVICE

A family run business, serving the local community of Blandford and surrounding villages



www.close-funeral.co.uk

Office and Chapel of Rest
 Peel Close, BLANDFORD FORUM, DT11 7JU
 email: info@close-funeral.co.uk

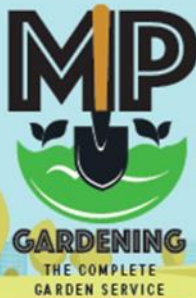
Golden Charter
 Funeral Plans 

Tel.
01258 453133
(24 Hours)

The complete garden service from MP Gardening!

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Lawn Cutting & Edging**
- Garden Clearance**
- Tree Pruning • Turfing • Hedge Cutting**
- Hard Landscaping • Paths & Patios**
- Fencing & Gates • Decking**
- Pressure Washing**



Paul David: 07841 506839

email: mandpgardening@aol.com

8 The Rings • Milborne St. Andrew • Blandford • DT11 0HY

Answers to Sailor Bob's Crossword on page 13

	D	A	U	G	H	T	E	R	I	N	L	A	W			
M		N		L		E		E		O		T		C		
A	M	A	Z	O	N	S		A	V	O	C	A	D	O		
S		G		A		T	I	C		S		T		R		
S	P	R	A	T		B		H		E	Q	U	I	P		
A		A			S	E	V	E	R			R		U		
C	O	M	M	E	N	D			R	E	V	O	K	E	S	
H				A		I			S		A			C		
U	N	K	E	M	P	T			S	E	L	F	I	S	H	
S		E				E	R	U	P	T			N		R	
E	R	R	O	R			A		Y			S	U	S	H	I
T		A		A			N	O	W			U		I		S
T	A	T	T	I	E	S			A	M	O	N	G	S	T	
S		I		S		I			R		M		H			i
	A	N	A	E	S	T	H	E	T	I	S	T	S			

PLEASE NOTE: Any copy for the February issue should be received no later than 14th January

View the Reporter each month in colour at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/Reporter/index

Community Contacts

Please let the *Reporter* know if any of these details change

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

COMMUNITY CENTRES

Dewlish Village Hall		
Chairman:	Andrew Barnett	07551 839296
Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	01258 837617
Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall		
Chairman:	Linsey O'Neill	07798 720812
Booking Secretary:	Susan Poet	07866 313999
MSA Sports & Social Club	Bookings: Philip Smith	07776 561105

COUNCILS

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
Parish Council Dewlish	Clerk: Amanda Crocker	
	dewlish@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	
	Chair: Chris Uden	07973 167117
Parish Council	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Richard Macnair	07774 081551
	milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk	

Dorset Council Services: For matters relating to roads repairs, bins, litter, environmental health, planning, footpaths and parking, www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call 01305 221000

Flooding: Environment Agency Floodline 03459 881188

Environmental Incident: Environment Agency Hotline 0800 80 70 60 www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency

South West Highways hello@swhitd.co.uk 01404 821500

Wessex Water Sewerage Floodline 03458 505959

GENERAL — ADULT

Moonlight Swing Band	Gillian Pink	01305 260731
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Josie Wright	01258 839090
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

GENERAL — YOUTH

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers	Sam Elliott	07873 762035
Busy Bees	Leah House	07825 563862
	Louise Emily	07944 875337
Milborne Ladybirds	Samantha Mercer	07767 450967

POLICE

Police – Non-emergency contact (North Rural team) 101
Contact us | Dorset Police Online is dealt with in exactly the same way as non-emergency 101 phone calls.

SCHOOL

Milborne First School		
Head of School	Michelle Cheeseman	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Caleb Brown	
Friends of School Chair:	Kate O'Kelly	
St. Mary's Puddletown	Tim Ennion	01305 848293

SPECIAL INTEREST

Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
Dog Training Behaviour	Natasja Lewis	07896 275357
Food and Wine Club	Steve O'Neill	07490 691121
MSA Allotment Society	Joy Robinson	01258 837661
MSA Gardening Club	Bill Love	01258 837677


Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319
Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203

SPORT

Hardy Country Bowmen	Mike Healy	01300 342134
Badminton	Bruce Dyer	01258 839117
Circuit training	Grace Martin	01305 213885
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Karate	Peter Thompson	07873 116118
	wessexmartialarts@gmail.com	
Kickboxercise	Jon Dodd	07742 015121
Pilates (school)	Claire Barratt	07703 648869
Football – Milborne Sports	Kelvin Dormer-Woolley	07544 725855
Football – Veterans	Paul David	07841 506839
Skittles – Dewlish	Simon Ross	01258 837606
Tap Dancing for Adults	Kevin Selby	01305 250386
Tennis	Rich Hawker	07393 309037
Yoga (at school)	Sue Chapman	01305 848053
Yoga (at Sports & Social Club)	Saira Francis	01258 880505
Yoga (at Village Hall)	Angela Johnson	01258 839060

HEALTH

Bere Regis Surgery		01929 471268
Milborne St. Andrew Surgery		01258 880210
Milton Abbas Surgery		01258 880210
Puddletown Surgery		01305 848333
NHS for non-emergencies		111
Patient Voice Secretary	Nigel Hodder	07983 013781




ROKA

SANCTUARY

HOLISTIC THERAPIES IN A COSY LOG CABIN
IN MILBORNE SAINT ANDREW

Gift Vouchers Available

£30 30 MINUTE BACK MASSAGE, OR HEAD, NECK & SHOULDER MASSAGE
 £40 1 HOUR FULL BODY MASSAGE, BACK MASSAGE, OR 30 MINS HEAD, NECK & SHOULDER MASSAGE AND 30 MINS BACK MASSAGE.
 £60 1.5 HOUR MASSAGE
 +£20 MAKE IT A HOT STONE MASSAGE
 £35 EAR CANDLES




WWW.ROKASANCTUARY.COM

EMAIL | [BALANCE@ROKASANCTUARY.COM](mailto:balance@rokasanctuary.com)
TEXT | 07834 060662

WINTER WARMER LUNCH

Visit the Coach House restaurant any weekday during January & February and enjoy lunch from our **Winter Warmer Menu** for just **£5.99**, or for **Free** if you pay admission to the House & Gardens

Historic House members who have free access to the House & Gardens save 10% on the menu, not transferrable to other menus, weekdays are Monday to Friday, typical dishes may include - filled jacket potato, mild turkey masala curry, normandy pork with roast potatoes, sausage and mash, fishcake and chips...

2025 EVENTS

Outdoor Markets

Saturday 26th April
Saturday 28th June
Saturday 11th October

Outdoor Theatre & Music

Twelfth Night
*performed by the Lord Chamberlain's Men
in conjunction with Dorchester Arts*
Thursday 5th June

Wind in the Willows
Saturday 21st June

Jane Eyre
Saturday 2nd August

Big Bad Wolf
Saturday 16th August

Abba Tribute
Saturday 6th September

Winter Food & Drink Fair

Saturday 8th November
Sunday 9th November



Athelhampton
HOUSE & GARDENS

Visit one of England's finest
Tudor Manor houses with
award-winning gardens.



Wander the formal gardens
with herbaceous borders,
ponds and fountains.



Explore the historic rooms
including the newly restored
Elizabethan Kitchen.

Visit the Coach House restaurant
for morning coffee, lunch or a
cream tea.

(no admission charge for the shop or restaurant.)



Easily found, follow the A354 and turn left in Puddletown
Athelhampton House, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 7LG
01305 848363 www.athelhampton.co.uk

now with ten EV chargers in the car park

