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Milborne St. Andrew History

Group News

WE had a successful meeting in May when Martin Gething gave a fascinating presentation about Lawrence of Arabia, his varied status in the military and how he came to buy Clouds Hill Cottage, near Bovinton. Martin also was able to tell the group about the previous residents of the property with some links to people from Milborne St. Andrew. The group found it all very interesting.



On the 11th June, our own Linda Wright, who loves to research our village history, has promised to deliver a talk entitled 'Life and death in Milborne St. Andrew'. Linda always gives a lively talk about evidence that she has found through her internet researches.

There will be no sessions over the summer but will resume on 8th October when John Smith, who has given several talks to our group in the past will present information about aerial battles over Dorset.

Everyone is welcome, however, there will be a small entry fee of £3 (cash only, please). If anyone wants to buy drinks from the bar, I recommend coming a bit earlier so that you don't miss the beginning of the talk.

Thanks to those who emailed me with their email contact details. If anyone else wants to be on my electronic circulation list there is still time to send me your address to pamshults@btinternet.com.

Pam Shults

Wednesday Club news



Wednesday Club AGM was a very short meeting. All our officers were very willing to stand again and were elected. Both the treasurer and chairman reports were read out and the scrutinised accounts adopted.

With the business part of the meeting completed, we enjoyed a game of Irish bingo, which turned out a little controversial at times.

At our next meeting in June, we have a talk from Nourish, who will be talking about how things have grown since food banks changed.

Priority Services: at the May WI

WE are to hold a 'Table top' sale on **Saturday 5th July at the Village Hall, 10.00am to 2.00pm**, please come along, there will be plenty of refreshments and cakes for sale, as well as room for other tables if anyone would like to join us.

There are, as always, many events offered in the WI News, in particular Camp Bestival on 1st-3rd August; we are reminded that home-made cakes are needed for their tea tent.

This year's WI Resolution is to be '*Bystanders Can be Lifesavers*', which our delegate will take forward to the annual meeting. There are over 30,000 cardiac arrests a year in the UK and less than one in ten people survive. Women have a lower chance of surviving than men. Training and delivery of CPR and access to defibrillators in communities would give everyone the best chance of surviving a cardiac arrest. We voted unanimously to support this resolution.

Mandy Driver, our Speaker, Customer and Community Advisor for the Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks, started by asking if any of us were on their Priority Services list – a few hands went up, not many! If there is a power outage, those vulnerable people who are on the priority list receive extra support. Mandy stressed that anyone who is dependent on electricity for home medical care, has a chronic illness, a disability, is over 60 etc. should register.

Planning ahead is important too – keep a bag packed for such emergencies, with warm blankets, socks, medication, battery torch, and a fully-charged mobile phone. She warned that the switchover of landline phones to digital, where a power outage renders them useless, is a danger if you do not have a mobile phone.

Mandy emphasised that this service was free, but it was important to register and talk through any extra support needed. Our use of electricity is increasing, and loss of power is inevitable. This vital service is there to be used. We thanked Mandy for a very informative message.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm, when Paula Harmon will speak about 'Dress for Detection'. Please join us for a sociable evening.

Pat Bull

Milborne Players' News

THE Players are firmly and enthusiastically engrossed in rehearsals for our summer productions, due to be performed on the evenings of Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July at the Village Hall. We have no less than *three* one act plays for your enjoyment.

"All by Myself" and "All by Ourselves" are being brought fabulously to life by our younger cast. They bring a dynamism and playful nature to such brilliantly funny writing. We are having lots of fun rehearsing and watching these two plays develop. Think Monty Python . . . or Spike Milligan – with an extra sprinkling of the ridiculous.

"Last Respects" has – at first glance – a more sombre note. Deadpan humour in more ways than one, with a wicked twist at the end!

As always, we want packed out audiences to see the fruits of our labour. So watch out for tickets going on sale this month and please support us in continuing to bring great live entertainment to our village.

Kate Hawker

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Davis, Biles, Brown and Way Episode 12 of The Ways of MSA by Andy Way

IN this month's column, we'll finish off looking at the members of the Way family who were living in MSA from 1871-91. These all featured in Andy's book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*. We've met the Davis, Biles, and Brown families, and started looking at the Ways last month. To repeat, in 1841, more than 20% of people in MSA had one of these four surnames!

In 1861, we saw last month that there were 23 Ways in MSA. In 1871, there were 24: 13 people in 3 houses in MSA itself, 2 in 1 house in Milborne Churchstone (MC), and 9 in 2 houses in Milborne Stileham (MS). The first MSA family is that of Thomas and Elizabeth who we met last month; Thomas has been ever present so far in all censuses from 1841. All 4 men in the household are (agricultural) labourers. Next come James and Jane, who were in the 1851 & 1861 censuses; James is a farm labourer and Jane a dressmaker. Finally we meet William Henry (also a farm labourer) and Ellen (née Ridout), both 27, living with their 6-month old twins Horatio Jesse and Dawson Henry.

In MC the two Ways are Charles and Walter, stepsons of George and Sarah Stickley (ex-Way, née Hammett). We've discussed Sarah a lot, as the wife of a Way transported to Van Diemen's Land. In MS the first Ways are Andy's 3x great grandparents George and Susannah, who have been in all censuses to date. George is a hawker, and Susannah a tailorress. Next come Samuel and Jane and their 3 children. We have not seen Samuel before, as prior to 1861 he was living in his home village of Tolpuddle, while in 1861 he was in Portsea, Hants, training to be a blacksmith, his profession listed here. We'll meet him in more detail next month! The final Way family in the 1871 census are Samuel and Susannah, whom we have seen

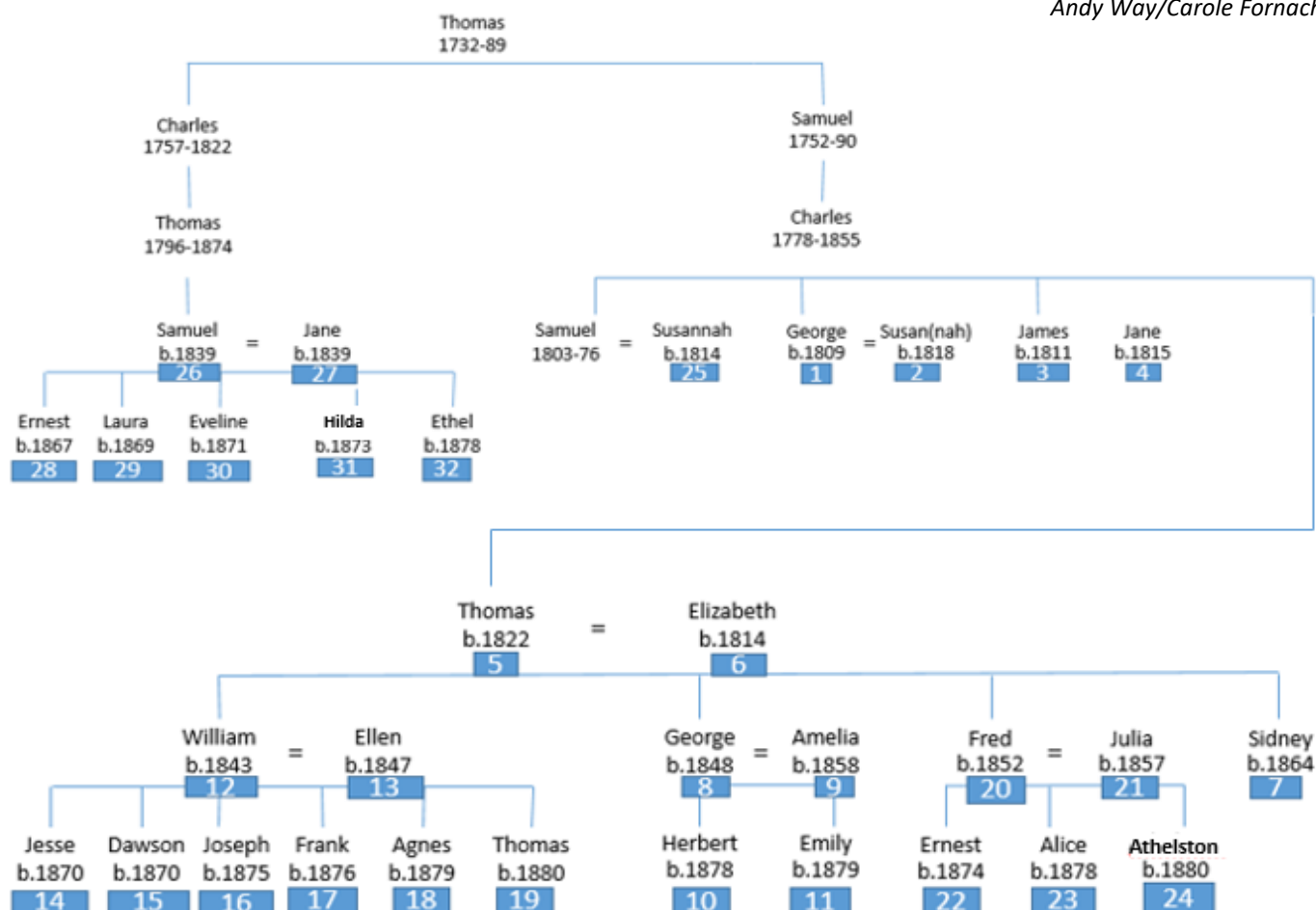
before in all three previous censuses. Unfortunately, Samuel and Susannah are in receipt of poor relief, but as we've said previously, that was better than being in the Workhouse!

The rationale behind Andy's book was that in 1881, Way was the most popular surname in the village, with 32 altogether. All 32 are related to one another, and to Andy! He draws a tree of these people in his book (p.10), which we reproduce here.

In 1891, there are 26 Ways in the village: 6 people in 1 house in MSA itself, and 20 in 6 houses in MS. The MSA family is headed by Ellen, a 45 year old widow and a charwoman, with her 4 eldest sons all farm servants, and the youngest at school (all in the tree below). In MS, we find Andy's 3x great grandmother 72 year old Susan(nah) (#2 in the tree), who has appeared in all 5 previous censuses. In 1891, she is living on the Causeway and is a tailorress. Next door live Thomas (#5) and Elizabeth (#6), and then we meet Samuel (#26) and Jane (#27) and 2 of their children, Ernest (#28) and Ethel (#32). Samuel is still the village blacksmith, working with 24 year old son Ernest. We also see 31 year old Walter, living with stepfather George Stickley and mother Sarah, and then George (a harness maker) and Amelia and their 3 children, living on White Lane. On the same road come widow Julia (#21) and her 5 children. The elder two boys 16 year old Ernest (#22) and Athelston (#24, aged just 11) are Ag Labs, while the others are at school. Life would have been hard indeed for a widow with 5 kids to feed, surviving on the meagre wages brought in by her two teenage sons.

This ends our detailed look at the Davis, Biles, Brown and Way families. On page 12 we'll look at the blacksmiths from MSA

Andy Way/Carole Fornachon



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The VE 80 Day Celebration

We would like to say a big thank you to Wayne, Rob and Wendy for their work at making the gathering at the Village Memorial very special. Also to Jeff Blake and his son Jason for their presence and for Jeff's interesting, personal memories of VE Day. It was also really lovely for us to see children from the school, they behaved beautifully and were a credit to their parents and teachers.

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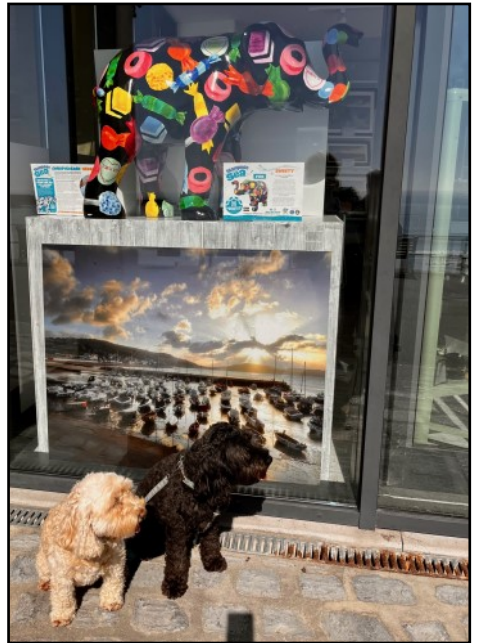


Rosie and Katie's visit to the Stampede by the Sea

It was a lovely sunny day so Mum suggested a visit to Lyme Regis to see the elephants. Elephants in Dorset?! Whatever next! When we got there it was quite busy but Dad found a parking spot near the pebbly beach, a bit hard on the paws but at least we got a paddle then it was off to look for the herd.

They weren't hard to find, lovely painted elephants standing proud all along the promenade and in the gardens, what fun. Mum got us to pose by each one and clicked her phone at us, lots of people admired us and said 'how cute'. Apparently there are lots more elephants in Bridport and West Bay, it's in aid of the Weldmar Hospice Charity so I expect we'll be off there next time.

Then it was ice cream time, Katie didn't want hers so I got two bits, what a lovely day.



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The Power of Encouragement

Barnabas, one of my favourite saints, is remembered this month on 11th June. He's one of my favourites because above everything else he was known for being an encourager. Barnabas wasn't his original name; he was Joseph. However, the other apostles of the time nicknamed him "Son of Encouragement" i.e. Barnabas.

We read about Barnabas in the New Testament book of Acts, which tells the story of the beginnings of the Church. Among other things, Barnabas was known for his generosity. He sold a field he owned and offered the money he received to help those in need.

When others were wary about Paul, following his conversion from being a Christian-hating persecutor to committed Jesus follower, it was Barnabas that stood up for him and encouraged his ministry. When Paul and Barnabas later had a difference of opinion about the dependability of Mark, it was Barnabas that gave him a second chance, trusted him and later Paul also came to recognise Mark's value. Barnabas was a great support and encouragement to the new church in Antioch where he spent much time as a leader.

If only we had more people like Barnabas! In our fast-paced and often pressured world, encouragement can sometimes feel in short supply. We hear a lot of critique, we face constant comparisons, and it's all too easy to focus on what's going wrong. Our political system is built on being adversarial, and social media is full of people trying to knock others down. Encouragement is a much needed quality, I think.

Barnabas was the kind of person who stood by others when they were struggling or had made mistakes. He didn't give up on people. And because of that, those he encouraged went on to do great things.

Encouragement is more than just being nice – it's about lifting others up when life has dragged them down. It's about seeing potential where others might see problems. It's about choosing to be kind in a world that often rewards being clever or critical. It allows for second chances.

We all need encouragement in our lives; it builds people up and helps them to be the best version of themselves. Imagine what our communities would look like if we all made it a habit to encourage one another. A word of support to a colleague, a message of appreciation to a friend, taking time to notice someone's quiet efforts – these things cost little but mean a great deal.

With best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

WHEN I last wrote, we had just entered Holy Week. By the time you read this, the Easter season will be almost over. We have enjoyed a very dry and warm spring, although this is not good news for farmers and gardeners.

The Good Friday Liturgy, led by Tony, was very well attended, and the singing, boosted by visitors, was particularly rousing. On Easter Day, our Festal Eucharist at 8.00am was equally well-attended. The Church looked magnificent, and the sight and scent of lilies were especially pleasing. Thanks to Lin and her team for the flower arrangements, some of whom were first-time arrangers, I understand. Thank you to those who contributed towards the cost of the flowers as a memorial to loved ones passed. A list of those commemorated was displayed; thank you to Pam for organising it. In the evening, we raised our Alleluias at Compline, which has been very well supported throughout Lent this year. The Easter Garden has been much admired, and we thank those who helped create it, especially the three young people involved. Katie Spruyt, daughter of John Spruyt, a former Vicar, and Paddie, who died recently, visited Milborne a few days ago and was pleased to see that her parents were still remembered with love and gratitude. The design of the Easter Garden takes much of its inspiration

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

1st June – Easter 7

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish

8th June – Pentecost

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

15th June – Trinity Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Pet Service	Dewlish

22nd June – Trinity 1

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish
6.00pm	Pimm's and Hymns	Puddletown

29th June – Trinity 2

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion (followed by bring-and-share lunch)	Puddletown
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from those built by John and his helpers during his time here. As a result of a generous benefactor paying for the lower parts of the nave walls to be repainted (using approved clay-based paint), the Easter Garden has been taken down earlier than usual. We thank the benefactor for this work; it has made the Church look so much cleaner and brighter.

It was good to welcome friends from Puddletown to two of our Services recently. It was lovely to have you with us; do come again!

On May 4th, Tony led a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Words from Psalm 46 were sung with great gusto to the tune of the Dam Busters March, amongst other hymns. On VE Day itself, there were commemorations at the Memorial Stone and the Union Flag flew proudly from the church tower. Thanks to John for organising that. In the evening, the bells were rung. We thank Robin and his team for organising that. As far as I can gather, a peal wasn't possible in 1945 as, when the bells were augmented and rehung in 1967, the "Echo" report stated that the bells had been silent for 30+ years. As the bells were pealing, news reached us that Cardinal Robert Prevost had been elected Pope Leo XIV. We pray for him and rejoice with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters as a new chapter opens in the life of the Church.



We welcomed our dear friend Canon Janet Smith as our Celebrant and preacher on Good Shepherd Sunday, when Sarah was taking her post-Easter break. Janet referenced our stained-glass window on that subject in her sermon. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at the end of May, and a full report will appear in the next edition of the *Reporter*. Suffice it to say that all who have supported St. Andrew's in any way during these past twelve months deserve a hearty round of applause.

The cremated remains of Martin Holdaway, who with his parents Harry and Thelma used to live in Hopsfield, were interred in the family grave. Martin's family now lives in the Netherlands and had travelled here for the occasion. The funeral of Rosie Gough, née Caines, took place at Weymouth Crematorium at the end of April. Rosie was born in Milborne 98 years ago, and she and her extended family were instrumental in keeping the Chapel alive over many years. Tony Fox gave the Eulogy at her funeral. Following the cremation of Geoff Minion the flowers that were on his coffin were returned to St. Andrew's. They were a replica of the bouquet Gwen (née Kimber) had carried when she married Geoff in Milborne Church in 1952. We pray for all who have died and assure their loved ones of our prayers.

Pentecost/Whitsunday on June 8th brings the Easter Season to a close. As we sing: -

"Rejoice the year upon its way
Has brought again this blessed day
When on the Church by Christ our Lord
The Holy Spirit was outpoured."

May you know the Holy Spirit's peace, joy, comfort, and strength in your lives.

Tony and Pam

Dewlish Church Notes

WE were delighted to see so many people at our Spring Sale. In addition, it was a lovely morning, which was a blessing. We raised £444.70p for church funds – a very welcome amount. Many thanks to all who gave so generously, and to those good people who manned the stalls.

Lent Lunches were also very successful. It was so good to get together with friends and neighbours, and to enjoy all the lovely soups, bread, etc. on offer. Thank you so much to all our hosts and hostesses. We raised £261, which has been donated to WaterAid.

Our church looked beautiful for Easter, and we thank the flower arrangers and Jim for the Easter Garden. Margaret led our service, and yet more thanks to Jim for attending the 8.00am service at Milborne St. Andrew so that the bread and wine could be blessed so Margaret could carry out Communion by extension. A very busy morning for him!

The following Sunday we welcomed baby Lucas, Jane and Charley, family and friends for his christening. It was a joyous service full of wonderful singing and it was especially lovely to see the church so full! Lucas managed to sleep through it all!

On Sunday 15th June we are holding our **Pets Service** so we will be delighted to see families with their pets (if they have them) at 11.00am in the churchyard.

Daphne Burg



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VE Day

On Thursday 8th May we came together with our neighbours and celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day. Walking together with our families and gathering at the memorial stone, our children waved their home-made flags, listened to a local resident Jeff Blake as he spoke about his war time memories and enjoyed a biscuit (or three!). It was a really special morning, and we would like to thank Wayne, Rich and anyone else involved for inviting us to come along.

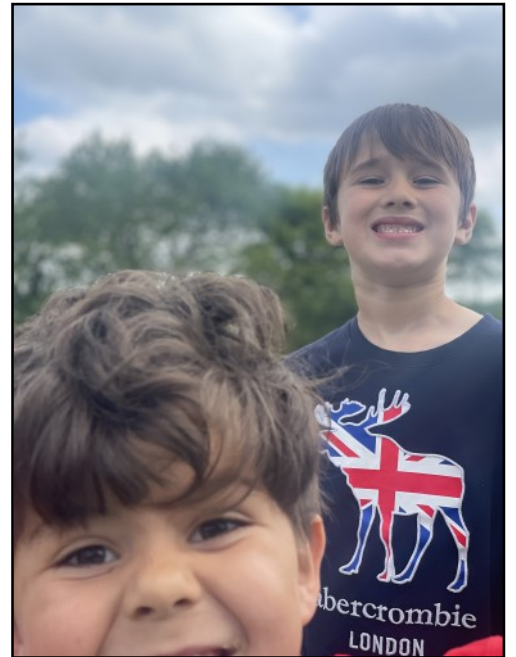
Our children then walked back to school and enjoyed a special street party picnic on the field (with Ladybirds too!)



Farm Trip

On Tuesday, Miss Ross and the Buttercup Class had a wonderful time visiting Whiteways Farm in Dewlish. Mrs Pavey was there to greet them and gave them a tour around the dairy. Watching the cows being milked and mixing the feed was an incredible experience for our children,

who then went on to feed the calves, give the lambs their bottles and visit the chickens! The Buttercups then enjoyed a bit of bird watching with binoculars whilst they had a snack and then went on to play a bit of 'cow bingo' by the stream, as well as stretch their legs in the field. It was a busy morning, and our children loved every moment.



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Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club news

MAY was the annual plant sale which was a huge success, thank you all to everybody who took the time to come along to buy plants and enjoy the wonderful cakes that had been put on.

We also started the first sunflower growing competition.. Watch this space for results later in the summer.

June will be members visit to Carey Secret Garden.

Jobs for the garden

Plant out sweetcorn and fill any gaps in borders with summer bedding. As the hot weather continues, keep birdbaths topped up.

Bookends' Good Read

"The Romantic" by William Boyd

THIS part written autobiography, collection of letters, sketches, maps and plans were used by the author as a literary device to write about Cashel Greville Ross' story. It is somewhat of a sprawling saga covering many 19th Century important events and encounters with famous figures of the day. These included the poet Shelley and Byron, and the explorers Burton and Speke. A Dickensian spell in Marshalsea Prison thrown in for good measure all gave remarkable insights into life and major changes in the British way of life. Ross ran a brewery using wild hops plus the manufacture of ice whilst owning a farm in Massachusetts, served in the East India Company Army, trekked to find the source of the Nile, and fell disastrously in life long love with an Italian Countess. He was headstrong and impulsive. A final brush with Ottoman Empire ancient artifacts whilst a consul in Trieste proved a wild step too far. All of this held together with Boyd's remarkable writing style and skill captivated the Bookends' group. However it was felt by some that the overall arc of Cashel's life was lost as Boyd steered around historic documented facts, as was their overall arc.

All seemed unabridgedly disconnected and the novel somehow felt random. In an earlier, much loved novel of Boyd's, "Any Human Heart", it was possible to identify with the protagonist's journey from early unearned comfort and success through failure and penury to achieve authentic comfort. No such luck here. Whereas he too was tall, gifted and a talented linguist, Ross was naïve and repeatedly duped, he lacked self awareness or a willingness to think about his life simply describing his actions as "following (his) heart". Also it was felt by the group that he sketched the historical events rather than painted them. Cashel took "blithe and headstrong decisions which could resonate disastrously". He might begin to reason but always felt there was no need to "take the analysis further". It was easier to assume indifference and accept the "embrace of oblivion" (usually alcohol) believing that "time postponed was better than time cancelled forever". We all felt that, although a survivor, Ross was also a "sitting duck". Relapsing into delusions his "memory became as malleable as his imagination". However many believed this was a true story so convincingly was it written and presented in an explicit style (factual and straightforward). His mysterious childhood in itself was fiction within fiction. Coming hot on the heels of Ian McEwan's "Lessons", Bookends' members were once again immersed in an enveloping and intriguing tale prompting useful discussion and appreciation.

Carole Fornachon

"Fanning the Flames" Episode 1 of Andy Way's new book on related blacksmithing families in MSA

IN LAST month's piece, I finished my retrospective of the Way family members who were living in MSA from 1841–91, all of whom featured in my 2023 book *The Ways of Milborne St. Andrew*.

I'm just about to publish a new book, having discovered that over 60 of my ancestors were blacksmiths, including in MSA. It'll be called "*Fanning the Flames for over 200 years in Dorset and Beyond: The Way Family Blacksmiths, and their related blacksmithing families the Bligdens, Maltons, Roberts and Tizards*". So if you have one of these names, or are interested in



blacksmithing, or are from Tolpuddle, Piddleshinton, Cerne Abbas or other Dorset villages, or even further afield (as far as Canada and the US), you might be interested in that.

To relate it to last week's piece, I showed that from 1871–91, Samuel Way was a blacksmith in MSA, one of eight generations (at least, given that it was very much a trade handed down from father to son) who were blacksmiths. I'll look at Samuel in more depth in another contribution, as I've unearthed records which show that Thomas Malton (1777–1804) was definitely a blacksmith in MSA in 1796. He was born in the village, the son of James Malton (1746–99) and Sarah Mallard (1749–1819), who married in St. Andrew's on 15th Jan 1777. Thomas shows up in the *Dorset Militia list 1796–98* as a blacksmith on 23rd Jan 1796, living in Milborne Stileham. He marries Elizabeth Swain (1775–1812) on 1st Jun 1800 in Bere Regis, after banns are read on 18th and 25th May.

They have a son, James, born in 1800, who also becomes a blacksmith in MSA. But Thomas dies just a few years later, and is buried in the village on 21st Oct 1804 aged just 27.

I've included his burial record, as it contains the note 'aff. made' towards the right. This stands for 'affidavit made'. As I pointed out in my *MSA Ways* book (p.75), this refers to the 'Burying in Woollen Acts 1666–80', which "required the dead, except plague victims and the destitute, to be buried in pure English woollen shrouds to the exclusion of any foreign textiles", for which there was a £5 fee, no small sum in those days. This legislation was in force until 1814, but was generally ignored after 1770, but clearly not in MSA!

Still relatively young, and with a child to raise with little means of income, Elizabeth gets married again, this time on 24th Dec 1810 to Henry Davis (1784–1869), again in Bere Regis. Her marital status is 'Widowed', and while Henry can sign his name, Elizabeth can only make her mark. Unfortunately, though, she dies just two years later, and is buried in MSA on 31st Jan 1812.

Interestingly, Thomas' brother Edward Malton (1782–1849) also becomes a blacksmith. He marries Elizabeth Upward (1792–1864) in St. Andrew's, and both bride and groom sign their names. They have a son, Thomas (1823–62, who also becomes a blacksmith), and a daughter (Sarah) born in 1827, and both their baptismal records show Edward to be the blacksmith in MSA during that period.

The first census recording individual names took place in 1841, and Edward is still a blacksmith in the village. He dies seven years later, and the baton passes to the next generation, who we'll meet in next month's article.

Andy Way

St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow



We have had all creatures great and small at St. Mary's recently! Every Friday we enjoy a visit from Bowie, our very large and very furry therapy dog! Bowie, the Leonberger, is the ultimate gentle giant! He spends the morning with us enjoying the limelight, listening to children read, getting lots of cuddles and affection and generally bringing happiness to everyone.

Our Year 5 Axolotls have returned to the classroom after spending the winter at

home with Miss Young (Year 5 leader). The two fascinating amphibians, who joined St.

Mary's last year, have become quite the stars of our Year 5 area. Despite being fairly sedentary, the children are captivated by their permanently smiling faces and their diet of one juicy worm each day!

Year 6 were visited by nothing less than a menagerie in their science lessons recently! Their topic of animal and plant classification was certainly brought to life by guinea pigs, tortoises, lizards, fish, stick insects and giant land snails! Tortoises ambled over the students' books



while guinea pigs scurried across the lab floor! Fortunately, all animals were accounted for at the end of the lesson! Massive thanks to Ellie and James Harper for sharing their wonderful animals with us.

In non-animal news, our Year 8s have been lucky enough to



experience life behind the scenes at Wagamama's in Dorchester! The students participated in a culinary workshop in which they learned how to create some fabulous dishes and how to use chopsticks. This terrific experience, which was organised by Food Tech teacher, Mrs Evans, was rounded off with

the opportunity to sit down in the restaurant and sample some of Wagamama's delicious signature dishes. We are very grateful to Wagamama's, Dorchester, for making the trip so memorable.

Calling all St. Mary's alumni! Would you like to come back to our school to see what's changed? We would

love to welcome you back to St Mary's on **Friday 13th June at 10.00am** for a tour of the school, a cuppa in the library and the chance for a reminisce! To confirm your attendance, please email Mrs Gaughan in the school office (email address below). We look forward to welcoming you back!



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Junior corner

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

Where in Milborne is this?



Junior Quiz

1. Once there were two villages called "Milborne". To differentiate, we became Milborne St. Andrew, what did the other Milborne become?
2. Which famous social movement was started in Tolpuddle in 1834?
3. There is a red signpost on the A31 east of Bere Regis. Why is it painted red?
4. The stern of a ship is at the back but where is the sternum on your body?
5. Hardy's Monument outside of Dorchester is a monument to whom?

Junior Sudoku

Put each colour in each row and block and diagonal

			Grey
Red			
			White
Blue			

Junior Crossword

Across

1. George Cross Island
4. Unclothed
7. Prime Number
8. Enchantment
9. Old Building's Remains
10. Pertinent
11. Board Game
14. Sled Dog
17. Popular Singer
20. Game Bird
23. Weapon
24. Golf Cart
25. Excuse
26. Level Score
27. Not Sour
28. More

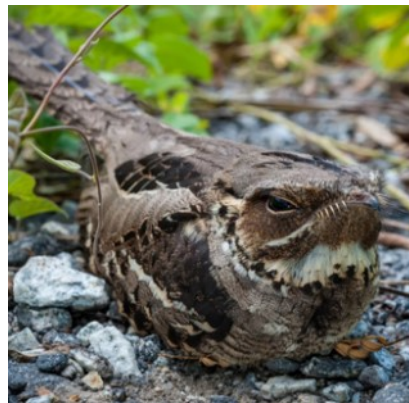
Down:

1. Instrumental Noise
2. Belgian City
3. Book of Maps
4. Compass Point
5. Makes with Wool
6. Covered in fine particles
12. Brick Carrier
13. Spanish Sun
15. Old Vase
16. End at Anfield Stadium
17. Milton
18. Bird of Prey
19. Country in NE Africa
20. Trap
21. Imbecile
22. Heather

Birdlife bonanza

While conducting an amphibian survey on 7th May, our rangers at Thorncombe Wood heard their first nightjar churring for 2025. In the previous week, they also heard cuckoo calling, swifts screeching and had a very successful bird box survey, with eggs or even chicks in 80% of the boxes. The live bird box camera in the Visitor Centre is currently observing a blue tit on a clutch of nine eggs. Fingers crossed the chicks do well as it seems to be a good spring for Thorncombe bird life. Visit our Facebook page for updates and come and learn about our birdlife with our free trail.

Photos (left to right): nightjar, swifts



The Present

By Jan Beaumont ©

I often think about the past and sometimes feel regret
But there were also happy times I never will forget
And then my mind goes forward and I feel a little fear
For I don't know just what I'll face until tomorrow's here.

But tomorrow never comes and
all my yesterdays have
passed

So the only time's the present,
it's the gift that always lasts
Live your life the best you can,
enjoy it while you may

And remember to be thankful for another precious day.



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Big hearts and good deeds in Milborne St. Andrew

Celebrating some of the many individuals who are really making a difference in our community

IN OUR village there are dozens and dozens of individuals who willingly give up their free time to organise clubs, run events and provide facilities and activities which benefit the whole community. This article and those that follow in future issues of the *Reporter* highlight the contribution that particular individuals have made and are making.

Following my article in the April edition of the *Reporter* asking for help identifying people who are actively helping our community I didn't really have to wait for emails as in May's edition of the *Reporter* there are some heartening examples of people selflessly helping others.

Thanks to Amy for highlighting this:

"*GREAT NEWS*. Thanks to Frances Jayne and the financial support of you all, through Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council, the defibrillator at the Village Hall is back in service.

As much as we all hope that it is never needed it gives piece of mind that it is there and readily available again. Thank you, Jayne, for your continued support in looking after all this kit for the whole village as a volunteer xxx."

A letter caught my eye from Peter Constant and I read more about his appeal through his sponsorship web page.

"On Sunday the 18th of May 2025, I'm riding in The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride with fellow men and women across the globe to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health on behalf of Movember. Men die, on average, six years earlier than women and for largely preventable reasons. The number of men that are suffering is growing, and we need to do something about that. So, before I press my tweed and polish my boots, I'm asking you to join me in raising funds and awareness for these causes by donating what you can for this meaningful cause and to help the men we love, live happier and healthier lives." Donate at: <https://gfolk.me/PeterConstant631809>.

Also, thanks to Karen who drew our attention to Philip by posting on our MSA community Facebook page:

"Winterbourne Valley's unsung hero – a HUGE thank you to Philip who cycles around 10 hours a week, (four days per week) picking up the litter and rubbish that's discarded along our beautiful villages. As well as the Winterbourne villages he even goes to Bloxworth, Blandford and Milton Abbas.

On each cycle trip he collects a whole carrier bag of litter, collecting 300–400 bags a year, and over his four years of volunteering to do this, he has collected over 1,200 big shopping bags which equates to a large skip load!!

Thank you, Philip – and hope that we can all take our rubbish home with us, to make your amazing work a little easier."

The first email I received at good.deeds.MSA@gmail.com was from someone who wanted to remain strictly anonymous. Regularly, each spring and summer, their spouse always weeds the pavement edge in front of their elderly neighbour's house whenever they do their own. Despite their elderly neighbour never actually thanking them! Perhaps they haven't really noticed before? If you are reading this perhaps pop outside and have a close look at the pavement outside your home. If it is weed free then consider how this has come to pass.

I am also pleased to bring attention to Paul Stockley and Kelly Gale who both (along with, they were keen to stress, other members of their families) have raised thousands of pounds for Weldmar Hospice Care. I think it best to let Kelly's own words speak for themselves – from the heart . . .

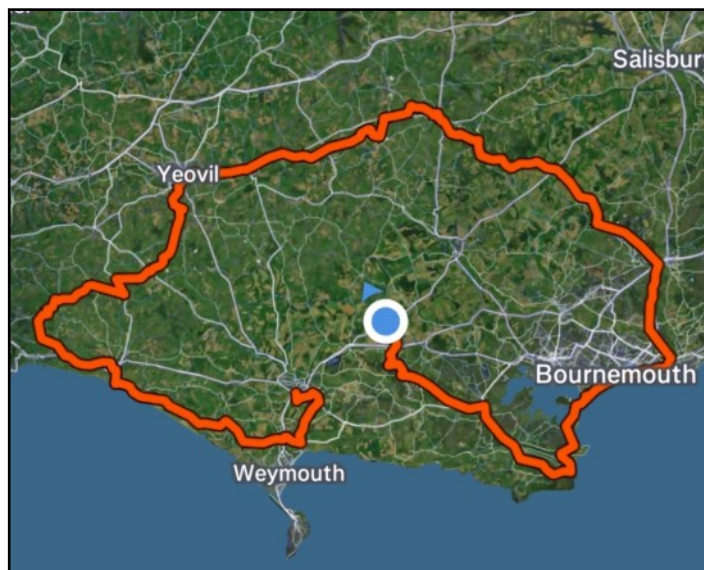
"Weldmar hospice is very close to our heart due to them caring for Elaine Stockley, Paul's mum, for five and a half years, with stage four cancer. Weldmar supported Elaine the whole time. Every Tuesday she went to the day-care centre where she learnt new skills, made new friends, had lunch, and it got her out and about. Elaine couldn't thank Weldmar enough for all the care they had given her over the years, so when she passed away in June 2022, we wanted to support Weldmar with raising funds.

The hospice is truly outstanding in so many ways so in March 2023 we held our first coffee morning organised by Kelly Gale, Paul Stockley and Paul's sister, Helen Gantley, along with many helpers, and what a turnout it was. We raised £1,450 for Weldmar.

On the first anniversary that Elaine passed away Paul rode on his bike from Lands End back to Dorset, setting off at 5.00am in the morning with Helen Gantley, his sister, driving his support car with food and fluids. Paul arrived back at Weldmar in Dorchester around 7.30pm that same evening. And what a very emotional end it was, with the fantastic Weldmar team welcoming Paul as well as all his family and very proud partner Kelly and children Ava and Noah. Paul raised £2,197 so in total we were able to raise £3,647 for Weldmar.

Then again in July 2024 we had the heart-breaking news that Paul's dad, Ian Stockley, had cancer that was spreading, with no treatment able to help. He spent three days in Weldmar too, where he passed away on the 22nd of July 2024. Yet again we set out to fundraise for them, so Kelly and Helen put their heads together and organised another coffee morning in April 2025. Again, another fantastic turnout where we raised £1,320.

Paul then wanted to do another cycle ride, which he is doing on Tuesday, the 22nd of July this year, on the one-year



anniversary that Ian passed away. Starting at Affpuddle Church, where his dad's ashes are, and doing 158 miles around the Dorset border. Noah, his eight-year-old son, will be riding the last 10 miles back into Weldmar Hospice in Dorchester with Paul, where Kelly, Ava and all their family will be, to welcome them back.

Sponsor forms will be in the village shop and pub and Noah has a sponsor form at school, if anyone would like to like to support them. Also, a **GoFundMe** page on Facebook and we are

also going to be at the Village Hall café in July."

Despite both having busy full time working lives, and a young family, Paul and Kelly have devoted such gargantuan efforts to fundraising. The whole family are very grateful for the massive support the local community has given them, as sponsors, by donating raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets, by encouraging and turning up on the day. Paul, and his bike, will be at the village hall at the July Community Café to raise awareness of his next fundraising bike ride, and, hopefully, collect some more generous sponsors.

As a finale. A special mention to Sheila Burton and her team of crochet friends (male and female!) who helped to decorate our village to such effect for our VE 80 celebrations by crocheting poppies. I know they will be used on many future remembrance occasions as well. I hope that, whoever removed a string of the poppies from the memorial stone area, is ashamed of themselves. There is always at least one idiot in every village but you, surely, take the prize.



Please send any further nominations for people who enhance our community to good.deeds.MSA@gmail.com.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

P.S. I forgot to mention, thank you to those people in the village who have told me that they like the idea of celebrating good news, I appreciate your support.

Rose Frost.

May Parish Council Meeting

THE meeting started with a recap of the things that the Parish Council (PC) have achieved, tackled, and spent time doing this year (period 2024/2025). Some of those things included:

- Two new councillors joining the PC;
- Lots of time spent dealing with Dorset Council (DC) over various matters.
- '20 Is Plenty' campaign – PC has applied for 20mph speed limit down The Causeway, Little England and up to Lane End, and potentially other areas of the village, currently waiting for consultation slot.
- Chasing DC and Wyatt Homes about the ongoing saga of the HIP at the top of Huntley Down, which is still not fully open (access via Coles Lane) two years after opening.
- Time spent looking into the Camelco application.
- Planning enforcement issues of the reservoir – this is outside of the boundary of Milborne St. Andrew, currently awaiting for an update from DC.
- Online banking – which saves money in stamps and cheque charges.
- Ongoing engagement with DC about the traffic calming scheme outside of the pub.

Around the village lots of things have been achieved including:

- Maintenance of trees at the Parish Pit on Dewlish Road.
- A new grass cutting contract was signed.
- Bench was replaced on A354 (donated by the Reporter).
- Bench was placed at Snag Lane.
- Handrail was installed at the Snicket.
- New grit bins have recently been

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To all carers – thank you. We see you, we appreciate you, and we're here to help.

DNA (Did Not Attend) Appointments

Between January 2025 and April 2025 **189** patients did not attend their appointments, equalling a total of **53 hours 45 minutes** of clinical time wasted.

- **NURSE** time wasted: 28 hours 40 minutes = Equivalent of 172 blood tests; or 57 asthma/COPD reviews; or 57 baby immunisations; or 86 cervical smear tests lost
- **GP** time wasted: 18 hours 40 minutes = 75 GP appointments lost
- **HCA** time wasted: 4 hours 5 minutes = Equivalent of 24 blood test appointments lost
- **PHYSIO** time wasted: 2 hours 20 minutes = 7 Physio appointments lost

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 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.**

Appointments

Please can we ask that you check whether your appointment is at our main surgery at Milton Abbas or at our branch in Milborne St. Andrew. This should be told to you at the time of making your appointment and it will also show on your reminder text.

We understand that mistakes can happen, but we can't guarantee your appointment if you arrive at the wrong location, so please double check before you come. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Contact details

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CELEBRATED in May each year, World Metrology Day helps the public to understand what is meant by the science of measurement and why we are all so dependent upon it.

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For advice about something you've bought, or to report something to Trading Standards, visit the Citizens Advice consumer helpline at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer or phone 0808 2231133.

Deadline for the next issue 14th June

Send your articles to the Reporter by e-mail at

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The Reporter would welcome any new advertisers in this well-read magazine.

Reporter - June 2009

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If you have a team you would like to register at the Royal Oak for the coming season please contact us on 01305 251292 or at andyandsarahfox@hotmail.com.

Many thanks and we look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Andy, Sarah, Lily and Ronnie Fox

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BBQ and stone picking success

OVER fifty people, players and sports club committee members enjoyed an open invitation to an all day BBQ at the Sports Club on Saturday 9th May. An incredible 20 tonnes of flintstone were removed from newly levelled bottom area of the Lane End site in preparation for an autumn seeding.



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Sailor Bob's Crossword

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

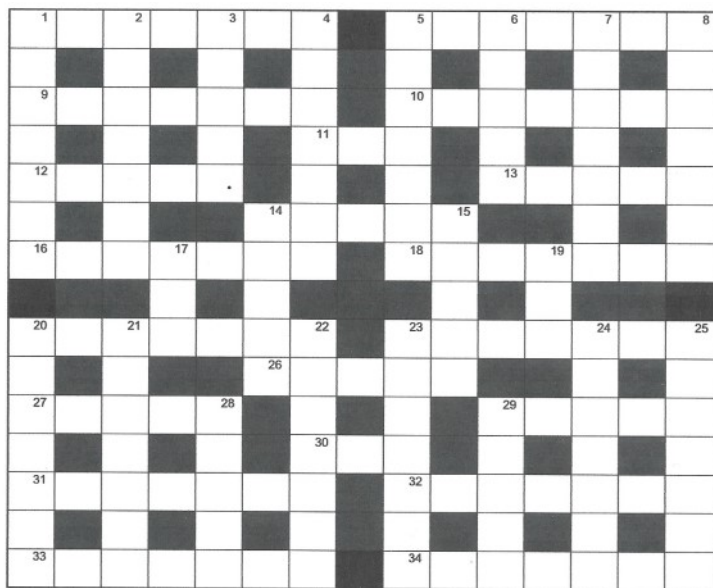
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Across

- 1 Fuel from Waste
- 5 Devil
- 9 Acidic Abuse
- 10 Juliet's Surname
- 11 See 14 across
- 12 Mature
- 13 Perfect
- 14 Hiding place of Charles II (5,3)
- 16 Refrain
- 18 US Lexicographer
- 20 Capital of Tennessee
- 23 Salted & dried meat
- 26 Old name for Radon
- 27 Head rings
- 29 Red or Dig
- 30 Extinct Antipodean Bird
- 31 A pate or meatloaf
- 32 Heavy metallic element
- 33 Sea Ear
- 34 Young raptors

Down

- 1 German State
- 2 Multi-limbed mollusc
- 3 Foreigner
- 4 Epitome of Wisdom
- 5 Tetanus
- 6 Italian Island
- 7 Hazel or cob nut
- 8 Colloquial US reptile
- 14 Bio-weapon originating from Castor Beans
- 15 Russian Ruler
- 17 Ram
- 19 Pose
- 20 Gandhi
- 21 Insect born disease
- 22 Blue eyed feline breed
- 23 Caribbean Island near Curacao
- 24 Common sporting infringement
- 25 Light weights
- 28 Irish County



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placed in several locations around the village.

- Completion of the fourth annual village spring clean
- A new defibrillator was purchased to replace the broken one at the Village Hall.

Other things discussed:

- PC would like to hold a mid-term project review – this would be part of the October 2025 full council meeting and will be an agenda item.
- Street cleaning – DC will schedule in one street clean a year, but any member of the public can call one in.
- Reporting street cleaning and lots of other thing – see the DC website:
 - potholes, draining, flooding and gully clearing, abandoned vehicles, dead animals, and more at www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/report-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement
 - fly tipping, a road that requires sweeping, and more at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-litter/street-cleaning>
- Crime in the village – Clerk Lewin arranged a community event with the local police – one person from the village attended. If it's a matter of life then call 999, else dial 111.

Updates given:

- Dewlish Road planning application – waiting for a report on field mice.
- Correspondence regarding Corner House – applicants did not do a bat survey and DC can't make a decision until that has been submitted.
- Review of street furniture – there was a project last year to make sure that our signage was clean and in good health. Signs have been cleaned and some hedgerows have been cut back. If anyone has any concerns about road signs please contact Cllr Stephens.
- Play park inspection contract – until now PC have paid for a contractor to inspect the equipment at the play park (next to the Village Hall), and then passed the results to the Village Hall to action. Local Government guidance has changed and now states that PCs should not pay a third party. Clerk Lewin stated that following this change in guidance the Village Hall should directly instruct and pay for a contractor to inspect the equipment and then request for funding to cover the cost of the inspection from the PC. He stated that the inspection was already budgeted for and therefore PC budget was available to support the inspection. The Village Hall representative aired their concern that the Village Hall does not have the money to pay for the inspection – and if they couldn't afford to maintain the equipment then there would be no play park. PC suggested that the Village Hall submit a proposal to the PC and apply for a grant for funding to cover the costs of the inspection.
- Policy for the flagpole – a moveable flagpole has been installed at the Village Hall. Cllr Greening will be designated flag master – putting the flag up and down, and taking the pole away. Cllr Greening is writing a flag policy. In principle the policy is recommended to be royal events, deaths of royalty, coronation of royalty, event days, ceremonial national days (Remembrance Day, Dorset Day).

The next Full Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall starting at 7.00pm – please come along.

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Milborne Movies

June Film Night – Conclave

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Tickets are just £6.50, including a drink or ice cream! Doors open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm.

Junior Corner Answers from page 17

Picture – In the Square!

Quiz

1. Milborne Port
2. Trades Union Movement
3. Prisoners being deported had to walk from Dorchester Prison to Portsmouth to board the ships. Their guards could not all read, so this signpost showed them where there was a secure place to hold the prisoners overnight.
4. The Breastbone
5. Captain Thomas Masterman Hardy who was Lord Nelson's Flag Captain on board HMS Vistoy at the Battle of Trafalgar

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What's on in June/July

Wednesday 4th
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Friday 6th
Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Thursday 12th
Friday 13th
Saturday 14th

Saturday 14th

Thursday 19th
Friday 20th
Friday 20th

Thursday 26th
Friday 27th

Saturday 5th

Wednesday 23rd

Wednesday Club Village Hall 2.00pm.
Parish Council Village Hall 7.00pm.
Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
History Group Talk by Linda Wright about 'Life and death in Milborne St. Andrew' The Royal Oak 7.30pm.
WI Paula Harmon will speak about 'Dress for Detection' Village Hall 7.30pm.
Ploughman's Theme Night The Royal Oak .
Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Community Café Village Hall 10.00am to midday.
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.
Gardening Club. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.
Milborne Movies *Conclave* Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 12.
Pie Night The Royal Oak.
Bridge The Royal Oak 2.30pm.

July

WI Table Top Sale Village Hall 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Artsreach presents Taff Rapids – Blwgras From Wales Village Hall 7.30pm.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Players Monday 7.00pm weekly.

Move It Or Lose It Tuesday 10.15am.

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

Yoga (Mellulah) Friday mornings.

Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.

Football Saturdays and Sundays.

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

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Bellringers	Robin Mears	01305 848021
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M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 470333
Wednesday Social Club	Josie Wright	01258 839090
Women's Institute	Lesley Clarke	01929 471732

GENERAL — YOUTH

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Milborne Ladybirds	Samantha Mercer	07767 450967

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Food and Wine Club	Steve O'Neill	07490 691121
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MSA Gardening Club	Bill Love	01258 837677
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319

Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203
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Move it or lose it	Pippa Thurgood	07545 241291
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