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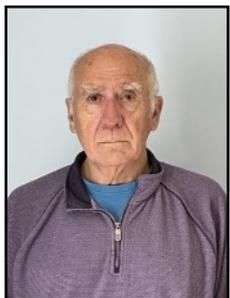
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## Our new Reporter distributor – Nigel Hodder

FIRSTLY, we must say a big thank you to Bob Clark, who, for the past 12 months or so, has been distributing copies of the *Reporter* each month to our delivery team enabling us to get a copy to your door. Bob has now decided to take things a little easier – particularly as he has two young dogs taking up a lot of his time nowadays. Is that really “taking it easy” Bob?

So, we are delighted that Nigel Hodder has agreed to take over from Bob and by the time you read this he will have made his first trip to our 15 deliverers in February. We hope he got it right!



A little bit about Nigel. He arrived in Milborne St. Andrew in June 2022 when he and his wife, Sue, moved into one of the new builds at the top of Huntley Down having spent the previous 15 years in Milton Abbas. He told us that the transformation from living in a 250 year old, thatched “mud hut” with a long sloping garden, very little sunshine (he lived on the “dark side” of The Street) and

the constant need for maintenance into a brand new, well insulated, gas-heated property with a flat garden was a bit of a shock to the system – but it didn’t take too long to realise that they had made the right decision. Or to be more precise, Sue had made the decision; Nigel just tagged along for the ride!

Since then, Nigel has immersed himself in village life and in addition to his new *Reporter* role, he is in his second year as treasurer of the Village Hall and recently joined the committee of the Food & Wine Club.

Since retiring to Dorset in 2007, he has always kept himself busy having been heavily involved with the Milton Abbas Street Fair, initially chairing the organising committee covering the 2009/11/13 Street Fairs; then as secretary when it became a registered charity. In addition, since 2010, he has been a leading light in Milton Abbas Neighbourcar, the community transport scheme that many of our readers use to get to their medical appointments. He was also a member and subsequently chair of Milton Abbas Parish Council until the last elections in 2024 by which time he had moved to Milborne. We could go on but that gives a flavour of a man who has not yet learned how to say the word “No”.

The last word goes to Nigel – “I was fortunate enough to retire 20 years ago but since then I have never been so busy” – and long may it continue. Welcome to the team! *David Payne*, editor

## Film Night at the Village Hall – More Than a Movie!

OUR popular Film Night returns to Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall with the entertaining ROOFMAN on the big screen.

Join us on Friday 20th March, with doors and bar opening at 7.00pm and the film starting at 7.30pm. As always, it’s more than just a movie – your £6.50 all-in ticket includes the film plus an ice cream or a drink, with payment by cash or card.

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Everyone welcome – we hope you’ll join us!

## Reporter accounts show a surplus – though not really!

THE *Reporter’s* accounts for the year show a surplus of £792 but had we not had donations it would have been a deficit of £293.

Donations are always welcome! We feel it is too complicated to make a charge for it as not everyone would want it and reducing the numbers would increase printing costs, and delivery would become very awkward.

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### Reporter Balance Sheet year ending

31st January 2026			
Balance B/F from 2025	<b>£5477.87</b>		
	<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>
Advertising	£4,387.00	Printing	£4,654.88
Copies sold	£11.00	Expenses	£97.14
Donations	£1,085.00		
Bank Interest	£61.78		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,544.78</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,752.02</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,544.78</b>		
<b>Less Expeniture</b>	<b>£4,752.02</b>		
<b>Profit</b>	<b>£792.76</b>		
<b>Cash in Bank 31st January 2026</b>			<b>£6,270.63</b>
<b>Payments in advance approx.</b>			<b>£1,800.00</b>
<b>In real terms a loss of approx.</b>			<b>£2,000.00</b>

## WI cancelled due to floods

UNFORTUNATLY our February meeting was cancelled due to the flooding in the village. It was deemed to dangerous to ask members to wade through water in the dark. Hopefully normal service will be resumed in March when our speaker Sally Cadec, will talk about “Court Shoes to Combat and back again”. Sounds interesting. March 12th Village Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

*Lin Chatfield*

## Donations for Easter Flowers (Lilies) in memory of loved one



If you would like to donate money towards the cost of Easter flowers in St. Andrew’s church (lilies if available) in memory of loved ones please contact

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MILBORNE ST. ANDREW Village Hall sits at the heart of our community. It's a place where we meet, celebrate, exercise, perform, vote, learn, and socialise. It supports not only activities inside the hall, but also the surrounding play area and park that so many local families enjoy.

However, the future of the Village Hall depends on people.

We are currently looking for new trustees to join the Village Hall committee. This is not a financial commitment – trustees are not expected to contribute money. What we need is time, ideas, and a willingness to help keep this vital community asset running for everyone.

Being a trustee doesn't require special skills or previous experience. Whether you're good with practical tasks, organisation, publicity, social media, planning events, or simply offering a fresh perspective, all ideas and input are welcomed. The committee works as a team, sharing responsibilities so no one person is overloaded.

Committee meetings are short, informal, and friendly, and often quite social too. Many trustees find it a rewarding way to meet people, give something back to the village, and have a real say in how the hall and its facilities are used and developed.

Without enough trustees, the reality is simple but serious: the Village Hall may not be there when you or your family need it – for clubs, parties, children's activities, community events, or future projects.

If you'd like to find out more, please come along to our Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 15th April. This is a great opportunity to meet the current committee, ask questions, and see how you could get involved in a way that suits you.

If you value the Village Hall, the play area, and the park, and would like to help ensure they continue to serve Milborne St Andrew for years to come, please consider getting involved.

Your village hall needs you – and your community would really appreciate your help.

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## Race Night at the Village Hall

THE Village Hall will be hosting another Race Night on Saturday 7th March 2026.



Doors open at 7.00pm and we will be under "Starters Orders" at 7.30pm. Entry is by ticket only at £10 per person and the price will include a "fish 'n' chip" supper. Food orders can be placed when buying your ticket.

This is a popular event so do get your tickets early!

For tickets contact Nigel Hodder after 5th February on

07983 013781 or email [treasurer.msavh@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.msavh@gmail.com).

It is advisable to bring some cash for "betting" purposes, but cards can be used to buy drinks, etc. Tote tickets for each race will cost 50p each. All profits go towards improving the Village Hall facilities so come along and support us. You will have a great night out!

*Nigel Hodder* treasurer

## Flooding brings residents to February's PC meeting

FEBRUARY'S Parish Council meeting saw a relatively large turnout of residents following the worst flooding Milborne has experienced in many years. Before opening up discussion to the floor, Chair Cllr Macnair noted that we have had the wettest January on record and the groundwater monitoring site at Delcombe Wood had hit record heights, surpassing the levels of 2014. He said that that flood event had brought investment of £500,000 from the Environment Agency (EA). Potentially, obstructions in the Bere stream may have exacerbated the recent flooding, and drivers ignoring road closure signs made matters worse for nearby houses.

A resident pointed out that letters had been sent years ago to riparian owners – those that have the stream on their land or boundary – to encourage them to keep the watercourse clear, but there had been no enforcement. He asked for a complaint to be raised to the EA on this issue, remarking that letters from authority like the PC or MP carry more weight. This was refuted by Cllr Macnair who said that the council had no power. The resident countered, saying, "If you act like you have no power, then you have no power". It was pointed out that after the 2014 floods, Simon Hoare MP visited Milborne to look at the issues which, it was claimed, resulted in funding for flood mitigation. The discussion moved on to the lack of outside help from authorities during the flood and the confusion over the closure of Milton Road. Cllr Macnair said it was Dorset Council's (DC) decision whether and when to close the road. Residents said that the barriers put up were easily moved by drivers and that there was just a 'Road Closed' sign at the other end which proved ineffective in stopping vehicles trying to get through. Residents felt that the village had been left to fend for itself, unlike in previous floods, but Cllr Macnair said that the outside resources that were once available have been diminished so help is spread much more thinly across the county. A question was asked about help from flood wardens but Cllr Macnair said their remit was to



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# Sinbad in Space: A Cosmic Success!

WE HOPE you all agree that our 2026 pantomime was a huge hit. Four performances brought laughter, music and intergalactic mayhem to the village hall. Highlights included Dorabella (More-a-fella) and her outrageous costumes, her unimpressed cat Spartapus and the glorious grump Julius Fleecer and his bumbling associates, Dodgynes & Thickarus, as well as the Earthling burger duo, Grabba & Nagga.

The audience also loved our mischievous alien troop, the bossy Mayor and the brilliantly funny performances from Computer and Homer, the hopeless sat nav. Thank goodness for our principal boy and girl, Marius and Selena, who quietly saved the day and shone a triumphant light upon our hapless hero Sinbad (as well as giving the rather inert villain Dark Raider and fairy Asda . . . I mean Astra!) a good ticking off!

A massive thank you to all the production, sound and lighting crew, the costume designers and makers, and front of house helpers, as well as to all of you who attended.

We can't wait to blast off again next year! If you're interested in joining us in any capacity, we'd love to have you. Head to [milborneplayers.org.uk](http://milborneplayers.org.uk) or message Gren on 07876 793319.

*Kate Hawker*





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According to findings from Which? almost half of UK shoppers unknowingly purchased items shipped from abroad, with over 40% unaware that the goods originated outside the UK until delivery. Around a quarter reported the received items failed to match the advertised description and returning them proved impractical or too expensive in terms of postage.

For online orders UK consumers generally have the right to cancel within 14 days of receipt and must receive refunds within 14 days of returning the goods. For faulty goods consumers should have a full refund within the first 30 days of purchase. Alternatively, there is a right to a repair or replacement within six months, or a refund if those options are not feasible.

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## Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club news



MILBORNE ST. ANDREW Gardening Club meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. At our next meeting on Thursday 19th March we will be welcoming Amy Ralph from Abbey Farm Flowers who will be

giving a talk on cut flowers and arrangements. Learn about this sustainable, seasonal flower farm in Abbotsbury which you can visit and pick your own flowers. Do come along to the meeting, £2 for visitors – refreshments included.

### Jobs for the garden

- ◇ Feed and prune roses to encourage strong new growth.
- ◇ Deadhead daffodils as the flowers finish and let the foliage die back naturally.
- ◇ Provide clean water and high-energy food (sunflower seeds, suet) for birds and meaty pet food for hungry hedgehogs.
- ◇ Plant onions, shallots and garlic sets.

*Kim Legg*

## Who remembers?

THE village history group have done a splendid job discovering all the dates and happenings from the past. This includes Wetherby Castle, John Morton, the three village schools, but who remembers the more recent incidents that have occurred in the village?

When the Butlers ESSO petrol pump moved to the new garage next to the pub?

The village baker was up Blandford Hill?

The night one of the village characters drove headlong into the Post Office?

The day Roy Hogg sat in the walnut tree in Orchard Rise to prevent it from being cut down?

The coffin makers barn at Little England?

The thatched cob cottage next to the pub where Overwell is now?

How many times has the village been flooded?

When the shop opposite the Post Office closed and the sharp bend there straightened?

When there were at least three hurdle makers in the village?

When a horse was last grazed in the now overgrown field overlooking the village hall?

When there was a row of thatched cottages opposite the last remaining one at Little England?

When the ancient dove cote still existed?

When the last beer was served at The Pure Drop alehouse?

When was the last time the full height of the hub stones opposite the pub could be seen?



The tumulus iron age burial site was excavated where the 'factory' is now sited?

When was cheese last made at the 'factory'?

When chrysanthemums and strawberries were grown in the village?

When was the weeping willow at the war memorial nearly destroyed by vandals.?

When the village pound or Taylers pond became a copse?

Where is Bakers pond and why is it named?

I don't know the dates of all of these events but they nearly all have been in the last 50 years.

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## Renewal in chaos

This year began with an impressive run of rain — every day of 2026 so far according to the weather reports; as I write that is six weeks and counting. Paths are muddy, roads have flooded, fields are soaked, and raincoats have become as essential as wearing shoes when we go out.

In the Bible, water often represents both chaos — as depicted in the flood and the storm — and renewal, for instance in the stories of crossing the Red Sea, the baptism of Jesus and his teaching that he offers the Water of Life.

Like water, our lives can sometimes feel unpredictable and beyond our control. It can be hard to trust that in God's hands all will ultimately be well. But even in uncertainty, positive growth and change can continue. Perhaps there is something for us in this: a reminder that while we cannot direct every moment, we can choose how we respond.

Lent, which continues this month, is a season that can help us live with that tension. It asks us to notice the things we can change, the habits we can nurture, and the ways we can grow, while also accepting that some things are beyond us. It is a time to trust God's guidance and to make small, intentional choices about how we live, and as I wrote last month, "allowing ourselves to be shaped by love, forgiveness and peace".

The first day of March brings St. David's Day, a celebration of the Welsh and their patron saint, with its emblematic golden flower. In muddy village gardens and along our wet roadsides, yellow daffodils stand out, and remind us to notice colour, life, and the joy they bring after the long winter rains. Even in the greyest of weeks, there are reasons to celebrate and be thankful.

Looking ahead to the end of the month, we find Palm Sunday, a day of joy and celebration before the darkness of Holy Week descends. Light and darkness, chaos and renewal, meshed together as one.

Even when life feels unpredictable and chaotic, there is always renewal to be found. The Easter story echoes this truth: endings give way to beginnings, and new life emerges where we least expect it.

My hope for this month is that you will notice that renewal in your own life — in small signs of growth, happy celebrations and unexpected moments of joy — and find reassurance that even in the midst of uncertainty, life continues to be refreshed and restored.

With best wishes

*Sarah*

## Notes from St. Andrew's

TONY led the Service to commemorate Candlemas. Twelve hardy souls braved the flooding in the village. I think it's safe to say there were twelve pairs of wellington boots on show! We began the Service with a rousing rendition of "While Shepherds Watched," set to the tune "Cranbrook". It is probably better known as the "On Ilkley Moor baht 'at"! Angela provided delicious muffins after the Service. Thank you!

The entire month of March falls in Lent this year. Compline will continue each Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. Although St. David's day (March 1st) is trumped officially by the observance of Lent II, there is no doubt "Cwm Rhondda" will feature in the Service. "Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant Hapus!"

**Mothering Sunday** falls on the 15th, and there will be a special Service, led by Tony, at 9.30am that morning, when posies will be distributed. As well as giving thanks for our own mothers, we give thanks for Mother church, and Mary, the Mother of Our Lord.

On Saturday, 21st March, between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, there will be an Easter event at St Andrew's for the whole Benefice with crafts and other activities. (See posters) The following day marks the season of Passiontide, when we focus particularly on the Cross.

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday** (29th), and, as this is the fifth Sunday in the

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## Sunday Services in the Benefice of Puddletown, Tolpuddle, Milborne with Dewlish March

### 1st March – Lent 2

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

### 8th March – Lent 3

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

### 15th March – Mothering Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Mothering Sunday Service	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

### 22nd March – Passion Sunday

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown Church Room
11.00	Parish Communion	Dewlish

### TUESDAY 24th March

9.30am	St. Mary's CE Middle School Easter Service	Puddletown
11.00	St. Mary's CE Middle School Easter Service	Puddletown
2.30pm	Milborne First School Easter Service	Milborne

### THURSDAY 26th March

2.00pm	Puddletown CE First School Easter Service	Puddletown
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### 29th March – Palm Sunday

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

Monday – Thursday. 8.30am; Saturday. 9.00am  
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### LENT

During Lent there will also be:  
Wednesdays Compline in St. Andrew's, Milborne at 6.00pm  
Thursdays Evening Prayer in All Saints', Dewlish at 6.30pm.



Editor's view of the floods



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month, the Benefice Palm Sunday Liturgy, with Blessing of Palm Crosses, will be held in Dewlish at 11.00am and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.

Advance notice of Holy Week and Easter Services. On Wednesday in Holy Week (April 1st), there will be Compline at 6.00pm at St. Andrew's. The **Maundy Thursday** (2nd) Eucharist of the Last Supper will be celebrated in the Parish Room, Puddletown, at 6.00pm. **On Good Friday** (3rd), the Liturgy of the Day, a service consisting of hymns, prayers, the reading of the Passion Story according to St. John, and silence, will be held at 2.00pm. This is the traditional "Last Hour" that Jesus hung on the Cross. Our **Easter Day** Eucharist is at 8.00am, "Early in the morning on the first day of the week," and the day will conclude with Compline at 6.00pm. There are, of course, Services elsewhere in the Benefice, which you are welcome to attend if the times suit you better.

We were saddened to hear that Sheila Ryall has died. We send our condolences to Sue and Stephen, and all her many friends.

Lambing is in full swing at Manor Farm just now, surely a sign that spring is on the horizon. Jesus spoke of Himself as the Good Shepherd, and John the Baptist proclaimed Him as "The Lamb of God". Lent is a time when we can draw nearer to God and allow God to come closer to us. So, some words from a favourite hymn:

*"Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down.  
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come."*

Tony (Churchwarden)

## Dewlish Church Notes

JANUARY was a quiet month in our church, and yet it looked so wonderfully warm and welcoming because it still had some of the Christmas flowers on display and many candles were lit during each service.

We can only hope that the weather improves, especially because we are putting on so many events during March! Jim will continue holding a **Lenten Evening Prayer Service** every Thursday at 6.30pm in the church.

The **Lent Lunches** are as follows:

- **March 5th:** At Uptop, the home of Mr Mike Fell and Mrs Anne Fell
- **March 17th:** In the Village Hall, hosted by Mrs Margaret Groves, and Jim and Daphne Burg
- **March 31st:** At Parsonage Farm, the home of Mrs Sue Britton

Each of these will be held at 12.30pm, and all donations will be going to WaterAid.

Our **Easter Sale** is on Saturday 28th March at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We shall be having the usual stalls – cakes and produce, new items, toys, books and puzzles, an Easter stall, a raffle, a hamper raffle, and teas. Donations will be very welcome, especially cakes and raffle prizes. We do hope to see you there; our fund-raisers are so important in helping towards the cost of running the church – last year the amount was £13,842 which we were unable to cover. Many thanks. *Daphne Burg*

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## Food and Wine Club news

IN December 40 members of the club donned their finery for Christmas Dinner at Bryanston's grand country house, which was designed by Norman Shaw in 1897, its opulence comes compete with high ceilings and beautiful cornicing.

Once again, the coach journey was a mystery tour. This time around the one-way system of Blandford when it came to light that the coach could not get through the entrance archway! The lovely staff, after patiently waiting, welcomed us in the Jefferys main hall, where two open fires burned brightly. Linsey took photos of us in groups under the massive Christmas tree while we sipped our fizz. Dinner was held in the Cowley Room, again warmed by a large open fire. There was plenty of room for our whizzy balloons.

Members had very generously donated items to a superb raffle which enabled us to donate £250 to our chosen charity that year: the Reporter.

Unfortunately, our AGM, which was booked at The Royal Oak for 28th January, had to be cancelled at the last minute – you can all guess why. Our wellies just weren't long enough! However, we are looking forward to our rescheduled dinner, AGM and skittles evening on Tuesday 10th March.

*Penny Pearce*



## to the Reporter

**Ref: The 'Hum'. Is it just me?**

*I live at the top of the little hill behind the pub and, for over a year now, I have been aware of a low level buzz/hum/vibration, which, on days when the wind is from an easterly direction, can be very loud and annoying. As it is more intrusive on such days, I think it might come from the industrial estate on Blandford Hill, but I have not been able to find the cause.*

*Village residents that I have asked hadn't even noticed it until I pointed it out.*

*On bad days it is a bit like Chinese water torture, and I think it might not be so irritating if I know what is causing it.*

*Has anyone else heard it? Does anyone know what it is? Any information would be appreciated.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Name and address supplied.*

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## Sailor Bob's Crossword

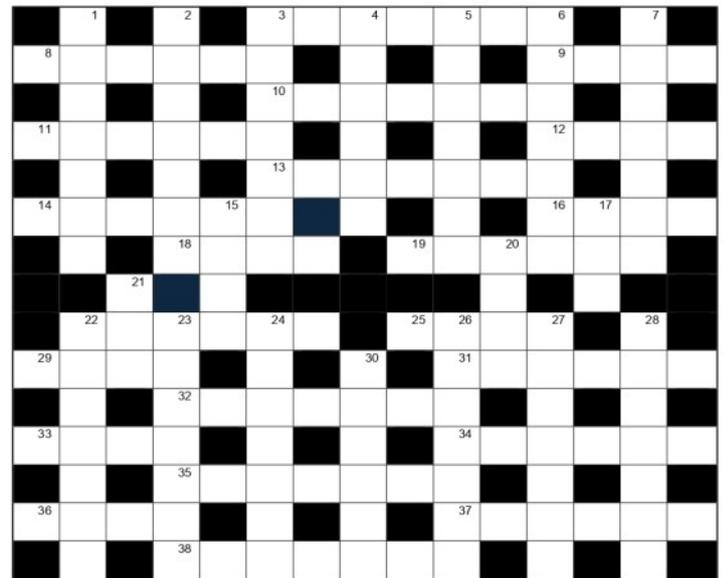
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### Across

3. Malaysian Currency
8. Turkish Capital
9. Castle
10. Underground access
11. Stops
12. Soon
13. Willingly Obedient
14. Double banked rowing boat
16. Musical Composition
18. Ages
19. Baby Swan
22. Martial Art
25. pH less than 7
29. Whistling, black or red bird
31. King of the Faeries
32. Ardent
33. Wind Instrument
34. Sent Abroad
35. Cock Bird
36. Eye Inflammation
37. SW European Peninsula
38. Make Bigger

### Down

1. Blood Disease
2. Wailing Irish Female Spirit
3. Harry \_\_\_\_\_, Fish & Chip shop chain owner
4. XC
5. Science of the earth
6. Lese Majeste
7. Bountiful Fruit
15. Anglesey
17. Seat
20. Smooth tongued
21. Tax
22. Jewish Settlement
23. Arbitrator
24. Upheaval
26. Clique
27. Leo \_\_\_\_\_, Composer
28. Historical Kingdom of Czech Republic
30. Teacher or guide



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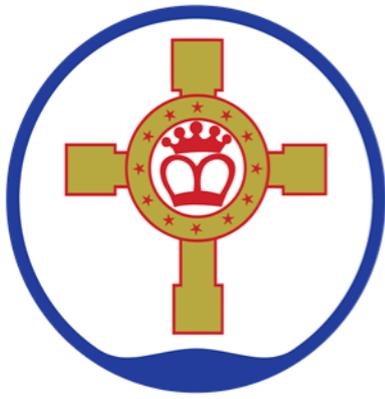
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## Celebrating the Breadth of Extra-Curricular Life at St Mary's!

At St Mary's, learning extends far beyond the classroom. This month, we're delighted to share just a few highlights from the extraordinary range of extra-curricular opportunities our pupils enjoy. With 27 clubs running across lunchtimes and after school, there is something for everyone – and we are proud of how enthusiastically our young people embrace new challenges and experiences.



**Musical Triumphs – Three Pupils Join the National Choir of Great Britain.** Our music department has been buzzing with excitement after three exceptionally talented students – Skylar, Oliver and Hatty – successfully auditioned for the National Choir of Great Britain. This is an outstanding achievement and

reflects not only their talent and dedication, but also the thriving musical culture within our school.

**KS3 Enjoy a Professional Shakespeare Experience.** Key Stage 3 pupils were treated to an inspirational live performance of Macbeth by the Handlebards theatre company. The cast transformed the school hall into the world of Shakespeare's tragedy, bringing drama, humour, and unforgettable storytelling.

**Sports Captains Lead a Multi-Sports Festival.** Our exceptional Sports Captains planned and delivered a multi-sports day for Year 3 and 4 children from our partner first schools. Their leadership, teamwork, and positivity shone throughout the event, and the visiting pupils enjoyed a



confident, welcoming introduction to middle-school sport in our sports hall.

**A New Adventure: Kickboxing Club.** One of our newest after-school ventures, Kickboxing Club, has taken off with huge enthusiasm. Dozens of pupils have embraced the opportunity to learn discipline, fitness, self-confidence, and technical skills in a safe, supportive environment.



**27 Clubs – Something for Everyone.** From performing arts to sports, from STEM to crafts, from outdoor learning to debating, St Mary's offers 27 clubs in total. We encourage all pupils to get involved, make friends across year groups, grow their interests, and enjoy the full richness of school life. We are grateful to our fabulous, dedicated staff who will always go the extra mile to offer these terrific opportunities, local organisations, and volunteers who help us offer such a vibrant programme of clubs and events. Your encouragement makes a real difference, and we look forward to sharing more highlights in future.



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# Lands End to Porthcurno

ANOTHER early start but I dragged myself up from my cosy bed and tried to look chirpy about another long hike. We got the giant big tin box on wheels to the start at Lands End and Mum got lucky as the famous signpost was free from lots of grockles

having their photos taken for money, she just got Dad to snap us on the phone and he did a good job even if he did say so himself!

Me and Katie livened up with the wind in our tails and the smell of rabbits in our noses.



Katie got into trouble for galloping off after the scents, Dad was worried she would go over the cliff so she had to go on the lead for a bit, but not me 'cos I'm way too sensible to do that. Mum was busy clicking her phone at the big blue sea crashing on the rocks, I thought it looked a bit scary so I kept away from the edge.

At the end of the walk Mum disappeared off to visit a special theatre built into the cliffs called The Minack, I think me and Katie might have enjoyed it too but Dad carried on and took us back to the car for a rest, we were dog tired so we didn't mind.

## Porthcurno to Lamorna Cove

No giant box on wheels to start the day, dad drove us instead, the empty car park meant Dad had trouble deciding where to park the car!

It was a bit of a jungle on the path for miles and miles, Mum was glad she wore her long trousers today but she was still moaning about getting scratched and stung, lucky Dad has the skin of a rhinoceros so he didn't feel anything.



I enjoyed the next bit as it was very rocky and I could show off my mountain goat skills, even Katie was impressed, not bad for an old girl of 70 (10 in dog years)! Eventually we made it to Lamorna Cove and we were all ready for a drink and Mum was starving so Dad went into the cafe. When he went in his face

was brown but it was white when he came out carrying a tray, very odd, but when he sat down and told Mum the price we knew why, £18 for a bottle of beer, a small lemonade and two bits of cake, needless to say we didn't get any posh cake!

Dad walked to get the bus to pick up the tin box and mum and me had a paddle, big waves whooshed over me so I hopped out PDQ but Mum liked it!



## Lamorna to Mousehole

It was a nice sunny morning and everyone was happy trotting along the path, well me and Katie were trotting, the Oldies were just walking. I found a lovely muddy stream and was having such a nice time until Dad spotted me, he did shout at me but I couldn't hear him and carried on plodging in the mud, boy did I get told off! The path was very overgrown and Mum was moaning a bit but then we met some kind men with noisy machines who were clearing the path so it got a lot better after that.



We got to a pretty little place called Mousehole, funny name for a place, I couldn't see any mice (only the one tattooed on Mum's leg), lots of people were looking for mice, it seemed a popular thing to do here. Mum would have liked to look in the shops but Dad had other ideas and trooped us all up the hill to the pub!

## Mousehole to Marazion – 6.4 miles

We got on a nice little tin box on wheels with a little mouse painted on it as was going to Mousehole where we started today's walk. A very flat walk today, no hills only lots of pavements and special tracks for contraptions with two wheels



that make a dingy noise when they get near to us, me and Katie just ignore them and carry on walking. No dogs on beaches here, why do humans have to keep on spoiling our fun?! Mum felt sorry for us and bought ice creams, they ate most of them and just gave us the

little bits at the end but hey ho we were still grateful.

It was Mum's lucky day (but not Dad's) there was an Artisan Market in Marazion right up her street, literally! Dogs were allowed in so we got dragged around looking at stuff, no doggy treats so we were glad to get going home for our tea.

Bye for now, love Rosie



# Milton Abbas Surgery

## NHS App

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To help with this, we'd like to encourage our patients to sign up for the NHS App. The app gives you easy, 24/7 access to a range of NHS services on your smartphone, computer or tablet, including booking and cancelling appointments, ordering repeat prescriptions, viewing parts of your health record, and receiving test results – all in one place. Using the NHS App not only makes things quicker and easier for you, it also allows our team to spend more time caring for patients and supporting those who can't use online services.

Prescribers at the surgery who will be happy to talk you through it. We will also be running some support sessions in our surgery waiting room in the near future.

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Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best possible service.

## Wednesday 11th March 2026 – Young Carers Action Day

#YoungCarersActionDay 2026 theme this year is 'Fair Futures for Young Carers'. A young carer is someone under the age of 18 who looks after or helps to look after someone. It might be their mum or dad, grandparent, brother or sister or a close relative.

In 2026, together we will highlight the support young carers need to reach their potential, from recognition in school and access to training and employment, to meaningful breaks, wellbeing support and opportunities that help them build brighter futures.

If you are a young carer, it is important that you let the surgery know so that we can understand the challenges you face and help you find the support you need. Give us a call on 01258 880210 or please send an email to [miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net](mailto:miltonabbassurgery@nhs.net) for the attention of Kelly.

Remember, you are not alone in this – it's okay to ask for help.

## London Marathon 2026

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Good luck, Stephanie – we're cheering you on every step of the way!



## Music at St. Peter's Dorchester

DO join us at St Peter's Church Dorchester this month for the many concerts, choral services and musical events that are taking place!

Choral Eucharist takes place on Sunday 8th March at 10.30am, with the music reflecting the transition to Lent. Purcell's 'Hear my prayer', Kodaly's 'Missa brevis' and Byrd's 'Ave verum' will all be sung as part of the service, which is free to attend. All are welcome to stay for refreshments afterwards.

The lunchtime concert in Lent is a performance of the 'Stabat Mater' by leading UK composer David Bednall on Saturday 14th March between 12.30 and 1.00pm. The work will be performed by a consort of upper voices and violinist Bryony Smith, with the composer himself at the organ. In addition to his busy composing career, David is Choral Director at Clifton Cathedral. Admission is free and all are welcome.

There is a second service of Choral Eucharist to mark Passion Sunday on the 22nd March at 10.30am. The music includes Philip Stopford's 'God so loved the world', Caldara's 'Missa dolorosa' and Bruckner's 'Vexilla regis'. The service is free to attend and all are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Finally, Choral Evensong for Lent takes place on Saturday 28th March at 4.30pm. The music includes Lotti's 'Crucifixus', the 'Preces and Responses' and 'Second Service' by William Byrd and Edward Elgar's 'Light out of darkness'. The service is free to attend, all are welcome and warmly invited to stay for a glass of wine afterwards!

Looking ahead to the first week in April (Holy Week and Easter), there will be a choral Eucharist on Maundy Thursday 2nd April at 7.00pm with music by Byrd, Gibbons and Duruflé. The annual musical meditation for Good Friday is a performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion' on Friday 3rd April at 6.00pm. Admission is free. You are invited to celebrate a joyful Easter Sunday on the 5th April by joining us for Choral Eucharist at 10.30am. There is music by William Harris, Stanford and Mozart, concluding with Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus'. All of these services are free to attend, and you are most welcome.

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provide advice to the public. He pointed out that the position of flood warden is currently vacant and encouraged anybody to apply for the role.

By late afternoon on the first day of the flood, the sandbag store at the Village Hall had run out but Cllr Macnair said that the store had been replenished after conversations with DC Cllr Emma Parker. Clerk Lewin said 100 more sandbags had been ordered, which is from DC's budget. It was noted that used sandbags that had come into contact with floodwater must be disposed of rather than re-used as they will be contaminated, so can be dug into gardens or taken to the tip. It was suggested that another sandbag store on the other side of the Milton Road flood would be useful so residents here could get them more easily. Potential locations for such a store would be looked into and suggestions are appreciated. A comment from the floor about the unsuitability of Milborne for further housing because of the flooding was met with an assurance from the PC that photos had already been sent to DC to be fed into the planning system.

Other items from the agenda included news of the consultation for the traffic calming on the A354 through the village. The period is set to start on 2nd March and end on 24th April, with DC giving two drop-in sessions for residents to view and discuss the plans. No dates for these have been set, but it is likely to be one at lunchtime and the other in the evening during the week.

Previous meetings' discussions on antisocial behaviour/criminal damage in the village have come to a halt with the last remaining prong of the plan, a WhatsApp group reporting idea, not being taken forward by the resident now. Villagers were encouraged to continue phoning in concerns to the police to get

action. A resident present remarked that many reports had been made to police but we are yet to see any action, with the only likely outcome increases in home insurance due to negative publicity.

Further news on the Annual Village Meeting – an opportunity for residents to put their concerns and hopes for the parish's coming year to the PC – was being firmed up with the date set for Wednesday 22nd April in the Village Hall. Cllr Greening hoped that two guest speakers would attend, possibly the PCSO and a representative from the Hedgehog Rescue Centre, based at Ashley Barn. There will be a free drink for residents too. Cllr Greening and the PC were commended by a resident present for the new initiative.

At the start of the meeting, it was announced that Cllr Poet had stood down from the council due to personal commitments. However, the PC welcomed a new councillor, Connor Claxton, who is manager at The Royal Oak.

The round table with Simon Hoare MP discussed in January had to be cancelled due to the weather, the clerk said. Mr Lewin had attended a session on planning though, which focussed on the National Planning Policy Framework – the national policy which local authorities are bound by – which is being rewritten. DC's local plan can't be drafted until the NPPF is finalised. The clerk will also attend a town and parish council conference and spoke of the devolution drive DC is on and the possibility of them giving PCs more responsibility for services but questioned whether the funding would also be passed on.

*Ed Richards*

***The next Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 4th March at 7.00pm at the Village Hall – all residents are welcome to attend.***

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# Wartime Letters by Kathleen Harriman

Kathleen Harriman (1917-2011) was an American War Correspondent in London and then hostess at the US Embassy in Moscow, where her father, W. Averell Harriman, was US Ambassador to the Soviet Union. She worked as a journalist in Britain and in Moscow, dined regularly with the Churchill family, lunched with Marshall Tito and dined with Josef Stalin. She played bridge with Eisenhower, competed with top Russian skiers, and was a witness to the aftermath of the atrocities at Katyn.

Before taking up the post in Moscow Averell worked closely with the British Government on logistics and supplies, travelling frequently between London and Washington. Kathleen kept his London office and home running smoothly, whilst also working as a journalist, very much a 'woman in a man's world', but not complaining, just accepting how things worked and becoming successful despite the situation.

This book is a selection of her personal letters, to her stepmother, her sister, her great friend Pamela Churchill and her retired Governess. They are deeply personal, and show her maturing from a rather politically naïve 25-year-old to a very accomplished diplomatic operator.

Geoffrey Roberts, the author, is a leading Soviet history expert, who used extensive sources (there is a three-page 'further reading' section at the back of the book), including Kathleen's and her father's private papers in the Library of Congress. He's done a thorough and sensitive job of sharing these letters, and I really enjoyed the book's insight into life at that level of society at the time.

Despite her privileged upbringing, Kathleen seems to have got on well with people at all levels of society, whether presidents, soldiers, sailors, 'brass hats', factory girls, nurses, bombed out families, or prisoners of war. For her articles, she worked in factories and hospitals to find out truly how things were for the staff, sending interesting material to the USA, where her readership was centred.

A few snippets interested me, quoted here:

- ◇ 'Mrs. Ernie Bevin wears a handsome mink coat – it's new – whereas Mrs. Anthony Eden's looks about five years old!'
- ◇ Speaking to some Russians who had been captured with Germans – They didn't like being caged with the Germans. They'd deserted the Todt Organisation a month back and had been partisans in the hills around Florence. As the allies neared they had slipped through the lines and surrendered. They wanted to fight with the allies and hated the Germans. When asked if they wanted to go home they hesitated and said 'if it was possible'. Until the Soviets proclaimed they'd not shoot their own POWs, all the Russians we rounded up in Italy were scared stiff they would be sent home and shot.
- ◇ Churchill visiting Moscow in 1944, slipping Stalin a piece of paper on which he had scrawled percentages of British and Soviet influence in various countries. In return for British Predominance in Greece, Churchill ceded control of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania to the Soviets. Yugoslavia was designated 50/50 Anglo Soviet influence, without mentioning it to Tito!
- ◇ Her reaction to the death of President Roosevelt and the likelihood of a Truman Presidency.
- ◇ Comparisons of the treatment of Russian war wounded to Allied ones. She observes that the treatment, particularly of plastic surgery cases, was cruel, with the top doctors using patients for experiments. All this serious observation interspersed with the need for nylons, lipstick, her warm coat, shoes, etc. to be sent, whether for herself or for gifts to friends, diplomats, staff, soldiers, etc. made for a fascinating read, and a great insight into the life and mind of this lady.

Five stars from me.

*Susan Wilson*

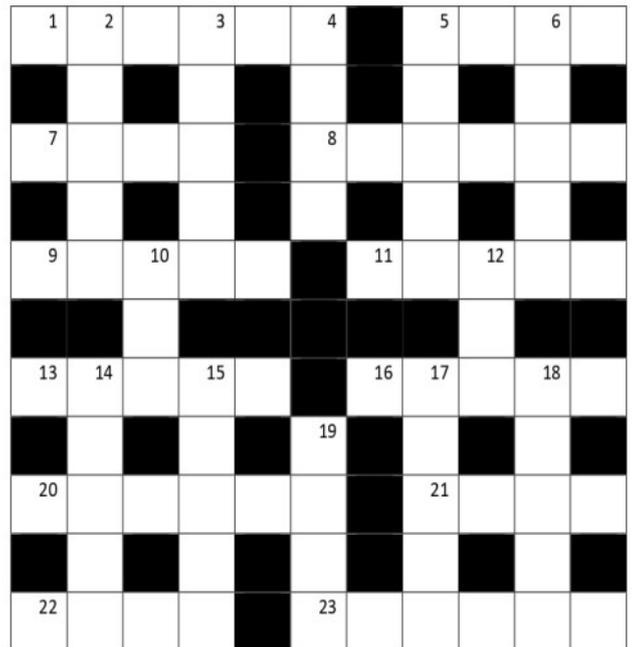
# Junior Page

## Across

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- 5 Scottish Dance
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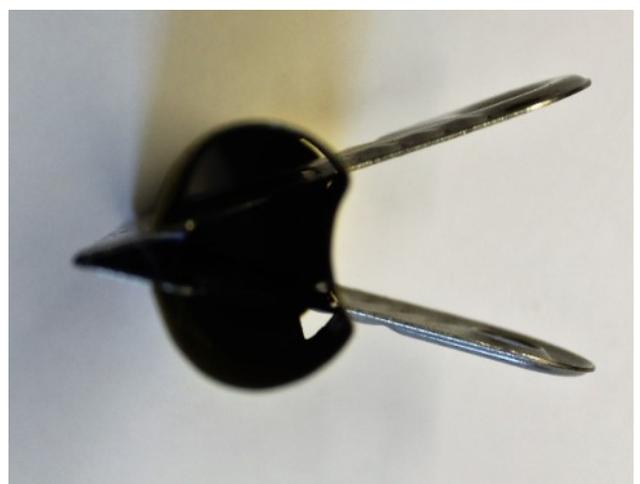
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- 5 King
- 6 Dark Wood
- 10 Fish
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- 17 Taylor \_\_\_\_\_, Pop Idol
- 18 Go In
- 19 Taxi Company



## Quick Quiz

1. What is the capital city of Denmark?
2. What make of car was originally sold in only black?
3. What is the longest river in England?
4. Where can you see a "Red Duster" flying?
5. How many pieces make up a baker's dozen?

## What is this?



**Answers on page 25**

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

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

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



## Milborne St. Andrew has had a fantastic start to 2026!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into their PE lessons, especially with the arrival of our new PE teacher, Mr Tucker. His energy and enthusiasm have already made a wonderful impact, and the pupils are clearly loving the new activities and challenges he has introduced.



family tree and made toys for the stick children using different materials such as pinecones, stones and pipe cleaners.

This half term, Year 1 and 2 are learning about the Hindu



Reception have been learning about the Arctic and have been exploring how polar bears are adapted to survive in the cold conditions. For their artist study, they looked at Christine Montague's polar bear artwork and then created their own arctic landscape with paint before adding a polar bear using pastels.



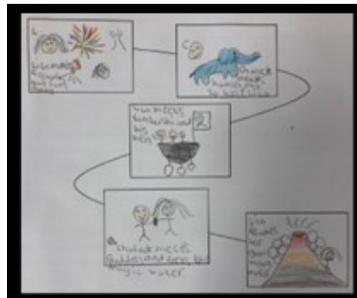
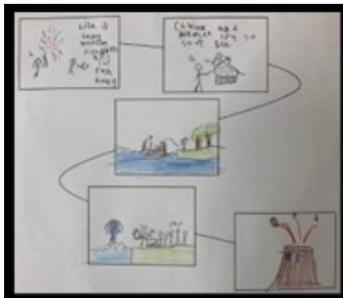
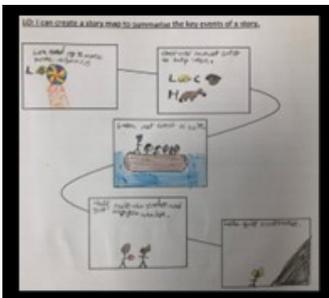
festival of Holi. They discovered that Hindus light bonfires at the start of the festival to remember the story of Prahlad and the triumph of good over evil. The children then created their own vibrant bonfire paintings, enjoying the chance to explore colour and texture in their artwork.



They have also had great fun exploring the book, Stick Man. They made their own stick men, retold the story with props, built the



Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed reading The Firework-Maker's Daughter. They have explored retrieving specific information from a text and using that as evidence to infer and explain and have drawn story maps to summarise the main events of the story so far.



## CONTACTS

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

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**School receptionist:** Christine Potter

**Chair of Governors:** Paul Tasker

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## Junior page answers



### Quick Quiz Answers

1. Copenhagen
2. Ford
3. River Severn
4. On a British Merchant Ship
5. 13

### What is this answer

Bulldog Clip



### Answers to last month's Sailor Bob's Crossword



## What's on in March

- Wednesday 4th** **Wednesday Club** Village Hall 2.00pm.  
**Wednesday 4th** **Parish Council** meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
- Saturday 7th** **Race Night** Village Hall 7.00pm, Starter's Orders 7.30pm.
- Thursday 12th** **WI** Sally Cadec, will talk about "Court Shoes to Combat and back again". Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 15th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2,00pm.
- Saturday 14th** **Community Café** Village Hall 10.00am to midday.
- Saturday 14th** **Deadline** for the *March Reporter*. Send your articles and photographs via email to [msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk) or give to a member of the Team.
- Sunday 15th** **Mothering Sunday** special services St. Andrew's church 9.30pm.
- Thursday 19th** **Gardening Club** Amy Ralph will talk about growing flowers for cutting Village Hall 7.30pm.
- Friday 20th** **Milborne Movie : Roofman** Village Hall. Door and Bar open 7.00pm film starts 7.30pm.
- Thursday 26th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak.
- Friday 27th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2,00pm.
- Saturday 28th** **Easter Sale** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.
- Saturday 28th** **Easter Bingo** Village Hall 5.30pm.
- Sunday 29th** **Palm Sunday** United Benefice Holy Communion 11.00am Dewlish church.

### 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.  
**Beavers** Friday 5.30–6.45pm.  
**Football** Saturdays and Sundays.  
**Private parties, birthdays, wedding receptions** check online calendar.  
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Chairman:	Linsey O'Neill	07798 720812
Booking Secretary:	Susan Poet	07866 313999
MSA Sports & Social Club	Bookings: Philip Smith	07776 561105

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

## GENERAL — YOUTH

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Cribbage	Peter Anthony	01258 837089
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MSA Gardening Club	Dawne Pearson	07950 540235
Milborne Players	Gren Davis	07876 793319

Village History Group	Pam Shults	01258 837203
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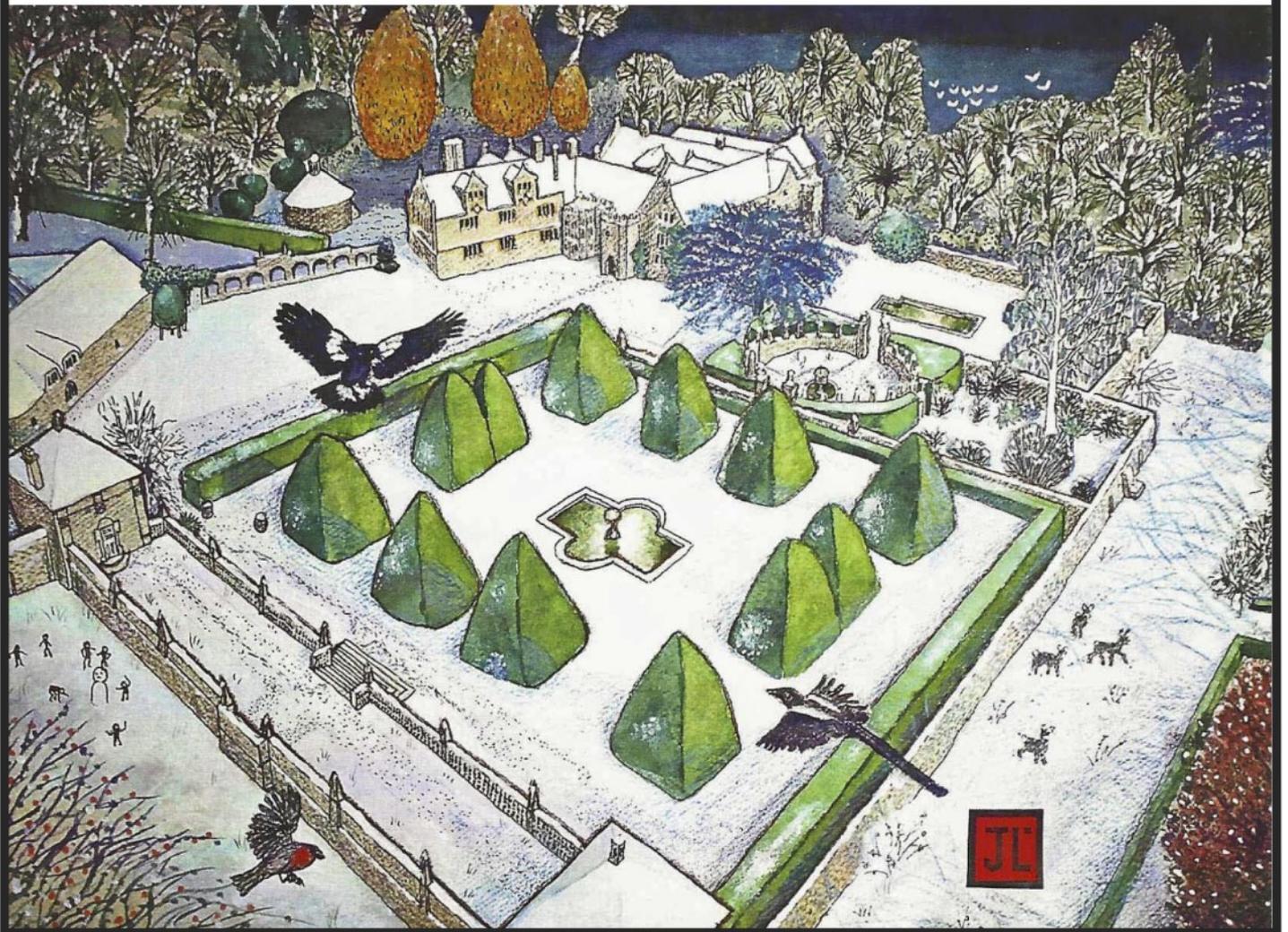
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