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A Special Film Night at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall

LOOKING for a relaxing and memorable evening close to home? Join us at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall for a wonderful community film night featuring the acclaimed film **Hamnet**.

This beautifully crafted drama, directed by Academy Award-winner Chloé Zhao, brings to life the deeply moving story inspired by Maggie O'Farrell's bestselling novel. Set in Elizabethan England, *Hamnet* explores love, grief, and family through the eyes of Agnes, the wife of William Shakespeare, and their young son. With powerful performances from Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal, the film is both intimate and visually stunning, offering a thoughtful and emotional cinematic experience.

The screening takes place on **Friday 19th June at 7.30pm**, with doors and the bar opening at 7.00pm – perfect for catching up with friends and neighbours before the film begins.

Even better, your £6.50 ticket includes not only the movie but also your choice of an ice cream or a drink, making it excellent value for a full evening's entertainment. Payment can be made by cash or card.

Whether you're a film enthusiast or simply fancy a cosy night out in the village, this promises to be a special occasion. Come along, support your local events, and enjoy "more than a movie" on the big screen.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Village History Group

AT the last meeting of the History Group, we had a presentation from Martin Papworth, a retired archaeologist. Martin worked for the National Trust for many years focusing on the Kingston Lacy estate and on Badbury Rings and surrounding areas including Shapwick.

He introduced the group to Badbury Ring's history dating back to very early inhabitation and 'barrows' (burial mounds) which were pre-historic and amazingly still have their 'mounds'. He showed photos of archaeologist digging and the finds they had unearthed.

He informed us about the history of Shapwick, which is the closest village to Badbury Rings, located just to the southwest. It is a historic village built near the site of the Roman town of Vindocladia. He showed how two key Roman roads and prehistoric tracks ran close to Badbury Rings.

Martin illustrated his talk with pictures of 'digs', aerial photographs and LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging). According to Google, in archaeology this is a remote sensing method that uses pulsed laser light from airborne sensors (planes or drones) to create high-resolution 3D models of the ground surface. It enables archaeologists to detect hidden, overgrown, or subtle archaeological features beneath vegetation and soil, revolutionizing landscape-scale survey. Similarly, he explained how Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) in archaeology is a non-invasive geophysical method that uses radio waves to create high-resolution 3D images of subsurface features without excavation. These methods enable much more evidence of areas which are of interest.

The next talk will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the Function Room of The Royal Oak. John Smith will deliver the talk that he had to cancel last year. He will tell us about "Battle of Britain over Dorset, 1940". All are welcome; a small fee of £3 cash is usually accepted.

Pam Shults

My name is Rob Greening and I am the new chair for the Parish Council

I AM currently employed as an Asbestos Surveyor for a large social housing organisation and have worked within the asbestos industry for over 26 years.

Throughout my career, I have gained extensive experience across all aspects of asbestos work, from hands-on removal projects to the management of large-scale contracts. This has included working in some unique and memorable locations, such as the underground cordite



stores at Admiralty Park, Holton Heath. However, one role that particularly stands out was undertaking work at the home of Lee Starkey, daughter of Ringo Starr.

After 15 years working in asbestos removal, I felt it was time for a new professional challenge. I successfully completed my P405 qualification and transitioned into the role of Asbestos Surveyor – a decision I have never regretted.

Four years ago, my family and I relocated to Milborne St. Andrew, seeking a quieter pace of life away from the pressures of a busy town. This move was primarily motivated by the desire to provide our daughter with the opportunity to grow up surrounded by countryside and enjoy a more relaxed, community-focused environment. After our first summer in the village, my wife Zoe, our daughter Thea, and I quickly fell in love with Milborne St. Andrew and the surrounding area. We have since formed strong friendships within the village, and our family life here has flourished.

Six months after moving to the village, I joined the Parish Council to actively contribute ideas and support the continued development of the community. During my time as a councillor, I initiated a project entitled *Spring into Action*, which remains ongoing. Each autumn, I organise and carry out the planting of daffodils, bluebells, snowdrops, and other native bulbs throughout the village, ensuring that residents can enjoy vibrant displays of flowers each spring.

Serving on the Parish Council has reinforced the importance of community engagement and collaboration. I find great satisfaction in seeing new ideas develop into meaningful projects that put the community at their heart.

I have recently taken on the role of Chair of the Parish Council and am genuinely excited about this new responsibility. As Chair, I look forward to leading the council through proactive discussions, encouraging innovation, and working collectively to ensure Milborne St. Andrew continues to thrive as an even better place for residents and visitors alike.

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Full Village Hall for flood Meeting with MP

THE village hall was packed for the flood meeting chaired by Simon Hoare MP on the 30th April. As well as residents from Milborne, those in Winterborne Whitechurch, who had also been very affected by the floods, had been invited. There were also representatives from the Environment Agency, Wessex Water, Dorset Council highways. The expertise included flooding, sewerage, watercourses and ground water. In case we needed reminding on a dry sunny spring evening, photographs of the winter flooding were shown on the screen.



Rob Sawdy from Milborne presented an overview of the situation. There were still residents, himself included, who have not been able to return to their homes. The village shop, although it managed to stay open, lost a lot of trade and was affected by the flooding outside. Children couldn't get to school and residents couldn't get to the GP. At the time of the flood people felt that they were battling by themselves. He didn't want to go down the blame road but to look to the future to prevent it happening again. The flooding is occurring more frequently and with climate change, meaning wetter winters, it can only get worse. The main problem seems to be capacity with the pinch point at the culvert under the A354. Although the flooding issue had been highlighted in the village plan of 2017 it does not seem to have been taken into account with more building having taken place and yet more in the planning.

A representative from Winterbourne Whitechurch stated that like Milborne they are also in a V-shaped valley. They were flooded for over a month and due to the village not being on mains drains the septic tanks overflowed and several families had to be evacuated. The A354 acted like a dam.

It was acknowledged, by the official representatives, that wetter winters are becoming the norm. We were told that 50mm of rain fell in 24 hours on already sodden ground. Rivers responded immediately and with the groundwater already high flooding occurred. There has been a programme of sealing the sewers and the manholes. There was inaccurate statistics as only two properties had been recorded as flooded. (This was strongly challenged).

Simon Hoare ensured that many people had the opportunity to speak and or ask questions. The main issues were:

- It has been 12 weeks since the flooding has anything been done or put onto action?
 - Who to call? People had been passed from one authority to another. A card was given out on who to report flooding but this had three different authorities on it viz., National Highways (roads), Environment Agency (river), Dorset Council (local streets and groundwater). This highlighted the problem; there should be just one number.
 - Road closed signage to be more robust and not able to be moved easily.
 - The A354 to be closed when flooded.
 - To keep the gullies clear especially of straw during harvest.
 - To have something done with the culvert under the A354.
 - To enforce riparian rights on home owners along the stream
 - A moratorium on all proposed new building in the village.
- Simon Hoare felt that it had been a worthwhile meeting and that he would be collating the information and talking to the authorities. Please send him your concerns and use him as the first point of contact. He stated that this would not be a one off event. He thanked everyone for coming.



The Environment Agency and Dorset Council have been hosting drop-in events. The last one is on Thursday 4th June at Stratton Village Hall Dorchester DT2 9WG. No advance registration is required, but those wishing to register their interest or find out more can email floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk

Linda Wright

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Gardening Club's annual plant sale blooms in the sunshine

THE sun made a welcome appearance on Saturday 9th May, perfectly timed for the Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club's much-anticipated annual plant sale. The village hall, bright with colourful bunting and buzzing with visitors, became a lively hub for gardeners, neighbours, and plant enthusiasts from across the community.

A wonderfully diverse range of plants filled the hall. Shoppers browsed tables laden with succulents, indoor plants, shrubs, annuals, and perennials, while the ever-popular fruit, vegetable, and herb stalls drew steady crowds. For a brief moment, even a few pots of bamboo made a surprise cameo in the shrubs section – quickly snapped up by keen gardeners.



The garden accessories stall proved a treasure trove once again. Overflowing yet impressively organised, it offered everything from tools and pots to decorative items and practical gardening essentials, all generously donated by club members and supporters.



Outside, a gazebo hosted a lively tombola that attracted a constant stream of hopeful participants. With a wide array of prizes on offer, the excitement never dipped. Adding to the day's sense of occasion was a sealed-bid auction for a beautiful Prunus 'Little Pink Perfection', which drew plenty of interest from those looking to add something special to their gardens.

No village event would be complete without refreshments, and this year's selection did not disappoint. Visitors enjoyed an irresistible spread of homemade cakes, along with jars of preserves that showcased the culinary talents of the community.

Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the enthusiasm of everyone who attended, the 2026 Plant Sale was a resounding success – a day filled with sunshine, community spirit, and a shared love of gardening.

There will be no June meeting in the Village Hall for the MSA Gardening Club. Instead we will be enjoying our annual club outing, which this year is a visit to Compton Acres in Poole.

Jobs for the garden

- ◇ Support tall-growing perennials, including hollyhocks and delphiniums with sturdy canes and supports
- ◇ Pinch out the tips of fuchsias and bedding plants to encourage bushier growth
- ◇ Spread mulch around thirsty crops such as beans and courgettes to hold in moisture around their roots
- ◇ Set up a 'nectar cafe' by planting flowers for pollinating insects like bees and butterflies (salvia, lavender, honeysuckle and foxgloves).

Kim Legg



Health of our Seas: at the May 2026 WI

IT is fair to say that all of us must be more aware than ever of the climate crisis and its ongoing threat to our oceans. Our speaker, Doug Skinner, a biologist and long-time member of Greenpeace, has witnessed significant lasting environmental damage over many years.



His talk centred in particular around how such changes are set to shape our own coastline. He cited some key problems emanating from the use of fossil fuels, the rising of the global ocean surface temperature, the melting of the glaciers, water becoming less saline.

Plastic is a huge problem, with polystyrene beads being eaten by fish thus entering the food chain via fish, crabs, lobsters etc. Damage to our rivers and seas from farm run-off, sewage and over-fishing is resulting in whole food chains being affected.

Some progress is being made, however, to counteract this damage; on Studland's sea beds there is now a beautiful nursery of sea grass encouraging a growing colony of seahorses, beavers' lodges are helping to stop flooding and there is a noticeable increase in numbers of golden eagles from the Isle of Wight as well as ospreys. Doug concluded his inspiring talk by emphasising how much the oceans sustain all life on earth; they make a real difference and must be protected.

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Birthday fizz at Pétanque

THE Thursday afternoon pétanque group is now celebrating birthdays. On 7th May it was the turn of José and Dennis. We are not sure whether the addition of prosecco and cake enhances our boule-throwing abilities or whether, after celebrating, we just don't care! Either way – we have great fun. Thank you for the photo, Margaret .

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The Architecture of Glory

Last month, I was invited back to the church where I worshipped between January 1999 to the autumn of 2001 for a celebration marking the twentieth anniversary of their new church building. When I was part of that congregation, the new church was still at the planning and fund-raising stage, so I have only had the pleasure of worshipping there on a few occasions since it was completed. It is a fabulous modern place of worship: light and airy, with comfortable, moveable chairs, contemporary stained-glass, beautiful hangings behind the altar and excellent facilities – meeting rooms, a small chapel, kitchen, toilets, a large foyer filled with tables and chairs which makes a great gathering-place.

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Since I returned home, I have been pondering how different it is from the ancient church buildings in our four benefice villages. Rather than modernity and flexibility, these ancient edifices speak more of permanence, continuity, prayer through the centuries, rootedness and endurance. They were built without the help of any modern technology and through blood, sweat and toil. Over hundreds of years, they have witnessed enormous changes in history and society. They may seem outdated and inflexible in some ways, yet they too were built to express the glory of God. Through the centuries countless people – churchgoers and not – have found welcome, peace, comfort and solitude within their four walls.

The older churches lift the eyes upward through ancient stone and peaceful calm; the modern one opens wide its doors and gathers people around coffee tables and meeting rooms. Both, in their different ways, speak of the glory of God.

And as I reflect on these places of worship, I am reminded that it was not primarily the church building that drew me into that church congregation all those years ago, but the people and the welcome I found there. Buildings can be wonderful reflections of God's glory, but perhaps what happens inside them that is more glorious still: the centuries of prayer, the sound of children laughing, of lonely people welcomed into community, meals shared and lives changed.

The glory of God has never been confined to a particular style, century or building. It shines wherever people gather in love, prayer, hope and service.

Sarah

With best wishes

Notes from St Andrew's

WE are still in Eastertide as I write this, with the celebration of Christ's Ascension, the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Whitsunday), and then Trinity Sunday to come. By the time you read this, we will have entered the long, "Green" season of the Church's year. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will have taken place as well.

We were delighted to welcome the Reverend Gerry Burgess to celebrate the Eucharist and preach for us on May 10th. Gerry is retired and is on the staff of St. George's, Fordington. On June 14th, we welcome Canon Janet Smith as our celebrant and preacher at 9.30am. Janet is a good friend to the Benefice and was previously Vicar of Charminster.

On a gloriously sunny day, we gathered in the Churchyard when we interred the ashes of Ann Guy. It was such a peaceful occasion; the sun shining, swallows providing a flypast, and lambs in The Grove bleating. We are grateful to Paul David for ensuring our Churchyard is such a lovely space. We try to keep a balance between "tidiness" and

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

June 2026

7th June – Trinity 1

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

14th June – Trinity 2

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

21st June – Trinity 3

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

28th June – Trinity 4

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer (traditional language)	Puddletown
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Young Explorers Learn From Land and Livestock

Pupils from Milborne St. Andrew First School have been enjoying hands-on learning this half term, with two exciting educational visits bringing their classroom topics to life.



Our Reception children set off to a nearby farm as part of their learning about how plants and animals grow and provide us with food. The children were thrilled to see cows being milked, help feed hungry calves and spot lambs playing in the fields – including one very special lamb that had been born earlier that very morning. The visit gave pupils a valuable insight into

farm life and where everyday food comes from, sparking plenty of curiosity and thoughtful questions.

Meanwhile, Honeysuckle Class were lucky enough

to visit Wessex Wild, where they explored the site’s wild farming project and discovered how it links to their history topic on the Anglo-Saxons. The children learned why Anglo-Saxon tribes settled in England, understanding the importance of fertile land and natural resources for survival. They also stepped back in time by learning about Anglo-Saxon textiles, with pupils eagerly trying out traditional techniques used to make clothing long ago.

Both trips provided memorable experiences that deepened the children’s understanding of farming, history and the natural world.



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The results have been nothing short of inspiring. Our pupils have launched a wide variety of imaginative and impactful projects, showing real initiative and care for causes close to their hearts. From organising popular cake sales to raise funds for Dorset Hedgehog Rescue, to collecting unwanted spectacles for redistribution in disadvantaged communities overseas, our students are proving that small actions can have a big impact.

Through *Make Your Mark*, pupils are not only developing practical leadership skills, but also growing in confidence and learning the importance of commitment, empathy and teamwork. These experiences are helping to shape thoughtful, responsible young people who are ready to contribute positively to society - both now and in the future.

At St. Mary's, we are always eager to strengthen our links with the local community. If you know of a project, cause or opportunity where our students could lend their energy and enthusiasm, we would love to hear from you.

A Warm Welcome Back Awaits St. Mary's Alumni

We are also delighted to extend a special invitation to former students. If you are a St. Mary's alumnus, why not come and see how the school has grown and evolved?

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To confirm your place, please email Mrs Gaughan in the school office (details below). We would be thrilled to welcome you back and celebrate the shared history that continues to shape our school today.



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what is known as a “Living Churchyard”. We have several rare plants growing at different times of the year, and we avoid mowing those areas until they have seeded. Even the nettles in some parts provide food for certain butterflies. Moles are another “hazard” of country churchyards, and we try to curtail their workings by eco-friendly means (not always successfully).

Our congratulations go to Robin Mears, our Captain of the Tower, who was recently awarded a certificate marking his 60th anniversary of membership of The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers. I asked him if he began ringing at his Christening!

Although we are embarking on the Green season, there are plenty of special days in June, each with its own particular emphasis. On June 4th we keep Corpus Christi, a day of celebration giving thanks for the Holy Communion, and Christ’s continual Presence with us. June 11th is the Feast of St. Barnabas, “the encourager”, the following day is the Feast of the Sacred Heart – the Divine Compassion – when we recall God’s endless love for us in Jesus.

We send Sarah our best wishes for her birthday on June 9th. At our last Milborne Praise, we sang “Happy Birthday” to Josie Thomas, whose birthday was the following day.

We give thanks for the life of Audrey Hayward, who died recently, and send our condolences to her husband, Ray, and daughter, Darlene. Audrey had lived in Milborne for many years (Darlene and I were at school together!)

I close with a quote from the American poet, Mary Oliver (1935–2019), which seems particularly apt at this time of the year. She drew her inspiration from nature, as Jesus often did in his parables, going on long, solitary walks in the countryside near her home. She wrote, “Pay attention, be astonished, tell about it.” Be open to the good things around us, and we are fortunate in Dorset. Be ready to be surprised, to take joy in what we see, and to share the positives in life with others. Much needed in the troubled world in which we live.

Tony (Churchwarden)

Dewlish Church Notes

OUR Lent Lunches were very well-attended, with an average of 15 people at each event. The soups were delicious and the hospitality provided by our very generous hosts and hostesses was greatly welcome so many thanks to all concerned. A total of £207 was raised and this has been donated to WaterAid.

I expect people have noticed the scaffolding round the church tower; this was required to do various jobs high up. We have also had to have the height of the tree at the bottom of the churchyard reduced. These repairs have cost over £3,000 so if anyone would like to make a donation towards this cost we would be most grateful.

We are holding our annual **Pet Service** on Sunday 21st June at 11.00am. Please do come along with your pet if you have one or just come along to enjoy other people’s pets. We look forward to seeing you all.

Daphne Burg

Signs of spring in the garden

EVERY year without exception, I get joy from the signs of spring. It starts to get a bit warmer, I spend more time in the garden, things in my greenhouse show signs of survival, and then outside there all the natural things that start to show signs of life. A Great Tit has spent many nights throughout the winter roosting in our camera nestbox and now has transformed the dry empty box into a cosy fluff-lined nest and laid five eggs. The bird managed to successfully fend off House Sparrows who tried to take over the completed nest. We are hoping the eggs will hatch around the 24th April, (the day we go away!) but there should be chicks when we get back. A Robin that has been taking mealworms from my hand has now got a partner and I have seen it courtship feeding many times. I assume they have a nest and may even be on their second brood, but not in my garden, so I am not sure where. I look forward to seeing the speckled young being fed by the parents soon. They do not look much like robins for a few weeks, as they only develop their red breasts after a few weeks.

I have seen Small White, Brimstone, Red Admiral, Peacock and Holly Blue butterflies as well as two Large Red Damselflies. I struggle to identify members of the Bee family but I have seen Orange Tail and Carder bees. We had a Toad stroll across the lawn and I have seen my first Common Newt of the year.



Despite fruit and nuts being particularly good last year, the blossom on Apple, Cherry and Peach have been generally good, but only time will tell if the pollinating insects were active when the flowers were open.

All this is good, but there is concern for some of our commoner birds, the finch family. There has been a decrease in the numbers of Chaffinches and particularly Greenfinches, as there is an incidence of a parasite (*Trichomonas gallinae*) that causes throat infections in birds. The RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) are recommending to stop feeding seeds and peanuts for the summer as cross infection is occurring at bird feeders. I recently found a dead Greenfinch which I sent off for a post-mortem via the BTO. The report came back to say the bird had no food in its intestines and had starved because its throat was swollen and blocked. Very sad.

The suggestion is to continue feeding fat balls and mealworms until the autumn.

So, now back to the garden, and carry on being optimistic that things will grow, except the slugs and snails!. *Pip Bowell*



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Carers Week is a time to recognise the incredible work done by unpaid carers across the UK. This year's theme, *Building Carer Friendly Communities*, will highlight the impact carer friendly communities can have in making a real and lasting difference to the lives of carers everywhere.

You might not see yourself as a carer – many people simply help a family member or friend without thinking twice. But if you support someone with an illness, disability, mental health condition or addiction, and they rely on you, then you are a carer.

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

Community Coffee Morning

We would like to warmly invite all unpaid carers and anyone else who would like a cuppa and some company to our next coffee morning at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on Tuesday 9th June 2026 10.30am till 12.00 noon.

Whether you would like to come on your own for some 'me time' or with the person you care for, it would be great to see you. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Please feel free to just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!

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Kate Hawker

Support when caught out by scams

Anyone can be caught out by a scam, but support is there for you. Criminal tactics can affect people of any age or background, and these crimes are becoming more sophisticated.

Incidents range from doorstep callers to fake online offers and misleading phone calls, and they are getting more sophisticated by the day. Learning what to look out for can help prevent harm before it happens, such as:

- unexpected calls, emails or messages asking for bank details, passwords or PINs
- anyone pressuring you to act quickly, for example to pay a bill, transfer money, or click a link
- offers that seem too good to be true, including prizes, investments or discounted home repairs
- callers claiming to be from your bank, a delivery company, or the council, but refusing to give verifiable details
- doorstep visitors who will not leave, insist on starting work straight away, or ask for cash up front

Dorset Council's Trading Standards team works closely with Citizens Advice, Dorset Police, Victim Support Dorset and Age UK. Reports through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline help the council understand the latest scams and who may need support.

The council has also signed the national Fraud and Scams Victim Charter. The Charter sets clear standards for how organisations should support anyone affected, recognising the emotional, financial and practical impact these crimes can have.

Cllr Gill Taylor, Dorset Council's Cabinet Member for Health and Housing, said:

"By signing the Fraud and Scams Victim Charter, we are making a clear commitment to treat every victim with dignity, respect and compassion. No one should ever feel ashamed to come forward. If you are worried about yourself, a friend or family member, please reach out. Support is here for you, and we will do everything we can to help."

If you have made a payment in response to a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible.

Get advice from the Citizens Advice consumer helpline – call 0808 223 1133 or find out more on their website at citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer



Anyone remember Terry Wogan 'fighting the flab'?

HAVING lost weight recently I'm now trying very hard to keep within the 'healthy weight' range for my height.

As most people know it's not easy to avoid all the tempting food which seems to surround us. I'm very careful when shopping so that I don't have chocolate or other irresistible foods readily accessible in the house. The big problem is when out and about.



I was looking online for a comfortable hotel for a short break away but I found it difficult to access many hotel menus online, I had to wade through endless guff about 'sustainability' and 'food miles' before finally getting a menu to look at. What do I see? A selection of food which makes it very difficult to eat healthily.

One of my complaints is that often a menu offers a fixed price for two or three courses and no option for having just a main course. Also, no choice for ordering a smaller portion.

The desserts on offer are usually highly calorific featuring sticky toffee pudding or chocolate brownies. Even at the height of the English berry season it's almost impossible to find strawberries or any fresh fruit offered unless smothered in cream and meringue in the ubiquitous Eton Mess.

It's not just hotels of course, pubs, cafes and restaurants are equally guilty. I search the menu for something simple like grilled salmon with new potatoes (Jersey Royals please!) and fresh vegetables but I'm only offered fish and chips, lasagne or burgers. Luckily our local pub, The Royal Oak, offers healthy options, you only have to ask. Many hotels offer fresh fruit salad as part of the breakfast buffet and I often ask for this in the evening instead of the desserts offered on the menu. I wonder why they can't put a fresh fruit option on the evening or lunchtime menu?

A few years ago (2022) our government introduced new regulations about large restaurants having to display calorie counts for each menu item. This is all very well but no use at all if all the food on offer is high calorie. I'd love to see every menu featuring at least one healthy choice as a matter of course. A few years ago, it was impossible to get vegetarian food when eating out but that has changed because of demand. I'm really hoping that eventually healthy choices become more accessible.

I think that many people eat out or have take-away food more frequently these days, some people at least once a week or more. Yes, it's good to have an occasional treat of a rich indulgent meal but if this is happening regularly then it will soon show up on your waistline.



It's the same when buying an ice cream when out at the seaside, there are rarely any lower calorie options available. I usually end up opting for a fruit ice lolly instead. I had no idea how packed with calories my favourite ice cream was (although a clue is definitely in the name!)

Kelly's clotted cream ice cream 233cals per 100g

174 cals Tesco vanilla

146 cals Miss Molly's

Fruit ice lolly 50 cals on average



Recipe for lower calorie ice cream

100g frozen blueberries – 60 cals
Muller light strawberry yogurt
140g – 90cals

Blitz the frozen berries and the yogurt with a stick blender or in a mini food processor. It makes an instant soft serve ice cream.

This makes 200g which is enough for two portions at approximately 75 cal per 100g portion.

This next bit makes for depressing reading I'm afraid . . .

Current Obesity Statistics in the UK

Adult Obesity Rates

- Percentage of Adults: Approximately 26% of adults in the UK are classified as obese, which corresponds to about 14.15 million to 18.11 million individuals.
- Overall Weight Status: Around 64.5% of adults are either overweight or living with obesity.

Childhood Obesity Rates

- Children Aged 10–11: About 20% of children in this age group are classified as obese.
- Children Aged 4–5: Approximately 10% of children in this age group are considered obese.

Future Projections

- By 2040: It is estimated that over 21 million adults in the UK could be obese, which may represent more than 70% of the adult population if current trends continue.

These statistics highlight the growing concern of obesity as a significant public health issue in the UK.

On a lighter note, I found this poem the other day and it made me smile. I gave up smoking in 1977 . . .

The Health-Food Diner – Maya Angelou

No sprouted wheat and soya shoots
And Brussels in a cake,
Carrot straw and spinach raw,
(Today I need a steak).

Not thick brown rice and rice pilau
Or mushrooms creamed on toast,
Turnips mashed and parsnips hashed,
(I'm dreaming of a roast).

Health-food folks around the world
Are thinned by anxious zeal,
They look for help in seafood kelp
(I count on breaded veal).

No Smoking signs, raw mustard greens,
Zucchini by the ton,
Uncooked kale and bodies frail
Are sure to make me run

to

Loins of pork and chicken thighs
And standing rib, so prime,
Pork chops brown and fresh ground round
(I crave them all the time).

Irish stews and boiled corned beef
And hot dogs by the scores,
or any place that saves a space
For smoking carnivores.

Rose Frost

Shop 'till we drop

MSA Gardening Club is part of The Gold Club, which is run by The Gardens Group of garden centres and open to all gardening clubs in Dorset.

One of the many activities put on by The Gold Club is a 25% discount shopping evening for members, with free delivery the following day. The timing is perfect, as our gardens start to get into full swing, there are often many supplies required.

On the evening of Thursday 13th May, MSA Gardening Club visited Poundbury Gardens for their annual discount shopping trip.

The evening started with a welcome over tea, coffee and biscuits, followed by a talk on the various plants in stock. As well as promoting their stock, the speaker was well informed and questions about gardening welcomed.



Some of the latest plants discussed were *Artemisia abrotanum* 'Cola' which when its leaves are rubbed, smells of Coca-Cola. Its leaves may be infused to make a cola-like drink. One person in the audience asked if it could be eaten, (which raised a chuckle) but apparently, although palatable in drinks, its taste is rather bitter.

All areas of the store were represented, including accessories and cards, with a pair of socks being displayed – we were told by the speaker that they had snuck into the talk against his better judgement, but his colleague in charge of the accessories area was adamant explaining ' . . . but they are made of bamboo'.

Peat-free compost was also discussed on account of it not holding water in the way peat does. We heard how the garden centre is trialling water trays underneath their tree lines, to give the trees more time to take the water and liquid feed up through their roots – much in the same way you can place a saucer under a plant pot. One warning was given however, to ensure after a day, to tip the water out, otherwise the roots will start to rot.

Drought-tolerant plants were also mentioned, however one member in the audience put their hand up at this point and asked if they had anything suitable for flooding . . . water lilies anyone?

After the talk, the 26-strong group (who had lift shared to get there), were let loose to buy the pots, compost and plants at greatly reduced prices – after all, it's always possible to find room for just one more . . . Jo Wagner Photos: Penny Pearce



Congratulations Ladybirds!

Ladybirds staff and trustees had great news in May with publication of their Ofsted report – “strong” across all six assessment criteria. This means Ladybirds is undeniably one of the best pre-schools in the area. Very well-done Sam Mercer (Ladybirds’ leader) Jess Elphinstone Davis (deputy leader) and Liz Harwood. There is much relief and justifiable pride in having got through the assessment with such a great result.

The team does a great job at Ladybirds for the benefit of children from the village and further afield. Being co-located with the First School helps both staffs to transition the children through “early-years provision” and beyond.

Whilst being a small team, in a small setting, has added to some of the management and financial difficulties of running Ladybirds, particularly in recent years, this is undoubtedly great for the children. They can engage with children at the First School often participating in joint events.

At the time of writing, it looks like we can at last look forward to the First School taking over village pre-school provision. This can only be “ever better” for village children. Certainly, Ladybirds’ new Ofsted report gives First School leadership a high standard to improve upon! Ladybirds is thrilled to be taking applications for September 2026.

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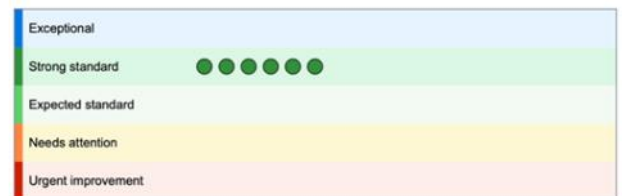
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New look for Annual Village Meeting

THIS year's Annual Village Meeting was less a formal council gathering and more a celebration of village life. The Village Hall was busy and, with a steady flow of complimentary drinks served by Linsey and Steve, residents gathered for what PC clerk Wayne Lewin described as an informal evening with one simple question at its heart: "What do you want from the Parish Council in the next year?"

Opening the meeting, new chairman, Rob Greening, reflected on what makes Milborne St Andrew special. "This village is friendly and helpful," he said. "The Parish Council is here for you and we want to see MSA thrive." Residents were encouraged to bring forward any ideas - big or small, serious or fun - with a new ideas box to be sited in the Village Hall foyer.

The evening's guest presentation came from Jim Dunne of Dorset Hedgehog Rescue, who gave an eye-opening talk about the work at the rescue centre at Ashley Barn. The charity, which rehabilitated around 1,000 hedgehogs last year with a survival rate of 79 per cent, relies almost entirely on volunteers. Jim explained the huge amount of work involved in caring for sick and injured wildlife, from medical treatment and scans to neonatal care for orphaned hoglets.

He highlighted the many dangers facing hedgehogs, many caused unintentionally by humans. Strimmers, bonfires, garden netting and habitat fragmentation all pose significant dangers. Residents were encouraged to create "hedgehog highways" between gardens by leaving small holes in fences, and to check carefully before lighting bonfires or using garden machinery. The rescue centre costs around £275 a day to run and welcomes donations of practical items such as meaty cat food, blue cleaning roll, gloves and rubbish sacks.

Outgoing PC chair, Richard Macnair, gave a review of the council's work over the past year, noting continued investment in green spaces, grass cutting and grants for the Village Hall and churchyard, including new patio furniture at the hall. He also highlighted the "Spring into Action" bulb planting initiative, VE Day commemorations and additional grit bins around the village. Thanks were given to Dorset councillor Emma Parker for her support, and also to Susan Poet and Jane MacLeod who stood down from the PC. He also welcomed progress on issues, including the reopening of the Huntley Down HIP and the introduction of the 20mph speed limit and future traffic calming measures.

A new format for the meeting was the opportunity for many of the village's organisations and clubs to showcase what they do.

Village Hall Chair Linsey described the hall as a vital part of the community, run entirely by volunteers and hosting everything

from clubs and community groups to Artsreach events. Volunteers are currently sought for litter picking around the hall field.

The Community Café, held on the second Saturday of most months, continues to thrive, offering breakfasts, cakes and conversation in equal measure. Originally launched as a fundraiser, it has evolved into a valued social event bringing villagers together.

Brian Keene spoke about the allotments, which has around 20 plot holders, including several young families and a Beavers group plot. Although there is currently a small waiting list, more names are welcome.

Pam Shults shared the continuing success of the History Group, which began over 15 years ago when she discovered there was little recorded local history available. Since then, the group has hosted speakers, organised visits and has published short books on the village's past.

Village life clearly remains rich in opportunities to socialise and try something new. The Food and Wine Group, despite its name, welcomes non-drinkers and organises pub lunches, afternoon teas and safari suppers. The Gardening Club continues to combine practical gardening advice with social activities and visits, while the WI - now more than 80 years old in the village - is actively encouraging new and younger members.

There was also enthusiastic promotion for pétanque, bridge, cribbage and the Milborne Players, whose annual pantomime and summer productions remain fixtures in the village calendar. The Wednesday Club meet on the day the name suggests and enjoys afternoon teas and speakers. There were gasps though when it emerged that the group's Christmas lunch was held on a Thursday. Community Speed Watch volunteers explained their ongoing efforts to improve road safety, while Reporter editor David Payne reminded residents that the free monthly magazine depends heavily on advertising and contributors.

For all clubs and groups contact details, have a look in the Contacts page in this magazine.

The evening moved on to finance and future planning. Mr Lewin explained that the parish precept for a Band D property remains one of the lowest in Dorset at just over £35 per year. Reserves had been used for one-off projects including defibrillators and grants for improvements. He also highlighted advances in governance, including the council's new gov.uk website and updated banking arrangements.

Planning developments continue to loom large over the village. Residents heard updates on three significant proposed housing sites, including the Camelco development (61 homes), the Dewlish Road site (35) and a future application on Blandford Hill (49). The former car park (Camelco site) will not include any social housing but it is likely to go ahead.

The meeting concluded with a lively public discussion covering issues including play park maintenance, bus shelters, broadband provision and communication with residents. The possibility of using future developer contributions for new bus shelters was discussed, although the pavement by the telephone exchange is too narrow for a shelter. Familiarisation sessions for the village defibrillators are to be arranged. There was discussion about how the PC communicates with residents and suggestions for fliers and leaflets with a QR code to enable notifications.

If you have any ideas you'd like to put forward to the Parish Council, post them in the ideas box at the VH. *Ed Richards*



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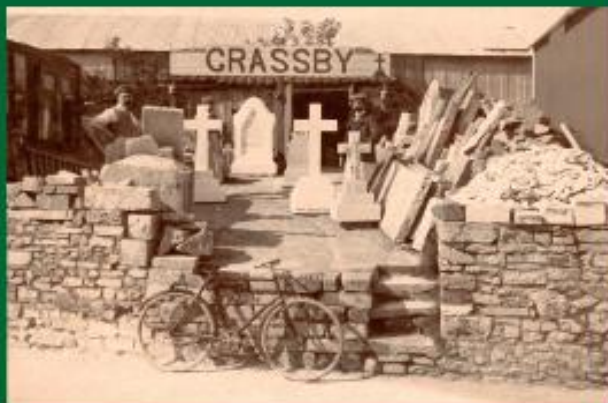
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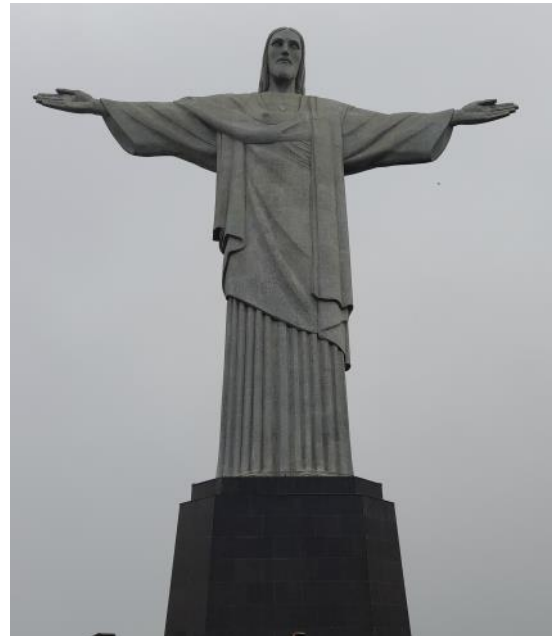
Travelling to South America and the Antarctic

As many of you know, I have recently returned from a very long cruise. We sailed from Southampton, missing the raging Bay of Biscay, and after a port stop in Las Palmas we reached South America. Stopping at many ports with lovely beaches we travelled down into the Antarctic. We sailed through several channels, including Lemaire, Neumayer and Scholleart. We spent time on the decks watching wildlife on the glaciers and seas including whales, Gentoo penguins and lion seals. It was a good job that we brought thermal hats, gloves and coats.

Once leaving this amazing area, we travelled up the west coast of South America stopping at many ports. The weather got warmer and we saw many famous sights including the South American Azca lines on the hills, Rio Carnival celebrations and many other ports on the way to the Panama Canal. Once leaving Panama we stopped at several Caribbean islands (savouring the sun and warmth) on the route back to Southampton.

As you can imagine I have many, many photos a few of which I will share with you.

Pam Shults



SPOTLIGHT . . .

Each month we will be spotlighting an activity that occurs in the village. We hope to include all the clubs etc so watch this place.

This month it is

Artsreach

HAVE you ever attended an Artsreach event in the village or elsewhere in Dorset? If you have then you will know that it is an opportunity to see some excellent performances.

For over 35 years Artsreach has provided people living in rural Dorset access to high quality theatre, music, dance, storytelling and workshops. Centred primarily in village halls it provides a vital lifeline for people who are socially and geographically isolated.

“Loneliness isn’t just an emotion it’s a serious public health issue that can damage mental and physical wellbeing leaving people open to exploitation” Jo Morris NHS Dorset

Financing Artsreach is made possible with 40% of funding from Dorset Council and Arts Council England, 40% of income is from ticket sales and the remaining is from donations and project grants. In the 2025 season 132 live performances took place in 43 communities across Dorset and over 10,200 people attended.

Last summer, supported by the Valentine Trust, 380 children aged 5+ took part in children’s workshops.

All this is made possible with a network of over 200 volunteer promoters in more than 40 communities.

To remain sustainable, maintain the programme and grow,, Artsreach is implementing a new fundraising plan and seeking support from a broader range of sources, including commercial support, individual donations and support from trust and foundations.

Here in Milborne, a very small band of volunteers try to provide a varied programme during the year (limited by size of hall, number of volunteers etc) although it isn’t always possible to book performances that we would like. The most recent event was the BSO coffee and cake concert taking place in the daytime. This was very well attended and something that we hope to be able to repeat. At the moment we are looking at the programme for autumn/winter.

Please support the events either here in the village hall or elsewhere in Dorset. For the current programme go to www.artsreach.co.uk

And of course if you would like to join the volunteer team here in Milborne you would be more than welcome.

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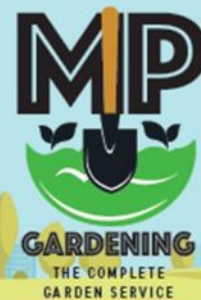
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WE hope you can join us at St Peter's Church Dorchester this month for the many concerts, choral services and musical events that are taking place!

There is a service of Choral Eucharist on Sunday 7th June at 10.30am featuring Rheinberger's 'Missa brevis in C', Thomas Tallis's 'If ye love me' and Howells's 'O pray for the peace of Jerusalem'. The service is free to attend and all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments afterwards.

The monthly lunchtime concert takes place on Saturday 20th June between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, when baritone Jonathan Prentice and pianist Rob Taylor present an eclectic programme of songs and arias. Admission is free.

There is a service of Choral Eucharist on Sunday 21st June at 10.30am. The music includes Gabrieli's 'Missa brevis', Bruckner's 'Locus iste' and Faure's 'Cantique de Jean Racine'. The service is free to attend and all are welcome.

Choral Evensong takes place on Saturday 27th June at 4.30pm and marks the feast of St. Peter. The programme of music includes Durufle's 'Tu es Petrus', the Ayleward 'Preces and Responses', Bryan Kelly's lively 'Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C' and Herbert Sumsion's 'They that go down to the sea in ships'. The service is free to attend and followed by a glass of wine!

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that top London chamber choir Siglo de Oro, and their conductor Patrick Allies, will be launching our autumn season with a concert at St Peter's Dorchester on Friday 4th September at 7.00pm. Siglo de Oro are rising stars in the choral world, with recent Wigmore Hall recitals, tours of the US and Europe and collaborations with eminent composers like Caroline Shaw earning them an increasingly prominent reputation as one of the UK's premier vocal ensembles. We highly recommend catching them in Dorchester as their star continues to ascend! Tickets are £20 and on sale from 1st June at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

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New chair at Wednesday Club

AT our annual meeting on 6th May, we learnt that Jenny Balcon, who has been in charge for the last 10 years, has decided to step down and we thanked her for all her work. We were very pleased to welcome Lin Chatfield as our new leader, also Angie and Meg who volunteered to join the committee. After a brief summary of last year's activities from Jenny and an assurance from John, our treasurer, that we are in a safe position for another year, we concluded the business meeting. We then settled down to a tense game of bingo followed as usual by tea and biscuits and chat.

Next month we are visiting Dobbies Garden Centre, if we gather as usual in the car park to sort out car sharing, some tables will have been booked for us to sit together for tea and cake.

Do join us at Wednesday Club, we meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the village hall.

Unwelcome visitor at Plant Sale

MSA Gardening Club's annual sale was well attended and a success by all accounts.

However, it would be remiss if we failed to report on the unfortunate occurrence at this year's event, of a visitor that clearly had no intention of buying any plants and couldn't even be tempted to have a cup of tea and slice of cake.

She (but some onlookers thought she may have been a he) was known to locals but due to past rather unpleasant encounters, it was hoped she wouldn't show up at the Plant Sale.

The undesirable who clearly was from MSA was discovered languishing in amongst a box of sold shrubs stored under the table in the corner of the Village Hall. When the purchaser looked under the tablecloth to find the box to carry her purchases home, she was troubled. The concerned Huntley Down resident (who has asked not to be identified) raised the alarm.

Editor Dave, who has lived in the village for a number of years, was on hand to help with identification. However, as he couldn't get a good look at their face, he decided on behalf of all present, that safety must come first. As she would clearly, once again make a nuisance of herself, Dave along with others, that had clustered around, decided the loitering guest should be ejected from the Village Hall.

At that point (we think she may have overheard the conversation) her head emerged and with a bright twinkle in her eye, she proceeded to nonchalantly move away, surprisingly swiftly, towards the vegetable stall.

Dave, imagining imminent catastrophe acted very bravely and nominated me to evict her. It was something I have done many times before, so although I felt rather awful and sorry to have to take this action, clearly there was no point in delaying things or in trying to get her to see reason. I wasn't afraid and took decisive action, scooped her up and carried Shelly (as she has now been named) outside and left her under a hedge in the playground, to hopefully find 'her Gary'.



Shelly shortly before being evicted



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LETTERS to the Reporter

Dear Editor,

It is now over a year since the village Badminton Club was wound up at short notice. Since then, I have retained the books and register, in the hope that someone might take on the continuation of the club. Unfortunately, nobody has come forward, so it is my intention to discard all of the material that I still have in my possession. There is also a small amount of money left that I propose to pass to Cancer Research UK as it was the charity specified at the funeral of Bruce Dyer, our organiser until his death.

If there is anybody who wishes to discuss this further, please contact me.

Pip Bowell, 18 Bladen View

Fun day at Luccombe

Come and join us at Luccombe Hub on Sunday 5th July for our annual HubFest event between 12.00 noon and 6.00pm. There will be stalls, a BBQ and bar, music and so much more (see advert on page 14).

Luccombe Hub is your local Ofsted rated SEN school providing full time educational support for around 25 learners operating out of Luccombe Business Park.

Friends of Luccombe Hub is the PTA charity that helps to provide additional funding for items of equipment that could not otherwise be obtained through the school budget.

Entry to HubFest is free and includes a visit to our farm on the opposite side of the main road between Milton Abbas and Winterborne Whitechurch where you can participate in animal feeding.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Nigel Hodder

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Send your pictures, news and articles to the Reporter at msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team.

Team members can be found on page two

What's on in June

- Wednesday 3rd** **Wednesday Club** .
- Wednesday 3rd** **Parish Council** meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
- Thursday 11th** **WI** Eve Bonham Cozens will discuss 'Researching a book set in Dorset'. Village Hall 730pm. All welcome
- Thursday 11th** **Italian Theme Night** The Royal Oak.
- Saturday 13th** **Community Café** village Hall 10.00am until 12.00pm
- Sunday 14th** **Deadline** for the June Reporter. Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk or give to a member of the Team.
- Friday 19th** **Film Night Hamnet** Village Hall 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm.
- Thursday 25th** **Pie Night** The Royal Oak.
- Friday 26th** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.00pm

What's on in July

- Sunday 5th** **Hub Fest** at Luccombe Hub 12pm to 6.00pm – see this page and advert on page 14.
- Thursday 9th** **Ploughmans Theme Night** The Royal Oak.
- Friday 10th and Saturday 11th** **Klairvoyant** Ken Lockwood, spiritualist extraordinaire Milborne St Andrew Village Hall 7.30pm – see page 15.
- Friday 31st** **Bridge** The Royal Oak 2.00pm.

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.
 - Petanque** Thursday 2.00pm weather permitting.
 - 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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COMMUNITY CENTRES

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He also passed round an attractive-looking fossil, asking if any of us were able to name it. Only one of us could. Well done, Annette, for correctly saying it was in fact a 'British coral'. Her prize was an illustrated copy of '*Spirit of the Ocean*'. We were all impressed!

Business followed: Jenny took us through two WI Resolutions to be taken forward to the Annual meeting on June 4th: *Accessible public toilet facilities to promote dignity, health and social inclusion*, and *Action on Women's homelessness*. We voted unanimously to support both.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm, when Eve Bonham Cozens will discuss '*Researching a book set in Dorset*'. Please join us for a sociable evening, we would love to see you.

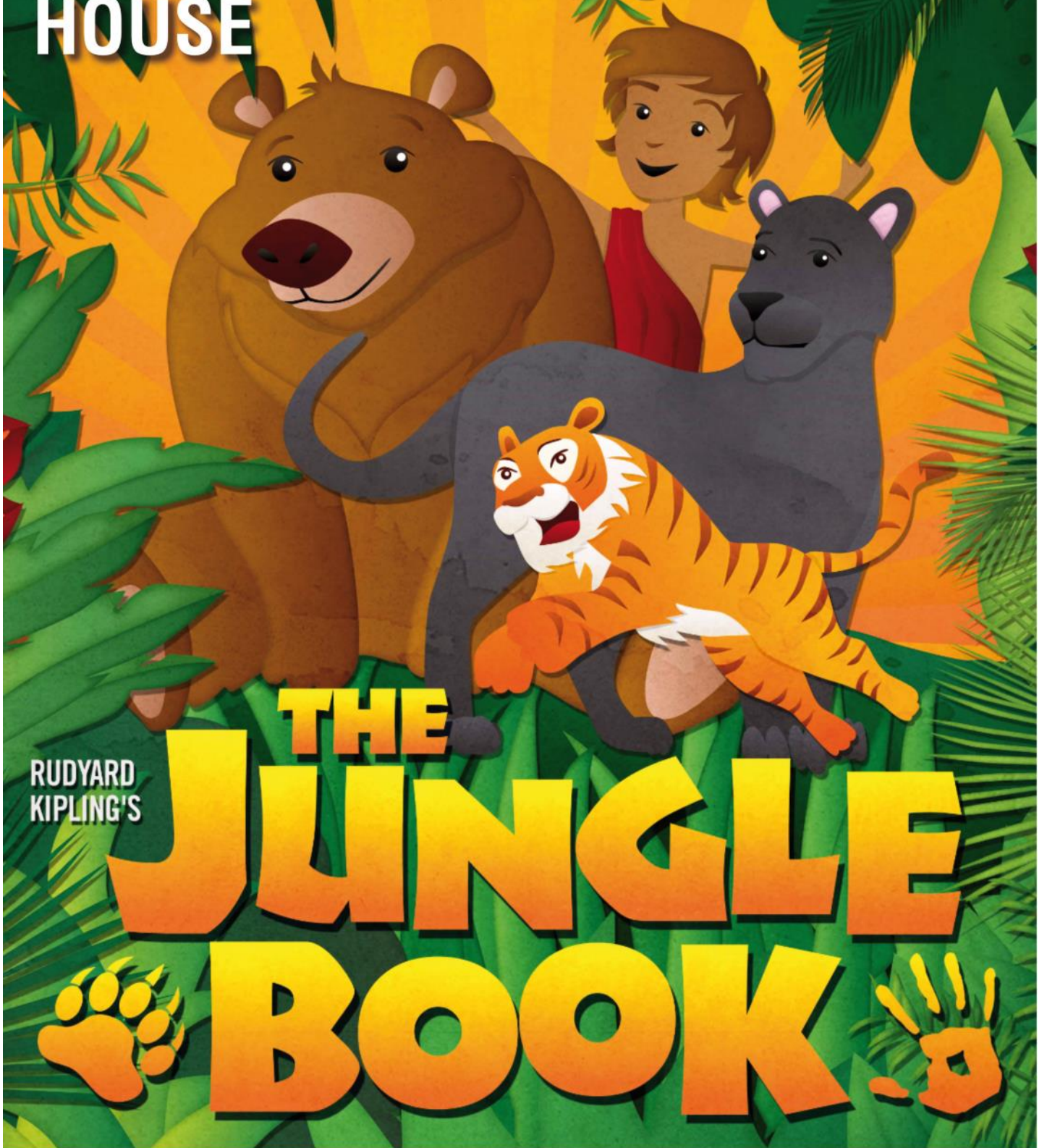
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