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News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew



We're breaking the mould!

FOR the first time since the birth of the *Reporter*, we are changing our break month. To commemorate the Olympic Torch passing through our village, along with any other celebrations that may be happening, we will be printing an August edition (being prepared through July). This means there will **not** be a September edition this year, but we will be back to normal for the October issue.



So please let us have all your July news when it happens, so we can include it! Closing date will be as usual the 14th.

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Milborne mini soccer club raise over £1000 at fun day

WITH an excellent array of stalls and supported by Dorset Police and Fire and Rescue the Milborne Mini Soccer Club Family Fun Day has been heralded a success and may be the first of many future events and fund-raisers for the club.

The first main event was the Milborne Mini Soccer coaches and parents v The Royal Oak pub Tug-of-War. The Royal Oak team emerged first from the club-house, clearly confident of victory with their chosen anthem of Queens "We are the Champions". However as the Milborne Mini Team strode out to their theme tune, Bonnie Tyler "Holding out for a hero" it was clear that the two teams were well matched and this was far from being a one horse race. The Royal Oak won the first pull sending the Milborne Minis sliding to the ground to "another one bites the dust". But it was not all over and as the Milborne Minis won the second pull anticipation in the crowd built. The final pull however was won by The Royal Oak and left the pub team victorious, winning the Cup and the glory. But that was not the end of the story as in excess of 70 children took up the rope in a bid to make their own challenge to the pub team.

It was then time for an Adults v Minis football match, however despite putting up a good fight, the adults were clearly overwhelmed by the crowds of children on the pitch. This was followed by the Mini Soccer Presentation where we all applauded the enthusiastic young players and the future of Milborne Soccer as the coaches hung their medals around their necks and handed out trophies to our proud Mini Soccer members.

All in all the day was an enormous success, we have raised £1,059.06 for the development of the new mini soccer pitches at the rear of the club. However all of this would not have been possible without our amazing coaches, our massively keen mini soccer players, the wonderful men and women who helped to set up and run the stalls, the incredible Neil Coad who compered and sang at the event but more importantly the people of Milborne who turned out to support us. We are overwhelmed by the number of you who came to support our efforts and it was truly a wonderful sight to be seen watching the people of Milborne St. Andrew enjoying their home ground as the sun shone down and music played.

To see the photos from the event and see if you can spot yourself in the crowd please see our Facebook page.

Milborne Mini Soccer is run by parents and friends from the local community for the children of the local community. We train on Wednesday nights during term time from 5.00pm. If you would like to join the minis or if you would be interested in coaching or helping (and you don't need to have a child at the club to join us and help) please kindly call Marie Hayter, Club Secretary on 01258 837241 or e-mail her at milbornestandrewfcyouth@gmail.com.



Milborne St. Andrew Gardening Club

OUR Speaker for our meeting in April was Rob Hendley, who returned to entertain us with more tips on growing dahlias successfully. So, if all our members follow his advice, our gardens should be full of colourful dahlias this summer and autumn. We are planning to visit his gardens in Child Okeford later on in September, just to see what we could have achieved.

Our Plant Sale on Sunday 13th May went off successfully and was brightened up by some welcome sunshine. Members worked hard growing and potting up plants, making cakes and helping on the day, so many thanks to them, and also to those who came along and supported us.

On Tuesday 19th June we have our Annual Trip, and this year it is to Abbey House Gardens at Malmesbury. We just hope that the sun will shine again to make it a perfect day out. Linda Harris Secretary

Milborne Tennis Club

MILBORNE Tennis Club is now established based at the Village Hall Tennis Court. Firstly we are looking for local ladies and men players who are interested in playing socially either casually or regularly throughout the summer on a Sunday morning and possibly one morning in the week. Secondly, we hope to offer the youngsters in the village from five years upwards an opportunity to learn how to play and hopefully, when playing at a good standard, play in junior tournaments.

Playing Days and Times

Adult Beginners from 9.00-10.00am: Designed for Newcomers and Beginners. This time is specifically put aside to encourage newcomers to the sport as complete beginners. We welcome you especially if you would like to learn to play but have never played before or for players who have played a bit but would like some help and advice with some basic tips to improve.

NB Free informal coaching is available by a qualified tennis coach to get you started. Just bring a racket with you and appropriate shoes and clothing. If you have not got a racket, no worries, just call the telephone number at the end of this notice to arrange one. Balls will be provided.

Adult Social Tennis from 10.00am-1.00pm: For existing players ladies and men of any age who would like an opportunity to play doubles on a casual or regular basis. Bring racket, clothing and balls as appropriate until we formalise the club and provide them.

At the moment no fees or charges will apply until the club has sufficient numbers to register if appropriate as a Tennis Club with the Lawn Tennis Association

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May Fayre is 'Best Ever'

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This year's event raises over £1,100 for village groups. Full report from the fayre and dog show in next month's Reporter.

Clockwise from top right: Town criers Jean Wells and Dick Poynter in all their regalia; Hurdles winner Bee in action over the jumps; Whippet, Lola Garcia, wins the 'Adonis and Aphrodite' class; Olympic synchronized swimmer Ozzie; Young handlers lead the way in the Adonis and Aphrodite class; Cooling down on a rare, warm May day; Wessex Karate Academy display basic moves; 'Rider' Samuel Richards with his 'mount' Georgie and Marion Regan; Wessex Karate member demonstrating with a 'bo'.





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Friday 8th June 10.00am - 4.00pm (half-term)
Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens.
  11.50 return including entrance to the gardens. Lunch extra.
Saturday 23rd June 10.00am - 4.00pm.
Salisbury Market  7.50 return. Lunch extra.
Tuesday 3rd July, Dolphin Centre Poole 9.30am.
Wednesday 18th July, Shaftesbury 9.00am.
Please note. The service is operating every other week. This was in response to the passenger survey. However, should there be enough passengers wanting to go on a shopping trip, this could easily be arranged on the weeks that there is no other outing.

We had a very favourable response from passengers that were on the trial run. Comments were, the bus was very comfortable, plenty of leg room, quiet inside and easily accessible, low step for front access and tail gate for wheelchair access at the rear. Inside secure space is available for wheelchair, baby buggy and safe stowage of shopping.

As you will note, the bus destinations are very flexible. During term-time we can use the bus between 9.00am and 2.00pm (depending on where the bus is going to and from).

School holidays and weekends the bus can be used at any time during the day or evening. More adventurous outings are planned for during the school holidays, with a selection of destinations that will hopefully appeal to all ages and at reasonable cost. We want to offer everyone an opportunity to get out and about to enjoy the Dorset countryside this summer.



Meet the management team of Bus2Go
 Ron Ward - Chairman, Don Byrom - Secretary, Deanna Le Claire - Treasurer, Hazel Seaward - Passenger Representative and Margaret Kirk - Project Organiser.

If you wish to book on one of the outings please contact Ron 839234 or Margo 837749. Milborne St. Andrew pick-up is at Stileham Bank.

Funding for this project has been obtained from Dorset Partnership for Older People (POPP), Spectrum Signpost, Milborne St. Andrew Parish Council and Winterborne Stickland Parish Council.

See also Bus2go@btinternet.com

We look forward to welcoming you on board very soon.



THE BENEFICE OF PUDDLETOWN, TOLPUDDLE AND MILBORNE WITH DEWLISH
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Seeds that grow

A SUNNY day; an array of lovely gardens; quadruple chocolate brownies: some of the pleasurable moments of my day.

In search of inspiration for what I could write in my letter this month, I went to visit the open gardens in a nearby village. I'm not a gardener (I'd only open mine as an example of how not to do it), but it was interesting to see how, although many of the gardens had some similar plants in them, no two were the same or even similar. Each garden was unique.

And each plant that had been grown was the product of a combination of a seed, and care and nurture, sun and water, and the love of those who grow them.

The best gardens were those that had been given the most care. They are the ones in which the plants flourish and produce beautiful flowers and fruit.

In the Bible Jesus often uses the imagery of growing things to explain faith. He tells stories about wheat, weeds, vines, mustard seeds and so on. He talks about how God wants our lives to flourish. But if that is to happen, we need to remain rooted in him. Our faith needs nurture and care if it is to bear fruit, in just the same way as a plant.

Obviously sun and rain and manure and fertiliser are not what will grow our faith, though they definitely help a plant. What will help our faith to grow is spending time with God, allowing God to tend our wounds, to forgive our wrongdoings and wrong thoughts, to open ourselves to God's love.

One of the most common misapprehensions is that God only uses special or important people for his work. It's a load of rubbish. God's garden is open to everyone; all we need to do is ask him to plant a seed of faith within us. As we tend that seed, through prayer, reading the Bible, worship, spending time with other Christians, sharing God's love with our community, it will begin to grow and bear rich fruit.

One of the joys of being part of a church community is growing alongside others. A garden containing only one plant would look very bare; in the same way a Christian who tries to go it alone will never reach his or her full potential in faith, for God has created us to be part of a body. A leg without the rest of the body would be of little use.

Let's celebrate the diversity of plants in God's garden, and support and encourage one another in faith, so that each one of us can grow into a beautiful fruit-laden plant.

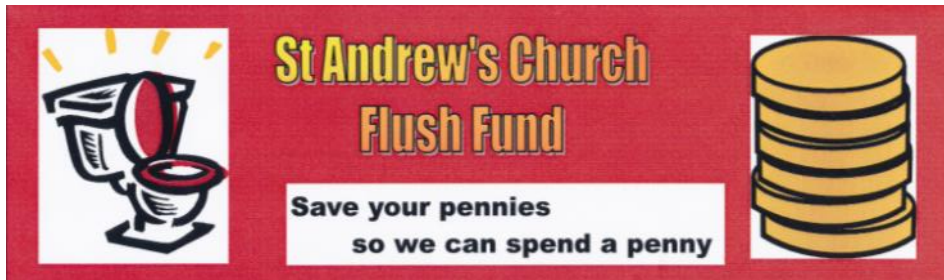
With best wishes

Sarah Hillman

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Building works – Those who have been into church recently will have noticed that the Lady Chapel has been cleared ready for work to start on the toilet and kitchenette facilities. Final arrangements have been made with the contractor and architect and the project should not interfere with normal Sunday services. However there will be times when contractors' vehicles may block the road, such as when Wessex Water connect us to the sewer in the road. Local residents have been informed of this.

Do you remember this slogan?



Are you still saving your pennies?

We still need your pennies to help pay for our project; if you have any jars of small change do let us have them, and if you would like to join the "pennies in a jar" scheme please contact one of the churchwardens. Our fund raising efforts are still £5,000 short of our target so there will be an on-going programme of fund raising events. We do have reserves to enable

CHURCH SERVICES June 2012

3rd June – Trinity Sunday

9.30 am	Parish Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	Diamond Jubilee Service	Milborne
	after 8.30am breakfast in the Village Hall	
11.00	Holy Communion	Puddletown
	With Sunday Seekers and Creche	
11.00	Diamond Jubilee Service	Dewlish
	and Picnic	
4.00pm	Tolpuddle Praise for	Tolpuddle
	Diamond Jubilee	VH

THURSDAY 7th June

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Milborne
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10th June – Trinity 1

8.15am	1662 Said Communion	Puddletown
9.30	Methodist United Service	Tolpuddle
9.30	Parish Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Service with	Puddletown
	Thanksgiving	
11.00	Family Communion	Dewlish

17th June – Trinity 2

9.30am	Family Communion	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Said Communion	Milborne
11.00	1662 Morning Prayer	Puddletown
11.00	Holy Communion	Dewlish

THURSDAY 21st June

12 noon	Lunch-time Communion	Puddletown
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24th June – Birth of John The Baptist

9.30am	All-Age Worship	Tolpuddle
9.30	1662 Holy Communion	Milborne
11.00	Family Communion	Puddletown
	With Sunday Seekers and Creche	
11.00	Family Service	Dewlish
6.00pm	Flower Festival Songs of Praise	Puddletown

MORNING PRAYERS

(Monday – Thursday 8.15am; Saturday 9.00am)	
Monday – Puddletown	Tuesday – Tolpuddle
Wednesday – Milborne	Thursday – Dewlish
Saturday – Puddletown	

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us to complete the project, but we need to restore these reserves as soon as possible for further repairs. Please come along and support the church at our fund raising events. We hope these new facilities will enable us to use the church for the community and extend its use beyond Sunday services.

Thank you – When I retired from being churchwarden at the Church annual meeting I was presented with a garden recliner, garden tokens and a beautiful card full of good wishes from many people. This was completely unexpected and I was overwhelmed to the point where I could hardly say thank you. In fact “thank you” seems a very inadequate thing to say in the face of such amazing generosity. I’ve already spent the tokens (I enjoyed doing that!) and am looking forward to some decent weather to enjoy the recliner. I shall keep the card and treasure it. So to all who had anything to do with this, I am very grateful. Thank you all very much. *Pat Tribe*

Living Churchyard – For some years now the churchyard has been maintained to encourage as many kinds of wild life, flora and fauna as possible. Maurice Fox does a wonderful job cutting the grass and carefully mowing round a clump of wild flowers. Ronald Hogg keeps the current burial area close mown and tidy. I have been responsible for other areas such as the spring wild flower part, the flowering meadow area, the small beds of garden (but insect friendly) flowers in front of the church and the compost heaps. Sadly health problems mean that I am no longer able to do this. Is there anyone who would be interested in taking it on? It is not particularly time-consuming but some of the work can be quite heavy. It would also involve organising an occasional working party. If anyone is interested and would like more details please contact me on 837684. *Pat Tribe*

Open Gardens in Milborne St. Andrew – What a splendid day we had for this event on 12th May. The sun shone and people came from far and wide, that is Weymouth, Shaftesbury, the New Forest and all places in between. We heard some lovely comments: “What a lovely friendly village,” “It is fascinating that the gardens are so different from each other,” “We’ve thoroughly enjoyed our day.” It all helps to give Milborne a good name. Although we had more visitors than two years ago we didn’t do quite so well financially; the recession is obviously biting hard. Despite this it was a successful day giving pleasure to many people. Very many thanks to all those who helped in any way. *Pat Tribe*

Flowers – w/e Saturday

2nd June Tony Fox
9th and 16th June Sally Dyer
23th and 30th June Angie Nowell

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

2nd June John and Anne Miller
9th June Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
16th June Sue Lee and Val Hodges
23rd June Josie and John Wright
30th June Carolyn Martin and Elizabeth Walker

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Jubilee Celebration – 3rd June – Come and join us for breakfast at the village hall at 8.30am. Tea, coffee, juice, bacon rolls, bread and jam. A donation of £2 is suggested to cover costs. Come and enjoy a family breakfast with friends. The children will be making their own bunting to take up to church for the 9.30am Family Service when we will be saying prayers for our Queen and celebrate her 60 glorious years.

30th June – Coffee morning and Table Top Sale at the village hall 9.00–11.00am. This has been changed from a nearly new stall which was reported in last month’s issue. Come and sell your wares at a cost of £5 per table. Proceeds will go to St. Andrew’s Church.

1st July – St. Andrew’s Church service 10.00am. We will be celebrating our morning service with folk music provided by friends from Roger’s Rant weekend. There will also be a concert in church during the evening. Please watch notice board for further details.

August Bank Holiday (27th) 12 noon–4.00pm. We will be holding our usual Athelhampton Benefice Fete. Our church will be holding the Bric-a-brac stall and the Toy stall with a lucky dip. Please let us have any good condition toys your children have finished with. This is a good family day out; do come along and support your church.

Eva Stockley (837468) John Wright (839090) Churchwardens

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

A very busy Diamond Jubilee weekend

AT OUR church AGM all officials and officers were re-elected to serve another year. Our Vicar, the Rev. Sarah Hillman, has now been with us for six months and is pleased with the welcome she has received. We, in turn, are grateful for all she has done for us. Although she is very busy with preparations for services, schools, meetings, etc., she hopes to be able to give more time to pastoral visiting in the future. Thanks were expressed to all who serve the church in any way.

Dewlish will be having a very busy weekend celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. On Saturday 2nd June celebrations will start at 11.00am and continue all day.

On Sunday 3rd June there will be a Jubilee Church Service, starting at 11.00am, in the marquee on Sellers Field (opposite the western end of School Lane), and this will be followed by a Parish Picnic with each family bringing a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided.

On Monday evening a beacon will be lit at the top of Greenways, where music will be provided. Please bring your own refreshments.

There will be a Coffee Morning for church funds on Thursday 21st June at the home of Mrs Daphne Berridge, Shailes Farmhouse, 10.30am–12noon. We shall be delighted to see you there. There will be a raffle, plants, cakes and produce stalls and, of course, coffee.

Daphne Burg



Do you need a lift to church?

If you have difficulty getting to church or need transport when the Benefice Service is at another church, we can arrange transport for you. Please contact Eva (837468) or John (839090).

Christian Fellowship Group in Milborne

Chris and Angie Nowell host an inter-denominational Bible Study Group in their home every other Thursday morning.

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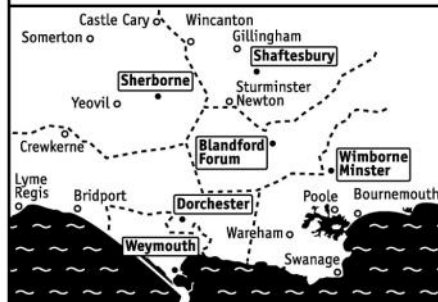


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MILTON ABBEY SCHOOL is delighted to announce its second Choral Society concert on Sunday 24th June in Milton Abbey at 7.30pm.

The concert, in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take the form of a 'Last Night of the Proms' Gala Concert. Audience members are invited to bring a picnic to eat during the interval, where wine and soft drinks will also be on sale.

The programme will include Parry *I was Glad*, Handel *Zadok the Priest* and Tchaikovsky *1812 Overture* in the first half, with lighter hearted traditional last night music following the picnic interval.

The concert also features ENO Soprano Emma Smith, who returns following her outstanding performance in the inaugural concert last term.

Tickets are £12.50 or £10.00 when ordered in advance, available from music@miltonabbey.co.uk or (01258) 881844.



Did you identify this?

Congratulations again to Paul Hoskins who for the third month running contacted one of the team to say the picture last month is at the bottom house up Coles Lane. Try and beat Paul this month by sending your answer to msa.reporter@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Council notes Wednesday 16th May

THE Council elected Officers for the coming year. Cllr. Allen remains Chairman, Cllr. Morgan her Deputy. Tree Warden will continue in the role. Monuments Warden retired and will not be replaced. Footpaths Warden wishes to step down, and one Councillor offered to contact him to see whether they might work together, as his knowledge is too extensive to lose. We need a second Flood Warden, ideally living in Milborne. Please contact a Councillor if you could take on this important but non-onerous role.

Most of the rest of the meeting was making arrangements for the Olympic Torch visit. So far there are not enough volunteer Marshalls to cover the length of the road through the village. If you could volunteer on the day and for training beforehand, please contact Jenny Balcon (837121).

Notable items for the day:

You may not overtake the convoy: You may not displaying logos of competitors to the sponsors: You may not hang bunting across the road: You may not cross the road once the police vanguard passes: Torches will be exchanged in The Square: One school from outside the village will be attending.

There was concern that we had no medical cover, but paramedics travel on the convoy. So the minimum this parish council has to provide is parking and marshalling! Whether you are enthusiastic or bored with all this, it should be a spectacle to behold. *Susan Cawley*

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100 years of football in Milborne

DID you know that this year marks 100 years of football in Milborne St. Andrew? The first league team was put together in October 1912, with the first youth team the following year in 1913.

Milborne St. Andrew entered the Mid-Dorset league in the Autumn of 1912 finishing second to local rivals Milton Abbas. Other teams in the league consisted of Puddletown, Winterborne Stickland, Winterborne Whitechurch and Bere Regis.

To celebrate Milborne's entry into the league a party was held on New Year's Eve in the old school room in Chapel Street where dancing commenced at 8.00pm and finished at 4.00am. It was reported that a wonderful time was had by all and that a total of £7 had been raised to support the newly formed team.

We couldn't possibly let this slip by without celebration. The Mini Soccer Club and the Sports Club would like to put together an event and would like to know what you the people of Milborne St. Andrew would like to do to celebrate. We hope to get as many past players as we can together, so if you are a past player or you know someone who is please get in touch. Also if you have any photos, newspaper cuttings that you are happy for us to copy and use or you have any stories that you are willing to share please also get in touch with Marie Hayter, Mini Soccer Club Secretary via email at mariehayter@ymail.com. Thank you.

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A Day out to Pecorama and Our Village in the News!

THE day dawned grey but thankfully not wet and we began our coach trip through the beautiful English countryside to Pecorama at Beer in Devon. As we approached the pretty village of Chideock the sun appeared and from then on the weather was warm and sunny like a summer's day.

Pecorama is home to the world's foremost manufacturer of model railway track. The rooms in the house are all set up as model railways so that enthusiasts can get ideas; even alcoves and garden sheds can be used.

The gardens are beautiful and some of us had a guided walk round The Millennium Garden which has individual garden names of "Sun", "Moon" and "Rainbow" which are beautifully colour coordinated. There is a sixty seat lecture theatre and a spectacular grotto mainly constructed using sea shells.



Others chose to explore on their own and some decided to just sit in the sun and enjoy the views.

After a pleasant lunch in the restaurant, in our own time, we had a delightful mile long ride on the Beer Heights Railway through the gardens with breath taking views of Lyme Bay. There was, also, an art exhibition to be visited.

At about 3.00pm we re-boarded the coach and wended our way to the Otter Nurseries Garden Centre at Ottery St. Mary. There we were able to buy gifts or plants and have a cream

tea, or coffee and cake, in their restaurant while watching couples enjoying a tea dance. Once back on the coach we relaxed as we travelled back to Milborne after yet another enjoyable outing.

Now, some reminders; there will be **Jubilee Cream Teas** at the village hall on **6th June** at 2.00pm, with live entertainment provided by Geoff on the keyboard. Everyone welcome. Tickets can be purchased from Londis or The Royal Oak at £5 for adults and £1 for children. Ben Hanger who is one of our Olympic Torch Runners on 12th July will be there as he wants to meet villagers. A collection will be made for Ben's favourite charity.

If any one has any memorabilia from previous jubilees please can you bring them to the Hall on the day with your name attached. There will be someone at the Hall from 1.00pm onwards. Please wear red, white and blue, if at all possible.

On **4th July** we have a trip to **Winchester** which will include a train ride on the **Watercress Line**, £28.00 for members and £30.00 for others. Tickets may be booked with Margaret Kirk on 01258 837749.

As always we look forward to meeting up with members at these events and visitors are warmly welcome.

News received as the Reporter goes to press

SOME very exciting news which will really put Milborne St. Andrew in the spotlight is that the BBC will be sending a reporter along to the Cream Tea and will do some filming and have a chat with some of the villagers.

The BBC are looking at how villages are welcoming the visit of the Olympic Torch and how communities are working together to celebrate. They particularly liked it that Ben Hanger was being welcomed to meet villagers at the Cream Tea and to celebrate with them. This will really put Milborne St. Andrew on the map, so please come and help to make this a special day.

Milborne St. Andrew has recently had a great deal of coverage so it is a real feather in our cap to have this opportunity too, to highlight what we do here and how we pull together to get things done.

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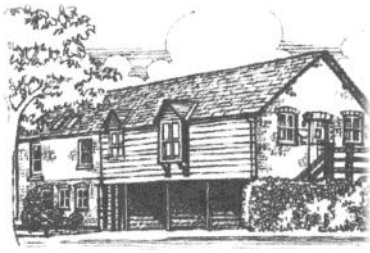
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Please telephone the surgery for **Milborne St. Andrew** opening days and times.

Please Note: The surgery is closed on all bank holidays and Saturdays that fall on a bank holiday weekend.

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Sample Menu

STARTERS

- Carrot and orange soup with crusty bread (v)
- Smoked salmon with mixed leaves and raspberry vinaigrette
- Garlicked king prawns with tapenade and toast
- Chicken liver, thyme and port parfait with red onion confit and toast
- Tarragon, pinenut and black pudding risotto with fried quails eggs
- Warm salad of goats cheese and broad beans with a mint dressing (v)
- Salad of figs with Cornish blue cheese and pickled garlic

MAINS

- Rump steak with hand cut chips, rocket and Bearnaise
- Hot honey duck with dauphinoise potatoes, red cabbage, 5 spice jus
- Hambro coriander and red onion burger with hand cut chips and salad
- Pan fried hake with risotto nero and buttered samphire
- Smoked haddock in parmesan cream sauce with crushed new potatoes
- spinach and a poached egg
- Roasted shallots with wild mushrooms, savoy cabbage and sesame oil
- Courgette, parsley and lemon linguine

DESSERTS

- Strawberry and mascarpone mille feuilles
- Apple tarte tatin with strawberry and balsamic sorbet
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April Weather in Milborne St. Andrew

WHAT a difference a month makes! Last month it was dry rivers and dusty fields and now it is swollen streams and soggy gardens. Such are the vagaries of the British climate. April rainfall in Milborne was



209.1mm which was 358% of average and, nationally, it was the highest April rainfall since records began. The last high April rainfall was in 2000 with 175.3mm. Between 1971 and 1991 the highest April rainfall was in 1972 with 89.8mm but there have been five

Aprils since 1991 with over 100mm of rain. There were 11 air frosts during the month and ground frost occurred on several other nights in the lower parts of the village. As if to remind us that nature always has the last say, there were storm force winds and driving rain from the North East on the night of 28th and it is unusual to have strong winds from that direction.

After the record rainfall in April, it may seem surprising that there are still drought orders operating in some areas but there are several categories of drought. The April rain may have ended the Meteorological drought and averted an Agricultural drought but the Hydrological drought which has built up over the last two years still exists and it will take our usual amount of winter rainfall to bring ground water levels back to anything like normal.

April 2012 may have been a disappointingly cool month but it has been worse. On 26th April 1981, 90mm of snow fell with drifts that were in evidence into May. The snow was wet and heavy and brought down electricity lines leaving the village without power for a day.

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**You could have heard a needle drop!
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IT was with sadness that we received the news that Sheila Bird, one of our long-standing members, had recently died. Several members had attended her funeral on Wednesday afternoon, and June Maitland later read out a particularly poignant reading which Sheila's grandson had read at the graveside. Jenny Preston, our President, asked us to stand for a minute's silence to remember her, all wearing our name badges which had been an innovation of Sheila's. We welcomed two visitors, Lesley and Chris.

Everyone had very much enjoyed our *Annual Dinner* held at the 'Silent Woman', clearly it had been a huge success and June took the opportunity to thank Jenny on our behalf for her seamless organisation. Our team came a creditable third in the *Village Quiz* and congratulations were offered for their efforts (and for not coming first - always a double edged sword, as it involves preparing the questions for next year!) The *Summer supper* will be on Friday



1st June at 7.00pm, and Val Andrews has kindly offered to host this. We pray for a dry evening.

Despite the dreadful weather for the first of the Bluebell teas, the second attempt was a great success and thanks go to all those who helped and contributed cakes, and to Anya who hosted it all. Hopefully this will become an annual event. A donation has been made to a Women's charity.

Shirley Dunkley presented the National Federation of WI's 2012 Resolution, which will go before the AGM. Entitled '*Employment of More Midwives*', it highlights the chronic shortage of midwives and calls on the Government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales. Important points for discussion included the rising birth rate, complications in birth due to the rise in the number of older women giving birth and a higher number of multiple births. With one abstention, all the members voted in favour of the Resolution.

Lori Hillman joined us to discuss the use of Acupuncture. Most of us are familiar with the idea of this form of complementary or alternative medicine; we know that it involves the use of needles, which are inserted into the skin at certain points on the body, and for some this is not an attractive thought. After taking us through a very welcome relaxation exercise, Lori explained the history of this form of ancient Chinese medicine, which is based on the belief that energy flows through the body in channels called meridians. Practitioners of acupuncture believe that when this energy is blocked it can cause illness and so use the method for a number of conditions, including migraines, lower back pain and anxiety. Questions were not slow in coming and June observed in her vote of thanks that you could have heard one of Lori's own needles drop, so quiet and engrossed were we.

At our next meeting on Thursday 14th June, Derek Radley will talk about '*Victim Support*' so do please come along and join us.

Pat Bull

Community Contacts

More information about many community organisations can be found on www.milbornestandrew.org.uk

Councils

Environment Agency Floodline	0845 9881188	
North Dorset District Councillor	Emma Parker	01258 881631
	Jane Somper	01258 471089
Parish Council – Dewlish	Clerk: Pat Gubbins	01258 881348
	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council –	Clerk: Joyce Holman	01202 880512
Milborne St. Andrew	Chair: Janet Allen	01258 837551

General – Adult

Computer Drop-in Centre	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Gilly Pink	01258 837695
M.A. Neighbourcar	Nigel Hodder	01258 881709
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 450518
Women's Institute	June Maitland	01258 837235

General – Youth

Beavers	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Cub Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Liz Dyer	01258 839117
Scouts	Mike Mullett	01258 839076
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Hayley Davis	07919 156578
Youth Club age 8 – 14 years	Sharon Moss	01258 839210

Police

Police – Non-emergency contact		101
Community Beat Officer	PC Dave Mullins	01202 223003 07825 521850
Community Beat Officer (Dorch)	PC Jeremy Cuff	101
Safer Neighbourhood Team		
Blandford Rural South	PC Dave Mullins and PCSO Luke Goddard	01202 223003 or 07825 521850

School

Milborne 1st School		
Headteacher:	Neil McDermott	01258 837362
Chair Governors:	Jessica Doodes	
Friends of School Chair:	Kate Connolly	

Special Interest

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Bridge Group	Laurie Benn	01258 837720
Food and Wine Society	Maureen Lock	01258 837929
MSA Allotment Society Chair:	Jo Lovett	01258 837957
Secretary:	Sue Gould	01258 837575
MSA Friendly Art Group	Elaine Anthony	01258 837089
MSA Gardening Club	Sally Dyer	01258 837061
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033
Modern Sequence Dancing	Brian Webber	01935 812347
Ranters' Folk Session	Roger Harrall	01258 837371
Round Robin Ramblers	Ian Bromilow	01258 880044


Sport

Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029

Archers – Crossways	Sheila Ryall	01258 837504
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999 07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Cricket – Junior (U11 – U13)	Andy Smith	01258 880310
Football – Adult	Matt Hall	07846 262717
Football – Reserve Team	Tom Lane	07786 156335
Football – Under 11s	Marie Hayter	01258 837241
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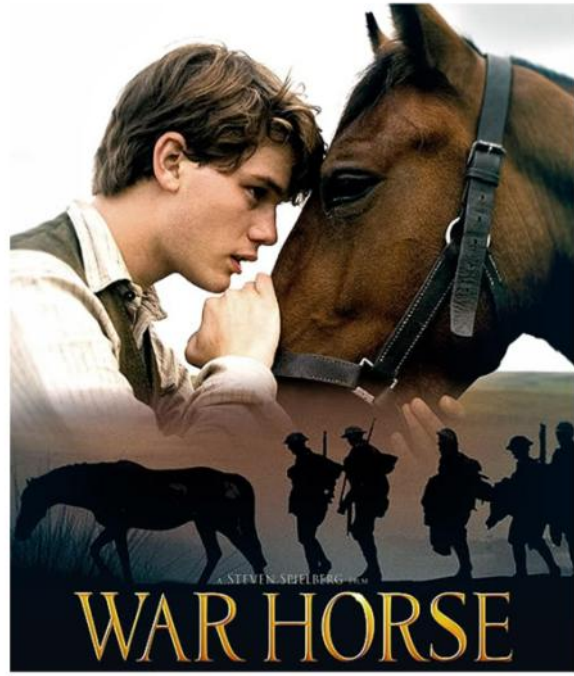
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Community Events Diary

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June

Saturday 2nd	Needlecraft Exhibition Village Hall Committee Room – see below.
Sunday 3rd	Jubilee Breakfast Village Hall 8.30am – see page 9.
Wednesday 6th	Wednesday Club Cream Teas Village Hall 2.00pm – see page 12.
Thursday 7th	The Fox and the Child Village Hall 2.30 – see page 29. The Artist Village Hall 2.30 – see page 29.
Friday 8th	Bus2Go Abbotsbury Sub-Tropical Gardens – see page 7.
Thursday 14th	WI 'Victim Support' by Derek Radley Village Hall 7.30pm.
Saturday 16th	Ladybirds 10th anniversary Village Hall.
Wednesday 20th	Parish Council Village Hall 7.30pm.
Friday 22nd – Saturday 23rd	The Milborne Players Two One Act Plays Village Hall 8.00pm.
Saturday 23rd	Bus2Go Salisbury Market – see page 7.
Sunday 24th	Last Night of the Proms Milton Abbey 7.30pm – see page 11.
Thursday 28th	War Horse Village Hall 7.30pm – see below.
Saturday 30th	Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning Village Hall 9.00–11am Village Lunch Village Hall 12.15pm – see page 2. Rotary TGI Fun Day Borough Gardens, Dorchester 12.30–5.00pm. Free Admission.

July

Tuesday 3rd	Bus2Go Dolphin Centre Poole – see page 7.
Wednesday 4th	Wednesday Club outing to Winchester and train ride on the Watercress Line – see page 12.

More than a Movie with 'War Horse' (12A)

at Milborne St. Andrew Village Hall
on Thursday 28th June at 7.30pm

THE film War Horse is based on a marvelous best-selling book by author Michael Morpurgo and is set against the sweeping canvas of rural England and Europe during the First World War. It begins with the remarkable friendship between a horse named Joey and a young man called Albert, who tames and trains him. When they are forcefully parted, the film follows Joey's extraordinary journey as he moves through the war, changing and inspiring the lives of all he meets, before the story reaches its emotional climax in the heart of No Man's Land. In one scene, Joey becomes snarled in barbed wire. He is rescued by a German soldier and a British soldier, who momentarily work together to free the terrified, gravely injured animal. This is one of the strongest moments on the big screen this year because it says so much about the human condition: we're more alike than we are different.

Technically superb, proudly sentimental, and unabashedly old-fashioned, War Horse is an emotional drama that tugs at the heart-strings with Spielberg's customary flair. There is a wonderful score by John Williams, which brings out the raw emotion of the film's drama while Spielberg does a great job in skillfully executing scenes, both in the battles and the verbal drama. The all-star cast is amazing, with newcomer Jeremy Irvine in his heart-wrenching role, Peter Mullen, Emily Watson, Tom Hiddleston, Toby Kebbell and Liam Cunningham, all of whose performances are magnificent. This gem of a movie is an inspirational story about courage and relationships.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Admission to the event, which includes a soft drink or ice cream and the film, is £3.00.

For more information phone Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday–Friday 8.30am–1.00pm MH (term time only)
Beavers Monday 6.00–7.15pm MH (term time only)
Scouts Monday 6.00–8.00pm CR/MH
Players Monday 8.00–10.00pm MH
ABC Line dancers Tuesday 7.30–10.00pm MH
Cub Scouts Tuesday 5.45–7.15pm MH (term time only)
MSA Friendly Art Group second and fourth Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm CR
Wednesday Club first Wednesday 2.00–4.30pm MH
Gardening Club fourth Thursday 7.30–10.00pm MH
Karate Thursday 5.10–6.40pm MH
Village Hall Committee third Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
Women's Institute second Thursday 7.30–10.00pm
Coffee, Cake and Computers Friday 10.00am–12.00 noon CR
Sequence Dancing third Saturday 7.30–10.30pm MH
Village Lunch last Saturday of the month 12.15–2.30pm MH
Milborne Praise! Plans to be announced.
Artsreach Events – look out for the posters.

Check Village Hall Notice Board for any other events that are one off for you to join in with.

Regular Bookings at the First School

Pilates Monday 7.00–8.00pm (term time only)
Yoga Tuesday 6.15–7.45pm (term time only)
Badminton Wednesday 7.00–9.00pm (term time only)
Circuit Training every Thursday 7.00–8.00pm

June at the Sports Pavilion

The Busy Bees Under 5 Group from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday term time only. Contact Hayley Davis (07919156578).

Table Tennis from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Monday evening. Contact Sandra Shannon Tel. 837253.

Football

Adult football training – Tuesday evening – contact Matt Hall email mattyoan@hotmail.co.uk.

6–11 year olds on Wednesday evenings.

Needlecraft Exhibition

THIS will take place in the village hall committee room on Saturday 2nd June 2.00–5.00pm. Admission 50p.

Do come along and see what a variety of things can be created with needle, thread and fabric. Many different types of patchwork and quilting will be shown as well as knitting, crochet, dressmaking, stump work, canvas work, weaving etc. etc.

You can also enjoy tea, coffee and home made cake. Any profit will be given to Longmead Community Farm as it is a local charity. So come and see that Milborne's Got Talent!

Pat Tribe

Mah Jong

MAH JONG is played from 7.00pm every Monday at The Royal Oak, All ages and levels of experience are welcome to join in and play this intriguing game.

More information from Susan Cawley at 01258 839070.



Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30
Sports Pavilion, Milborne St Andrew
£1.50 per session, drinks and snacks provided

If you have a baby, toddler or pre-school child, come and enjoy warm friendly company whilst your little one plays with toys and interacts with other children.

Website: www.busy-bees.org.uk
Contact: Hayley Davis 07919 156578
or Jody Moore 07855 168117

Water, water everywhere!

I SHOULD never have written in last month's article that Spring was here and we were enjoying playing outside in the nice weather. Since then it seemed that it would never stop raining. This hasn't deterred the children from Ladybirds from enjoying outdoor play. We recently purchased waterproofs for wet play and they have certainly been well tested. Dressed in waterproofs, wearing wellies and some with umbrellas the children enjoyed jumping and splashing in the large puddle that forms in the middle of the tarmac. Add some



watering cans, jugs, bowls and guttering and the result is happy children (not quite so much the adults supervising).

With garden pole, tarpaulins and rope the older children worked as a team to create their own den. The photo shows the first model which was soon deemed to be too small so the next day the poles were spaced further apart and a bigger cover used – still not good enough as they wanted a 'door'. Third model although looking somewhat strange was considered a success.

Don't forget that Saturday 16th June is Ladybirds 10th anniversary and plans are well underway for a fun day. If you have received an invitation please reply asap as we need to have an idea of how many we are catering for.

Liz Dyer



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School News

DURING the Easter holidays the children in Owls class were asked to make maths games. As you can see Edward was influenced by Grand Prix racing, whilst Louisa took her inspiration from a little more



close to home, with this very friendly looking cow.

You may hear children mention Golden Time in school and wonder what this is. This is when everyone takes a break from the regular lessons to

enjoy some different activities with the other children in their house. The poor weather forced this month's activities to all be indoors, but this was a great opportunity for Griffin house to enjoy learning through construction activities.

Luckily for our year 4 children there was a break in the rain this month when they walked to Milborne Woods. This was part of the on-going Tree Project and gave them an opportunity to explore these ancient woodlands when the bluebells were at their best. Our thanks go to Mrs Featherstone who led the walk.

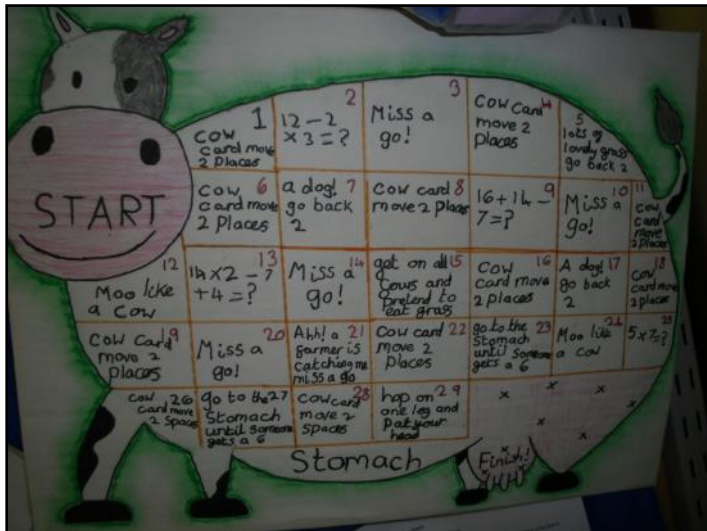


We are very

grateful to Milborne Gardening Club, who provided us with tomato plants, which the children are caring for. Sally Dyer joined us for an assembly to explain how they should be looked after and all are

working hard now to ensure a bumper crop later this year.

The Gardening Club were one of the community groups who provided us with an art panel for our hall display. The project, which started in the Autumn term, is now nearing completion and local groups will have received invitations for representatives to join us for the official unveiling at the end of this half term. We're looking forward to showing the many varied pictures in the next edition of the Reporter.



CONTACTS

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

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Last month's problem

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Millie says – I have had several letters on this problem – all with the same answer. These children must be stopped from taking anything however small from your home. If they either don't know it's wrong (unlikely) or are just seeing how far they can go is unimportant. What they don't realise is how much it distresses you. Don't let this go on. You must speak to their mother, just say you've misplaced a few things and wondered if the children had picked them up by mistake. You should find your problem stops without any animosity within the family.

Millie says – I have received a letter to help the gentleman whose afternoon naps are disturbed by birds crashing into his conservatory window. David Morris writes:

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Dear Millie

We drove through your village on our way to Devon and heard on the wireless that some gardens were open, they were very lovely we had a very pleasant afternoon with a cream tea afterwards.

What a pity the grass verges in the village were so overgrown as we walked along, it was the only fly in the ointment.

Millie says – I am really pleased you all enjoyed your day and I can assure you I will pass the word on to all concerned. We will make sure our verges match our beautiful gardens at our next opening.

Dear Millie

I think your letter page is great, I'm only ten, it's the only bit I like. One time you did put in some things to do – leaves to find I think. Can you please put in some more stuff like that or a story or something?

Millie says – This is a difficult one for me to answer; I must consult the dear old Ed and his team. Are you the only one in the village who would like this? Would anyone else like something light – a crossword, quiz, perhaps a hunt for things in the village, with a small prize for the winner? If I get no response we'll drop the idea. So please let me know.

Dear Millie

We are a fledgling group and we are looking for someone to help us get some necessary funding. No long term commitment required, just get us the money and go! Any ideas?

Millie says – You don't give me much information here! If you can give me a few more details of your group, I will certainly help you with the pitfalls, information and work you will have to do to get funding.

Dear Millie

When are we going to get our cricket pitch or am I batting on a sticky wicket? We have a football club up at the Sports Club and a new tennis academy at the Village Hall but no cricket. So should I ask the Parish Council to take the lead on this? After all, it was what we were all promised when the Sports Club was formed. At the moment we have a sports club that only caters for football and the odd game of ping pong (no offence intended about the term odd) and from what I have seen there is plenty of room on the council land for a cricket strip even if two more football pitches are laid down.

Millie says – You say in your letter that the offer of cricket was proposed when the Sports Club was set up. Perhaps there isn't enough interest in cricket for anything to have been started. I think your first port of call is to speak to a representative of the Sports Club who will be able to give you more information.

Millie says – I'm sorry to tell you I am unable to offer you my pearls of wisdom next month as I am going to South America on holiday. I will be staying with my dear nephew Charles. This will be a special treat for me as my family comes from Brazil. Do not fear – once I have recharged my batteries I will be back to help you with your little problems.

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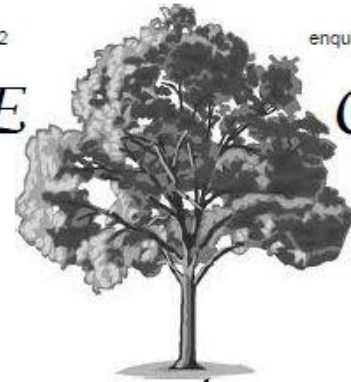
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Any questions please contact Ian Bromilow 01258-880044.

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Wednesday 20th June – 11.00am (Coffee and cake served from 10.30am) **Hilton**

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- Don't let children play in flood water.
- Don't walk on sea defences or riverbanks.
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I was born in the King George VI hospital in Barkingside Essex on 17th February 1945 by Caesarean section. There were still V2 bombs being sent from Germany, and my father was at home when he heard the *Crump* of a bomb while my mother was at the hospital. He jumped on his bike and pedalled towards the hospital, increasingly over broken glass, until he got to the hospital where my mother was. The hospital was intact, but the row of houses opposite was there no longer.

We moved to Kent when I was four and I attended a small school in the next village of Hempstead. It was a lovely walk on a tarmaced footpath through fields and cherry orchards, and I often delayed my return home to play on the way. This could be in the snow in winter or looking for orchids in summer. From there I went to the local grammar school, which I enjoyed, but did not work too hard at. In the year before taking 'O' levels, the family moved to Briantspuddle and I went to Hardy's school. With a change of school, examining boards, syllabus and choices, the one year spent there was an unmitigated disaster, with the crowning insult being CCF (Combined Cadet Force) which I hated with a passion. I left school with very little to show for my later education.

My father was an analytical chemist whose work involved starting a chemistry department at Winfrith AEA. It was this that brought us to Dorset from Kent. My mother was a teacher of commercial subjects having worked at Weymouth Technical College where in reading a dictation to shorthand students found the class reacted unfavourably to a passage about rabbits. There were Portlanders in the class! Later she taught at Kemp Welch School in Poole. There is at least one of her Poole students still living in Milborne. I have one older brother who spent from 1998 to 2006 working on the 'largely non-existent' computer millenium bug. I was very happily married to Jackie for nearly forty years during which time we both involved ourselves in village activities. We had two sons who are both married and successful. This year both boys are to become fathers and make me a very happy grandfather. Jackie died of Myeloma in December 2007 leaving a massive hole in my life. I am lucky to have found a new supportive partner in Liz.

Having done so badly at school my prospects seemed pretty poor, but I was lucky as the wife of the then headmaster of Affpuddle Primary School knew I was interested in things biological. She suggested I contact the Pathology Department of the Dorset County Hospital for a job as she was leaving to adopt an infant. I was invited to talk to the Director who seemed interested in me. I received a letter inviting me to work there starting on the next Monday. The letter added that as I was unlikely to receive the letter until late morning to start at 2.00pm. I stayed for 48 years! As training in the technical aspects of the work were given 'in house', with opportunities for college study, it suited me well as at an early stage I had a compulsion to learn about the science of the laboratory. I was successful at increasingly specialist examinations and eventually qualified in Bacteriology and Virology, finally running the Virology section of the Microbiology Department. This involved working on diagnosis of viral diseases from mild influenza strains to HIV and the more insidious Hepatitis C. Latterly, I also developed an interest in the laboratory computer system which allowed me some extra travel and have lectured both in the USA and Dubai in the UAE.

How long have you lived in MSA

I moved into Bladen View immediately following my marriage and honeymoon in 1970.

What do you think is the best thing about living in MSA

Despite its vastly increased size since 1970, it is still a friendly place to live. I try to make a point greeting people and people generally respond. I have decided it must be the centre of the world because even though it is a village in mid Dorset, it is so easy to get to so many places: Dorchester, Blandford Forum, Poole, Weymouth, the Channel Isles, Bristol, Bath, Salisbury and even London is not too hard to get to, and therefore, anywhere abroad.



Is there a downside to living in MSA

There can't be much or I would have left!

Are there things you would like to change about MSA

I have always thought we need more trees in the village, and I would dearly love to see the church clock, the dove cote and water wheel restored.

Your pet hates

Misquoted sayings, like, 'Off your own back', instead of 'Off your own bat'. Bad English habits, like 'Would of . . .' instead of 'Would have . . .' Stupid parking, including 'Hazard lights on means I can stop anywhere'.

Your claim to fame

I make no claims; it is for others to judge.

Fantasy dinner date

John Hunter, one of the first scientific anatomists with medical ideas way ahead of his time. To hear his ideas in the light of modern knowledge would be fascinating, if frustrating.

Any funny anecdotes from school days

Luckily I left Kent after the traditional end of school year boat trip to Southend, when our year could dispense with the purple school caps, which we did, overboard. Also the occasion when in a chemistry class I was clearly not concentrating on a demonstration that the master was giving, so he tapped me gently on the head with a glass round bottomed flask, which smashed, much to his great concern.

When did you last throw caution to the wind?

Driving to the Lizard in Cornwall for the day during the recent phoney fuel crisis to look for Choughs.

Something that people may find surprising about you

I like flowers, cooking and ironing. I restore milestones. I am trying to write a book involving the history of Milborne St. Andrew from roman times to the present. I donate platelets monthly through the National Blood Transfusion organisation.

Your most embarrassing moment

On the day I got engaged I was given the champagne bottle to open. I loosened the cork which flew up to the ceiling, bounced off and hit my future father-in-law on his bald head.

Hobbies and interest

Gardening, mountain walking, singing, travelling, my 1932 Austin Seven and MGB Roadster and driving them, my tortoise, badminton, bell ringing, milestones, botany, bird watching, dry stone walling and working at Durlston Country park.

Favourite charity

I support many charities including Swanage Railway, RSPB in memory of my late wife's aunt Miriam, Woodland Trust in memory of my great aunt Clare, Medecin sans Frontieres, The Milestone Society, supporting a child in Albania through World Vision.

And anything else

I feel fortunate in having been in a small village and seeing our children through the village school. In those days in the 70's we were one of a group of parents who actively supported the school through the Friends of the School. These were very active times for the group, with several madcap outings; a memorable visit to Old Wardour Castle, playing "Sardines" in all the nooks and crannies; a coach trip to London and the museums; and a long walk (well it was long for the five year olds) from here to Tolpuddle and back, just one of several "let's see" walks around this part of Dorset. We achieved much for the school, but also generated a group of friends in the village which I still feel indebted to for continued friendship.

Sue Gould – Pip has also had his Thespian moments, when he played a vicar in "proof of the poison" back in the early 1980's with the Milborne Players (I think I played the murderess!) He and Jackie have been leading lights in many of the village organizations. I remember their famous "12th night" parties after Christmas, when all the family joined in, no babysitters required, crackers party games, good food and happy children, what could be better!

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What about a Greenhouse?

A GREENHOUSE is a real asset in a garden allowing you to grow all manner of plants in a protected environment, before letting them loose in the garden.

Originally greenhouses were just functional and date back to at least Roman times. These days the greenhouse is often decorative as well as productive. Let's face it, it should be beautiful to look at, as it is generally the most dominant feature in the garden.

Siting the Greenhouse –

You may not have much choice in where the greenhouse is sited as it will often depend upon the existing layout of your garden. Try not to site it too far away from the house, or you may forget about it.

You can site the greenhouse E/W, – the traditional orientation, if you intend to use the greenhouse all year round. However, if you are like me and generally only use it in the spring and summer months then a N/S orientation makes the best use of the light.

You will need to allow access all around for cleaning the glass, so it is best positioned away from trees, shade and overhanging branches.

Does Size Matter?!

You don't really want to go any smaller than 2m x 2m or it will prove impossible to do anything in it. As a minimum there should ideally be a



central path, with raised benches on one or more sides. I use a fixed bench on one side and a bench with removable shelves on the other so that I can grow tall plants like tomatoes and cucumbers when the seedlings are large enough to go outside. Don't forget to allow for ventilation – automatic vents are a good idea. Shading is also essential and there are lots of options available – from greenhouse shading paint (removable) and the cheapest option to bespoke roller blinds. And you will have another roof to collect rainwater from, so rig up some guttering to catch the water either in a water butt or

in an underground reservoir.

To me, a greenhouse is somewhere to get away from it all. It's so peaceful and relaxing sowing a few seeds, or pricking out the seedlings; and it's great when the weather is inclement – you can still be outside in the garden! Sometimes plants may be just an afterthought; your greenhouse could contain a nice comfy chair and some books. I once heard someone say that she likes to go into the greenhouse to read her magazines, listen to music and get away from it all – lovely!

A greenhouse can be a bit of a tie, but once you've had one, you won't want to be without it. And don't worry about watering when you go away – neighbours will often be persuaded to water your plants with the promise of some 'just-picked' tomatoes or cucumbers.

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Two films on Thursday 7th June in the Village Hall

More than a Movie Matinee with

'The Fox and the Child' (U)

at 2.30pm

THE Fox and the Child is more than a wildlife documentary. It invites us to contemplate alternative worlds of sensation and experience, to enter the consciousness of other species and to explore our contacts with them. Watching this movie was like walking into a dream world of nature at its most beautiful. The seasons unfold one after another with magnificent intensity as a lovely 10 year old girl seeks friendship with a wisely wary fox.

Exquisite cinematography and a beautifully told story about the unlikely friendship between a little girl and a wild fox, make this a magical experience. The French forest and mountainous locations are breathtakingly beautiful; the idea for director Luc Jacquet's story comes from his own personal experiences as a child. The journey that transpires is a wondrous adventure into nature as we, together with the freckle-faced youngster with an easy laugh and insatiable curiosity, learn the sharp divide between love and possession. It's a story of friendship, of discovery and the inevitable loss of innocence. The child is played by 10-year-old Bertille Noel-Bruneau, who speaks hardly a word but has a wonderful repertoire of chuckles and chortles. The Fox and The Child is a wonderful film and its central concept unforgettable that guarantees to delight both young and old.

The village hall is open from 2.00pm and the film starts at 2.30pm. Admission to the event, which includes a soft drink or ice cream and the film, is £3.00 / accompanied children £2.00.

For more information phone Alice Harrall on 01258 837371.

More than a Movie with

'The Artist' (PG)

at 7.30pm

THE Artist is a silent movie, screened in black and white and projected in the old-fashioned boxy Academy ratio, with its occasional lines of dialogue printed on inter-title cards. It's about a silent film star who refuses to make the transition to sound films and the young starlet who ascends to fame thanks in part to him. It is also a beautiful work of art that takes you back to the early days of cinema, and the days when silent cinema was starting to make way for the talkies. The Artist, which was the final film to be released in 2011, was also the most joyful one.

Nominated for an impressive 10 Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor (Dujardin), Best Supporting Actress (Bejo), Best Director and Best Original Screenplay (Michel Hazanavicius), The Artist was the movie event of 2011 displaying a wonderfully antiquated French-bohemian sentiment. The title aptly and immediately emphasizes the true artistry of the cinema, something that hasn't happened in a long time. It is a clever, joyous film with delightful performances and visual style to spare and is quite simply one of the most charming and inoffensive films that you will ever see.

The village hall and bar is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Admission to the event, which includes a soft drink or ice cream and the film, is £3.00.

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Welcome to . . .

Christine and **Simon Buckingham**. They have two sons **Bradley**, 13 years and **Alex**, 6 years. They have moved into St. Andrews View from Hampshire and are both Health Care Professionals.

Jane and **Rob Twichen** also moved into St. Andrews View from London to which Rob, a paramedic, still commutes. Jane tells us that they moved in order to achieve a better work/life balance.

Melanie and **Andrew Tory**, son **Arthur**, baby **Hector** and **Ted** the dog have temporarily moved into Bladen View while their home in Winterborne Whitechurch has an added extension.

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Longmead Community Farm

WHEN Steve and Mandy Beech first walked into this run-down building in 2005 they must have had little idea of the immense challenges that lay ahead. Originally a boys' reformatory built in 1858 by the Mansell-Pleydells of MSA, the 16-bedded building had been gifted by one charity to another in the hope they could put it to use for altruistic purposes. After a long period of reflection the house was transferred from Green Pastures Christian Centre to a new, stand-alone, independent charity called Longmead Community Farm, with the aim of supporting vulnerable families.

Enter Steve and Mandy who both had jobs and a daughter at school in Poole! Yet, incredibly, operating on a wing and a prayer and with little money but many helpers, they have restored this building into a comfortable welcoming house. Painting and decorating has been a large challenge. Beds and other furniture came from a Bournemouth hotel, which was refurbishing. Comfortable settees and other essentials mostly arrived from Freecycle. The chairman, Peter Jack, has raised funds for replacement windows doing a sponsored coast-to-coast walk. There has been hardly any government funding, so the work depends totally on donations and grants.

"Its given my family a very good boost from what we have been through . . . a lifeline for us because we were in B&B and we got offered to come to this place and we did and we love it and we keep coming back."

Longmead Community Farm (www.longmead.org) has been running for seven years in its present form offering residential weekends and respite for families under pressure. These families have variously been described as 'hard-to-reach', 'dysfunctional' and 'troubled', and in most cases are referred to us by social services or churches. Each family member is given time and attention by trained volunteers, who are good listeners. As we work around the farm, cook and eat together there is space in a calm environment – rarely available at home – to work through problems and find solutions. Children help too – outside with the animals and garden, and indoors with cooking (under supervision of course) table laying and washing up. Most parents have not had a night away since the arrival of the children. Many have never eaten together as a family. We try to meet their individual needs and encourage them to share and communicate better, and families have said this experience began to change their lives.

"We lit candles and said prayers for my dad. That was like a base for me to say goodbye to my dad. I generally felt the love of everybody together. Walking down the lane with the candles it made my night . . . it was so good everyone was together."



This unique whole-family approach is now attracting wider attention. Recently, Sir Al Aynsley Green, former Children's Services Commissioner working at government level, came to visit us, and noted the quality of the love and care that families received.

Longmead can be found from Milborne St. Andrew by travelling 1.5 miles toward Blandford until the road drops into a dip. Look for a bus stop on the right and slow down, looking for the Longmead sign (quite small) on the right just before the bus stop. Be careful – hazardous turning.

Can also be approached on the footpath from the village starting from Lane End which joins up with Jubilee Way.

Of course we need more volunteers. Can you help? Perhaps you could offer friendship to one of our families at their weekend visits? Or maybe raise funds for us? If so, please contact first:

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