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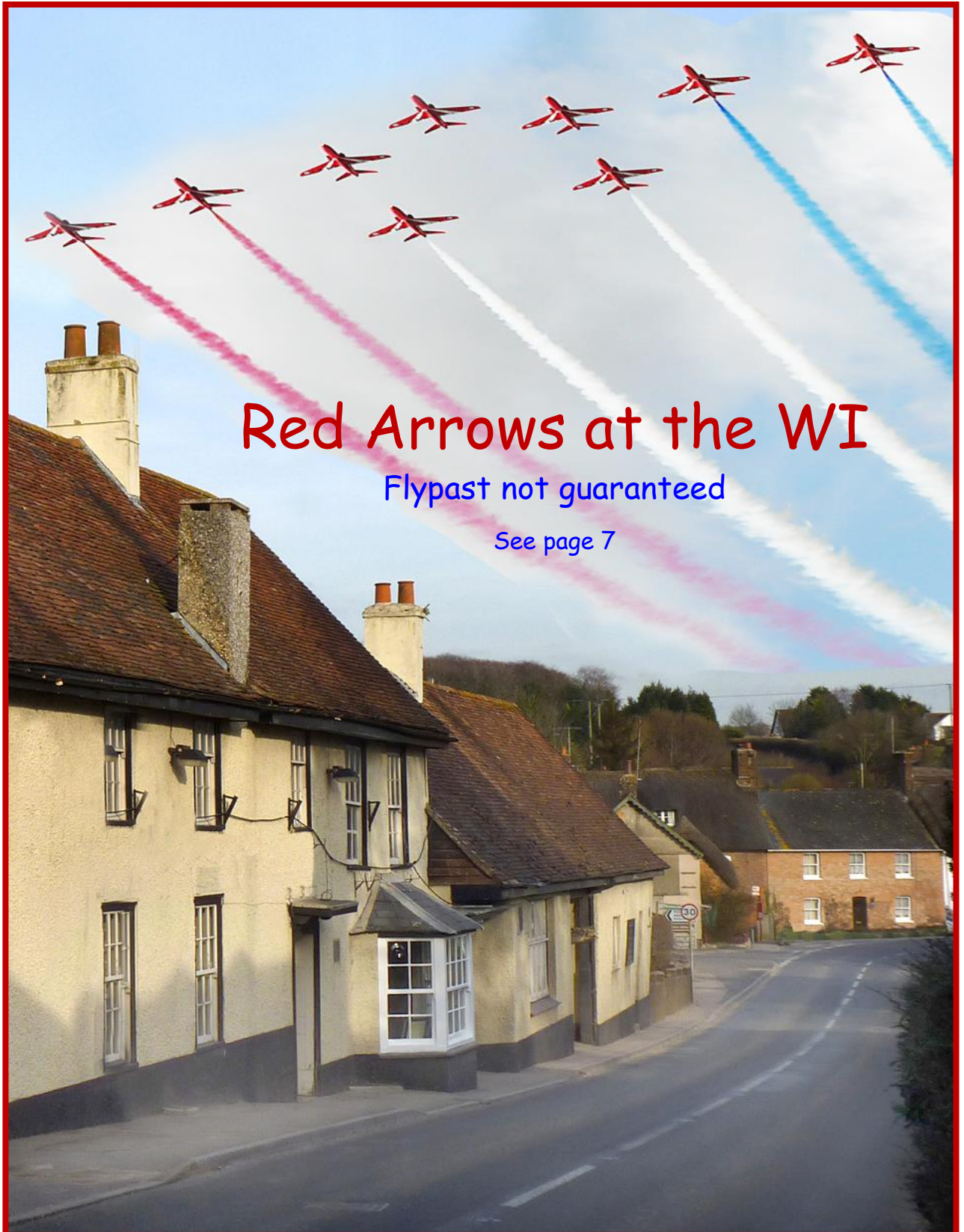
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## More than a pie at The Royal Oak

ON Thursday 28th May we were fortunate that our lovely Pie Night at the Pub not only had the usual brilliant meal but also the added pleasure of entertainment in the car park.



The Frome Valley Morris Dancers came and performed for us. Morris dancing is a traditional English folk dance performed for the community and for entertainment. A massive part is the “Pub Stop”, generally to draw people together

for shared enjoyment. They even managed to get a couple of the audience to join in with them.

Even if we didn't join in the dancing we were tapping our toes and dancing in our seats.

Thank you to The Frome Valley Morris Dancers and to Sarah and team at The Royal Oak for another great evening. Photos by Pam Shults



Lis Watts



## Researching for a Dorset book at the WI

WE welcomed Eve Bonham, a published writer, to talk about her new book set in Dorset. Eve moved to our county a number of years ago and started writing fiction. She found Dorset to be a good place for creativity; it is undoubtedly very beautiful with a huge variety of stunning landscapes. Setting the book in Dorset, she was keen that her research should be authentic, in that it had to make use of as many of the village and people surnames as possible. Her cast of sometimes eccentric characters was chosen to mirror everyday village life, bearing in mind that not everything in a small village is perfect or as it seems! Eve admits to borrowing some of her characters from Dorset literature – the pub landlord and the village chatter for instance.

Reading excerpts from her latest book ‘Dear Magpies’, Eve illustrated the importance of village life, where people meet and have time for each other. She hoped that her story reflected the nature of people living in a rural community like Dorset, where there is such a sense of belonging and ‘when the chips are down help is there’.

It is clear that Eve loves telling stories, her research into life in our county had been extensive, and the accompanying narrative was fascinating.

There were a number of very colourful entries for our competition – ‘a Dorset Limerick’. Eve was asked to judge and chose Lin Chatfield’s amusing take – well done, Lin!

We meet again on Thursday 9th July for an Open Meeting at which Phil Holt will talk about the Red Arrows. All are welcome to come along and join us: refreshments will be available and we would love to see you.

Pat Bull

## Klairvoyant Ken Lockwood still in the vicinity . . .

THE *Reporter* has been made aware of some suspicious-looking activity taking place in Milborne St. Andrew in recent days.



An unusual conversation was reportedly overheard outside the Londis shop, with references to “secrets of other dimensions”, plans to extract information, and the name ‘Ken Lockwood’ mentioned multiple times. Onlookers noted that the individuals involved appeared to become wary of being overheard and quickly went their separate ways. In the process, there was even a minor collision between

vehicles before one of them sped off.

Later, a similar covert discussion was observed in The Royal Oak. Locals enjoying a drink remarked that the conversation again centred around secrets and obtaining information. One party seemed to struggle to retain the details being shared, repeatedly saying “I forget”. The exchange ended abruptly with a loud declaration of “Village Hall, 10th and 11th July – gotcha”, before both individuals departed via separate exits.

Something is definitely afoot – and whatever is taking place in the Village Hall on 10th and 11th July is worth looking into.

If anyone has any further information about these events, please contact the Milborne Players.

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Details of dates and locations for the flu vaccination clinic for our eligible patients under 64 years old will also follow.

## Stay Connected with What's Happening Locally

Looking for local activities, community groups, or events in the area? Each month, we produce a bulletin highlighting a range of opportunities to help you stay active, connected, and involved in your community.

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## Wellbeing Activities

Just a reminder of some of the great groups run by our fantastic surgery Health Champions:

- ★ Beginners Line Dancing group is on a Monday 2.00pm – 3.00pm at the Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall
- ★ Walking group is on Wednesdays at 10.00am – please see our surgery Facebook page for the monthly walking schedule or collect a programme from Reception
- ★ Crafting group is on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1.00pm at the Milborne St Andrew Sports Club Pavilion (DT11 0JA)

No need to book a space, just turn up on the day. Our Wellbeing Team would love to see you! Further information can be found on our surgery website [www.masurgery.co.uk/wellbeing-team](http://www.masurgery.co.uk/wellbeing-team)

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Please share with any unpaid carers who may benefit from this opportunity.

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## Whose Garden is it?



THE next meeting for the MSA Gardening Club will be Thursday 16th July. We will be enjoying a presentation from David Boag, a wildlife photographer, author and lecturer. David will show how his camera explores every area of the garden from the garden shed to the little pond and finds so much colourful, unexpected and sometimes unwanted wildlife. He will show us how nature owns everything, even our garden! Leave your garden unattended for only a couple of months and very quickly you discover nature is taking over. So come along and find out *Whose Garden Is It?* £2 for visitors – refreshments included.

## Jobs for the garden:

- ♣ Cut back early summer perennials, such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums after flowering for a second flush
- ♣ Continue to tie in and train new growth on climbing plants
- ♣ Young hedgehogs, frogs, and toads are beginning to emerge and roam. Check long grass thoroughly before stinging or mowing to prevent accidental injuries
- ♣ Pick courgettes before they become marrows. *Kim Legg*

## Don't turn jewellery buys into fool's gold

THE hallmarking of gold and silver dates back to 1300.

Introduced by King Edward I it aimed to protect standards and prevent craftsmen committing fraud when making jewellery. The first hallmark stamp was a leopard's head which symbolised the King's mark of authentication. The actual word 'hallmark' didn't come into use until the 15th century when craftsmen took their artefacts to Goldsmiths Hall in London to be checked for quality and content. Once checked to be of the correct standard the quality mark was applied at the Hall, hence the word 'hallmark'. Today there are four hallmarking offices, known as assay offices, in London, Birmingham, Edinburgh and Sheffield.

Hallmarking techniques and regulations have been fine-tuned since those early days. The current legislation that governs hallmarking was created by the 1973 Hallmarking Act. Hallmarking is enforced by Trading Standards.

If a jeweller makes items of silver, gold, platinum or since 2010 palladium, and wants to sell them, they must get them assayed to guarantee they meet the relevant precious metal standard. The hallmark is then applied so it is legal to sell.

The last national survey carried out looking at fake jewellery confirmed that up to a third of precious metal products supplied online were un-hallmarked and could therefore be fake.

Jewellery fraud has consistently been an issue in the precious metal industry where counterfeit items can be made and sold at a high price to the unsuspecting customer.

Since that survey the price of gold has risen by well over 200%. That is more potential profit for fraudsters wanting to pass off fake precious metal. Some fraudsters even try to promote investments in precious metals. When prices rise so do people's interest, so scams can become more common.

If you believe you may have bought fake jewellery or have fallen to an investment scam, then please report it at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer) or phone the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.



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## SPOTLIGHT . . .

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### IF you think the WI is all jam and Jerusalem think again!

FORMED in 1915, based on a Canadian model, it was originally to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become involved in producing food during the First World War. By 1917 the National Federation of WIs was formed as a democratic, non-party political and voluntary organisation. It was mainly led by women who were involved in the suffragette movement hence the campaigning ethos that continues to this day. The very first resolution was in 1918 urging local authorities to take advantage of the government scheme for state aided housing. During the Second World War the WI were asked by the government to help with the evacuation scheme. They also managed to obtain £1400 worth of sugar that was distributed to prevent more than 1600 tons of produce rotting.

During the 1940s the WI campaigned for equal pay for men and women.

The 1950s saw the resolution to start an anti-litter campaign and the WI with 25 other UK organisations formed the Keep Britain Tidy group.



The 1960s saw campaigns for such things as routine smear tests to prevent cervical cancer and asking for improved support for women and children in the Divorce Reform Bill

Before it became a mainstream topic the WI were campaigning on such topics as recycling, marine pollution and homelessness and this was back in the 1970s.

They campaigned for more information to be available and raise awareness around HIV and AIDS.

### Don't mess with the WI!

To usher in a new Millenium Tony Blair, the then Prime Minister, was guest speaker at the general meeting. His speech did not go down well as it was felt that it was a political statement; 6,000 attendees showed their disapproval with a slow handclap!

No such problem for the late Queen Elizabeth, a lifelong member, when she addressed the annual meeting to celebrate the WI centenary in 2015.

Recent campaigns have included: more midwives, support for dairy farmers, end plastic soup, rural bus services and link together to alleviate loneliness.

There are WI groups in such diverse places as prisons and universities.

Here in Milborne the first meeting was held in the old school room on the 8th February 1945 with 37 members. We have the minute book from 1945 to 1947. Below is a photograph from 1949 taken in the school room.



It was a very different world then and that is reflected in the type of talks that were given: fruit bottling, preparing a rabbit and lots of handicrafts. Nowadays our talks range from life in a fairground family to women's refuges.

**And Jam and Jerusalem???** Well a show of hands at the recent meeting showed that a surprising number of members have made jam in the past!

Jerusalem was chosen not only for its musical qualities but also for its symbolic resonance. The hymn, associated with the fight for women's suffrage and the vision of a better England, reflected the WI's mission to empower women, improve rural life, and encourage active participation in public and community affairs. Singing it together fosters a sense of unity, pride, and shared purpose among members. Although not usually sung at monthly meetings it always sung at annual meetings both nationally and county level.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm.

## The Red Arrows over Milborne?

(Front cover)

NO you didn't miss them and sadly not sure that this could be arranged . . . however you can find out all about them.



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# MP joins villagers at climate crisis film event

THE screening of the film about the climate crisis which aims to educate and motivate people to lobby government was shown at the Village Hall recently. The film, People's Emergency Briefing, is a summary of an event in November 2025 that brought together leading experts to present the latest evidence on the climate and nature crisis to politicians and other influential people in Westminster. The film intersperses parts of the experts' speeches with reaction pieces with members of the public and celebrities talking with naturalist and campaigner Chris Packham. Similarly, after the film showing in the Village Hall, there was a discussion of the issues raised chaired by Adrienne Lagrue.

The film itself starts with an arresting sequence of recent disasters – floods, fires and the resulting effects – that were exacerbated by climate change. It is clearly something that hits home here in Milborne considering the floods at the start of the year following the heaviest rainfall on record and concerns for the future here. The excerpts from the speeches at the London briefing were filed into sections in the film: Weather Extremes, Climate, Tipping Points, Food Security, Health, National Security, Nature, Economies and Energy Transitions and are backed by scientific evidence and well-regarded experts.



Using this testimony, the film portrays the reality of a destabilising climate and its cascading impacts on everyday life. It is shocking, perhaps the more so since it comes from an often dry, scientific standpoint. The People's Emergency Briefing – as its title suggests – presents the crisis facing us as an immediate threat, not something that can be ignored, to be tackled at some point in the future. The documentary illustrates how escalating global tipping points are already leading to crop failures, increasing the strain on the NHS, and driving up the cost of living. Crucially, military experts in the film warn that these compounding systemic failures threaten to create an ungovernable state if left unchallenged.

As a documentary, it would have benefitted from more time spent on the experts' evidence from the Westminster event; the structure of the film was to give a reaction to the highlights of each scientist's speech from a variety of viewers with Chris Packham. Some of these were well-known (such as Jennifer Saunders, Deborah Meaden and Mark Rylance) and others seemingly members of the public. It would have been more valuable to afford longer airtime to those who had done the research than to Joe Public, although the device of content followed by reaction is, I would believe, partly to ready the watching audience to have their own discussion at the film's end. The Milborne audience were given a drinks break (many

thanks to the event organiser, Sarah Ryan, for the opportunity of a free beer or glass of wine!) and time to gather thoughts on their tables before Adrienne Lagrue led the discussion. Many present had similar initial feelings: shock, horror, despair but after talking through what the film presented, some were feeling hopeful and optimistic about what could be done to avert the impending crisis.

Dorset North MP, Simon Hoare, attended the screening after being invited, a second appearance at the Village Hall in two weeks following the recent flood meeting. Also accepting invitations to attend were two prospective parliamentary candidates, Gary Jackson (Liberal Democrat) and Ken Huggins (Green). Mr Hoare was asked if he would support one of the National Emergency Briefing's aims, to request Parliament to secure the documentary a prime-time national TV screening. He said he would think about it; although in the weeks after the Milborne event he had added his name to the MPs calling for a TV broadcast. In the Village Hall discussion, he was optimistic that Government could put in place policies to 'nudge' business into more environmentally positive ways. He pointed to a successful policy introduced in 2015, the carrier bag tax, which had an immediate impact in reducing plastic waste. However, the actions required on the basis of the People's Emergency Briefing need to be thought about by our representatives on a far bigger, all-encompassing scale.

*Ed Richards*

*If you would like to watch the film at a local event, check the screening locations at <https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map>*

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By the time you read this, the football World Cup will be well underway, and England will have played their group matches with Croatia, Ghana and Panama. The hope is that we will have more games to come, but I can't foresee the future, so I have no idea if that has happened by the time you read this.

I don't usually follow football, but for big occasions such as this, you'll find me in front of the television willing the England team to victory.

The news headlines may focus on the star players and celebrities: the striker who scores the winning goal, the goalkeeper who pulls off an extraordinary save, or the captain who lifts the trophy at the end of the tournament.

But behind every moment of glory is a whole team: the player who passes the ball to the goal-scorer, the defenders doing the less glamorous work, coaches planning tactics, medical staff keeping players well, fitness trainers and countless others whose contribution rarely makes the headlines. Football may celebrate individual moments, but success is always a team effort.

We live in a culture that often celebrates winners. Yet most of what makes our communities good places to live comes not from a few star performers but from the steady contribution of many people whose efforts often go unnoticed.

Every village, every organisation and every church depend on people who quietly get on with what needs doing. People who volunteer, organise events, care for neighbours, serve on committees, make tea, arrange flowers, mow churchyards, deliver magazines, offer lifts, lend a hand, or simply take the time to listen when someone needs a friend.

The Christian faith has long recognised this truth. St. Paul described the Church as a body made up of many distinct parts, each with its own role to play. In communities everyone has an important part to play to make the whole thrive. A football team made up entirely of strikers would not get very far, and neither would a community in which everyone expected somebody else to do the work.

So, as we enjoy the drama, excitement and possible heartbreak of the World Cup this summer, let's spare a thought for all those people whose contribution goes under the radar but without whom nothing would happen.

With best wishes,

*Sarah*

## Notes from St Andrew's

PENTECOST was celebrated with a beautiful Eucharist attended by friends from Dewlish and followed by the APCM for St Andrew's and All Saints'. Reports were received, thanks expressed, and officers elected for the coming year. Tony was re-elected as Churchwarden for Milborne, with Jim Burg and Sue Britton as wardens for Dewlish. Flowers were presented to Sarah in her role as Parish Priest, to Angela Johnson, who stood down as Secretary to the PCC after several years, and to Sally Dyer, who has retired as a Flower Arranger, having organised the band for many years. All who contribute to the life of St Andrew's were thanked for their contributions, ensuring St Andrew's, where worship has been offered for centuries, continues to be here for all. At the short business meeting following, Penny Pearce was re-elected as our Treasurer,

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

### July 2026

#### 5th July – Trinity 5

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

#### SATURDAY 11th July

2.00pm	Marriage of Karl Holder and Sam Hallam	Puddletown
4.30	Marriage of Johnny Wrench and Carrie Nielsen	Tolpuddle

#### 12th July – Trinity 6

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

#### 19th July – Trinity 7

9.30am	Worship in Stillness	Milborne
10.30	Martyrs Festival Songs of Praise	Tolpuddle
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish

#### 26th July – Trinity 8

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

#### DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Thursday. 8.30am; Saturday. 9.00am  
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# St Mary's

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**St Mary's School Celebrates a Busy and Inspiring June**  
June has been a vibrant and eventful month at St Mary's, with pupils across year groups embracing a wide range of enriching experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Year 5 pupils enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the Winchester Science Centre, where curiosity and discovery were at the heart



of the day. The children explored an array of fascinating hands-on exhibits, allowing them to engage directly with scientific concepts in fun and interactive ways. A particular highlight was the spectacular visit to the planetarium, where students were taken on an immersive journey through space. The

experience sparked excitement and wonder, helping to bring their science learning vividly to life.

Meanwhile, Year 7 students travelled to Wareham to study the River Piddle as part of their geography topic on river processes. During this fieldwork visit, pupils took on the role of



geographers, collecting real-world data by measuring river characteristics such as channel width, depth and bedload size. They also conducted "kick tests" to investigate the variety of animal species living in the river, gaining valuable insight into freshwater ecosystems. The trip was an excellent opportunity for hands-on learning and helped deepen their understanding of how rivers shape the landscape.

Back at school, June also saw the return of the

much-loved Year 5 Rainforest Day. The school was transformed into a tropical paradise, with children arriving dressed as macaws, pumas, monkeys and even a few David Attenborroughs! The day was full of colour, creativity and enthusiasm as pupils celebrated their rainforest topic, bringing their learning to life in imaginative and memorable ways.



Finally, if you happen to be passing through Dorchester South train station, be sure to look out for a wonderful display of artwork created by our talented Year 7 students. Their paintings, inspired by Dorset and London, now decorate one of the



station's new waiting areas. The vibrant artwork has brightened the space for passengers and is a fantastic example of the creativity and talent within our school community. We are incredibly proud to see our students' work showcased in a public setting.

It has been a truly exciting month at St Mary's, filled with exploration, creativity and achievement. We look forward to sharing more of our pupils' successes in the months ahead.

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and Andy Mott as Independent Examiner. The role of Secretary was split between Rose Johnson, Pam Shults, and Tony Fox. A committee has been formed to address the need for fundraising – watch this space!

On Trinity Sunday, the Benefice Eucharist was held in a barn at Warren Hill Farm, Puddletown, by kind invitation of Wakely and Caroline Cox. Sparrows in the rafters competed with the singing of the congregation below!

Sarah preached at the Annual Thomas Hardy Society Service in Stinsford. The Service can be watched on YouTube. Someone commented that Sarah's sermon was the best they had heard on Hardy in a very long time.

We extend our condolences to the family of Hedley Tisseman, who recently died. Hedley attended the village school here in Milborne.

Our warmest congratulations go to June Maitland, who turned 90 on June 6th. She is such a valued, loved, and faithful member of our congregation.

There are several observances during July. St Thomas, Apostle (3rd); Benedict, the Father of Western Monasticism (11th), Mary Magdalene, the apostle to the apostles (22nd), James the Great, Apostle (25th), Anne and Joachim, parents of the BVM (26th), and Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord (29th), reminders that "We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses".

Words from a hymn we used to sing in Primary School:

*"Glad that I live, am I; That the sky is blue;  
Glad for the country lanes, and the fall of dew.  
After the sun, the rain, after the rain, the sun;  
This is the way of life, till our work is done."*

The weather has been variable so far this year. But whether it rains or the sun shines, I hope you can enjoy this beautiful part of the world in which we find ourselves.

*Tony* (Churchwarden)

## Dewlish Church Notes

MAY has been quite an eventful month for our church.

On Ascension Day a few stalwarts gathered in the churchyard for our 7.00am service. We had been expecting unsettled, cold and windy weather but it turned out to be surprisingly pleasant. Two of our friends from other parishes joined us, and Sarah led the service. It was a wonderful start to Ascension Day.

On 24th May we held our AGM with Milborne Church after the service and all existing members of Dewlish DCC were re-elected. They were thanked for their service to the church, along with Aidan for playing the organ, the flower arrangers, the cleaners and all who help with our fund-raising. Although we are mainly a very small congregation, as is common in so many rural communities we are still managing to hold our heads above water for now.

On 31st May we joined the rest of the benefice at a Farm Service at Warren Hill Farm. This was a lovely occasion, combining as it did Trinity Sunday with rural life and farming. It was all very meaningful. Afterwards, people stayed to share a cup of coffee and take part in a bring-and-share lunch during which we were able to socialise with friends. Thank you so much to Wakely and Caroline for their wonderful hospitality.

Finally, a note for your diary: On 31st August we are hoping to host a **pop-up Market Stall and teas** at the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm.

*Daphne Burg*



## MUSIC AT ST PETER'S Dorchester

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 5th July at 10.30am featuring Stanford's 'Beati quorum via', Palestrina's 'Missa Aeterna Christi munera' and S. Wesley's 'Ave regina caelorum'. The service is free to attend and all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments afterwards.

The monthly lunchtime concert takes place on Saturday 18th July between 12.30pm and 1.00pm, when flautist Laura Jones



and pianist Rob Taylor perform Poulenc's 'Sonta for Flute', Karg-Elert's 'Sinfonische Kanzone' and Robert Dick's jazzy piece 'Fish are Jumping'. Laura is finishing her first year as a scholar at the Royal College of Music, so please do come along and support this outstanding young musician!

Admission is free.

There is a service of Choral

Eucharist on Sunday 19th July at 10.30am. The music includes a beautiful setting of 'Ave Maria' by the contemporary composer Rihards Dubra as well as Mozart's 'Spatzenmesse K.220' and ethereal 'Laudate Dominum'. The service is free to attend and all are welcome.

Choral Evensong takes place on Saturday 25th July at 4.30pm. The programme of music includes Rheinberger's exquisite 'Abendlied', the Rose 'Preces & Responses', Howells's 'Gloucester Service' and John Rutter's anthem for choir, organ and clarinet 'The Lord is my light and my salvation'. The service is free to attend and followed by a glass of wine!

Tickets are now on sale for the concert to be given by the outstanding, London-based Chamber Choir Siglo de Oro, and their conductor Patrick Alliles, at St Peter's Dorchester on Friday 4th September at 7.00pm. Their programme, 'Stargazing', is an ethereal collection of choral music from across the ages, including works by Taverner, Monteverdi, James MacMillan and Shruthi Rajasekar. Don't miss out on this opportunity to catch the next choral supergroup at a local venue! Tickets are £20 and available online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester)

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# Ladybirds to integrate with First School

THANK you! Since announcing our Ofsted success in the last issue, we have had many messages of support from parents and our wider community which are very much appreciated. This along with the news that at long last, after what seems like a few years discussions, Ladybirds will be fully integrated into Milborne St. Andrew First School. The new Early Years Unit will combine the Reception class with the pre-school children. This demonstrates The Wessex Multi Academy's commitment to Early years education and to the wider Milborne Community.

We are all united in working to make the transition as seamless as possible. There is much going on behind the scenes to bring this all together in terms of admin and moving furniture, fences and fixtures around. Ladybirds Charity will need to be wound up. This does mean that the staffing team will change from three to two and this is currently being decided; by the time this reaches you staffing will be confirmed. As a small village Preschool we would have been forced to close in the near future without this integration. We are therefore so relieved to know that there will be unbroken care for the children as everything will be taken care of in the six week summer holidays.

Whilst it may seem like it's a good bye from us it's more of 'here's to the next chapter'.

*The Ladybirds Team.*

Photo: Sam, Jess and Liz



# Milborne Ladybirds

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**To find out more:**

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# Our School Values

**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**

## Discovery, Creativity and Teamwork at Milborne St Andrew First School

Learning has been full of excitement across the classrooms this half term, with children exploring science, design and technology, music, art and sport through a range of hands-on activities.

In Science, Year 3 and 4 investigated changing states of matter by testing different types of chocolate to discover whether solids melt at different temperatures. The children timed how long each piece took to melt while floating on hot water before evaluating their investigation, discussing what went well, any challenges they encountered and how they could make the test even fairer. Music lessons have been filled with the vibrant sounds of samba. Children explored instruments including the surdo and caixa drums, the tamborim and the agogo bells, learning the rhythms each contributes while working together to play in unison. Their growing confidence and teamwork have seen the class samba band come together brilliantly.

Design and Technology saw pupils in Year 1 and 2 applying their knowledge of wheels and axles to create their own moving vehicles. After carefully constructing their models and adding imaginative design features, they tested them using a ramp and obstacle challenges. Families joined in to



help complete the projects, creating a wonderful atmosphere of collaboration, perseverance and pride.

Our Reception pupils have been inspired by the seaside, closely examining shells before creating detailed clay replicas. Using their hands and tools such as forks and lollipop sticks, they carefully shaped and textured their models, which will soon be painted to complete their beautiful creations.

Children thoroughly enjoyed coming together for an energetic Sports Day, where children demonstrated determination, resilience and excellent sportsmanship while encouraging one another and celebrating everyone's achievements.

From scientific investigations and creative design to music-making, art and sporting success, the children have shown curiosity, teamwork and enthusiasm in every challenge they have embraced.



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## Warning after pike in online shopping fraud



REPORT FRAUD is urging online shoppers to stay alert for unusual activity on their accounts following a rise in criminals gaining access to buy expensive goods.

Recent reporting highlights Argos as a key trend in this activity. Report Fraud has seen a significant increase in cases mentioning the retailer, reflecting how criminals are targeting well-known brands. Argos is actively working with authorities and its customers to identify suspicious activity and strengthen safeguards.

Criminals are using login details obtained from data breaches to gain unauthorised access to retailer accounts. This is possible due to the practice of reusing the same password across multiple online accounts. Once they have control of the account, criminals will place online orders and then collect the good in-person at a physical store. In some instances, the goods are paid for using payment details not connected to the victim of the compromised account.

These fraudulent orders are frequently fulfilled through 'click and collect', allowing offenders to retrieve goods in person.

In May, Report Fraud received 652 reports which mention Argos, a 323 per cent increase compared to April, when 154 reports mentioning the retailer were made. Since the start of 2026, there have been 1,175 reports mentioning the retailer, with May seeing the highest number to date.

Argos has been contacting customers who may have been affected and continues to work closely with partners and shoppers to help protect accounts and prevent further incidents.

Detective Chief Inspector Steven Kettle, Head of Crime Services at Report Fraud, said:

"Report Fraud urges anyone with online retail accounts to remain vigilant and be alert to any unusual or suspicious activity.

"It is essential to take appropriate steps to protect your accounts by following Report Fraud's guidance. If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Report Fraud via [reportfraud.police.uk](http://reportfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

### How can you protect yourself?

All shoppers with any retailer should take measures to protect their online account. Here is what you can do:

**Reset passwords:** if you noticed any unauthorised activity on an online account, you should change your password immediately. You should also do this for any accounts that use the same password. A good way to make sure your passwords are secure and strong is to combine three random words to create a unique password. You should opt for a passkey if you can.

**Enable 2SV:** whenever available, protect your online accounts by enabling 2-step verification (2SV).

**Shopping online:** if you decide to create an account for the store you're buying from, don't allow them to store your bank details for future purchases.

If you have been a victim of fraud, you should tell Report Fraud by reporting it on the website at [reportfraud.police.uk](http://reportfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

## Village Film Night – Friday 17th July

OUR next Village Hall Film Night takes place on Friday 17th July, and this month we're delighted to be showing **Fackham Hall**, a brand-new British comedy that celebrates everything we love about classic farce. If you enjoy quick-fire misunderstandings, exaggerated characters, and a generous helping of cheeky humour, this film promises a wonderfully light-hearted evening.

Set in a grand country estate, Fackham Hall follows a tangle of romantic mix-ups, mistaken identities, and escalating chaos as various guests, servants, and schemers cross paths with increasingly ridiculous consequences. It's a modern homage to the Carry On era – full of playful innuendo, slapstick moments, and that unmistakable British knack for turning even the simplest situation into a comedy of errors. It's the sort of film best enjoyed with friends, neighbours, and plenty of shared laughter, making it a perfect choice for our community screening.

As always, Film Night is as much about the social side as it is about the movie. Doors open at 7.00pm, giving everyone time to catch up, find a seat, and enjoy a relaxed chat before the lights go down. The film begins at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £6.50, which includes a drink or an ice cream – ideal for a summer evening. Whether you're a regular attendee or joining us for the first time, you'll be warmly welcomed. The Village Hall committee is always delighted to see new faces, and Film Night continues to be one of the friendliest, most easy-going events in our monthly calendar.

We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a fun, laughter-filled evening. Bring a friend, bring the family, or simply bring yourself – everyone is welcome, and we look forward to sharing another enjoyable night at the hall.

A colorful poster for 'Luccombe Hub Fest'. The poster is framed by a string of colorful triangular bunting. At the top, it says 'LUCCOMBE HUB' in large, stylized letters, with 'FREE ENTRY' written vertically on the right. Below this, it says 'HUB FEST' in large white letters, followed by 'Sunday 5th July 2026' and '12pm - 6pm'. The location is 'Luccombe Hub DT11 0BV'. A cartoon character of a boy with a bow is on the left. At the bottom, it lists 'Live Bands Playing Throughout The Day' and a list of activities: 'BBQ - Cake Stall - Licensed Bar - Craft Stalls - Animal Feeding - Alpaca Walking - Raffle - Face Painting - Novelty Dog Show - Demonstrations - Ice Creams'. There is also a cartoon character of a girl on the right. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'FRIENDS OF LUCCOMBE HUB' and a small globe icon. At the bottom right, it says 'Stalls Free of Charge - Please email [nigel2749@talktalk.net](mailto:nigel2749@talktalk.net) for an application form'. There is also a small text 'ALL IN AID OF OUR WONDERFUL CHARITY' and 'CHARITY NUMBER 1209268'.

# Safari Supper Setbacks



A SAFARI supper is a social dining event where different courses are hosted at different

locations, with guests moving from place to place throughout the evening. The event is carefully choreographed so that the mix of people at each venue/course is different to that at the other venues/courses. The aim being for everyone to meet with as many different people as possible. At the end of the evening everyone joins together in one venue for coffee etc.

I've been a member of the MSA Food and Wine Club for a long time now. I arrived in the village in July 2001 and soon joined what was then called The Food and Wine Society (affectionately known to all as 'The Boozers and Gluttons Club') It was a great way to meet lots of new people, because when I moved here, I lived alone and I didn't know anyone at all.

Since then, I've taken part in quite a few Safari Suppers and had some interesting experiences. The first one I hosted was most memorable.

I opted to host a first course for six people and decided to prepare a very simple cold starter. You don't have to be a cordon bleu cook to open a packet of smoked salmon, so I made an artistic arrangement of melon slices topped with smoked salmon, garnished with wedges of lemon and cunningly arranged salad leaves.

Although I say it myself, I was very proud of the overall presentation and took a photo of it to show off to my daughter.

Alas they say that 'pride goeth before a fall'

My five guests were enjoying a glass of fizz in the sitting room before being summoned to the dining room, so I had a quick check of the table to make sure all was in order and nearly fainted with shock!

My dog, an English Setter named Wessex, had somehow managed to open the dining room door. She had jumped up on the table and completely eaten all six of the starters, all the smoked salmon as well as the melon including the rind. She had even chewed the lemon wedges then

spat them out . . . She then went round the back of the table and was copiously sick on the carpet.

I banished Wessex to the back garden, pinned a slightly manic smile on my face and went back to my guests. I poured everyone an extra generous tippie then dashed back to the dining room and did my best to put things right in record time. The only thing I had left to serve as a starter was half a left-over melon at the back of the fridge. I sliced this into six very measly portions and quickly garnished them with a rather pathetic half a glacé cherry.

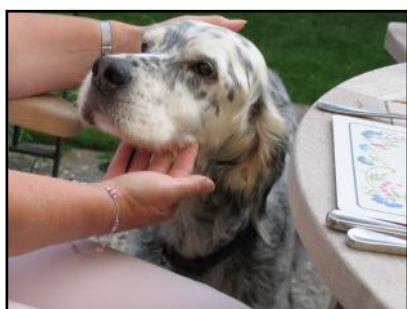
My guests by this time were starving and as I ushered them into the dining room. I noticed a few raised eyebrows at the meagreness of my rather belated offering but I decided that the best thing was to say nothing and pretend all was well. I often wonder what my guests said about my culinary skills with the starter as they ate their main course at the next venue. I only hope for their sakes that it was a pet free household.

My next safari disaster was a couple of years later. My daughter Louise was living with me at home for a short while so she came along as my partner to a safari supper. Our first course was located just up the road from our house and the starter which was served was an absolutely delicious chicken and vegetable soup accompanied by homemade bread. I ate every bit of mine and thoroughly enjoyed it. However, at the other end of the table I noticed my daughter was struggling to eat any of hers. I caught her eye and she gave me a panic-stricken look. My part in the evening was to serve a main course for the next stage of the Safari supper so we were able to leave fairly quickly after the soup in order to be ready to greet our guests at my house for the next course. As soon as we left the house my daughter confessed that she was feeling dreadful. She looked a greenish white colour and was obviously unwell. I supported her home where she made a dash for the bathroom.

I went to see if I could get her anything and she told me that several of the student nurses she worked with at Bournemouth hospital had succumbed that day to a sort of winter vomiting illness.

Meanwhile, of course, our guests for the main course were ringing the doorbell for admittance.

I let them in and explained without giving any details that Louise was feeling a bit under the weather and had gone to lie down. I served up my lasagne and tried to carry on as normal. I turned up the volume of the background music to try to mask the noise of Louise's groaning and retching coming from the upstairs bathroom. Needless to say, this wasn't conducive to a convivial atmosphere and the main course was a very awkward and stilted affair. Not much lasagne was eaten.



Luckily when I made discreet enquiries the next day none of our guests seemed to have caught the bug so I think I got away with it!

Hopefully this year's Food and Wine Club Safari Supper at the end of June will be an enjoyable and uneventful occasion. Safari Suppers are a great way to get to know lots of different people and to try different foods. There is only one course to prepare and wash up for so it spreads the load of work and organisation out amongst the whole group. We are so lucky to live in a compact village where most people can walk to all the different areas in just a few minutes. The exercise helps to balance out the extra calories taken in!

### A recipe for a slightly healthier version of lasagne

#### Ingredients

##### For the meat sauce

- 2 tsp olive oil
- Large chopped onion
- 4 crushed cloves of garlic
- 500g 5% fat mince or Quorn
- 2 large cans chopped tomatoes
- 2 tsp mixed herbs or Italian style seasoning
- Dash or two of Worcestershire sauce and the same of mushroom ketchup if you have any.

**For the white sauce:** 500g fat free yogurt, mixed with 2 beaten eggs, Salt and pepper and a couple of pinches of nutmeg. Approximately 12 sheets of dried lasagne, 160g reduced fat cheddar cheese.

#### Method

- Fry the onion very gently in the olive oil until tender and soft. When the onion is cooked, add the garlic and fry gently for a couple of minutes.
- Add the mince or Quorn and cook until it starts to brown
- Add the tomatoes, herbs, Worcestershire sauce etc. and simmer gently with a lid on the pan for an hour. Stir from time to time.
- Put half the meat sauce in a lasagne dish
- Put a layer of lasagne on top
- Spread half the white sauce over the lasagne
- Repeat with the meat sauce, then lasagne and then the final layer of white sauce.
- Finish off with the grated cheese
- Leave to stand for about an hour or so if possible
- Bake in the oven 200C / 180 fan / gas 6 for 25-30 mins or until the top is golden
- Serve with a salad. Don't even think about garlic bread!

#### And finally:

A couple who lived in Milborne  
Felt unhappy, alone and forlorn  
So they joined Food and Wine  
And now they feel fine  
And sadness they both have forsworn!

Rose Frost

### Did your house flood in January?

Milborne will see action if at least five residents report their flooding to Dorset Council, which will compel an investigation by multiple agencies. Please email [floodriskmanagement@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:floodriskmanagement@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) confirming internal flooding from Storm Chandra.

## How a 10 year old's love of baking inspired a business



MEET Kerry and Evelyn Hay, the faces behind Bear Squares, a bake cupboard that has popped up in Coles Lane selling sweet treats. While Kerry has always enjoyed baking, it is 10-year-old Evelyn whose enthusiasm and creativity have helped inspire the venture. Having learned to bake alongside her mum from an early age, Evelyn has developed a genuine love for creating delicious homemade bakes and is rarely happier

than when she's in the kitchen mixing, measuring and decorating.

The idea for Bear Squares began after a hugely successful baking fundraiser for Evelyn's school, St Mary's in Puddletown. The response from friends, family and the local community was so positive that Kerry and Evelyn realised there was an appetite for their homemade bakes beyond special events. From there, Bear Squares was born.



The plan is to open their honesty box at least one weekend each month, offering a selection of freshly baked goodies for Milborne residents to

enjoy. Customers can typically expect to find four tempting treats available, including brownies, tiffins, cakes and flapjacks.

Keep an eye out for the next honesty box opening and be sure to arrive early – these homemade bakes and cakes are proving increasingly popular! You can find Bear Squares' goodies at Otter Lodge, 5 Coles Lane – check Facebook (BearSquares) and Instagram (bearsquaresdorset) for when the treats next pop up!

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# Rosie's Travels – Helford to Pentewan

## Helford to Maenporth

A nice little red tin box on wheels took us to Helford and a short walk downhill and we were back on the path. Another easy stroll along the river, Mum was enjoying this, I could tell, she was humming to herself and smiling instead of huffing and puffing.

It was a lovely sunny day and just right for a swim so me and Katie rushed off at the sound of water and splashed straight into the water, we left the Oldies behind but they soon caught up with us. They stopped for a coffee so we could enjoy our swim, Mum was sorry she couldn't join us but she didn't have the right clothes, lucky for us we just jump in with our fur coats on!

Up and over one of the many stiles we had a big surprise, a big line of cows were spread across the path, Dad told Mum to hurry up so she could go first, she is much braver than us when it comes to cows (and horses). No time to linger in pubs today, another red tin box to catch.



## Maenporth to Falmouth

Started the walk at a lovely beach but meanies said 'no dogs' so we had to stay on our leads, not for long though. We were soon trotting along a gravel track all the way to Swanpool and then on to Falmouth. There were lots of Grockles wandering around the Quay but we found a good spot for our picnic, we sat patiently until it was our turn for some goodies and Mum had got us a Babybel cheese, yummy! Some nice people from Singapore came to say how well behaved we were and how sweet we were, we almost blushed!



## St Mawes to Porthscatho

A giant tin box ride to St Mawes which was nice, then a rocky ride on a boat to a place called Place, how strange was that. A lovely walk across the field and across a little wooden bridge, all was going well until I went for a paddle in the stream, oops, it was thick black mud, Dad was not pleased, he shouted at me and put me on the lead for a while.

Mum was walking behind as usual and at a big stile I had to go back and check she was still following us, she was pleased I looked out for her and clicked her phone at me. When we reached Porthscatho we had our picnic overlooking the harbour, a good day was had by all but I was ready for a long drink and a snooze.



## Porthscatho to Portloe

Another sunny day so Mum was happy, me and Katie were happy too as the walk went past some dog friendly beaches so we could cool off and even some clean streams that we could paddle in

without Dad shouting.

Mum got left behind a bit as she kept stopping to click her phone at the lovely views, luckily we got to Portloe in time for a pint (well me and Katie only had halves).

## Portloe to east Portholland

Bit sad to leave Portloe as it was a nice little place but onwards and upwards Dad said so off we went. It was very slow going as the strimming man hadn't reached this bit of the path yet and boy was it overgrown, me and Katie had a real struggle, it was like going through the jungle (not that I've been through a real jungle). All that effort and when we got to Portholland there was not much there, not even a pub so me and Katie went for a paddle then we went home.



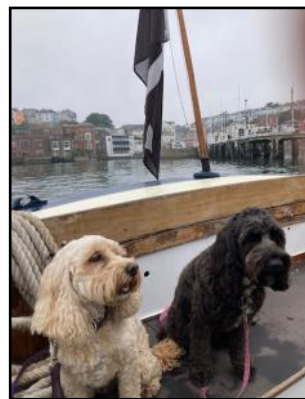
## East Portholland to Gorran Haven

Rode in style to today's walk, a friendly taxi lady took us to the start of the walk and even let us sit inside, she had five dogs so didn't mind at all. We passed a lovely beach near Caerhays Castle and stopped for a coffee to give Mum her caffeine fix before we climbed the next hill.



Gorran Haven had a Street Fair so was very busy and Mum had to wait ages to get the ice creams but it was worth it they were tasty. There were some very strange animals on display,

alpacas I think they were called and they gave me and Katie a funny look, anyone would think they had never seen a Cockapoo before.



## Gorran Haven to Pentewan

A bit of a climb out of Gorran (it always seems to be a climb at the start of the walk) but Mum must be getting fitter as she kept up with me for a change.

A bit further along the path Mum said she had de-ja vu moment (whatever that means), she recognised a big house and trees sticking out into the sea and said she had been there before, Dad wasn't sure but went along with her for a quiet life.

Next stop was Mevagissy and it was very animal friendly, they even allow cows in the shops here and we spotted a seal in the harbour. Lots of clicking from Mum. Then it was off to Pentewan, not much there just a load of tin boxes on wheels in a field behind the beach, and no dogs allowed so it was off to the next pub for a drink as we were all very thirsty.

Bye for now, love Rosie



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# Dorset Police Launches 24/7 Fraud Advice Service “Ask Damian”

DORSET Police has launched a new 24/7 telephone fraud advice service called “Ask Damian”, giving residents instant access to support and guidance to help protect themselves from fraud.

The new service is designed to be easy to use and available at any time. It offers advice on all types of fraud, aiming to spot scams early and encourage simple steps to prevent financial loss. It can also translate into different languages, making it accessible to a wide range of people across Dorset.

## Working with Bridgit Care

Dorset Police has collaborated with Bridgit Care, a trusted organisation that provides resources to the NHS, charities and councils to support their communities. Using Bridgit Care’s platform and expertise, Ask Damian can provide tailored advice, clear guidance, helping residents better understand fraud risks and take practical steps to stay safe.

## Strong results from trials

During testing, the service received very positive feedback:

- People said: *“It was just like talking to a real person and it treated people with dignity and empathy.”*
  - 87% of users felt better prepared to recognise and avoid fraud
  - 30% took proactive steps to protect themselves after the call
- The system can also send a follow-up text message, giving callers a summary of the advice they received.

## Raising awareness of fraud risks

Fraud Protect Officer Damian Cranny said: “In the last 13 months, Dorset residents have lost £24.5 million to fraud. Much of this could be avoided if people followed simple prevention advice. I encourage residents of Dorset to use their free call minutes to contact the service and take steps to protect themselves from fraud.”

## How to access the service



**Service name:** Ask Damian  
**Available:** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week  
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# Junior Corner

## Crossword Clues

### Across

- Milton .....
- Brightest Planet
- Fuss
- Ancient Language
- Spanish Coast
- Drink
- Pacific Island Nation
- Also Ran
- Punctuation mark
- Listened
- Meadow
- Daddy Duck
- Fashion Magazine
- Spanish River
- Adjust
- Belief

### Down

- Assign
- Conductors wand
- Xmas Saint
- To do with the voice
- Facial features
- Step
- Stock cube
- Precious Stone
- Mineral
- Mistake
- National Tree of Lebanon
- Repasts
- Warn
- Mayhem
- Debate
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## What is this?



## Alphabetical Quiz A (all answers begin with A)

- Counting Frame
- Country, Capital Tirana
- It has a wheel at both ends
- London Football Club
- Common name of the Alligator Pear

Answers on page 25.

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## Wednesday Club news

OUR trip to Dobbies Garden Centre was a great success, after a cold and rainy start the sun broke through as we set off as planned at 2.00pm arriving at 2.30pm. Our booked tables were reserved for us and there was a lovely selection of cakes and pastries to enjoy with our coffee. We then explored the garden centre, a really good selection of plants on sale and plenty of other gifts.

Our next meeting on Wednesday 1st July at 2.00pm is a cream tea in the garden of Lin Chatfield, our new chairwoman.

Our Wednesday Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.00pm in the village hall, new members always welcome – hope to see you soon.  
*Josie Wright*

## Junior page answers

### Alphabet Quiz

1. Abacus
2. Albania
3. Axle
4. Arsenal
5. Avocado

### What is it – a Torch



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## What's on in July

<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>Wednesday Club</b> Cream teas in Lin Chatfield's garden 2.00pm.
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	<b>Parish Council</b> meeting Village Hall 7.00pm.
<b>Sunday 5th</b>	<b>Hub Fest</b> at Luccombe Hub 12pm to 6.00pm – advert on page 17.
<b>Tuesday 7th</b>	<b>Move It or Lose It</b> Village Hall 10.15am.
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>WI Open Meeting</b> at which Phil Holt will talk about the Red Arrows. Village Hall 7.30pm.
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	<b>Ploughmans Theme Night</b> The Royal Oak.
<b>Friday 10th</b>	<b>Bridge</b> The Royal Oak 2.00pm.
<b>Friday 10th and Saturday 11th</b>	<b>Klairvoyant</b> Ken Lockwood, spiritualist extraordinaire (Milborne Players) Milborne St Andrew Village Hall 7.30pm.
<b>Saturday 11th</b>	<b>Community Café</b> Village Hall 10.00am until 12.00pm
<b>Tuesday 14th</b>	<b>Deadline</b> for the August/September <i>Reporter</i> . Send your articles and photographs via email to <a href="mailto:msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk">msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk</a> or give to a member of the Team.
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	<b>Gardening Club</b> presentation from David Boag, a wildlife photographer, author and lecturer. Village Hall 7.30pm.
<b>Friday 17th</b>	<b>Film Night</b> <i>Fackham Hall</i> Village Hall 7.30pm.
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>Bridge</b> 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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