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Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall news

WE'RE lucky to have such a fantastic Village Hall in Milborne St. Andrew, hosting a wide range of events and activities for our community. Whether it's a yoga class, a quiz night, or a special celebration, the hall is at the heart of village life – and so is its car park!

The car park is primarily for the use of those attending events or using the facilities at the hall. However, we know it's a handy spot for village residents and visitors when the hall isn't busy. You're welcome to use the car park at quieter times, but please do make sure to move your vehicle well ahead of any planned events so we can keep things running smoothly for hall users.

The calendar will be sent to the *Reporter* each month and the times the car park needs to be clear highlighted but this is subject to change so if you're ever unsure about what's coming up, you can check the hall's programme of events online at www.milbornestandrew.org.uk/VillageHall. It's a great way to stay in the loop and support the activities happening in our vibrant community. Please also follow the Village Hall Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep the Village Hall a welcoming space for everyone!

Coming to our Village Hall; Friday 28th February courtesy of Artsreach

ARTHUR COATES and Kerran Cotterell are an exciting and energetic young folk duo who are quickly carving out a name for themselves with their unique style, rooted in Quebecois traditional music fused with songs from around the British Isles and North America.

Arthur Coates is an award-nominated musician who studied violin and piano at the Aberdeen City Music School. Guitarist Kerran Cotterell has garnered numerous plaudits having performed at Cambridge Folk Festival, and the BBC Proms in the Royal Albert Hall.

Together Arthur and Kerran produce a versatile mix of instrumentals and song, true to the roots of traditional music and featuring fiddle, guitar, bouzouki and feet percussion. Now the duo are heading to Dorset following the release of their debut album, *Music for Cows*. Don't miss these rising stars on tour.



Tickets are £12.50. Under 18's £6. Family ticket £35 and can be obtained from <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/coates-cotterell> or call 01258839060.

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- ⇒ ·NURSE time wasted: 6 hours 50 minutes
- ⇒ ·GP time wasted: 5 hours
- ⇒ ·HCA time wasted: 50 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.**

Why being on time matters for your appointment!

We know life happens and sometimes you are delayed. However, please understand that arriving more than five minutes late can mean your clinician may not be able to see you. Here's why:

- **Care for all patients:** Clinicians have tightly scheduled appointments to ensure every patient receives the time and attention they deserve. Late arrivals disrupt the schedule and may delay care for others.
- **Quality Care:** A shorter time with your clinician may limit the quality of care and thoroughness of your visit.
- **Keeping clinics on track:** Sticking to scheduled times allows our team to help everyone more efficiently.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us provide the best care possible. Thank you for planning ahead and arriving on time!

We understand that sometimes our GPs may run late. This could be due to a variety of reasons, such as a late arrival, another clinician needing help, waiting for an ambulance, or dealing with an emergency. When this happens, we truly appreciate your patience and understanding.

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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 extended to Friday 28th February 2025

Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club



ON 16th January we heard from Pip Bowell, he talked all things Wild Orchids and we had an In House Garden Question Time.

February's meeting on the 20th will be for members to talk about their successes and messes of growing on chalk and it will give an opportunity to share ideas and hear people's plans for 2025.

Meetings are normally on the third Thursday of the month in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Jobs for the Garden:

- Sow sweet pea seeds
 - Clean, sharpen and oil gardening tools ready for spring.
- Elaine Willcox*

Tinleton Gallery 2025 Concert programme

This is our 10th concert season: thank you to all our musicians and audiences

UNLESS noted otherwise typically the same programme is played on both the Friday and the Saturday night.

21/22th February: Angela Brownridge from London "One of the world's finest pianists". *New York Times*, – CPE Bach : Fantasy in C and Prussian sonata; Beethoven : sonata no. 14. "Moonlight" and sonata no 30 with variations

14/15th March: As usual Mike Denham on piano will be inviting different friends on each night. On the **Friday** he will be accompanied by Trevor Whiting (sax and clarinet) playing jazz from Sidney Beche to Benny Goodman. On the **Saturday** two friends join Mike, firstly Steve Graham on trumpet and secondly Gillian Berry for violin and vocals; and they will be playing from ragtime to swing.

18/19th April: Ronan Magill, classical piano, coming from Japan for us in Tinleton.

16/17th May: Milly Riquelme-Toomey, Bach, Ravel, contemporary Cuban composer Lecuona, and some jazz and her own compositions.

20/21st June: Melissa Phelps and Caroline Palmer – classical cello and piano duo from these globetrotting London professors. To include sonatas by Beethoven and Chopin and pieces by Rachmaninov.

5/6th September: – jazz: Roger Beaujolais on vibraphone with Rob Palmer on guitar.

17/18th October: Giovanni Lonati returning for classical piano coming to us from Italy.

14/15th November: John Law jazz duo of Naissance both nights with Jon Lloyd.

12/13th December: Duncan Honeybourne classical piano Christmas concert.

- More details for each concert are on the website.
- Tickets £20 each.
- All concerts start playing at 8.00pm. Please arrive after 7.30pm.
- Pre booking and prepayment only. Each party of guests must give a contact.
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Singing with the choir at the Christmas WI

OUR January meeting was cancelled due to cold and icy conditions. Happily, we were able to meet at the Ashley Wood Golf Club the following day, for what proved to be a warm and inviting venue for our New Year meal.

In December we were entertained by eight members of the Bovington Military Wives Choir, which is part of a network of 70+ choirs based across the UK and in British military bases abroad, the furthest located in the Falklands. The choirs exist to support women whose lives have been impacted by their military connection.



Their repertoire includes songs reflective of how they feel and what it is to be a military wife, daughter or veteran. For us they sang a selection of seasonal carols, including a delightful 'Silent Night', the first verse sung as a solo in German. Despite initial reluctance from some of the 'non-singers' amongst us, we were encouraged to join in with the carols – as the military wives say: *'It's not about being able to sing, it's about being there to sing!'*

We followed with our always enjoyable Christmas party refreshments and social chat. Our next meeting is on Thursday 6th February with a talk by José Thomas. Please come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Milborne Players

The Players are putting their final magic lamp polishes onto their fantastic Aladdin production, being performed on 13th, 14th and 15th February. Our ticket prices remain at only £8.00 each. Truly amazing value for money given the work that has gone into writing and rehearsing all the awful jokes and calamity.

We have a superb cast; some familiar faces and some new faces. The new cast members have all brought an extra buzz to the pantomime. We have our live music, bar and – of course – the raffle.

For further information about tickets or the performance see the poster or call WhatsApp message Kate on 07804 600204 or Gren on 07876 793319. Or message us via our Facebook page, The Official Milborne Players.

We can't wait to see a packed out Village Hall!

Kate Hawker, Chair, Milborne Players

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LETTERS to the Reporter

Mr Biles

Seeing the name Biles as a surname to be reviewed in the next edition of the Reporter, I have this interesting anecdote.

Some few years ago my late wife, Jackie, was involved in delivering 'meals on wheels' to various needy people in the village. One of the regulars was a Mr Biles who was an elderly man living on his own in the ancient thatched cottage known as Little England, a name it retains to this day. He lived among all the things that had been with him since childhood, including a beautiful old Victorian style black pram. He was always friendly and chatty to Jackie who one day asked him if he was local.

"No", he said "I am not local, I come from Dewlish, I moved here when I was three."

Well, I have lived here for fifty-five years and I came from Briantspuddle, so clearly I am not local either.

Pip Bowell

Episode 9 of The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew can be found on page 15 Ed

Wednesday Club's New Year Party

OUR meeting on the 8th January was our New Year party. Sadly, both Jenny and José were too poorly to come to the meeting but 20 of us did turn up.

Josie was leading the merriment as our popular 'true or false' statements were read out and voted on. We were surprised to learn that David Payne had spend all night in Salisbury Cathedral and John Wright had been in the Tardis, among other revelations.

Playing charades, I was miming Gulliver's Travels. They guessed the, 'gull' part but when I clutched my liver they were stumped, lots of laughs. Then there was the food, provided by members, two big tables full. We had a wonderful time catching up with our friends. The Wednesday Club team is amazing, everything ran like clockwork.



Why don't you come and join us, we meet at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of every month. At our next meeting on 5th February we will be meeting Fran Gleeson, who will tell us about the Weldmar Hospice.

Josie Wright

Half-term Film Night at the Village Hall A Special Screening of Wonka

LOOKING for a fun family outing this half-term? Join us for a magical evening as we screen Wonka (2023), a heartwarming prequel to the beloved Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Discover the story of how Willy Wonka's dreams (and chocolate factory) began in this dazzling, musical adventure that's perfect for all ages!

Friday 21st February

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Dorset Council has set out proposals for a £416 million budget for 2025/26

THIS marks a £39 million increase in spending from last year, injecting much needed funding into essential services for residents, especially vulnerable children and adults.

Additional funding includes:

- £14.5 million for adult social care and housing services
- £1.5 million for children's services, and
- £4 million for Place services including transport, highways and planning services.

Councils are required by law to set a balanced budget with expenditure equal to revenue. Dorset Council faces rising pressures on services, for example with the growing number of older people in Dorset who need social care support. The additional cost of service delivery next year is forecast to be £83.4 million. Yet council funding is set and limited by Government and this sum is not affordable.

The council's budget proposals therefore also outline significant cost-saving measures of around £44 million to be delivered in the following ways:

- new service grants and income - £12 million
- managing and meeting need differently - £14 million
- reducing 3rd party spend - £3 million
- and operating more efficiently as a council - £14.4 million

The council has developed a transformation plan to streamline council operations including increased use of technology, better customer service, working more closely with communities, and lower operating costs. Over the coming years, these changes will result in a slimmer council with fewer staff.

The detailed proposals are set out in a budget and medium-term financial plan which will go before the council's scrutiny committees next week. To support these initiatives, the council proposes a council tax increase of just under 3 per cent and a 2 per cent adult social care precept. This equates to an additional 24p a day for most households. Details will be available with council tax bills in March and online after the budget is approved at Full Council on 11 February.

Cllr Simon Clifford, Cabinet member for Finance and Capital Strategy, said: "We are making substantial investments in essential services. Since taking leadership of the council last May, we've prioritised housing, economic growth, supporting communities, and addressing the climate and nature crisis.

"It continues to be a tough financial climate for councils with inflation, the new requirement to pay higher employee National Insurance costs, and the ever-increasing need for social care services, particularly with our growing older population in Dorset.

"Despite these national financial challenges, we are making tough decisions to secure a strong financial future for Dorset Council and deliver the services our residents need most."

The budget setting process takes place in several stages. The proposals are considered by two scrutiny committees, then reviewed and submitted to Cabinet, and then to Full Council in February for final approval. The public meetings are as follows:

6.30pm, Tuesday 28th January – Cabinet

6.30pm, Tuesday 11th February – Full Council

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Reporter – February 2010

Yetties perform at the Village Hall, following its grant-funded refurbishment, snow and ice disrupts village life and the WI celebrates its 65th anniversary.

The Yetties are coming

THE trustees of the Village Hall have arranged an event for the 19th February 2010 to celebrate the completion of the Hall upgrade as a result of the People's Millions and Awards4All Lottery grants. Other large scale improvements are ongoing, the Playbuilder grant of £16k for a Zip wire and Birdnest swing (being installed first week of February) and the NDDC Liveability Fund grant of £46.5k for an all-weather Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the lower playing field.

Come and join the celebrations from 6.30pm, the Yetties will be performing from 7.30pm. The evening will start with a short presentation followed by a celebration event with drinks and nibbles continuing with an evening of plain unadulterated fun with the YETTIES. Hopefully more food and drink will be laid on too (the village hall has applied for a licensed bar)! Bob Walter, our local MP, is attending and we are hoping that ITV and the press will come along, as it was an ITV Meridian People's Millions Lottery Grant that started the whole ball rolling.

Tickets are to be priced at £6 per person (a special subsidised price) and because of the expected demand, local residents and hall user groups will get first option before opening it up to the Yetties followers. Contact any of the trustees or check the Village Hall notice boards for more details.

Richard Lock On behalf of The Village Hall Trustees

The Perils of the Weather


Reflections by Sue Gould

YES – I know that the gritters have been out up to four times every day to keep the roads open, but it is the little things that really make life hard. In our village for some reason the road past the playing field has been VERY regularly gritted, as has Milton Road up towards Milton Abbas, and I'm sure you can tell me other roads that have been similarly kept clear. But they can't go everywhere, and many of our residential roads have been really lethal, with snow and black ice.

Let me tell you some of the local casualties. Kay Parnaby slipped as she was delivering the last **Reporter** for us in December, and broke her knee cap on the ice, she is now on crutches – what dedication to duty! Pat Bull followed her husband to help a fallen neighbour in Orchard Rise and fell very heavily on her back and head on Christmas Eve, and is really suffering from Migraines, Concussion, and back pain. Hazel Ingram was taking her dog for a walk, and fell and broke a bone in her wrist.

Many of you had heating problems – not a good time when the weather was throwing everything it could at us. Elaine and Ray Preston had big problems with their boiler when it stopped working on New Years Day, with the spare part that it needed in Bournemouth, and snow covered roads, it was about a week before Signpost was able to get it going again. Jo, the manager at The Royal Oak, had frozen pipes in her little bungalow.

And as for closures – our local shops stayed open (bless them), but the school finally gave up at lunchtime on the snowy Wednesday (6th January) and sent the children home. I don't think the children minded!



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Milborne St. Andrew

Upgraded Village Hall is top class venue for Panto and Concert



The youngsters above (some of the young people involved) show their enthusiasm for their parts in the Milborne Players' Panto – Dick Whittington – see pages 3 and 17.

The Yetties (left) have been booked to perform at the party to celebrate the new facilities at the Village Hall – see pages 2 and 16.



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Sixty-five Years Young

THIS February, Milborne's W.I. celebrates its 65th birthday and it seems a good time to review how far the W.I. has travelled since 1945, what it means to members and where it is going in the future. We talked to Heather Hogg, the current President and also the longest serving member who joined 40 years ago this year when she was a very young mother. Newly arrived in the village and feeling homesick. A neighbour took her to her first W.I. meeting and within weeks she was part of a circle of young women with children who formed a key group of members.

Linda Wright, who joined last year, like Heather was newly arrived and looking for friendship. At first wary of the "Jam and Jerusalem" image, she was delighted to find like minds in the W.I. Book Club and through membership of the committee. As someone not particularly interested in crafts, Linda was impressed by the National W.I.'s wider involvement in campaigning and feels that the general public are not aware enough of the work done for such varied causes as honey bees, trafficked women and public loos! She is the mover behind our Chocolate Extravaganza on 20th February, when we hope lots of people will come to meet us. But Linda, too, feels there is a danger of a slow, local decline if more keen and energetic women are not recruited to take over from present members and help the W.I. remain a thriving important and relevant part of village life.

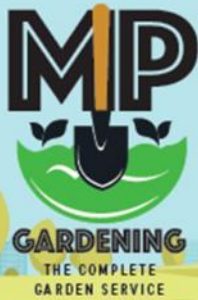


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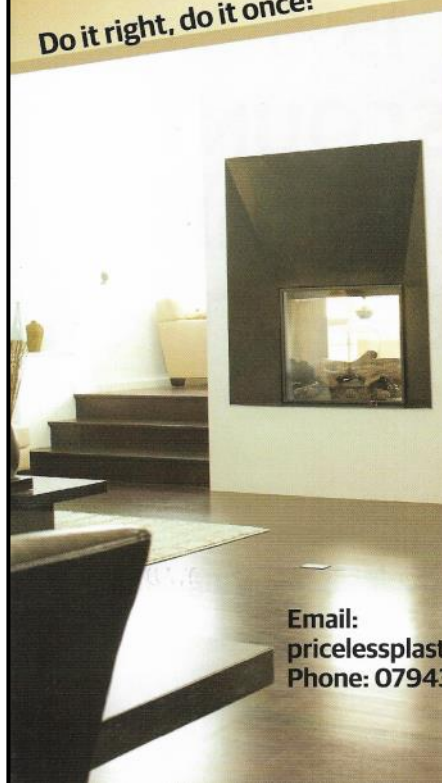
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Hidden growth

February can sometimes feel like a bit of a non-time. The excitement of Christmas and the New Year are past and Easter is still a way off, even if the shops have been trying to sell us chocolate eggs since the back-end of last year. The weather is often changeable, the days still short and the trees bare.

But it is not a month without hope. Signs of the coming Spring are apparent: days, though still usually cold, are beginning to lengthen, and changes in nature can be seen. Snowdrops and early flowers are in bloom, and even in the stillness of winter, new life stirs beneath the surface.

This sense of quiet growth mirrors our spiritual journeys. Life can sometimes feel as though it's on pause — we can feel that we are stuck, not moving forward, existing rather than living or even going backwards. But these times might be necessary as we ready ourselves for what is to come. As the earth prepares for its next season in unseen ways, so we can trust that God is at work in our lives too, even if we cannot immediately see the growth that is happening.

This month is a good time to reflect on how we can nurture the seeds of faith, hope and love in our own hearts and communities. It might be through taking time to pray, listen, or spend moments of stillness in God's presence. Maybe it will be through acts of kindness, reaching out to someone who might feel isolated, or supporting a cause that aligns with Jesus's call to care for one another.

A small pinprick of light can make a huge difference in a dark room. As we journey together through this month, let us be lights for each other. Let us celebrate the small joys, support those in need, and take each step with faith that brighter days are ahead.

With best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

THE last time I wrote it was Advent Sunday, and now, by the time you read this the Christmas season will have ended/be ending with the celebration of Candles, forty days after Christmas Day.

December was a busy month, as usual. The month began with some of our Church members being invited to join the First School Christmas Lunch. Thank you for the invitation; we enjoyed the food and socialising.

On the third Sunday in Advent, Pam led worship in Stillness on the theme of "Joy", it being Gaudete Sunday. In the afternoon, we held a Christingle, the first post-covid. Those who attended enjoyed making their Christingles and doing other Christmas-related crafts. Tony led a short Service, which somehow included Mr Potato Head (don't ask) before everyone enjoyed refreshments. Thank you to all those attending and for all the help given in so many ways on the day.

The First School Carol Service took place on the 18th and was a joyful celebration based around the poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Lively singing, poetry written by pupils, and clear reading added to the enjoyment of this annual event. "Pigs in Blankets" were referred to frequently in the poetry, and even some "burnt sprouts!"

Our Carols by Candlelight was very well attended. A choir formed for the occasion sang three pieces to much acclaim. Thank you to all who read the Lessons, sang, and acted as Sidespersons, to those who had decorated the Church, to the Bellringers for ringing before the Service, to Becky for bringing the Christmas Tree from the School to the Church (and to the School for donating it), and to Pam who decorated it. Mulled wine and delicious refreshments were enjoyed at the Old Rectory after the service, which was a kind invitation from Sarah and Michael Shorrocks: "Thank You!"

Jo Lacy-Smith celebrated the First Eucharist of Christmas Day ("Midnight in Bethlehem"), preaching a thought-provoking sermon about The Shepherds. The Choir, augmented by Stuart, Sam, and William, sang during the Communion.

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

2nd February – Presentation of Christ

9.30a.m.	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish

9th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

9.30a.m.	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Puddletown Praise	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

16th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30a.m.	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

23rd February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30a.m.	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

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On Christmas morning, Sarah led our Celebration. We are grateful to all who supported us at St. Andrew's over the festive period.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, Tony led our commemoration of the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. Being nothing if not inclusive, our three "Wise Men" were female! Rose offered the gift of Gold and placed the first "King" in the Crib; Veronica offered Frankincense and Cate Myrrh. Angela read the Lesson and provided appropriately star-shaped biscuits to accompany our tea and coffee. John read T. S. Eliot's "The Journey of the Magi". As we thought about the New Year, we listened to "Turn, Turn, Turn" by The Byrds, based as it is on Ecclesiastes 3.

Our next Milborne Praise will be on February the 2nd, Candlemas. On that day, Jesus was Presented in the Temple, and Simeon acclaimed Him as "The Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." May that Light shine on our paths this coming year.

Tony & Pam, Churchwardens

Dewlish Church Notes

WHAT a joy it was to be able to take part in the Carol Service at our church! Both the small children's acting out the Nativity story and the older ones' readings were delightful. Our very talented musicians were superb. Thank you all so much for taking part, and well done to Jim for once again organising it all. The collection, amounting to £210, has been sent to the Children's Society. After the service we enjoyed refreshments (provided by church members) in the Village Hall.

Sarah led our Christmas morning service which was so lovely with the church looking splendidly colourful with all the greenery and white altar flowers, plus the stable tableau and well-decorated Christmas tree. Jim is especially grateful to Patrick and Ethan for their help. It is so good to see younger members of our community helping. Very many thanks.

We were delighted to see so many people at our Christmas Bazaar, despite the most horrendous weather imaginable! Many thanks to all who came, and especially to the hard workers running the stalls. There were so many lovely donations of cakes, prizes and other goods. Maisie again ran her stall of handcrafted Christmas decorations and competitions, the proceeds from which went to our church and hospital. Well done, Maisie!

About £550 was raised for church funds – a great help towards meeting our expenses for 2025. We are having to pay £7,800 to our diocese office and £2,000 for insurance so we do appreciate the generosity of all our villagers and supporters.

We are already making plans for the Spring with Lent lunches, Mothering Sunday and our Spring Sale on the agenda as usual.

Finally, we wish everyone – albeit, rather belatedly! – a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Daphne Burg

Churchwarden on the move!

I will have moved from my current address by the time you read this. Before you open the Champagne and begin organising parties to celebrate my departure, I will still be in Milborne! I can be found at The Ground Floor Flat, Manor Farmhouse, The Grove, Milborne St Andrew DT11 0JS. Entry is via the grey "Hobbit" door on the north side of the Farmhouse. Telephone: 07368 145584.

Tony

Bookends Good Read "The Cook" by Ajay Choudhry

ONCE again this was a contentious read. Low scores for enjoyment from the majority of the group and middling for literary style and characterisation. The tale of a Calcutta policeman turned cook now living and working in Brick Lane, London had distinct possibilities. There was some insight into struggling communities, including the homeless. The multicultural elements all could have been more sensitively and interestingly explored than they were. Everyone agreed that to stretch our belief that an ex (and apparently "disgraced") policeman could operate as an amateur sleuth in serious murder investigations in another country was too ridiculous to accept. Some of us mused that perhaps it was aimed at a teenage market such was the puerile humour and unlikely relationships. There had been a first book about the same character. This was referred to in an unnecessary aside which had no relevance to the plot. All were agreed that there was too much dialogue and not enough believable plot. In the Epilogue the convicted murderer chillingly thought of their "calm fulfilment after (each) murder". This showed that the author had the possibility to write more reflectively than he had shown throughout the whole novel. Even more sinisterly that AI had been employed to aid him as one member pointed out was referred to in the Acknowledgments at the end. As the protagonist comments at the beginning "Working as a Cook isn't conducive with solving murders".

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Once again this year, our Year 8 pupils have been supporting their local communities through their participation on the school's Young Leaders Award. Pupils explore the concept of leadership, consider the importance of serving others and examine how to bring transformation to their communities.

Julia Goy, T&E lead at St. Mary's, said "Over the past four years, the course has resulted in many impressive action projects and has given pupils a chance to grow in confidence, commitment and care for others."

Here are just some of the volunteering projects that the students have undertaken since beginning Year 8 in September!

- Serving at the Puddletown Christmas lunch
- Fundraising for local charities
- Donating clothes, books and toys to local charity shops
- Planting daffodil bulbs in the school grounds
- Painting pictures for a care home
- Putting together a Christmas shoebox for a homeless charity
- Litter picking
- Collecting for Weymouth Foodbank
- Organising afternoon tea for elderly residents
- Helping elderly neighbours with their garden and window cleaning
- Beach cleans
- Making angels and sending messages of encouragement to neighbours
- Cleaning and flower arranging for a local church
- Building bat boxes for a local wildlife area



That's just a taste of what our students have been doing to support their local community, and we look forward to seeing many of these projects develop and flourish in 2025. We are incredibly proud of them all.

We are always looking for opportunities to involve our students in supporting their local community.

Another exciting local initiative in development this year is the *Puddletown 300* project which celebrates the 300th anniversary of the Puddletown village census that was carried out by the Reverend Henry Dawnay in 1724/1725. Dawnay surveyed the population of Puddletown house by house, recording a

variety of key socio-economic data including the names, ages and occupations of all of the village's residents. The picture Dawnay's study paints of village life in the 1700s is fascinating and we are looking forward to working closely with project leader, Diana Hooper, and her team to explore how we bring Dawnay's work to life for the present generation. Watch this space for updates on the Puddletown 300 project!

Please let us know of local projects, local needs or ways we can help. We would love to hear your ideas!



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Davis, Biles, Brown and Way: Episode 9 of The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew by Andy Way

FOR nearly a year now, we've been showcasing Andy Way's book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*. Recently, we've been looking at population trends in the village during the 19th century. In 1841, more than 20% of people in MSA had one of just four surnames: Davis, Biles, Brown and Way. Last month, we looked at the Davises (pp.39–49 in Andy's book) during the period 1841–91, so now it's the turn of the Biles (pp.49–58 in the book).

In 1841, the 47 Biles members comprised 11 people in 4 houses in the MSA census, 14 in 3 houses in Milborne Churchstone (MC), and 22 in 3 houses in Milborne Stileham (MS). In the 1841 census, ages were often estimated to the nearest 5, so it is probably not the case that in 1826, Frances Biles gave birth to triplets. In one of the families in MS, there are two 35 year old women in the house; Martha is Robert's wife, while Maria is his sister. In addition, there are 7 children in the house aged from 16 years down to 8 months.

The Biles clan increases to 57 in 1851, in 11 households: 9 in 2 houses in MSA, 8 people in 3 houses in MC, and 40 people in 6 crowded houses in MS. The ages given in the 1851 census create a few puzzles, but with a little research we're able to resolve them and show what people's real ages were! To give an example, in MSA we see Benjamin and Frances living with their 6 children, whose ages range from 30 to 19. However, the ages given for Benjamin and Frances are 42 and 57, respectively. This is unlikely, firstly given the 15-year age difference, but also because it would mean that Benjamin started having children when he was only 12 years old, with a 27-year old wife! We know to treat the ages given in the 1841 census with caution, so assuming that Benjamin was indeed 10–15 years older than his wife, we can infer that his age in 1851 should be 62, as opposed to 42 as documented in the census return.

In MS, Charles Biles (aged 16 in 1851) later marries Eliza Way (1837–1915, from MSA; Andy's 1st cousin 4x removed), and the following year they emigrate to Australia on board the *Alfred*, arriving in New South Wales on 23rd July 1857. Their first child Henry was born just 18 days later, so the journey must have been a difficult one with Eliza so heavily pregnant.

In 1861, the number of Biles inhabitants decreases to 48, with 19 people in 6 houses in MSA, and 29 in 6 houses in MS. Given our previous ruminations, here we see Benjamin's age correctly given as 72! Other elderly Biles include Elizabeth (73), Mary Ann (75), and Robert (75).

In 1871, there are just 29 people called Biles in the village, comprising 7 people in 2 houses in MSA – living next door to one another so probably the same family – and 22 in 6 houses in MS. In the meantime, Benjamin has died so his wife Frances (aged 72) is named as head of the family in the 1871 census. We also find 47 year old Maria from MSA listed as a servant of the Stents, whose head John was headmaster of the Reformatory School.

In 1881, the number of Biles in the village reduces still further to 21: 11 people in 3 houses in MSA, and 10 people in 4 houses in MS. A different Benjamin (aged 50) is listed as a 'farmer of 80 acres, employing 3 men and 1 boy'. He lives with two sisters, Frances and Mary, listed as 'lady schoolteachers'.

Finally, in 1891 there are just 18 inhabitants named Biles: 6 people in 2 houses in MSA, and 12 in 4 houses in MS. Frances and Mary are still living together. Anthony Biles is living with his

wife Mary and their two young daughters. Anthony and his daughters are from MSA, but Mary is stated as being from 'Lindon, Suriname'. Presumably this is Linden, Guyana, around 100 miles from Suriname, but it is remarkable that Mary found her way to MSA. Finally, we see 60-year old George from MS, boarding with the Stickland family, who has been ever present in all censuses!

Next month we'll investigate the Browns over the same period. If you have or are related to someone called Davis, Biles, Brown, or Way, then you're probably in Andy's family tree on Ancestry! Please mail andy.way@adaptcentre.ie if you'd like a copy of his book, or would like to view the tree.

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon

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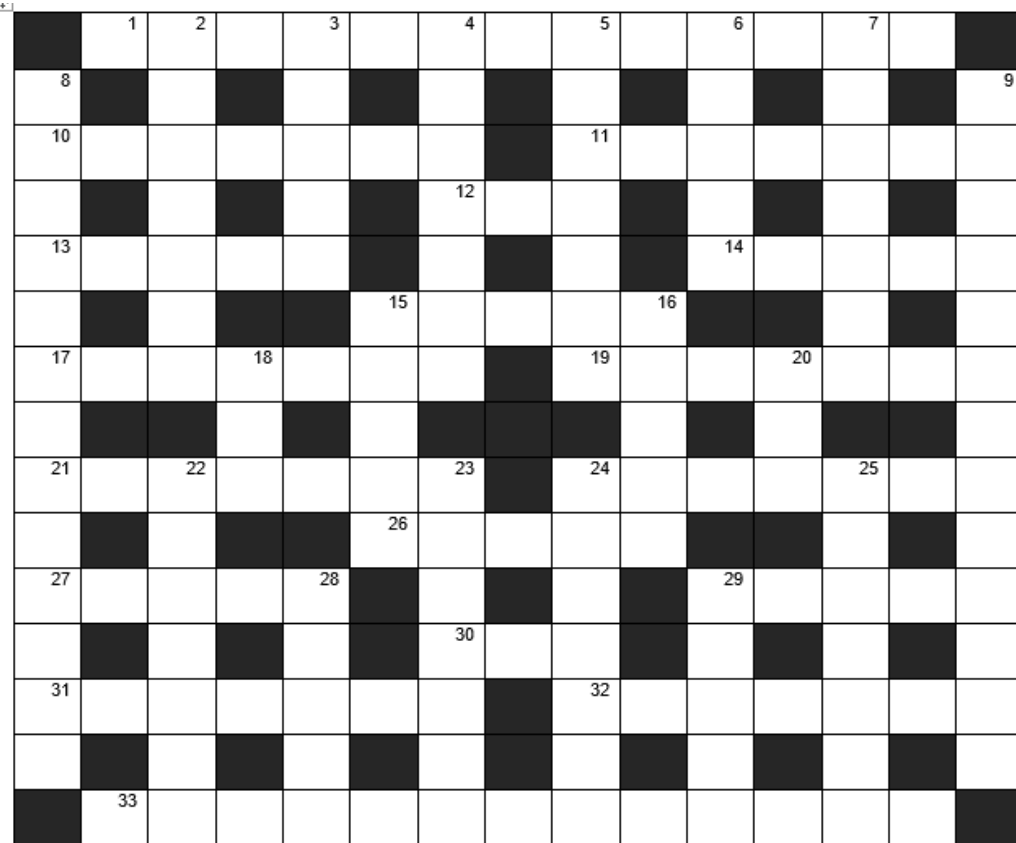
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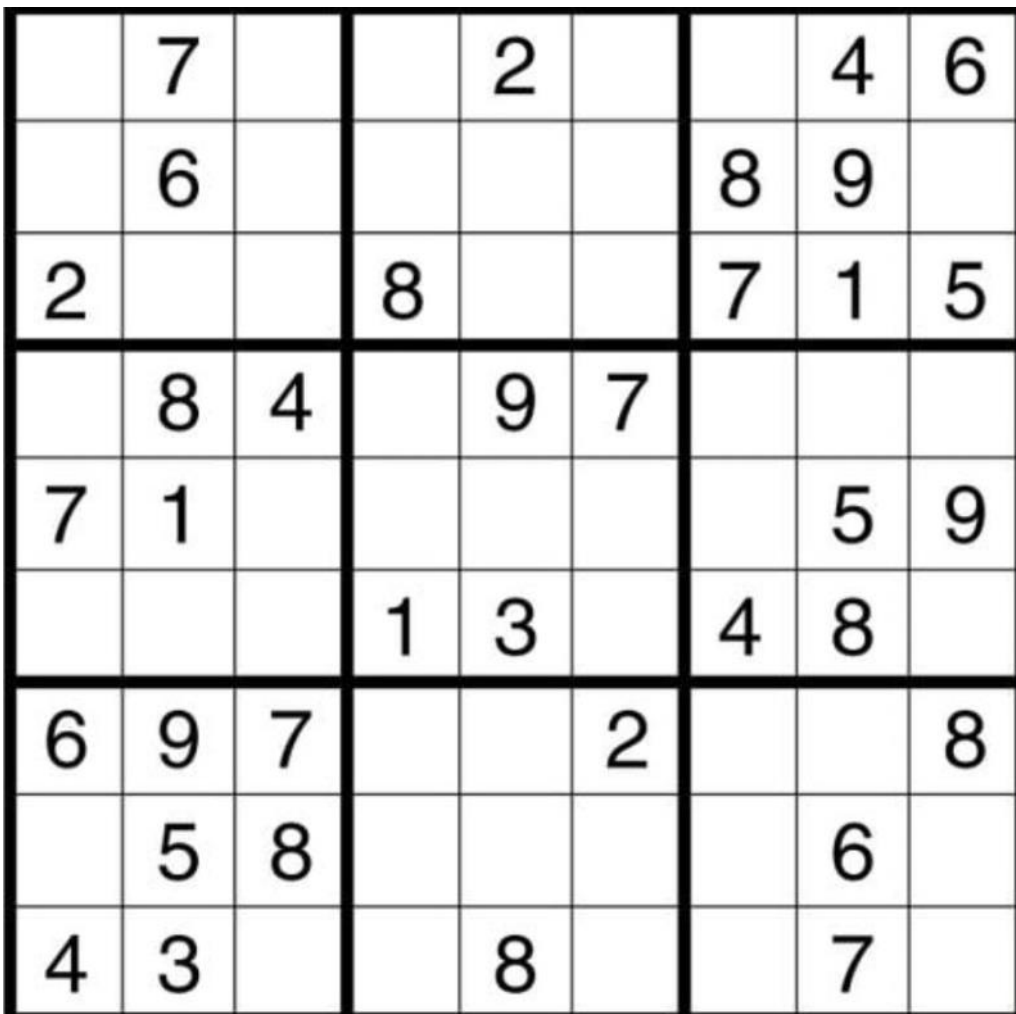
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1. Horse Race (5,8)
10. Japanese Flower Arranging
11. French Grocer
12. Number
13. Thoughts
14. Standard
15. Awry
17. Try
19. Cycling Relay
21. Specimen
24. Patella
26. Eagle's Nest
27. Porcelain
28. Freight
30. "Short" African Antelope
31. Whole Number
32. Unworthy
33. What you are looking at (9.4)

Down

2. Choose again
3. Approaches
4. Tidiest
5. Choose again
6. Pythagoras?
7. Dismounts
8. Port of Rome
9. Haters of Spiders
15. Fruit
16. _____ Sleep
18. Tree
20. Anger
22. Flier
23. Facial Hair
24. Curlier (hair)
25. Large mammal
28. Io's Guardian (Myth)
29. Doubter



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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, each column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

No prize, just a bit of fun.

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Bookends Good Read “Whatever Next” by Anne Glenconner

THIS second autobiography from a friend and ‘Extra’ Lady in Waiting to Princess Margaret (The First being “Lady in Waiting”) is subtitled “Lessons from an Unexpected Life”. It garnered low ratings from the majority of the group especially for enjoyment. Many found her account repetitive and at times, faintly absurd. In it she, apparently, filled in some of the gaps left by the first, including details of her life with Colin Tennant (later Lord Glenconner) a totally unbalanced man prone to fits of anger with constant “storms and tantrums” provoked by something as trivial as not opening the door quickly enough for him. She simply felt that dealing with him had turned her into a “sort of diplomat”. So she writes of “stiffening (her) spine” until his frenzied attack with a shark bone walking stick left her in agony, covered in blood and, permanently, deaf in one ear. Having boasted about giving her a “good thrashing” he left her alone all night. On keeping quiet about the assault she says she was “too ashamed to make public what had happened and too loyal to the family to bring the inevitable press interest and prurient tittle tattle”. Of the five children the couple shared, Charlie, the eldest son, died of Hepatitis C, a result of his ‘struggles’ with heroin addiction. Henry, the second son contracted AIDS and died. During what she describes as “the same terrible period” the third child, Christopher, had a devastating motorcycle accident and was in a coma for four months. She nursed him over a period of years until he was able, albeit disabled, to live a normal life, marry and have children. Anne and Colin went on to have twin girls, Amy and May who have, reportedly “flourished”. She describes living the life once considered fortunate and privileged whilst being constantly in the public eye. Most felt conflicted over this book. It was clear that she had weathered appalling tragedies, come out the other side able to begin a new career as a writer in her 90’s.

A huge amount of public interest in her tales of aristocracy including Royalty, have brought her a fortune. This has compensated for the last act of her husband leaving his whole estate to his valet on his death. This has been contested and half is now with her grandson Cody. Her loyalty to her husband and to Princess Margaret is admirable, but in the case of Colin, too much equivocation grated. He bought the barren island of Mustique installing famous celebrities and the Princess herself. It is an amazing and fascinating tale of a “world gone by” in which Nanny ruled even choosing their charges clothes, having complete control. This was, apparently, never challenged by the parents. There was a strong belief within the group that this was the main factor in the recourse to drugs and other props by children whose parental love and care became too distant and without structure for their future lives. Yes, Anne Glenconner reveals a positive attitude to life, giving rare glimpses into her upbringing. A sadistic Nanny punished her regularly by tying her to the bed by her wrists all night above her head. This was a tapestry of sometimes appalling anecdotes and individual stories or a patchwork of examples which, in the view of Bookends’ members offered weak foundations for generalisations. She has become a publishing phenomenon also writing two novels, one set on Mustique and the other her ancestral home, Holkham, Norfolk. This writing has a conversational tone and as we understand the author could neither “type nor cook” so it seems her account was recorded then typed. Most of us read without much enjoyment of gilded lives seasoned with violence, decadence and scandal. It is worth pondering on the fact that the UK is still the only country where nobility is granted.

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Simon from Space Odyssey was full of knowledge and our children were mesmerized! When I asked some of them their thoughts, this is what they had to say:

"I loved all the colours" Amalie, YrR

"I liked all of the planets especially when they started to talk!" Jude, Yr1

"I jumped when the rocket went BLAST OFF because it was so loud!" Ella, Yr2

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"My favorite part was being able to lay down, relax and watch the stars" Sebastian, Yr3

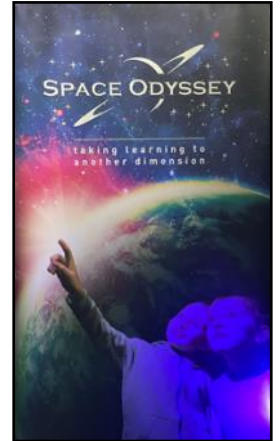
And it wasn't just the children who learnt something new . . .

"My favorite part of today was learning that the brightest star in the sky is called the Rainbow Star. I'm going to look out for it from now on!" Miss Ross, Buttercup Class teacher.

There really was something for everyone.

Thank you so much to Simon and to the Ogden Trust. The Ogden Trust are enriching physics within a cluster of schools we are working with and heavily subsidised this wonderful experience.

We will all definitely be looking up at the night sky a little differently tonight!



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Junior corner no prize just a bit of fun. Answers on page 25

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Across

- 1. Insects
- 4. Track
- 7. Lolly?
- 8. Seeded
- 9. Corn Stalks
- 10. Consume
- 11. Trailers
- 14. Needleworker
- 17. Wander
- 20. Native American Tent
- 23. Hearing Organ
- 24. Asian Country
- 25. Higher
- 26. Between Game and Match
- 27. Spirit
- 28. Flavouring plants

Down

- 1. Melody
- 2. Tall Building
- 3. Edges
- 4. Exams
- 5. Directional Sign
- 6. Below
- 12. Skill
- 13. Drink
- 15. Centre of Storm
- 16. Female Sheep
- 17. Playground Ride
- 18. Cowboy Fair
- 19. Bread Ingredient
- 20. Not Lie
- 21. Writing Material
- 22. Deserves

Parish Council meeting notes

THE review of the Traffic Management Trial that took place in October 2024 has been received from Dorset Council (DC) and is available to view on the Parish Council (PC) website under Noticeboards – see tinyurl.com/22kdrfsj. The review gives details of traffic queues, officer observations, road safety and a summary of findings. DC is yet to provide details of recommendations for a permanent implementation.

Wyatt Homes is still in conversation with another party regarding access to the HIP from Coles Lane.

Clerk Lewin has reviewed the grit bin situation around the parish. Those that were empty will be refilled. Clerk Lewin also proposed locations for new bins at the top of Huntley Down, lower Huntley Down, and Homefield.

There was discussion about precept setting with lots of figures and details of planned spend and funds – see details in the January meeting agenda on the PC website. In summary the increase of precept for a band D property will increase by £2.20.

It is planned that a handrail at The Snickets will be installed by end of the third week of January 2025.

Planning application ref P/PAAC/2024/07560 Land west of Springfield, Dewlish Road – change of use and conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house. PC objected to the application based on it falling outside of the defined development boundary as detailed in the Milborne St. Andrew Neighbourhood Plan.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February 2025 at the Village Hall, 7pm start. Everyone is welcome. *Jo Whitfield*

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The Little White Box

By Josie Wright

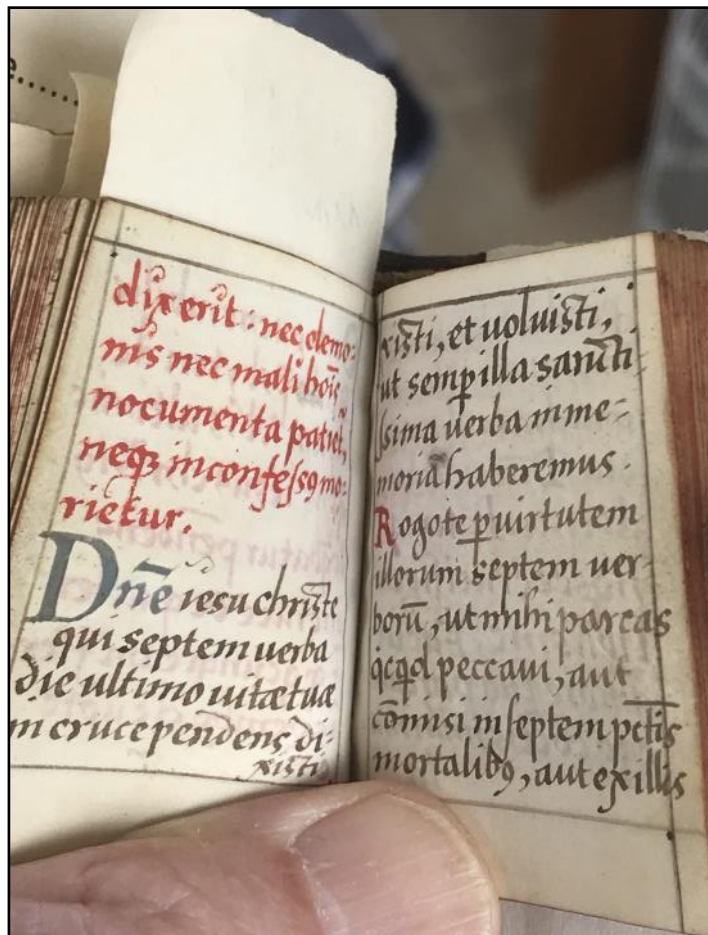
As you probably know I have two doll's houses that John has made for me and I am always looking for miniatures to put in them. When John's mother died, I was handed her collection of little china cups and tiny rugs that she had kept from her doll's house as a child. Among all the bits and pieces I found a little white box.

I looked inside and it contained a very small prayer book with beautiful script, written I supposed in Latin, with two lovely full page pictures. I thought how lucky she was to have had the book made for her, I put it back in the box as it was too nice to have lying around.

Over the last few years I have occasionally looked into the little white box, taken out the book and marvelled again at the workmanship, before returning it to the back of my desk drawer.

Two years ago, tidying my drawer and taking my customary peek at the book, I noticed a piece of paper under it, which I removed as unnecessary packing. Only to find it was a letter from the British Museum. It was addressed to my father-in-law and was a reply to his enquiry about the book, advising him to get in touch with a company in London who could possibly give him more information.

The name and address and telephone number were at the bottom of the letter, which, by the way, was written in 1962.



I phoned the number and asked to speak to the man named and a nice chap informed me that his father, 'had passed away many years ago, but could he help me?'

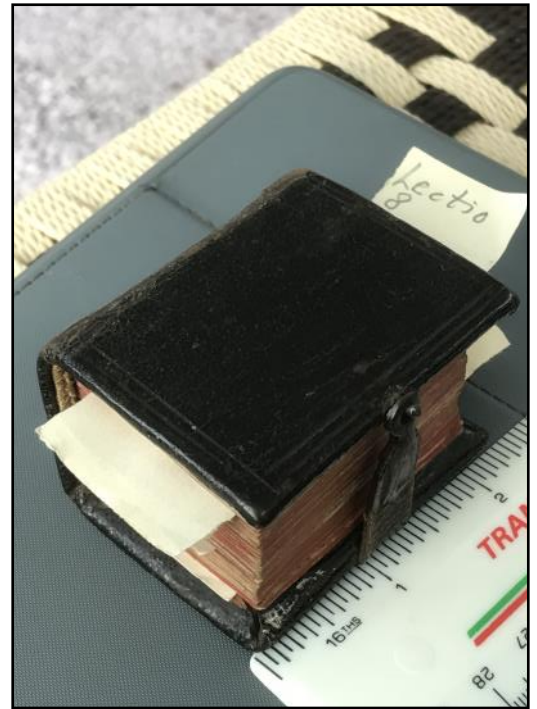
I then explained about the tiny book and the letter. He sounded rather sceptical but asked me if I could send him some pictures of the little book in its black leather binding.

After a few days he wrote back and asked if I would send it to him so he could have a proper look, this I did a little nervously by registered post.

After a short time, he telephoned me in quite an excited state, to tell me that the tiny book was genuinely old, over 500 years old. It had been made for a German nobleman so he could secretly read his prayers. Because in 1500s it wasn't only Henry VIII who was changing the way we worship, there was much unrest on the continent too.

That little white box had kept its secrets for such a long time, but now it could be admired and shared.

No, I don't know how it came into my mother-in-law's possession, but her family tree dates back to the Howards and Boleyns, so perhaps, perhaps?



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What's on in February

- Wednesday 5th** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.00pm.
Wednesday 5th **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 7.00pm.
- Thursday 6th** **WI Talk** by José Thomas Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 8th **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am.
- Thursday 13th to Saturday 15th** **The Milborne Players Pantomime**
Aladdin 7.30pm start, Saturday matinee 2.30pm start Tickets £8 – see page 16.
- Friday 14th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 14th **Deadline** for February's *Reporter*. Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team. Team members can be found on page 2.
- Thursday 20th** **Gardening Club** Growing on chalk Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 21st** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 21st **Milborne Movies** *Wonka* Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 13.
- Friday 28th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Friday 28th **Artsreach event** Village Hall 7 30pm – see page 3.
- Friday 28th** **Milton Abbas Surgery** Artists of the Year deadline for entries – see page 5.

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
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.
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Remember the people who loved
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The joy when our kids were so small
The warmth of the sun and the
smell of the grass
At the end just remember it all.

Think of the things we
accomplished
The successes we had through the years
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