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The Future of *The Reporter* is in Your Hands

WERE you taken aback by the front cover of this month's magazine? It may be Hallowe'en, but we at the Reporter find ourselves in a scary situation; the very real, impending doom of our village magazine.

Since 2008, when a group of residents got together to get *The Reporter* off the ground, the magazine has served as a valuable asset of Milborne St. Andrew. It keeps residents informed, records village events, helps our schools, church and doctors surgery keep in touch, reports on planning developments and parish council matters, and provides a space for our many local groups, residents and advertisers as well. However, as things stand, the magazine is on borrowed time.

Both our Editor and Secretary are stepping down. Without new volunteers coming forward to take on these key positions, the committee will have no option but to begin winding down the magazine. Based on our preferred timescale, the absolute final edition will be published in **December 2027**.


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- **Secretary:** Sets agenda and takes minutes for monthly meetings, some admin.

Neither position requires professional experience – if you have basic IT skills, a decent eye for detail, and a genuine interest in keeping the village informed, you have everything needed to do the job. The outgoing editor and secretary will provide full support until you take over. At the same time, this could be a real opportunity to refresh *The Reporter* and give it a new voice too.

The Reporter has run successfully for 18 years, and it would be a genuine loss to the village if it were allowed to slip away. For many residents, particularly those who rely on a printed copy rather than social media, it remains the primary way to stay connected with local news and community affairs.

If you value having a dedicated magazine for our village, please give some thought to getting involved. Whether you could take on one of the roles yourself or simply want an informal chat to see what's involved before deciding, we would be very glad to hear from you.

Please don't leave it to somebody else. Get in touch with the team or email us today to see how you can help stave off the demise of *The Reporter* and keep it going well into the future.

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Bring back Millie? I'm not sure . . . perhaps Ask MillieAI

OUT of curiosity I fed the Millie question presented on the MSA Community Facebook site into the AI app ChatGPT:

Q: *When our friends come round for a meal, they always bring cheap and nasty wine as a present. I am no wine expert but I like to serve a wine which goes with the food I have prepared. Should I suffer in silence and serve the wine they have brought or my own choice?*

A second later it replied:

I would say: **serve your own choice of wine with the meal, but do it graciously and without making your friends feel that their gift has been rejected.**

You are inviting them for a meal, putting thought into the food and choosing a wine to complement it. That is part of the pleasure of entertaining, and you shouldn't feel obliged to compromise the meal just because your guests have brought a bottle.

There are a few ways to handle this tactfully.

1. The diplomatic approach – my favourite.

When they arrive, thank them warmly for the wine and say something like:

Thank you for bringing that! That's very kind of you. I've chosen a wine to go with tonight's meal, so let's put yours aside and enjoy it another time.

This acknowledges their gesture without pretending you intend to serve it. You can open your own bottle and enjoy the meal as planned.

2. If you want to avoid any awkwardness, save their bottle for another occasion.

You needn't open every bottle that someone brings as a present. It is perfectly reasonable to keep it for a future gathering, pass it on to someone who might enjoy it, or simply leave it unopened. A gift doesn't create an obligation to use it immediately.

3. If this happens every time, gently change the tradition.

You could say when arranging the next dinner:

We're looking forward to seeing you! Please don't worry about bringing wine – I've got the drinks sorted to go with the food.

That makes your preference clear without criticising their taste or their budget.

One thing I would avoid: describing their wine as cheap or nasty, even indirectly. They may be buying what they can afford, choosing what they like, or simply following the custom of bringing a bottle. Their intentions may be generous even if their taste differs from yours.

And remember, you don't have to be a wine expert to choose something you enjoy with your cooking.

My verdict: don't suffer in silence, and don't sacrifice the meal you've thoughtfully prepared. Thank them for the gift, serve your chosen wine, and make the decision seem entirely natural. Good hospitality is about making people feel welcome — not about opening every bottle that crosses your doorstep.

So much for AI but actually I think I preferred Millie's response, especially the last bit:

Millie says - *You are the host, so it is up to you to make your guests feel welcome and their presents appreciated. I suggest you have your wine open on the table and ready to serve when your guests arrive, and perhaps open theirs later on. If it isn't drunk then you can always take it round to their house as a present on your next visit, commenting that you knew they liked this particular wine.* ***Anon.***

'The Real America' – at the WI

WE welcomed our very own Heather Hogg, here to share with us her long-standing love of America, spanning the last 30 years or more.



Crediting an initial trip with the WI in the early 1990s to Denver as the start of her enthusiasm for this vast country,



two more WI-arranged trips to America followed. After that many more holidays have since followed, with Heather keen to see as much as she could of the '*real America*'.





Despite often adverse weather conditions, and involving what appeared to be some hair-raising drives along mainly dirt roads, wonderful scenic views took in all that the country had to offer. The Grand Canyon, Colorado Springs, Monument Valley were just some of the many places experienced, every trip carefully choreographed and accompanied by stunning pictures. We thanked Heather for sharing her memories with us.

Business: The DFWI Annual meeting at the Lighthouse took place on 15th October and arrangements for our New Year lunch at Ashley Wood Golf Club are in hand.

Some members recently attended a very enjoyable talk and cream tea at Athelhampton House about opals. Our speaker described the history of this very pretty stone (often thought to be unlucky), how they are mined and the different types.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th November, when Steve Valas will talk on '*Confessions of a Professional Photographer*'. Please do come and join us; we always look forward to welcoming new members. *Pat Bull*

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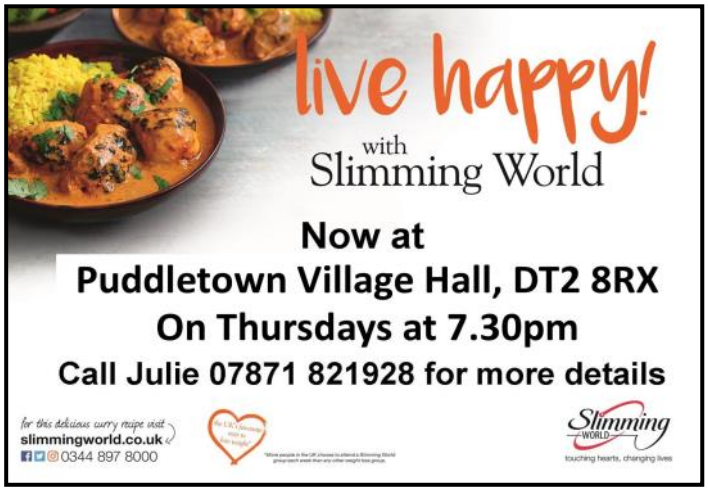
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There is a cathedral-style service of Choral Matins for Remembrance on Saturday 7th November at 11.00am, The music includes Guest's 'For the fallen', the Te deum and Jubilate in Bb by Stanford, Ayleward's Responses, Parry's 'Crossing the bar' and Eleanor Daley's 'Remembrance'. The service is free to attend and all are very welcome. At 12.30pm on the same day, the lunchtime concert is given by outstanding, young French Horn player, Danny Mitchell, who is accompanied by pianist Rob Taylor in a 30 minute programme of music. Admission is free.



On Friday 13th November at 7.00pm, Royal College of Music harpsichord scholar Markus Sadler performs Bach's Goldberg Variations in the evocative, candlelit setting of St Peter's. Tickets, priced £15, are now selling very quickly, so don't miss out! Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

Cathedral-style Choral Eucharist takes place on Sunday 15th November at 10.30am with music by Victoria, Mozart and the contemporary Scottish composer James MacMillan. The service is free to attend. A second service of Choral Evensong takes place on Saturday 21st November at 4.30pm, featuring music by Orlando Gibbons, William Smith, Thomas Weekles and Herbert Howells. The service is free to attend and followed by a glass of wine.

We are delighted to welcome back University Music Chamber Choir Bournemouth, who will, once again, lead the music in our candlelit Advent Carol Service on Saturday 28th November at 4.30pm. Amongst plainsong antiphons and the best-loved Advent hymns, there will be glorious choral settings by composers including Melissa Dunphy, Jim Clements, Philip Stopford and Charles Wood. The service is free to attend and presents a wonderful opportunity to hear these superb young singers. All are very welcome. This is followed on Sunday 30th November with a cathedral-style service of Choral Eucharist for Advent at 10.30am, with music by Anna Lapwood, Haydan and Kerensa Briggs. The service is free to attend.

Finally, tickets (£15) are on sale for Handel's Messiah, performed by the singers and instrumentalists of Music at St Peter's on Saturday 12th December at 5.30pm. They can be booked online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-church-dorchester

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More* Than a Movie November Film Night

Friday 20th November at 7.30pm
Milborne St Andrew Village Hall
Doors and bar open at 7.00pm

More Than a Movie* returns in November with a proper feel-good British comedy: ***Mother's Pride*.**

Starring Martin Clunes, Jonno Davies, James Buckley, Gabriella Wilde and Mark Addy, this warm-hearted comedy-drama is set around a struggling West Country pub and has plenty of family, community spirit – and, naturally, beer!

The story follows the Harley family, who are grieving the loss of their beloved mother while their traditional family pub is also facing the very real possibility of closure. When son Cal returns home after years away pursuing a music career that hasn't quite gone to plan, he comes up with a rather ambitious idea to save the pub: brew their own beer and enter the prestigious Great British Beer Awards.

What follows is a battle to bring a divided community back together, save the family business and perhaps repair a few broken relationships along the way. Expect plenty of laughs, a few ups and downs, and a celebration of the importance of family, friendship and that great British institution – the local pub!

For just **£6.50**, your all-in ticket includes the film **plus your choice of an ice cream or a drink**. There'll also be a bar open from 7.00pm, so why not come along, have a drink, settle in and enjoy a proper village cinema night?

A feel-good British film, a drink, an ice cream and good company – **what's not to be proud of?**

The Milborne Players Present
Puss in Boots

THE Milborne Players are delighted to announce our 2027 pantomime: **Puss in Boots**.

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Here's those all important dates to scribble in your calendars and diaries:

- **Thursday 11th February**
- **Friday 12th February**
- **Saturday 13th February**

Following the successful introduction of online ticket sales for our summer show, tickets will once again be available through the Milborne Players website, as well as from the village store. We want sell out performances for this one folks!

Follow us on our Facebook page, The Official Milborne Players and visit us at www.milborneplayers.org.uk to hear our updates and news. *Kate Hawker*

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The Battle of Britain over Dorset

A talk by John Smith, archaeologist

USING model aeroplanes, John moved about the group holding a model of the relevant plane to illustrate his narrative. He informed the group of many 'dog fights' that had taken place over Dorset. He mentioned several famous spots in our county including Portland, Studland and Poole.

His knowledge and deliver were pertinent and accurate. He held all of us in complete awe of his knowledge and the way he used the models to demonstrate how some planes had been very vulnerable and how they were modified in order to be most able to avoid being shot at and how to attack the enemy planes.

Next month on the 11th November we will be welcoming back Brent Shore, local author of many books. He will tell the contents of a book he has written, centred around a football team, from the North of England, who in the late 1800 who rose to fame. All are welcome to come and listen in the function room of The Royal Oak at 7.30pm. A small donation of £3 is welcomed, the money is used to pay for speaker's fees.

This will be the last History Group that I will be arranging. If anyone is interested in taking the running of this group, I am happy to pass the resources to them, just get in touch.

Pam Shults

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Rosie's Travels – Pentewan to Millendreath

Pentewan to Carlyon Bay

The giant box on wheels took us to Pentewan and we were soon on the path trotting along the coast. Not very interesting but then I spotted a huge monument, it was for a man called A L ROWSE who apparently was a poet who loved Cornwall and said 'This is the land of my content' whatever that means.

The sun was shining and the views were nice but I wish someone had cut the shrubs so us dogs could see! I did spot a couple of huge black tubes on wheels, Dad said they were cannons and very old but they had just been painted and looked nice and shiny, Mum clicked her phone at me again.



Then it was down to an old harbour called Charlestown, it was very busy but Dad found a spot outside the pub and we all had drinks and a rest. Apparently Mum's hero Captain Poldark had visited here on an old boat a long time ago. A couple of more miles walk and then it was back to our tin box on wheels and pizza for tea, yummy!

Carlyon to Polmear

A short walk today from the campsite across the golf course and down to the beach, I spotted a nice little white ball on the path but Dad wouldn't let me have it, he said someone would be hunting for it (finder's keepers I thought). Next it was a detour around the cement works in Par, even I thought it was not very attractive and I'm easily pleased. We were trotting along the pavement when there was loud noise and huge metal snake on rails roared past, it made me jump.



Me and Katie had a nice swim on the beach but Mum decided not to join us as there was green stuff and smelly seaweed on the beach and the cement works was churning out smoke and who knows what into the sea.

Polmear to Fowey

An easy walk out of Par (Mum's least favourite place) over a little hill to Polkerris, much prettier. 'No time for a swim, we're on a walk today, girls!', said Dad. Katie had her head down and was on a mission (what mission I've no idea), sniffing away until she suddenly looked up and there was a fierce looking farm dog on the other side of the fence, well Katie was so shocked she leapt up and back at the same time, hilarious, at least Mum thought so! It happened so fast Mum didn't have time to click her phone which was a shame.



A bit further on something even funnier happened, we were walking along by a field of cows and Katie had her head down again sniffing and when she looked up a cow was standing right next to her, she jumped back and so did the cow who had been busy chewing the grass and didn't notice Katie, very funny!

Then a lot of wet stuff fell out of the sky and Mum and Dad rushed to put their Mac's on, luckily they had forgotten to bring ours. It got quite misty and we could hardly see the tall red and white marker on Gribbon Head, never mind, I wasn't very interested anyway. Then it was downhill to Fowey (pronounced Foy, why didn't they just call it Foy in the first place)! A quick wander round the shops (boring) and into the nice pub for lunch, a few chips from Dad and the cheesy bit off Mum's veggie lasagne.

Polruan to Polperro

Another strenuous start to this walking trip, lots of steps uphill and after a short flat bit lots of steps down! Of course me and Katie don't mind a bit as we've got four legs (each) so it is easy for us but the oldies were huffing and puffing a lot! I found a lovely little stream for a lie down and a cool off, Katie was too busy keeping in front of Dad and missed it.

We have visited Polperro lots of times before and as usual stopped in the Blue Peter for refreshments and a rest before the long hike up the hill to what Dad called the 'extortionate car park'.

Polperro to Millendreath

A scary ride on the big tin box, Mum thought it would be nice to go upstairs and sit in the front so us pups could see the lovely views. Well she soon realised this was not such a good idea as the top of the bus kept bashing into the branches of the trees and made loud bangs which frightened Katie, I wasn't bothered at all and enjoyed the views.

After walking down the hill into the town it was a steep walk up a hill to get to the path and Mum and Dad were soon taking their jackets off, I wish I could take my coat off to but I think I'd look a bit odd without my lovely fur. As usual Dad was on a mission and left Mum strolling behind but she caught us up at a car park where we had met up with a cockapoo who looked just like me and guess what . . . She was also called Rosie, fancy that, two amazing dogs in the same place!

When we got to Looe it was straight on the beach for paddle to cool our paws off before walking through the crowded town. Mum was busy taking pictures of Nelson the seal and must have dropped my lead, a few minutes later when she went back for it it had disappeared, a mystery she said. Dad had to lend me his belt for the rest of the walk and I was worried his shorts might fall down but I needn't have worried as he'd had a few pasties so that didn't happen.

That's all for this trip, bye for now Rosie

Turkey for Thanksgiving . . . but no treats for Mischief

MY daughter lives in Kentucky and as soon as the calendar turns to September, she starts planning their Halloween and Thanksgiving celebrations. Halloween is a big celebration in the USA and my grandson picks and then decorates several pumpkins and helps make a big display on the porch of their house. One of the photos with this article was taken over twenty years ago in Gatlinburg, a mountain resort in Tennessee, of a Halloween display. The couple at the back of the photo look as if they have swallowed a couple of the larger pumpkins whole!



There are Halloween parades organised in most towns and the usual hordes of children go trick or treating round their neighbourhood.

I'm really looking forward to the children in Milborne St Andrew visiting our house at Halloween for the annual trick or treating. There is such a fantastic community spirit on this night and so many of both the children and their parents go to great efforts to dress up in special costumes. It's lovely to see the same families year after year and see the children growing and changing. I like to review the evening afterwards by watching the recording on our porch camera, it catches their comments as they arrive, and leave! My children and most of my grandchildren are now too old for trick or treating now but I love to reminisce about when I cobbled together homemade costumes and made Halloween biscuits, bat fairy cakes (when did fairy cakes start being called cupcakes?) and other treats for them and their friends when they were tinies.



I know that some people don't approve of children knocking on doors and demanding a treat. The reality is that if you want to take part, then you put a lit pumpkin outside your house as a signal to everyone that you have treats and welcome trick or treaters. If you don't have a lit pumpkin then you will be left alone, in peace.

As a child growing up in the 1950's in Yorkshire I'd never even seen a pumpkin. We hollowed out a turnip which was incredibly time consuming and difficult often involving cut fingers, Elastoplast and a few tears. We pierced the sides of our turnip then threaded string through the holes and carried them around with a stump of candle inside when playing outside in the evenings around Halloween and bonfire night.

We didn't go trick or treating but we had something similar on 'Mischief Night' which was the evening before bonfire night, November 4th, when gangs of unaccompanied children roamed the streets playing various tricks on neighbours. Knocking on doors and running away was the usual routine, sometimes we would lift someone's garden gate off its hinges and swap it with their next-door neighbour's gate, or throw fireworks at someone's door or window, or chalk a rude word on their doorstep. No treats were ever offered . . .



Not many children play out in the streets anymore, either in the daytime or when it gets dark. I loved racing about with a torch and I felt very bold to be outside with all my friends in the dark. We knew to be home in good time despite none of us having wrist watches but if we were a bit late then our mums would stand on the front doorstep and screech out our names.

Our neighbourhood policeman known to all us children as 'Copper Tudor' would patrol the local streets and any children overstepping the boundaries on Mischief night or at any other time would be marched back to their parents' house to be disciplined. Copper Tudor was very much feared and respected by me as a small child as I knew he was highly likely to administer some sort of unspecified corporal punishment himself if I was caught misbehaving. But of course, the main worry was that he would tell our parents.



He patrolled our village in the evening and could be observed trying the door handles of the local shops to make sure they were locked and secure, shining his torch through the shop windows to check all was well. As a child this gave me such a sense of security and of being in a very safe place. How I wish we had the same familiar face of a village Bobby patrolling the streets in Milborne. We live in very changed times.



Thanksgiving is celebrated in the USA on the fourth Thursday in November and is very much a family affair, with clan members travelling huge distances to celebrate together. It is the tradition to serve turkey accompanied by some sort of stuffing (which Americans call 'dressing'). Where my daughter lives, they have wild turkeys which occasionally stray onto her street. They are quite fierce and can behave a bit like geese in this country, chasing after people and pecking them. Several times she has been trapped in her house unable to get to her car to go to work without being attacked. Her husband has, on occasion, had to rescue her as their pair of Basset hounds are terrified of turkeys and are no use whatsoever at protecting her.

Recipe for American Thanksgiving Turkey Dressing

(Cornbread: This recipe starts with crumbled cornbread. You can make it from a mix, available at Ocado, or make your own from scratch)



Ingredients

3 cups crumbled cornbread (or breadcrumbs)
2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, diced
½ cup chopped celery
2 large eggs, beaten
2 cups chicken stock
1 tablespoon dried sage, or to taste
salt and ground black pepper to taste

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 7x11-inch baking dish. Place crumbled cornbread in a large bowl.
2. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and celery and sauté until soft, 5 to 7 minutes.
3. Add sautéed onion and celery to the crumbled cornbread. Stir in chicken stock, eggs, sage, salt, and pepper until well combined. Pour dressing into the prepared baking dish.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until dressing just starts to turn golden brown around the edges, about 30 minutes.

This poem describes the sort of kitchen disaster which could easily happen to me.

The Turkey Shot Out of the Oven – Jack Prelutsky

The turkey shot out of the oven
and rocketed into the air,
it knocked every plate off the table
and partly demolished a chair.



It ricocheted into a corner
and burst with deafening boom,
then splattered all over the kitchen,
completely obscuring the room.

It stuck to the walls and the windows,
it totally coated the floor,
there was turkey attached to the ceiling,
where there'd never been turkey before.

It blanketed every appliance,
it smeared every saucer and bowl,
there wasn't a way I could stop it,
that turkey was out of control.

I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,
and thought with chagrin as I mopped,
that I'd never again stuff a turkey
with popcorn that hadn't been popped.

Rose Frost

Milton Abbas Surgery News

Thank you

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff who gave up their Saturdays to help run our annual Flu and COVID clinic.

We would also like to make a special mention of David Norman who helped with car parking, and our amazing surgery Health Champion volunteers Barbara Keene, Dotti Bryan, Jacqui Vallard, Jenny Norman, and Kay Leigh who looked after the team with a constant supply of refreshments.

Finally, thank you to Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall, and Dunbury Academy for use of your courts for patient parking.

Carers Rights Day 19th November 2026

Carers Rights Day plays a crucial role in increasing awareness about the challenges faced by carers and to help carers get the support they need. The theme for this year is "Someone you know is a carer – but do they know it yet?".

You might not see yourself as a carer – often we just help family or friends without thinking twice. But if someone relies on your support due to illness, disability, age, mental health, or addiction, you are a carer.

If you haven't already, please let the surgery know if you care for someone. It helps us understand your situation and offer the right support and we can add this to your medical record.

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

Surgery Community Coffee Morning

We would like to warmly invite all our unpaid carers, veterans, and anyone else who would like a cuppa and some company to our next coffee morning at Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall on **Tuesday 24th November 2026** 10.30am till 12.00noon.

Some of our Surgery Health Champions will be there to chat about the local groups they run, and our Social Prescribing Team will be available to answer questions about local support and activities.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available. Please feel free to just turn up on the day. We would love to see you!

Think Pharmacy First

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Just to reassure you, we're not trying to put anyone off contacting the surgery – we're still here if you need us. However, your local pharmacy may be able to help you get the care you need more quickly, while helping to keep GP appointments available for those who need to see a doctor.

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November is a month for remembering, particularly for us now as we remember and reflect on Sarah's ministry with us, thanking God for her service and sending good wishes for her future ministry in the Diocese of Hereford.

My name is Margaret Rickard and I am the Licensed Lay Minister for our Benefice. I expect like me you remember saying the rhyme 'Please to remember the 5th of November;' we could rephrase that rhyme and say 'Remember, remember the theme of November.'

We start with All Saints Day on November 1st when we are reminded that we are part of a great company of people who have been touched by God, and have responded by living lives that in some measure give God glory. The saints were people of amazing faith and devoted to God's ways; we choose to remember them especially at the start of this month.

That is followed on November 2nd by All Souls Day which is a day when we remember our own loved ones who have passed from this life. Although those people are no longer with us physically, they are still with us in our hearts and our memories.

Then comes November 5th when we remember way back to 1605 when Robert Catesby and others plotted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and capture the King. I wonder what life would be like now if they had succeeded?

November 11th, Remembrance Day when we recall the dead of two world wars and several since. It is made all the more poignant this year as we think of the situation in Ukraine and in the Middle East. It is so sad to see such anger and such hatred of another race or belief. The importance of remembering is that we try to learn from those wars and forgive looking for life to be lived in peace and harmony. So, we remember, we remember those killed in war and those scarred by war with deep gratitude. The red poppy will always be a symbol of that. Many people wear a white poppy as a sign of commitment to justice and peace. Red and white poppies are not alternatives but complement each other.

Life really can be different because we remember.

On all these occasions we remember and give thanks, for past lives. When, through grief, we find it difficult to do that, there are numerous words of comfort in our Bibles amongst them these from Matthew's Gospel:

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'

M. M. Rickard

Notes from St Andrew's

A LOT has happened since I last wrote. Sarah's final Service in Milborne was a very well-attended Eucharist on September 28th.



The following Sunday, Tony led our very-well attended Harvest Thanksgiving. We are grateful to all who arranged flowers, brought gifts of produce and/or goods for "Nourish", the Blandford Community Hub. I have received a letter thanking us for our donations.

Stephanie made a beautiful Harvest Sheaf, complete with a wee mouse, and her two daughters, Hazel and Esther, brought it to the Altar during the singing of "Come, ye thankful people, Come." Penny read our Bible passage, and Josie read a Harvest poem she had written. Several people enjoyed the singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves", which brought back many memories. Tony gave the address; as someone commented afterwards, "It

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

November

1st November – All Saints'

9.30am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Milborne Praise	Milborne
11.00	Parish Communion	Puddletown
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Dewlish
3.00pm	Service of prayer and thanksgiving for those who have died	Milborne

8th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.00am	Remembrance Service	Milborne
10.50	Remembrance Service	Puddletown
10.50	Remembrance Service	Dewlish
5.30pm	Sunday Reflections	Tolpuddle

15th November – 2 before Advent

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

22nd November – Christ the King

9.30am	Parish Communion	Milborne
10.00	Go Fourth	Tolpuddle
11.00.	Parish Communion	Dewlish
11.00	Matins	Puddletown

29th November – Advent Sunday

11.00am	UB Holy Communion	Milborne
	followed by bring and share lunch	

DAILY MORNING PRAYERS

Monday – Thursday. 8.30am; Saturday. 9.00am
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A Brilliant Day at the New Bike Track!

WHAT a day we had on **Sunday 4th October** as we officially opened our new bike track at Milborne St Andrew Village Hall!

The sun even decided to join us, and we were delighted to see so many villagers turn out to enjoy the afternoon. There was plenty going on, with a **tombola packed with over 100 fantastic prizes**, bike repairs, and, of course, a wonderful selection of tea, cakes and sausage rolls lovingly provided by our brilliant villagers.

But the real star of the day was the bike track itself. It was fantastic to see children (and possibly a few adults!) whizzing around, trying it out and enjoying the newly opened space. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the afternoon, and it was great to see the area being used exactly as we had hoped.









The event also gave our fundraising efforts a fantastic start, and, thanks to your generosity, raised £1,000 for our project. We are now looking towards the next stage, with plans to improve the whole area even further. We hope to raise enough money for a **shelter and additional play equipment aimed at older children**, creating a space that can be enjoyed by the whole family for years to come.

A **huge thank you to Sam Howorth** and to everyone who has helped make the bike track happen. Particular thanks must go to the young people who have been involved – it's brilliant to see them helping to shape a space that they and future generations can enjoy.

The work doesn't stop here, but the transformation so far has been amazing. **The Village Hall has funded the work carried out so far, alongside the many hours of volunteer time that have gone into the project.** We're looking forward to working with others in the community to see what else we can achieve and make the most of this fantastic space.

It's also worth remembering that the Village Hall looks after not just the building, but the surrounding grounds too, including the ongoing maintenance and upkeep. So please come along, enjoy the new space, have fun and make use of it – **it's there for the whole village!**

And, as always, please help us keep it litter-free, safe and looking great for everyone.

Linsey O'Neill













SPOTLIGHT . . .

This month the spotlight is . . . The Wednesday Club

THE club, which as the name suggests, meets on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month and is open to anyone in the village. As it is a daytime club it does tend to be attended by those who are retired and it is a great place to meet up.

When asking people when it started nobody seemed to know, most believing the club to be at least 60 years old. In The Reporter for May 2011 the club was celebrating 35 years; although it is possible there was some sort of social club for pensioners before 1976.

The meetings are friendly and social and very informal. Sometimes there are speakers, activities, board games, bingo or throwing games all around a cup of tea, biscuits and raffle.

Next month they are off to Poundbury where tea and a cake will doubltless be on the agenda. In December, they are having their Christmas lunch at Ashley Wood Golf Club but – Shock Horror – it will be on a Thursday!

In the summer they venture further afield and a boat trip from Poole is on the agenda for next year.

So if you are a couple or single and want to meet up with old friends or make new ones you will be made most welcome on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm.

For any further details contact Lin Chatfield 01258 837127.

From The Reporter, May 2011

Wednesday Social Club
35th Anniversary Celebration

WEDNESDAY 6th April. A packed afternoon's programme with 49 members renewing their membership. Eric Austin gave a presentation on how Fair Trade was brought about. It was very interesting and thought provoking, at the end of the presentation a film was shown which included a boy, who could have been no more than ten singing with such deep feeling "Can you tell me why?" It was very moving. Eric took £80.90 on the Fair Trade Stall.

Eva Stockley made the delicious celebration cake with Fair Trade products where possible. The cake was beautifully decorated with the club logo. We toasted the club's health with wine and Bucks Fizz! The cake was cut by two of the club's longest serving members; Trevor Mexson, whose mother was one of the founder members he used to attend the meetings with her and has since become a member himself and





Margaret Evans who joined the club during the late seventies, deputized for Ivy Dawe age 91 who was unable to attend the meeting.

Eric judged the Easter Hat Parade ably assisted by Melva Coe. Kay Parnaby won the ladies' prize and Neville Kirk won the men's.

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was such a lovely Service that I can almost forgive the groan-inducing story with which you began"! It was lovely to welcome new faces to the congregation; we look forward to seeing you again.

On October 11th, people from the four Churches in the Benefice, and beyond, gathered in Puddletown for Sarah's Farewell Service. A congregation of 150+ joined in a Eucharist giving thanks for Sarah's ministry over the past 15 years. Sarah had chosen the hymns, which were sung with gusto. Music before and after the Service was chosen for the occasion from Musicals beloved by Sarah – The Sound of Music', Salad Days', My Fair Lady', and more. Tony played the organ, and he also included Howard Goodall's setting of Psalm 23 during Communion. It is, of course, the theme to 'The Vicar of Dibley'! After the Service, a party was held at Puddletown Village Hall, where delicious food was enjoyed, and gifts were presented to Sarah. She received a framed print of a Highland Cow; Sarah adores 'Hairy Coos'; a Card signed by parishioners and friends, with a cover showing Sarah and her dog, Theo, surrounded by pictures of the four Churches in our Group; and finally, a cheque for £1,000, being donations from parishioners. Sarah has asked me to pass on her *sincere thanks to all who attended the Service and/or the party, and to those who contributed so generously to her leaving presents – "I love you all"!*

So, we begin a new chapter in the life of St Andrew's. Services for November are as follows:

November 1st is All Saints' Day, and Tony will lead the usual Milborne Praise at 9:30am. At **3.00p.m**. we hold our annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who have died, "those we love, but see no longer". Margaret Rickard, our LLM, will lead that Service. You are invited to come along, light a candle in memory of loved ones, and, if you wish, have their names read out during the Service. Refreshments will follow the Service.

November 8th is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember the Sacrifice of those who died in War. Tony will lead the Remembrance Service in Church, beginning at **10.00am** (please note the time), so that we can then make our way to the Memorial Stone for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00.am.

Pam will lead Worship in Stillness on November 15th. On November 22nd, the Feast of Christ the King, the Reverend John Wood, formerly Rector of Swanage and now living in retirement in Dorchester, will celebrate our Parish Eucharist. As there is a fifth Sunday in November, there will be a United Benefice Eucharist in Milborne at **11.00am**, followed by a bring-and-share lunch. It is Advent Sunday, the first day of the new Church Year, and the Eve of St Andrew's Day. Our Celebrant that day is The Reverend Gerry Burgess. Gerry is retired and on the staff of St George's, Fordington.

So, we look forward to Christmas, just 72 days, apparently, as I write, and much closer by the time you read this! All inquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc., should be addressed to me in the first instance. If I can't help, I'll know someone who can! Phone: 07368145584. Email: Tonytheorganist @outlook.com

A few words from a hymn for this "November, the month of Remembrance".

"My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith oft dim;
But tis enough that Christ knows all,
And we shall be with Him."

Tony (Churchwarden)

Dewlish Church Notes

JIM is delighted to report that, thanks to such generous donations from our wonderful villagers, family and friends, he raised £1,170 from his sponsored Ride 'n' Stride cycle ride. These monies are halved between the Historic Churches Trust and our All Saints. Luckily, it was a very pleasant day, during which Jim visited 21 churches – including our own, of course! He reckons he travelled about 40 miles: not bad for a man of a certain age! Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed.

We have just celebrated Harvest Festival and our church looked wonderful with all the beautiful flowers, vegetables and fruit. Thank you so much to all our flower arrangers, and to Dewlish Estates, for donating the super flowers and produce.

Sarah led our service for the last time, and we wish her well in her new appointment in Ledbury. Our church is now in a period of Interregnum during which we shall not be able to guarantee that our services will continue the same. Please see the church notice board regularly for any further information.

On the Monday evening after Harvest Festival we held our annual Harvest Supper. What a feast to behold! Nearly 50 people enjoyed a delicious supper provided by Andy and our hard-working helpers. Thank you, Andy – we couldn't do it without you! At the time of writing we do not have a final figure about receipts but I think it should be in the region of £400, which is very good.

The auction that followed was great fun, as it always is with Andrew being Auctioneer! Thank you, Andrew. There was a superb array of produce to be sold, and some wonderful offers from Dewlish Estates. Many thanks to all our kind contributors. Again, I do not have a final figure, but it should be the highest amount by far we have ever raised. I have just realised that we have been holding the Harvest Supper and Auction for over 50 years apart from one time when we were under Covid restrictions. Amazing!

And now to November . . . **Remembrance Day** is on Sunday 8th November, and we invite everybody to join us at the War Memorial at 10.50am for a short service, and then at church for the main service. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Village Hall.

The church **Christmas Bazaar** is on Saturday 28th November in the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm. We shall be having our usual stalls: New, cakes and produce (cakes always welcome), toys, a Christmas stall, books and puzzles, a raffle and teas. Please do come and enjoy what we have to offer. *Daphne Burg*

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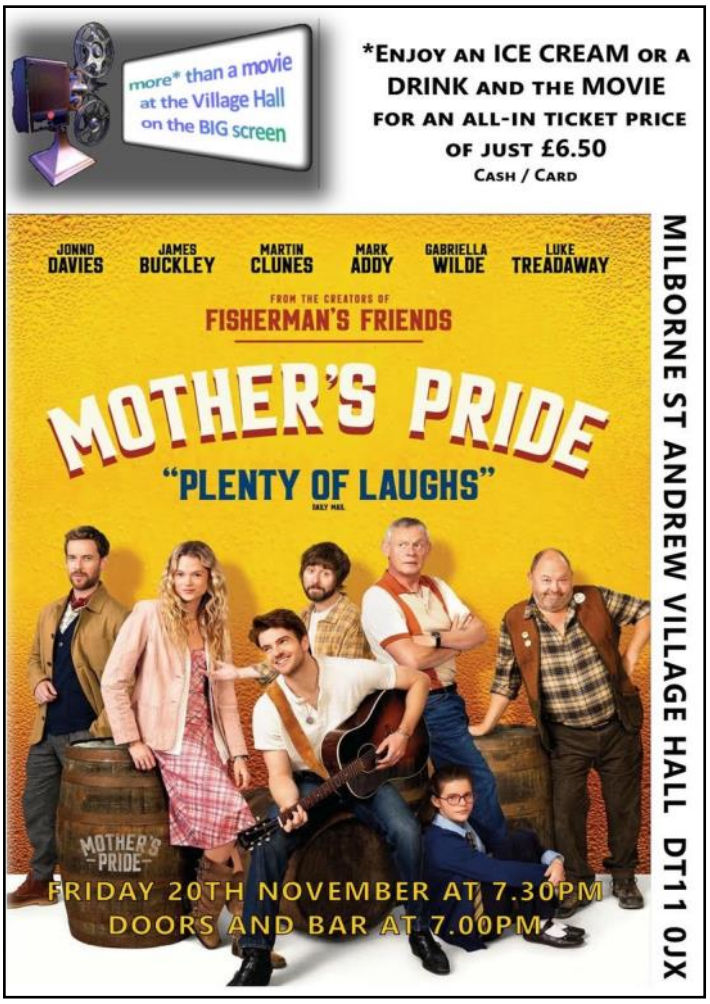
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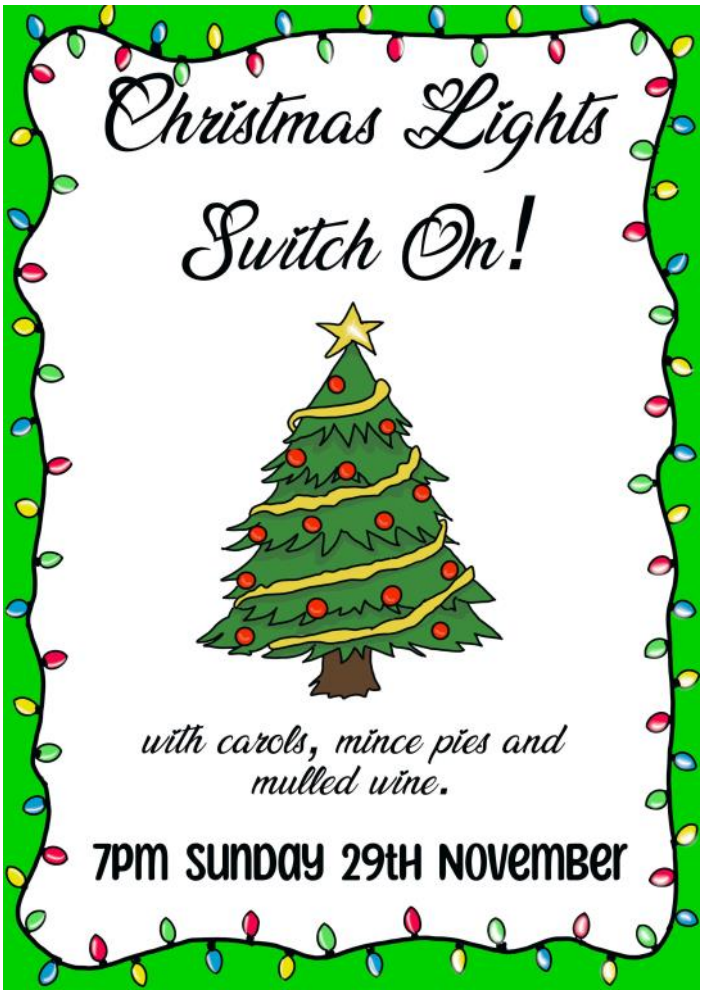
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Gardening Club news

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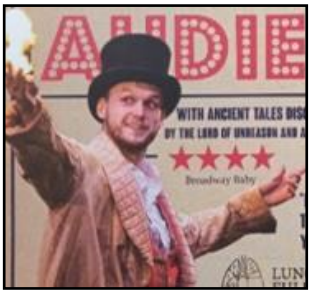
The next meeting for the MSA Gardening Club will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. We will start off the evening with the business side of things ie election of officers, if you would like to join the committee this is the time to come forward. This will then be followed by our Christmas social where we will have a quiz. All members and visitors are very welcome. Bring along festive snacks. Mulled wine, teas and coffees will be available. (£2 for visitors). *Jobs for the garden on page 21.*





PING PONG MAYHEM

FRIDAY 2nd October saw the first production in the Artsreach season with Lung and Half Full Theatre performing at the village hall in "Tales for an Unruly Audience."



Giving out ping pong balls to the audience as they arrived hinted that this was going to be something a bit different and by the time everyone had a confetti gun (plus goggles 'elf and safety don't you know!) anticipation was high. What an evening it was. George Attwill as Lord of Unreason kept everyone amused and amazed. With audience participation and stories of myth and magic, an enthralling time was had by all.



STEP into a twinkling snow- dusted world with this joy-filled winter play for young children.

The story, written by award winner writer Manjeet Mann, follows one small but brave Red Robin who chooses to stay behind as the other woodland animals prepare for winter. While the forest falls silent and snow begins to fall Red Robin hears a mysterious song on the wind – one that leads to new friendships, unexpected discoveries and a special place to call home. With beautiful songs, fun-filled wintery moments and cosy story telling. Red Robin's Winter Song is a celebration of friendship, courage, adapting to change and ultimately finding where you belong.

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For fifteen years, Reverend Sarah Hillman has been at the heart of our school community, and we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the extraordinary contribution she has made to the lives of our pupils, families and staff.

As a Church of England school, our Christian vision and values underpin everything we do, and Sarah has been a constant source of support, guidance and encouragement in helping us live out that vision. She has played a central role in our collective worship programme, led reflection days and spiritual development opportunities, and worked closely with us in planning and leading our Christmas, Easter and Pentecost services. Through her ministry, generations of children have been given opportunities to reflect, worship, serve others and develop a deeper understanding of faith, values and community.



Sarah's influence extends far beyond collective worship. Her work has contributed significantly to the nurturing, caring and inclusive ethos that makes our school such a special place. Through her involvement in activities that promote respect, compassion, forgiveness, responsibility and service, she has enriched our personal development curriculum and supported important aspects of PSHE education. Whether helping pupils explore relationships and belonging, encouraging charitable action and community service, supporting emotional wellbeing, or leading thoughtful discussions around values and decision-making, Sarah has helped our children grow into confident, caring and responsible young people.

Over the years, Sarah has worked closely with several of our local partner schools and their communities, such as Puddletown First and Milborne First Schools. As a result, many of our pupils have known her for much of their lives. Some first met Sarah when they were in Reception, while others have known her since birth. This unique connection has enabled her to build strong and lasting relationships with countless children and families across our area.

Alongside her ministry, Sarah has also served St Mary's School as a highly valued member of our governing body. Her wisdom, challenge, support and unwavering commitment to our school have helped shape both our strategic direction and our distinctive Christian character.

Sarah has touched the lives of so many people and has been a foundation of the ethos we cherish today. While we are naturally saddened to see her leave, we are delighted that she will be taking up a new ministry in Ledbury and Eastnor, Herefordshire. We thank her for her years of dedicated service and friendship, and we wish her every happiness and success in this exciting new chapter.



We would also like to reassure parents and our wider community that we will remain in close contact with Church of England representatives and the Diocese of Salisbury as plans for the future of our parish develop. In the meantime, our Collective Worship Lead, Sam Mead, will continue to provide our pupils with the rich, engaging and high-quality personal development experiences that are such an important part of life at St Mary's.

In October we held a special assembly of thanks for Sarah and, on Sunday 11th October, Sarah led her final service at St Mary's church in Puddletown. Sarah leaves quite a legacy, and we will always be grateful for the immeasurable difference she has made to our school and community. We send her our heartfelt thanks and our very best wishes for the future.

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Flood Action Group survey

IF you live near the stream, you may have received this leaflet in the last month – the village flood action group has been asking residents if they would fill in a short survey to help give a more accurate picture of how Milborne was affected by the results of Storm Chandra at the beginning of this year. A community flood report by Dorset Council is expected in the near future and the group hope that the survey findings will be useful information for this. It is clear though that the majority of the village was affected by the weeks-long floodwater on roads that meant long detours or, at worst, homes and driveways inaccessible. You can still complete the form and add your comments about how you were affected during the flood.

The "Section 19" report (it is section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010) is an investigation into the flood event, covering what happened, responsibilities of agencies and recommendations for future flooding. The draft report is due in the coming weeks and an assurance has been given that it will be available for residents to view.



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Jobs for the garden:

- Add winter bedding plants such as heathers and pansies to brighten up your garden
- Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- Leave seedheads like teasel, fennel and verbena plus unchopped perennial stems which feed birds like goldfinches and provide overwintering sites for insects.
- Harvest and store apple and pear crops before the winter storms.

It's the big switch-on for Christmas Lights

THE countdown to Christmas begins in Milborne St Andrew on Sunday 29th November at 7.00pm, when we'll be gathering at the Village Hall for our Christmas Lights Switch-On!

Following the great success of last year's event, we're hoping this will become a much-loved annual village tradition – bringing everyone together to celebrate the start of the festive season.

Come along and enjoy some good old-fashioned community Christmas spirit, with carols, festive cheer, free mulled wine and mince pies (donations of mince pies would be very much appreciated!).

So wrap up warm, bring your singing voices and join us for what promises to be a lovely evening for the whole village.

Hope to see you there!

ANYONE FOR BRIDGE?

The MSA Bridge Group, now in its twelfth year and continues to meet in The Royal Oak in Milborne St Andrew on a weekly basis. We meet every Friday afternoon at 2.30pm.

The next scheduled meetings will be on Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November 2026

The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to learn and improve your playing skills in a social and 'blame free' environment. Winter is coming and the evenings are getting dark earlier so now is a good time for anyone with an interest in finding out about bridge to make a start by joining the group where you will be made very welcome. For anyone who has never played before instruction will be provided along with a simple two-page 'crib' sheet. In fact, several of our 'regulars' had never played before joining the group but have enjoyed the way of learning and improving their game. There is no charge for joining or playing.

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

I look forward to hearing from you. *Laurie Benn*



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Reporting ≠ notifying your insurer

Filing a report through the council tool is not the same as making an insurance claim.

There is a legal duty to disclose flooding to a property as part of a conveyance process and when getting insurance – whether a claim has been made or not. Not to disclose could constitute fraud and prevent a claim being paid in the event of a future flood event.



What does affect insurance?

Your premium might change if:

- You make an insurance claim for flood damage
- You disclose a history of flooding when asked during a policy application
- Updated risk modelling reclassifies your area over time

Reporting a flood through the Flood Online Reporting Tool **does not** raise your insurance premium.

Reporting a flood helps by:

- Securing funding for drainage and flood defences
- Improving understanding of local flood risk through better modelling and planning
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Changing Strides auction raises over £2,500

A RECENT auction of promises at the Village Hall raised over £2,500 for the newly formed charity, Changing Strides Equine Therapies (CSET).



An offer by a professional chef to cook a meal for six plus a different wine with each course at the winner's home and an offer from The Dusterteers to clean a house from top to bottom were just some of the promises bid for by an audience of around 50 people. These more personal lots were supplemented with offers from businesses and organisations including a day at Badminton Horse Trials next May; £500 to spend at Chewton Glen hotel and spa in New Milton; or a round of golf for four at Dorset Golf Club.

The number of organisations – both local and further afield – offering free entry or a contribution towards an experience are too numerous to mention but we are grateful to every one of them for their generous support. However, that support means nothing without those who paid to attend and bid for the auction items on offer, resulting in a well needed boost to funds for the charity.

We are also extremely grateful to William Batt of Dukes Auctions, Dorchester for giving up his valuable time to encourage the bidders to spend just that little bit more!

Changing Strides Equine Therapies is dedicated to empowering young people through transformative equine experiences. The program focuses on developing essential life skills, confidence, and wellbeing through structured equine activities. It is designed for children and young people aged 5–25 who are at risk of exclusion, disengagement from education, or struggling with confidence, behaviour, or mental health. The program includes horse care and riding modules with awards and certificates to recognize achievement. It is delivered by coaches through a BHS accredited Centre and works in partnership with Luccombe Riding Centre, in Milton Abbas.



If you wish to know more about CSET or to support them financially or by volunteering, their website is www.changingstridesequinetherapies.org which also provides direct contact details.

Sue Hodder, Trustee and Chair

What's on in November

Wednesday 4th	**Wednesday Club** afternoon at Poundbury Garden Centre. Meet Village Hall 2.00pm.
Saturday 7th	**Fireworks Night** Sports Pavilion from 6.00pm.
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance Day** St Andrew's church 10.00am followed by Act of Remembrance at Memorial Stone 11.00am.
Thursday 12th	**WI**. Steve Valas will talk on '*Confessions of a Professional Photographer*'. Village Hall 7.30pm.
Thursday 12th	**Spanish and Portuguese theme night** The Royal Oak, booking recommended.
Saturday 14th	**Community Café** Village Hall 10am until midday.
Saturday 14th	**Deadline** for the December *Reporter*. Send your articles and photographs via email to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 19th	**Gardening Club AGM** Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 20th	**Film night *Mother's Pride*** Village Hall 7.30pm.
Tuesday 24th	**Surgery Community Coffee Morning** Winterborne Whitechurch Village Hall 10.30am till 12.00noon see page 11.
Thursday 26th	**Pie Night** The Royal Oak.
Saturday 28th	**Red Robin's Winter Song** Village Hall 10.30am Suitable for children 3+.
Saturday 28th	**Christmas Bazaar** Dewlish Village Hall 2.30pm.
Sunday 29th	**Christmas Lights Switch-On** Village Hall 7.00pm.

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 1.00–3.30pm.
Sewcial Crafters (adults) Thursday 1.00–3.00pm and 5.30–7.30pm
Yoga (Mellulah) Friday mornings.
Beavers Friday 5.30–6.45pm.
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Booking Secretary:	Margaret Groves	07796 456959
Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall		
Chairman:	Linsey O'Neill	07798 720812
Booking Secretary:	Susan Poet	07866 313999
MSA Sports & Social Club	Bookings: Philip Smith	07776 561105

Councils

Dorset Councillor	Emma Parker	07411 149997
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	clerk@dewlishparishcouncil.gov.uk	
	Chair: Mike Fell	07963 194109
Parish Council		
Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Wayne Lewin	07419 136735
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General – Youth

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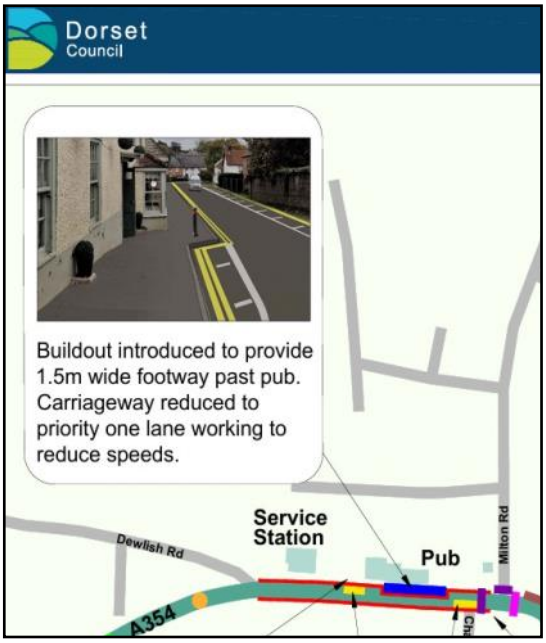
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Traffic calming survey approval

THE results of the consultation survey for the pavement widening on the A354 show a local approval for the traffic calming scheme alongside the pub. In total, 65% of the 134 people who took part in the survey – 113 of these from Milborne – were positive towards the proposal, Dorset Council (DC) said. In conclusion, DC said, "The consultation demonstrates strong local interest and broad support for measures aimed at improving safety, reducing speeds, and enhancing the village environment. The findings provide a solid evidence base to inform the next stage of design and decision-making, while suggesting potential to broaden engagement as the project develops."



However, it was noted that there was strong disapproval from some. It said, "Views are polarised but concerns often relate to the design and potential unintended impacts of the proposal (such as congestion and queuing) rather than opposition to safety improvements overall."


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