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Village Hall event raises £630 for veterans

WHEN our neighbour started talking to a homeless man in Dorchester she resolved to do her bit to help. The reason? It turned out that the man was discharged from the Royal Engineers so he could stay with and care for his ailing mother. Eventually his mother sadly died. To make matters worse, the



council would not allow our ex serviceman to stay in the council house, so he ended up on the streets.

After a bit of research our neighbour discovered that there is a charity dedicated to helping

homeless ex servicemen and women. It is called Helping Homeless Veterans UK <https://hhvuk.org> who have currently helped over 700 homeless veterans to date.

A small team of volunteers was gathered and on Saturday 20th September an event was held in the village hall with drinks, home made cakes and a raffle. The event was attended by the ex serviceman and



founder of HHVUK David Wood. Mr Wood gave a very interesting, powerful and inspiring talk for around 20 minutes on



the work of the charity. Up until recently they have been providing veterans with rented accommodation. They also pressurise local authorities to meet their legal

requirements relating to housing veterans. Now, with some government grants they have identified and restored an empty building in Bournemouth which is housing six veterans in individual units. Another property in Wales is under development. The charity is solely run by volunteers. No one is paid for the work they do.

The event was enjoyed by around 50 villagers who took the opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours over tea and cake. In the process £630 was raised for the chaity.

Pete Constant



Idiotic criminality – where will it end?

IT'S HAPPENED again. Residents' windows have been broken after being hit by ball-bearings, probably fired from a catapult. Back in March, we had the upsetting news on our pages of vandalism at people's homes and the disgraceful damage caused at the War Memorial. But after a summer of sporadic attacks on windows, the latest act of mindless vandalism is the most chilling – a metal ball bearing smashed into the window of a resident who was sitting on her sofa in the line of fire, just 50cm the other side of the glass. It doesn't bear thinking about what might have happened if the second pane of the double-glazed window hadn't stopped the missile. Mercifully, the elderly resident – who has had two previous attacks on the windows in her home – was unharmed but was obviously very shocked and very upset by the latest crime, which happened while still light on a late September evening. It has led her to some soul-searching, "Why me?",



"What have I done to deserve this?" and questioning her safety living where she does. Anybody who knows the lady will know that, absolutely no, she is the last person that deserves this kind of treatment. Her neighbours and friends are aghast at what has been happening to her and have given her support and kindness. But what can be done?

The police were rightly called. The incident was logged. But only when pressed was an officer (in fact, a PCSO) sent to visit her. No, she was told, nothing concrete could be done, unless she had photographic evidence of the perpetrators. The police said they would step up their patrols in the village.

It is unlikely that the criminals who are carrying out these attacks will be reading this; but their parents may be. If you think your child is responsible, think on – if this latest attack had a different outcome, not one of just wanton vandalism causing fear, upset and costly damage (which is surely bad enough) but say, someone was injured or worse; what then? Your child could be looking at a sentence in prison or detention centre and all because . . . you couldn't be bothered to know where they were or what they were doing; or what weapons they had in their bedroom?

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Parish Council report – update on Local Plan developments

OCTOBER'S Parish Council meeting was updated with the findings from the working group set up to assess the proposed Local Plan from Dorset Council, which has six potential development sites in Milborne. Ten members of the public attended the meeting, some putting forward their opinions on the plan, which Chairman, Richard Macnair, said would be passed to the working group for possible inclusion in the PC response. It was said that DC's plan had the level of potential development in Milborne – more than other nearby villages – due to being a 'Tier 3' settlement; Milborne has over 500 residents and facilities such as GP surgery, pub, shop and so on that make it apparently viable for further development. It was stressed by Mr Macnair that infrastructure was an absolute priority before any future development, specifically a 'bombproof solution' to the foul and surface water flooding that Milborne has historically and recently experienced, with groundwater infiltration into the sewer network still evident. Public transport would need to be an enhanced service, ideally '7-7-7': 7.00am to 7.00pm, 7 days a week for better mobility and as an increase of cars could be a problem. As a member of the public pointed out, Roke Road and Ashley Barn Road will not cope with such an increase of traffic since the A354 is not a sufficient option.

Disappointment was also expressed that Dorset Council had not sought consultation with the doctor's surgery or the village school.

Going through the six sites (see map below), Mr Macnair detailed the draft findings of the working group:

- **Site 1:** Dewlish Rd, west of Milton Rd Close: no reason to deviate from the previous 25-point objection to a recent development proposal
- **Site 2:** Land south of Blandford Hill: as above, object as before to previous planning on the site on negative impact to character and form of the village, archaeology present on the site and the adjacent Conservation Area and church. Greater risk of flooding from run off.
- **Site 3:** Land north of Blandford Hill: site previously seen as part of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Working group did not support development on the higher ground but did see merit in development on the southern and western part due to its lower level and lesser visual impact and good access to the A354. Flood risk would have to be fully managed and request that the development be mixed use with employment opportunities.
- **Site 4:** Land south of A354: response similar to Site 1, no change from previous, comprehensive objection
- **Site 5:** Land west of Bladen View: this site has no planning history so has not been previously considered by the PC

or NP. The working group object to it since its elevated level would be unacceptable impact on the village and landscape. There is poor access to Hopsfield that already has traffic issues due to the school. Flooding to neighbouring homes would be exacerbated in very wet conditions and parts of the site are subject to flooding from the run off from the HIP to the north.

- **Site 6:** Farm buildings and land at Manor Farm: while development was not supported on the eastern (higher) side of the site due to visual impact on the landscape and heritage assets, the lower western side that includes old farm buildings had potential. The working group saw the conversion of historic buildings as a way to preserve and reuse them. Unlike all the other sites, this one did not risk exacerbating flooding since it is south of March Bridge.

Following councillors' and public discussion, the Chairman said the new input would aid the final draft of the working group. The members of the public who came forward to join the working party were thanked; Mr Macnair expressed his gratitude to Jo, Steve, Amy and Helen.

In other items on the agenda, the half year financial review was discussed, with the current budget on track. With the 2026/27 budget in mind, the call has gone out to residents for ideas of projects or similar that would benefit the community, which the PC can provide funding to get it off the ground. If you have had a brainwave or a long-held desire for village value then get in touch with the clerk, Wayne Lewin (email: milbornestandrew@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) before the December meeting.

There is to be a consultation by DC from mid-October to canvass opinion on the potential roll-out of lowering the speed limit to 20mph of village roads to the south of the A354.

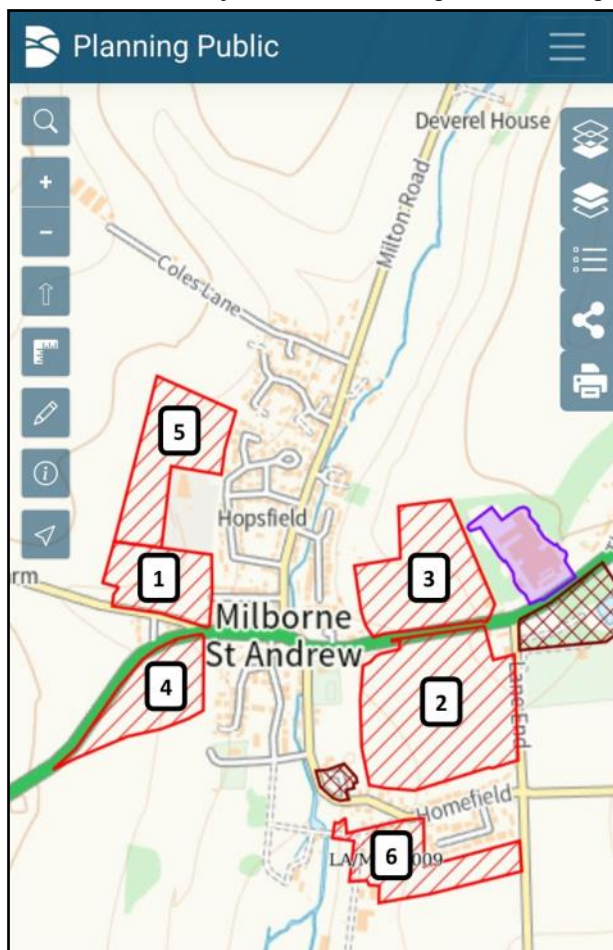
Correspondence about anti-social behaviour in the village – namely residents' windows being smashed by ball bearings, presumably fired from a catapult – was addressed by asking the PCSO to visit Milborne more often. However, the impact of this is muted since the officer's shift ends at 10.00pm.

The environmental health issue at the HIP – that of the dog waste bin overflowing – has been sorted now with it being emptied on a more regular basis (monthly).

Cllr Greening updated the PC about the willow at the War Memorial, saying it had been trimmed for road visibility and will assess again in the new year for getting it cut back. He also confirmed he has the bulbs (daffodils, crocus, tulips and alliums) to be planted there.

Ed Richards

Next PC meeting is on Wednesday 5th November at 7.00pm at the Village Hall. All residents are welcome.



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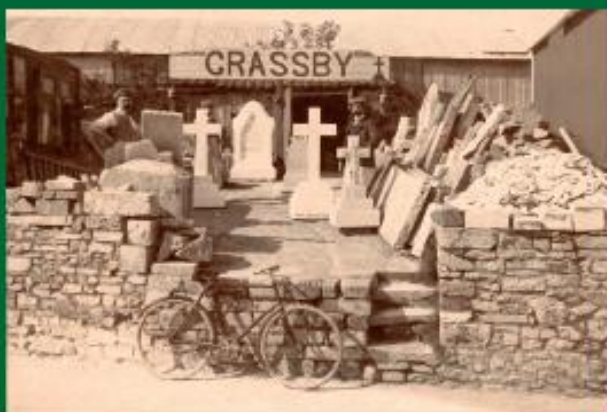


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Milborne Players' News

THE countdown to lift-off has begun! The cast of our 2026 pantomime, *Sinbad in Space*, is deep in rehearsals – and we're loving every moment of it. It's our second favourite time of year (after show week, of course)! Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook and Instagram for behind-the-scenes sneak peeks, cheeky character messages, and even a few intergalactic love stories blooming on set... yes, plural!

Earlier this month, we saddled up for a rootin'-tootin' good time at our Wild West Murder Mystery evening! A huge thank you to the Village Hall for teaming up with us once again, and to the brilliant Linsey O'Neill for her masterful plotting and guidance. We hope you had a blast – and maybe even cracked the case?

Save the dates! Our pantomime performances blast off on:

Thursday 12th February

Friday 13th February

Saturday 14th February 2026.

For all things panto contact Gren on 07876 793319, or visit our Facebook page: The Official Milborne Players.

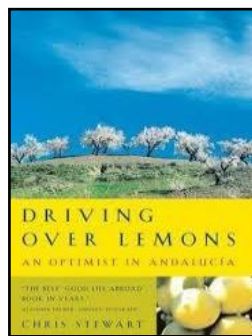
Before you go, we'd love your thoughts! Please take a moment to complete our three-question survey about how we sell tickets online. It's quick, easy, and helps us improve: www.milborneplayers.org.uk/survey.

Thank you for your support!.

Kate Hawker

'Spanish Adventure'

A Bookclub Choice



OUR latest read – '*Driving Over Lemons*' by Chris Stewart – proved to be a popular choice. As a young man Chris Stewart was one of the original members of Genesis but was asked to leave as his playing was not up to standard. Undeterred, he studied the guitar in Spain, a country which he visited often, learned how to shear sheep and earned a living as a shearer in England and Sweden.

His account of life in a remote valley in Andalucia, with no water or electricity, shows an enormous capacity for hard work, and a talent for the written word. He colourfully describes his peasant neighbours and the terrain around El Valero, the farm he bought seemingly without a second thought. In the foothills of the Sierra Nevada, south Granada, surrounded by eucalyptus trees, terraces shaded by oranges, lemons and olives, the property consisted of a house, a simple box-like structure, stables, goat pens and chicken runs, all on different levels and on a great steep rock. He handed over five million pesetas and became the owner of this mountain farm in Andalucia. Joined by his wife Ana, clearly as stoical and hard working as he, he says they had tossed aside their previous comfortable life for '*a bit of adventure*'!

The narrative is packed with wonderful descriptions of the locality throughout the seasons, for instance in Spring the orange trees, green buds, white/cream petals; the scent, delicate and heady; I could see and I could smell the orange blossom and even the orange blossom tea! Also colourful but not as easy to stomach for the reader, the descriptions of tuna fish tins used for all manner of things, the 'step by step' pig killings and the sheep maulings by the dogs, to name but a few.

Then there is the arrival of baby Chloe, her upbringing as she becomes a native Granadina and fluent in Spanish - they are finally a family. The wonderfully named dogs, Bonka, Barkis and Bodger.

There is a huge amount to take in, the changing weather pattern, drought and finally a torrent of rain, taking down the bridge connecting their property to neighbours, rectified by the building of the 'Flying Fox', a contraption of ropes and pulleys. We end with Chloe at four and ready to start school, and the burgeoning romance between their neighbours Domingo and Antonia.

This book was thoroughly enjoyed by all the BookEnds members, hence the following quote from Val: '*a mix of travel guide, the hippy good life, plus the experience of beauty, isolation, primitive living and above all the joy of life*'. Chris went on to write further very successful books about his life in Andalucia, we have made a note to look them up. *Pat Bull*

The Reporter team are sad to lose the services of Jo Whitfield from the team who has resigned for personal reasons

Got an idea that you think the village will love?

A community project that needs funding?

MSA Parish Council would like to hear from residents on ways that village life can be enhanced with a clever proposal or a simple scheme.

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For all your caring and for all your caregiving – thank you!

Support Your Local Food Bank – This Christmas

To everyone in Milton Abbas, Milborne St. Andrew, and nearby villages – as we head into the festive season, let's come together to support our local food bank.

No one should have to choose between food, fuel, or hygiene. If you're able, please consider adding a small item to your weekly shop – even one tin, packet, or tube of toothpaste can make a big difference.

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A Royal Visit – at the October WI

WE were pleased that so many had joined our Open meeting to hear our Speaker, Alan Jenkins, talk to us about Royal visits. A retired Police Inspector, Alan had on occasions been heavily involved in police protection for members of the Royal family. Such visits can involve many different sections of the police force, including traffic control, dogs, firearms and helicopter and marine sections.

A huge amount of planning by the police goes into such visits, and Alan gave as an example a visit by HRH Princess Anne to Kingston Maurward College in Dorchester. He described the 'rings of protection' and the personnel involved, from a senior level to the 'bobbies on the ground' and how they interacted. Despite such careful planning however, a change of circumstances on the day could mean the disruption of the whole timetable, resulting in a last minute change of plan, and a huge sigh of relief when everything was resolved.

It is striking how much effort and police resources go into the planning and operation of such visits, credit is clearly due to everyone involved. We very much enjoyed hearing Alan's humorous and informative talk.

A picture of Angie Clark's 'Crown' flower arrangement is on the front of the *Reporter* this month, we all loved it, she has such a talent!

After a break for refreshments and a chat with our visitors, Lin and Lesley took us through some business items. Linda Wright will be our delegate at the DFWI Annual meeting in Poole on the 16th October. Thanks to the Quiz team who went through to the final – well done for getting there and taking part!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 13th November, when Christine Ora will talk about the 'History of Panto & Dame'. Please do come along and join us, you will be very welcome.

Pat Bull

More Hip Than Hop

By Jan Beaumont[©]

I thought I was doing quite nicely
I thought I was good for my years
Though I'd had a few medical issues
This one has now raised a few fears.

It's nothing that's really uncommon
But it's something that's giving me gyp
It's affecting my sleep and my walking
This damned awful pain in my hip!

I took myself off to the doctor
Prepared for what he'd surely say
It appears it's that dreaded arthritis
Which is steadily worsening each day.

So looks like I'll just swallow pain pills
And still keep a smile on my face
Until I can no longer function
Then I guess I'll just have it replaced!

Let's hope that the rest of me makes it
I don't fancy any more blips
So today I am off for an xray
To check out these sexy old hips!



A Tribute to Carole Fornachon (part two)

AS I wrote last month, Carole and I had planned to write two pieces together for the *Reporter*. I described the jobs people had in the village in 1881, and Carole would have contrasted that with the situation today.

This is the second piece that we discussed, and I know that Carole would have loved this in particular as it pulls no punches so won't be easy reading for everyone. Clearly it's unfair to evaluate past events by today's standards, but the language used in official documentation (such as census returns and baptismal records) to describe people who were different from what 'traditional society' expected was atrocious.

If we look first at what information the various censuses collected (see my *Ways from MSA* book, p.15f.), we can see that in 1851 and 1861, there was a column 'Whether Blind or Deaf-and-Dumb'. In 1871, this changed to "1. Deaf & Dumb; 2. Blind; 3. Imbecile or Idiot; 4. Lunatic". Clearly all of these bar 'blind' are nowadays dated and offensive, but the governments of the 19th century had no qualms in forcing people to answer these questions. By 1881, someone with too much time on their hands had concluded that 'imbeciles', 'idiots' and 'lunatics' were all the same, as there was now a single column rather than the gradations of ten years previously. This was kept intact in 1891, but in 1901 the conflated category "Lunatic, Imbecile or Idiot" had been again split into option 3 as "Lunatic", and option 4 as "Imbecile, feeble-minded", another great government decision.

As I've said before, by 1911 most people were literate, so this was the first census that individual heads of families filled in themselves; for researchers like me, it's hugely comforting to see your relatives' writing, and especially their signatures! Despite this great leap forward, the government was still unenlightened enough to ask its citizens (under the heading 'Infirmary') whether they were "1. 'Totally Deaf' or 'Deaf & Dumb'; 2. 'Totally Blind'; 3. 'Lunatic'; 4. 'Imbecile', or 'Feeble-minded'". The 1921 census has recently been publicly released, and while the 1914-18 War was a terrible waste of so many young people's lives, at least the government had by now come

to its senses and stopped asking these awful questions altogether.

The other thing which interested Carole in co-authoring this piece was when I showed her a double page of baptismal entries for Milborne St. Andrew for the period 12th Mar 1830 to 25th Dec 1830. We can see that 12 children were born during this period. However, in the language of the day, the vicar Rev. John Wood has seen fit to write 'base born' in 7 of these entries, i.e. there were more 'illegitimate' children born in the village in these 10 months than 'legitimate' ones . . . but what an awful term to use to describe the arrival of a brand-new baby: 'base'. Note further that in 6 of these 7 cases, Rev. Wood has chosen to write who the 'reputed father' of each of these children was!

The number of such births isn't too surprising to me, as people were so poor the only fun they could have for free was to have sex. These births were often the result, and as ever, the poor single women were left to carry the can with the fathers getting away largely scot-free . . . although there are instances in my MSA book where family members were jailed for not supporting their illegitimate children and the women who gave birth to them; 'bastardy' was again the awful term used.

Note too that the pupils in the MSA Industrial School were recorded as 'inmates', as if they were prisoners. And in my latest book on the *Way Family Blacksmiths*, one of my relatives is sent away at a very young age to a school in Bristol as he was "from birth feeble-minded". In 1921, he is a 'patient' at Beech House in Bristol, which originally had the hideous name "Stoke Park Colony for Mentally Defective Children". What can you say? This is just 100 years ago, and thankfully we've moved on a bit in the meantime, but are people any kinder in the social media age? I know that Carole did and would continue to call out injustices wherever she saw them, and if plain language needed to be used, then there was no better woman. In planning this article, her last email to me on the topic ended thus: "*Us minorities must get our goolie punches in whenever we can!*". We will miss her.

Andy Way

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The hardest job in the Church of England?

Many of you will have seen the news that the Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally DBE has been appointed as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, following the resignation last year of Justin Welby. She will take up the role in March next year following her installation at Canterbury Cathedral.

This is an historic moment for the Church of England, as she becomes the first woman to hold this ancient office in its long history. Before ordination, she worked as a nurse and went on to serve as Chief Nursing Officer for England. Since then, she has ministered in parish and diocesan roles, becoming Bishop of Crediton in the diocese of Exeter before being appointed the first female Bishop of London. Her journey reminds us that leadership in the Church is always rooted in service, care, and faithfulness to God's call.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry reaches far beyond our national Church, offering prayer, guidance, and encouragement to Anglicans around the world. It is a ministry that seeks to bring people together, to listen deeply, and to witness to the hope we find in Christ. It is an enormous challenge to undertake, with responsibilities both in the diocese of Canterbury, the Church of England and throughout the global the Anglican Communion.

The Church as an institution continues to face deep questions – about safeguarding, inclusion, and reconciliation; about how we respond to social injustice, poverty, and division; about how it relates to modern British society. She will need wisdom, humility, boldness and courage. Millions of local people are doing their best to serve their local communities through their parish churches; sadly this is sometimes forgotten. The news headlines trumpet the Church's failures – and I am clear that there are many – but local Christians in our Dorset villages continue to live out God's love through our parish churches.

Bishop Sarah will need prayer and support as she undertakes this next part of her ministry. You may like to use the following prayer.

Loving God, we thank you for calling Sarah to serve as Archbishop of Canterbury. Fill her with your wisdom and peace and guide her as she leads your Church in faith and service. Strengthen her in times of challenge, and surround her with people of courage, kindness, and prayer. As we give thanks for her ministry, help us here in our parish to share in the same spirit of service and hope, that your love may be known in our community and beyond. Amen

With best wishes

Sarah

Notes from St. Andrew's

OCTOBER began with our Harvest Thanksgiving, led by Tony. What a joy it was to see so many there! Traditional Harvest hymns were sung with gusto. June read the first lesson, and Angela the second. Refreshments were enjoyed afterwards, while people admired the flower arrangements created by Lin and her team. It was a great joy to have the bells rung before the Service. We thank Robin for arranging a team, even though he was poorly and unable to ring on the day. Thank you to all who brought items for the Blandford Foodbank and to John and Josie for delivering them for us. Sadly, the First School Harvest Service at St. Andrew's had to be scaled back, and was held in the School Hall. We look forward to welcoming them for their Christmas Celebration in December.

On October 9th some of us from the Benefice attended Choral evensong in Salisbury Cathedral when, along with others, Sarah was installed as a Non-Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral. It was pleasing that each of the parishes in the Benefice was represented, and Sarah's mum and brother were able to attend. A drinks reception followed. We send

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Services in the Benefice November

2nd November – All Saints' Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	BCP Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those who have died (with tea and cake)	Milborne

9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00am	Service of Remembrance (followed by procession to the Memorial Stone for 11.00am)	Milborne
10.50	Remembrance Sunday Service	Puddletown
10.50	Remembrance Sunday Service (starting at the War Memorial at the Crossroads)	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

16th November – 2 before Advent

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

23rd November – Christ the King

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

30th November – Advent Sunday

11.00am	United Benefice Holy Communion followed by a bring-and-share lunch	Milborne
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DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Thursday. 8.30am; Saturday. 9.00am

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our congratulations to Sarah on this recognition of her work, not only in the Benefice, but in the wider Diocese.

November is often referred to as the “Month of Remembrance”. All Souls’ Day is traditionally observed on November 2nd. This year’s Service for the Benefice, when we remember “Those we love but see no longer”, will be held in Milborne Church at 3.00pm on Sunday, the 2nd. If you would like names remembered, please contact the Vicar or the Churchwarden. All are welcome to come and light a candle. The Service will be followed by tea and cake. In the morning our “Milborne Praise” service will focus on All Saints, as we give thanks for the countless host of women and men who have walked the path of faith, and in whose steps we follow.

Remembrance Sunday falls on November 9th, and we will meet in Church at 10.00am for a Service of Remembrance and then process to the Memorial Stone for the Parish Act of Remembrance at 11.00am. As we recall the sacrifice of former generations, the need to pray for peace in our war-torn world is even more urgent.

On the 30th of November, a fifth Sunday, the Benefice Service will be at St Andrew’s at **11.00am** and it will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch. Although it is St. Andrew’s Day, it is also Advent Sunday, and that takes precedence (St. Andrew being transferred to the following Day). However, we will fly the flag and give thanks for our Church building, the community of faith that worships there, and our village community. All are welcome. On the first Sunday in December, our Milborne Praise will have an Advent theme.

From time to time we receive visitors at St. Andrew’s who are researching a particular moment in history, or a particular family with local connections. Recently, I met with a family who were related to the late Doreen Dufall, whom some of you will remember. Due to family circumstances, Doreen and a brother were separated when she was six. It was good to be able to fill in some of the gaps in their knowledge, and to show them where Doreen, is buried. Later, Pam and I met with Darcy Moore, an Australian authority and published author on the life of George Orwell. Orwell’s real name was Eric Arthur Blair, and his Grandfather was Vicar of Milborne from 1854 until his death in 1867. Orwell’s father, Richard, was baptised in our font! The Reverend Thomas A R Blair was responsible for building the “new” Vicarage, now the Old Rectory, next to the Church. Thomas Blair and two of his daughters who died at an early age are buried in the Churchyard at Dewlish. He had family connections with the Michel family of Dewlish House.

We send our love and best wishes to Daphne Knight, who celebrated her birthday on October 14th. We give thanks for all that she, and Philip, contributed to the life of St. Andrew’s over many years. Thank you, Daphne.

Some lines from a child’s hymn for All Saints’-tide:

They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds and thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus’ will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church or on trains, or in shops or at tea,
For the saints of God began just like me,
And I mean to be one too!”

Tony (Churchwarden)

Deadline for the next issue 14th November

Dewlish Church News

JIM would like to thank all the people who donated so generously when he took part recently in the Dorset Historic Churches’ annual Ride ‘n’ Stride fund-raiser during which he visited 21 churches and pedalled over 40 miles (!) on what turned out to be a lovely day. The total he raised was £1,140, half of which will be returned to our church. Well done, Jim, for your herculean efforts!

We were so happy to welcome baby Rose into our church for her baptism. She is so delightful. Her big sister, Lily, must be very proud of her, as are her parents of course.

The church looked absolutely beautiful for Harvest, decorated as it was in such lovely autumnal colours. Thank you, ladies (and Jim) for your wonderful efforts. Jim led the service of Harvest Thanksgiving, and it was great to see so many people there. Aidan played the organ for what was a heart-lifting service which reminded us of how much we have to be grateful for.

The Harvest Supper on the next evening went really well, with 45 people attending. We made £292.71 for church funds. A big thank-you to Andy for all his hard work in preparing the food and washing up afterwards. We are so grateful! The supper was followed by the Auction of Produce for WaterAid. Andrew, the auctioneer, managed to encourage everyone to bid generously, so much so that £330.29 was raised for this important charity. Thank you, Andrew; it was a most enjoyable evening.

And now to November . . .

Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November, starting at the War Memorial at 10.50am followed by the service in church. We warmly invite everyone attending to join us afterwards in the Village Hall for refreshments.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** will be held on Saturday 29th November in the Village Hall, starting at 2.30pm. We have brought this forward a week so that we don’t conflict with the village Coffee Morning, in the hope that more people will be able to attend. We shall have the usual stalls – new gifts, cakes and produce, toys, books and puzzles, Christmas decorations, the hamper raffle, normal raffle, teas, coffee and mince pies. Donations – especially of cakes and raffle prizes – would be very welcome. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Daphne Burg



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Customs and Exercise

WE have just been to visit our family in America; these days it is so simple to fly across the Atlantic isn't it?

We arrived by taxi at the entrance to Terminal 5 at Heathrow airport, straight to book in, no queue. They took our passports and after scrutinizing them and our faces informed us the passport numbers were both for Josephine Wright. After consultation with several colleagues they agreed that someone had made a mistake and we were allowed to move on to security, straight through, no probs. After a tea and a bun we decided to go to our boarding gate, down two escalators and on to the driverless train which zoomed us to all B gates. After two more escalators and trudging half a mile we arrived at our boarding gate and snoozed for a couple of hours until we were told to board. Through security, just a quick photo and onto the plane. It's not just through the door though, but after another long trudge.

Arriving at Dulles, through customs (half an hour caterpillar crawl) then another walk, first to find our luggage followed by the trek to the exit.

Returning, it was a similar story, lots of escalators and walking. But when we got to the whizzy train bit we found only one was working. An announcement told us we could walk the mile and a half or hope to get on. We opted to wait for the train, it was very full, we were squashed almost breathless. Emerging for more escalators and walking, thankfully ending our expedition to find our taxi waiting to take us home.

I would advise anyone who intends to fly to wear stout walking boots and have a good sense of humour. *Josie Wright*

Wednesday Social Club

WE met up on 1st October for a very rowdy game of Corn Hole. Some scored well while some of us failed to reach the board, nevertheless a good time was had by all. At our next meeting on November 5th, Lin and Angie will be giving us instructions on making Christmas decorations. At this meeting we also need to hand in our choice of menu and monies for the Christmas meal on THURSDAY 4th December at Ashley Wood Golf Club. Costs are: 2 courses – £20 (non-members £24.95); 3 courses – £25 (non-members £29.95). See you all on November 5th! *José Thomas*

Canzonetta at Christmas

on Sunday December 14th at 3.00pm

St. Mary's Church, Winterborne Whitechurch

CANZONETTA, with its unique sound as a nine-voice ladies' close harmony ensemble, invites you to a concert of festive songs and carols. Established twenty-one years ago, united in a love of music-making and sharing pieces written or arranged for upper voices, Canzonetta presents three concerts a year in the beautiful, historic churches of rural Dorset. Coming to Winterborne Whitechurch for the first time, with a concert which mixes familiar favourites (sometimes in less familiar garb!) with lesser known and unusual sacred and secular Christmas music, Canzonetta invites you to celebrate and share the joy of the season.

Join us at 3.00pm for this free concert, and for Christmas refreshments afterwards in the church. There will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds. *Barbara Rawlings*

No Blame, No Shame

THE national #NoBlameNoShame campaign says that if you think scams only happen to people who are 'gullible' or who are out of touch, then think again. The truth is, anyone can be vulnerable to scams, especially during stressful times or when facing big life changes. Maybe you're moving out for the first time, going through a separation, dealing with bereavement, or an addiction. These moments can make even the most switched-on person a target.

Everyday type decisions can be confusing too, like buying goods online, investing your money for higher returns, switching energy providers, or booking last-minute holidays. We can't all be confident consumers in all we do. If you're not sure what you're doing, then you're potentially vulnerable too. It's then easy to get caught out. If you're not confident with fast changing digital tools and technology, then the risks can be even higher. Scammers use these tools to trick people into handing over money or personal details. They might start off friendly and helpful but might quickly turn pushy or even threatening if you hesitate.

Vulnerability isn't a weakness, and it's often not permanent, it's just a part of life that everyone experiences at some point. The key is to recognise it and take steps to protect yourself. Talk openly with friends and family about scams and how they work. Don't be afraid to ask questions or double-check things that seem off. If something feels too good to be true, it probably is.

Most importantly, look out for each other. Share what you know, and don't judge someone if they get caught out. Don't let anyone make you feel ashamed for being cautious.

Why not join over 5,500 other people in Dorset and become a

 'Friend Against Scams'? You'll learn how to spot a scam, increasing your knowledge so you can talk with friends and family to help keep them safe too. Visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Did you know?

THAT the MSA Bridge Group has now been going for around 12 years and several 'novices' have learned and developed their expertise in a very social and 'blame free' environment. We meet at The Royal Oak in Milborne St. Andrew with meetings being held every Friday afternoon. All sessions start at 2.30pm. There is no charge for joining or playing.

For anyone who has never played before instruction will be provided along with a simple two-page 'crib' sheet. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed the way of learning and improving their game.

If you would like to try something new or to improve your playing skills by regular practice and would like more information please contact me, Laurie Benn, on 01258 837720 or by email at laurie@benn.me.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Laurie Benn

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Walking Day 23 – Padstow to Harlyn

Started off in Padstow, not so busy this morning so we were soon on our way in the mist. We headed for a tall round tower on top of a hill, but too murky to see much. We're getting used to walking through field of cows now, Dad's even getting brave



enough to go first, one crazy cow was sitting down right on the edge of the cliff, Dad didn't shout at her like he shouts at us when we do that (probably for the best, she might have gone over the edge)! There were a couple of nasty stiles and Dad had to lift me over, oooh the indignity of it, why can't they make them all dog friendly! I spotted some strange looking piles of stones on the beach, humans must have spent ages stacking them up,

haven't they got anything better to do?! Mum told me to move away from them as she wanted to click at them, huh they looked more interesting with me in the picture.

We got lucky for a change with the bus, it was late so we got to the bus stop just in time to hop on the one we thought we'd missed!

Walking Day 24 - Harlyn to Porthcovan

Dad got the pick of spaces in the car park at Harlyn as we were



early, he likes to park a long way from everyone else. Us pups got to have a run around on the beach and then admired the view from the cliffs, then we walked on to the next beach and the next one. There were lots of humans dressed in black outfits trying to balance on bits of board while the waves were crashing around them, just weird! Mum persuaded

Dad to have lunch on the beach at Constantine Bay, great for us girls as we got to have a nice paddle to cool off. We would have liked to stay a bit longer but it was soon time to march on. Katie and me jumped up on a pretty stone wall and Mum started clicking, some nice ladies came along and said they would take a picture of mum with us so that made a change.

The next beach was Porthcovan at the end of our walk, just time for a paddle in the stream before we went back to the tin box for dinner.

Walking Day 25 Porthcovan to Mawgan Porth

Exciting start to the day when the bus met a car towing a tin box and the car had to reverse to let the bus pass, Dad went white with fear and it wasn't even his tin box, he said there was barely a fag paper between them (whatever that means). When we arrived at Porthcovan Me and Katie raced onto the beach but Dad wanted to get walking so no time for a paddle, shame. I enjoyed the walk as it was mostly very grassy, nice and soft on my paws, the only annoying thing was Dad shouting "Rosie come away from the edge" I was only admiring the view, I'm sure he thinks I'm daft enough to jump, silly man.

We had lunch at Bedruthan steps, not real steps they are just huge rocks on the beach, the real steps have crumbled away so we couldn't go down to the beach. While we were munching our lunch there was huffing and puffing coming from over the cliff then a voice said "ja, ja"! A silly German couple had climbed up from the beach, at least they made it without being rescued.

Not too many ups and downs today so Mum was happy and even treated us to ice creams, we only got the end bits as usual but better than nothing. Just got back to the car and the wet stuff came down out of the sky so lucky us to finish in time.



Walking Day 26 Mawgan Porth to Newquay

Early start into Newquay to catch the giant tin box to Mawgan Porth, Mum didn't mind getting up early as the sun was shining so it was good for her phone clicking. Me and Katie were raring to go and even left Dad behind in places, Mum was always in last place but she knows her place and wasn't bothered. We had lunch on an enormous beach called Watergate Bay, us pups would have loved a paddle but you could hardly see the sea it



was so far out. It was a nice walk with only a couple of hills and a bit of walking through busy, busy Newquay, I thought most of the grockles would have been back at home by now with their feet up watching Escape to the Country. There was a

strange sight going through town, around the corner came a little train, it was on the road, I thought trains only went on special tracks so that was a surprise, shame it wasn't heading for the bus station we could have hopped on for a lift! Bye for now, Love Rosie (and Katie)



St. Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown

Inspire today to shape tomorrow

Just a few weeks into the school year, and so much has been happening at St. Mary's! The school is buzzing with excitement this morning as our Year 6 children prepare to leave for their residential trip to New Barn Field Centre near Bradford Peverell. A full report of the fun, along with pictures, will appear in the December edition!

Year 8 have been inspired by our wonderful Jurassic Coast on a geography trip to Swanage and Durlston Head. The students



were lucky to have been bathed in warm autumn sunshine as they investigated the patterns of coastal erosion in the area and the impact of the sea defences along the Swanage sea front.

Although everyone enjoyed the buzz (and ice cream!) in the town, the highlight of the day was without a doubt a thrilling, high-speed ride, skimming across the waves of the bay, in a



speed boat! The rib took the students out along the cliffs to view the stacks and stumps of Old Harry rocks as well as other interesting features of the coast that are inaccessible and invisible from land.

Our new Year 5 children have been down to St. Mary's church, exploring its significance to their new school. The

Reverend Sarah and her wonderful team of volunteers did a fabulous job of bringing the church to life for our children. The

Year 5s learned how St. Mary's has been at the heart of the village for hundreds of years, and has had an important impact on the lives of generations of villagers. They found out about the beautiful stained-glass windows around the church, the history and



significance of the font and the altar, and got to experience first-hand the importance of the church as a setting for contemplation, reflection and thought.



Our musicians have enjoyed another fabulous experience at Bryanston School. St. Mary's brass and woodwind players were invited to a jazz improvisation workshop, led by professional

composer and producer, Barnaby Dickinson. As well as enjoying an abundance of biscuits and home-made cakes, our students learned how to develop their creative and musical voice, and showed amazing bravery performing both individually and as small groups.



In October we celebrated harvest festival at St. Mary's with a special assembly and extremely generous donations of food and household products. At the end of the event, we were delighted to have been able to take several car loads of goods to Dorchester's food bank where the children's donations were very gratefully received. Many thanks to all our families who, as always, so generously give to such a worthwhile cause.

Finally, if you are a parent of a child who is currently in first school, and would like to see our fabulous school in action, why not book a place at one of our up-coming open mornings? We have three more opportunities this year to visit us, meet the staff and tour the school. These are on Tuesday 4 November, Tuesday 25th November and Thursday 8th January, all beginning at 9.30am. To book a place, please email or phone the school office using the details below.

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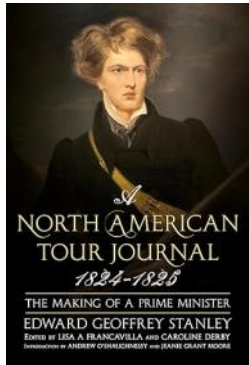
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A North American Tour Journal 1824–1825 by Edward Geoffrey Stanley – The making of a Prime Minister

Edited by Lisa A Francavilla and Caroline Derby

THIS is the diary of Edward Stanley, later Lord Derby and 14th Earl Stanley, and even later Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. He was one of few politicians of the day who chose to



visit the new Nation of America, learn about its Constitution, the lives of its people from Settlers to Negro Slaves, Irish Immigrants and Native Indian Tribes, and document it.

The book is an insight into the early days of the Independent USA, and the way its people lived, also the easy way he and his friends were able to travel and socialise in all the States they visited. He was insatiably curious about diverse topics such as how people lived,

how they farmed, and an interest in new inventions, such as a steam-driven rice mill. He details the rivers down which they travelled, and the changes in countryside, wildlife, and crops. His opinion of slavery is the opposite of what we are told today about 'our wicked ancestors' and he spent a lot of time chatting to enslaved people and observing good and bad owners.

I really liked the man and enjoyed the book once I got used to the writing style. I also enjoyed the Preface written by the Countess of Derby, a historian who married an Earl.

This book is a good read for pleasure and a useful reference to the USA of the early Nineteenth Century. *Susan Wilson*

An Eclectic Evening with Hot Fingers

**at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
Saturday 29th November, at 7.30pm**

GET ready to tap your toes and swing along as the sensational Hot Fingers bring their irresistible blend of vintage acoustic music to Milborne St Andrew Village Hall.

Frontman Tom 'Spats' Langham has been entertaining audiences since his teens, dazzling on tenor banjo, guitar, ukulele and vocals. Over the years, he's shared the stage with legendary names including The Pasadena Roof Orchestra, The Temperance Seven and Acker Bilk.

Joining him is the incomparable Malcolm Sked on tuba, sousaphone and double-bass, whose world tours with Bob Kerr's Whoopee Band and The Charleston Chasers have cemented his place in the world of vintage jazz. Completing the line-up are stunning vocalist Emily Campbell and the brilliant Danny Blyth, a true multi-instrumentalist on clarinets, guitar, mandolin and harmonica. Together, they regularly sell out venues up and down the UK.

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Dear Editor,

We have recently been on holiday to Tiree, an island in the Inner Hebrides. We told the neighbours where we were going and when we were returning. They kindly offered to keep an eye on everything.

Our tortoise also decided to go on holiday, but told nobody where she was going, nor when she was coming back. So if you should happen to come across a largish tortoise (weighs 4.2 Kg) on her holidays, we would be delighted to know. Her name is DATE but strangely she does not answer to her name.

Pip Bowell
18 Bladen View.





Trick or Treat at Ladybirds

Trigger warning – this could be an uncomfortable read !!



THIS may reach you in time for Halloween but the message is the same whatever the time of year. Are you having a treat or are you being tricked.

We all know what we like or dislike to eat and whilst most adults will politely decline an offer of something they don't like the opposite can often be observed in our youngest children; throwing food across the room, spitting it out or looking at it as if it might have been something the dog has thrown up.

So, its no wonder that we as parents devise ways of getting children to eat; from pureeing veg to add to a pasta sauce, serving it in a sea of tomato ketchup, or finding a product that replaces something they don't like. Food companies have caught onto this and have devised all kinds alternatives to get the nutrients in. One of these we are seeing more of is 'fruit snacks'.

We've done some research into a few products we know children like alongside alternatives and we really do have to ask the question? **Are you being tricked?**

Marketing plays a big part in what we choose – you've only got to watch any of the blind taste tests to know that we trust brands and we eat with our eyes. Packaging, cost and brand loyalty play a big part in what we buy.

For me, and I am not a nutritionist or dietician, I'm purely looking at the ingredients and nutritional benefits. So when it comes to fruit the nutritional benefits should be natural sugar and fibre. Are we getting that by eating a fruit snack? And is this your child's journey into ultra processed food?

Compare the products below and decide – Treat or tricked !?

For anyone out there who is a fan of a protein bar I'm informed that Joe Wicks is currently on TV researching what goes into them.

Product and cost per 20 g. 20g is on average the weight of 1 pack within a multipack	Fruit zone Fruit stars. 20p Sold in the dried fruit section	The fruit factory Fruit stars 46p Sold in the dried fruit section	The natural confectionary co Jelly snakes 20g 21p Sold in the sweet section	Haribo Fruitilicious fruit gums 20g 16p Sold in the sweets section	Bear fruit splits 57p Sold in the dried fruit section
Energy - CALORIES	72.2	75.2	65.2	56.8	54
fat	0	.14	.04	.1	.1
Of which saturates	0	.04	.04	.02	0
Carbohydrates of which sugar	17.8 12.2	18. 12.6	15.4 12.2	10.8 6.8	12 11
protein	0	.1	.62	1.28	.3
Salt	.04	.3.8	.0	.01	0
Fibre	0	.16	0	0	2

Product and cost per 20 g.	Strawberry Yogurt flakes 20g .49p Sold in the dried fruit section	Raisins - 10p 14g Sold in the dried fruit section	Dried apricot. 20g 19p Sold in the dried fruit section	Apple 20g 36p Fresh fruit section	Blueberry 20g 25p Fresh fruit section.
Energy - CALORIES	82	46	42	10	9
fat	3.4	.5	.1	.1	0
Of which saturates	2	.1	.02	0	0
Carbohydrates of which sugar	12.4 11.2	10.6 9.9	9. 8.2	2.3 2.3	1.8 1.8
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Salt	.04	.1	.016	0	0
Fibre	.7	.8	1.42	.24	.2

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

FOR Harvest this year we invited our wonderful vicar Sarah into school. Sarah spoke to our children about the importance of Harvest. Our wonderful Year 4's read some poems and were then joined by our Year 3's who had created some beautiful artwork. A big thank you to our families for all the Harvest food donations.

We had a lovely afternoon, bobbing along to 'cauliflowers fluffy' and we always enjoy having Sarah in to visit.

We also welcomed the Dorset recycling team into our school last week who spoke to our children about recycling and just how important it is to care for our environment, which perfectly tied to our value of Respecting Our World. Our pupils were thrilled to receive some funny bin stickers and our parents were equally thrilled to be able to take home a free food waste caddy!

Wishing all of our children and their families a very well deserved half term.



CONTACTS

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The atmosphere was warm and welcoming from the moment the first performer took the mic. Whether it was singing, poetry, guitar playing, drumming, or karaoke, every act was met with enthusiastic applause. We can't tell you how much we enjoyed every moment of it. It wasn't about perfection – it was about having fun, sharing a moment, and encouraging each other. It



was a night for forming new friendships, and enjoying a wholesome evening of togetherness.

Fuelled by a delicious selection of tea-infused cocktails such as a Smoked Blackberry and Maple Margarita, and, of course, that final keg of beer. Conversations flowed just as easily as the drinks. There was a special kind of magic in the air – the kind that happens when people come together, not just to be entertained, but to take part.

Thank you to everyone who performed, poured drinks,



clapped, laughed, and sang along. The night was such a success, there's already talk of making it a regular event. Who knew a spare keg could lead to such a fantastic time?

Here's to many more nights like it. Keep a lookout for

Facebook posts by Booze Tea Club, and posters to keep you up to date. You can also join our Booze Tea Club open mic/ jamming nights Facebook Group.

We are planning to put on another open mic night on Friday 28th November 7.00pm to 11.00pm at the Village Hall and a Christmas Event at the Sports Pavilion in collaboration

with Dorset Hedgehog Rescue, and a fun filled night of laughter, music, and dancing at the Village Hall for New Years Eve.

Lots of love, www.BoozeTea.Club



Village History Group

We were all very disappointed when the talk by John Smith had to be cancelled because of his transport issues. I know that many people were looking forward to his talk about 'the Battle of Britain over Dorset, 1940'. He sent his apologies to all. I will try to arrange a date for him to come next year.

On the 12th November at 7.30pm, Brent Shore, author, will come to talk about his book 'Blessed are the Meek'. 'This is a story of labourers struggles which has some relevance to the Tolpuddle Martyrs, in that they occur at a similar time (1830s–1840s) and both relate to struggles for justice for the working poor.'

We will meet in the Function Room of The Royal Oak starting at 7.30pm. Come earlier if you want to buy drinks at the bar. A donation of £3 per person will be gratefully received as this will help us to pay for speakers in the future.

I have already booked a speaker for 13th May. Martin Papworth will come to talk about Badbury Rings and its associated history. Martin is a retired archaeologist who was employed by the National Trust for many years.

If anyone knows of a speaker, who they would like to hear from, let me know and I will see what I can arrange. *Pam Shults*

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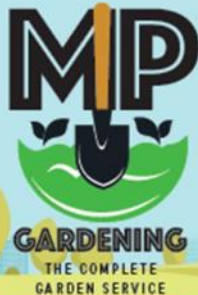
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Junior corner

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What is this?



Quiz

- At what number Downing Street does the Prime Minister live?
- Which country has the map of the country on its flag?
- Which football team played at Anfield before Liverpool?
- Which number is on the opposite side of a dice from number 5?
- What was the Roman name for Dorchester?

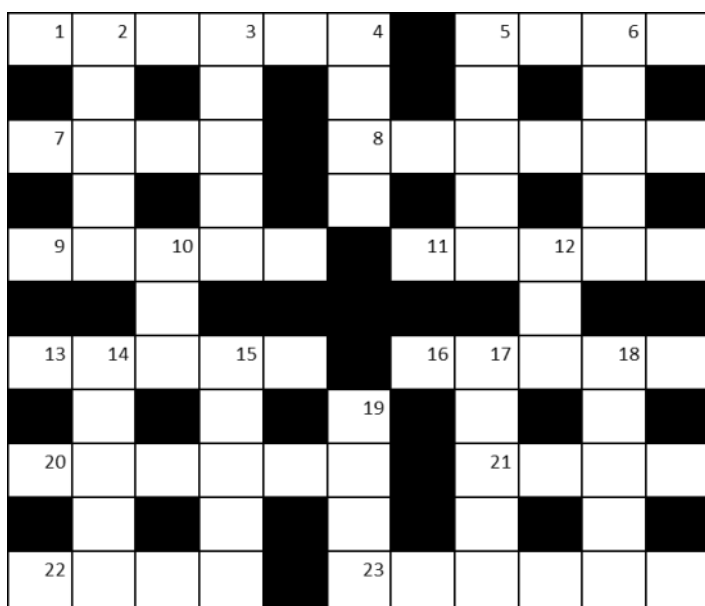
Junior crossword

Across

- This way
- The other way
- Not a lie
- Over there
- Church Table
- Very Angry
- Planet between us and Mercury
- Scoutings "Lone Wolf"
- Counting Frame
- Roman Emperor
- Study Hard
- Legless reptiles

Down

- Christmas Girl
- Musical Drama
- Edible Bean
- Currency of Iran, Kuwait, Libya and Tunisia
- Grain
- Metal
- Playing Card
- Arm joint
- Not Severed
- East African Country
- Big
- Name of River Thames above Oxford



Sailor Bob's Crossword

answers on page 27

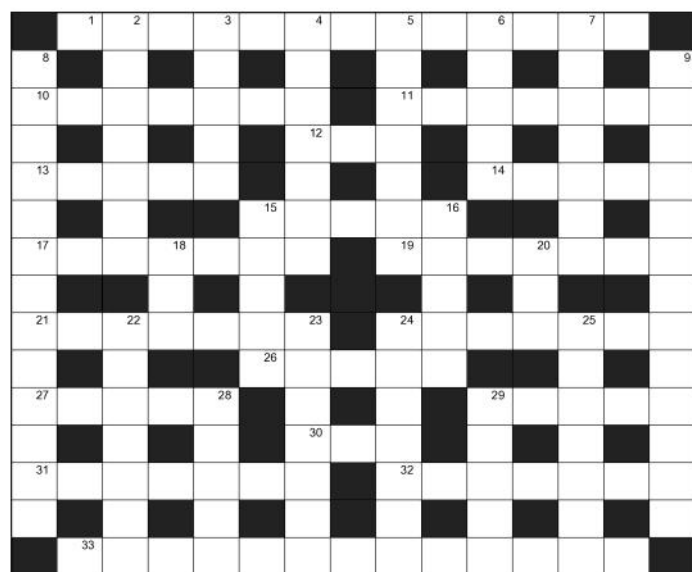
Clues

Across

- Antipodean Constellation (8,5)
- Fresh Water Dweller
- Rootstock
- Organ of Balance
- American Indian Tribe
- WW1 Battle
- Spanish Coast
- Impossible?
- Baltic State
- Rotten
- Dave – Jazz Pianist/composer
- Smith, Chef
- Leg Bone
- Respond
- Mischievous Faerie
- Wind Instrument
- View

Down

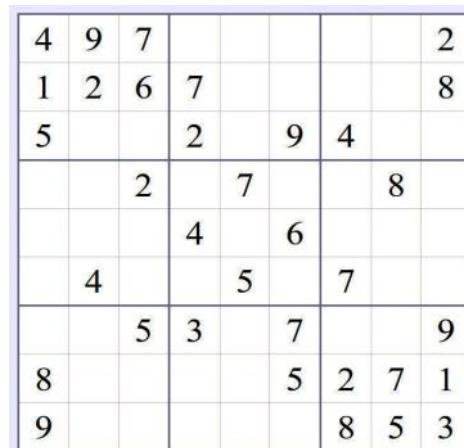
- Cowboy Crooks
- String
- Wing Formation
- Tell
- Equine Controllers
- Frosty
- Living Quarters
- Phone Sales
- Steered
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- Health Spring
- Globe
- Vegetable
- Vanquishes
- Yeti
- Vague
- Goodbye to France?
- Black or White Animal



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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.

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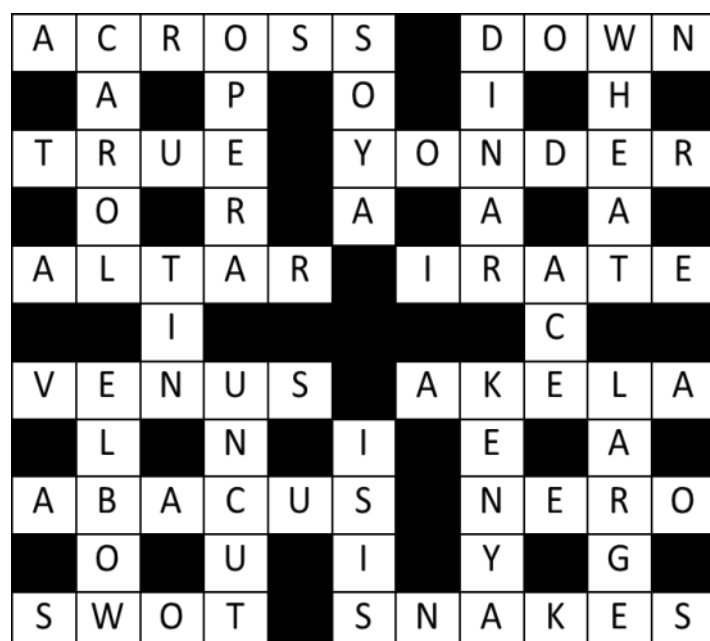


Junior corner answers

What is it – an energy saving light bulb

Quiz

- 10
- Cyprus
- Everton
- 2 – opposite sides all add up to 7
- Durnovaria



What's on in November

Wednesday 5th	Wednesday Club Village Hall 2.00pm.
Wednesday 5th	Parish Council Village Hall 7.00pm.
Saturday 8th	Community Café Village Hall 10.00am to midday.
Sunday 9th	Remembrance Sunday Memorial Stone 11.00am.
Wednesday 12th	History Group talk by Brent Shore about "Blessed are the Meek" the Function Room The Royal Oak 7.30pm. All Welcome.
Thursday 13th	WI Talk by Christine Ora about <i>History of Panto & Dame</i> Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 13th	Indian theme night The Royal Oak.
Friday 14th	Deadline for the December <i>Reporter</i> . Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team.
Thursday 20th	Gardening Club Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 21st	Milborne Movies Maria Village Hall 7.00pm.
Thursday 27th	Pie Night The Royal Oak.
Friday 28th	Open Mic Village Hall 7.00pm – see page 20.
Saturday 29th	Christmas Bazaar Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.
Saturday 29th	Hot Fingers Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 17.
December	
Sunday 14th	Canzonetta at Christmas St. Mary's Church, Winterborne Whitechurch 3.00pm.

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 (Iyengar) 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.
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Sailor Bob's Crossword answers from page 23

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