



Reporter

News and Views from around the area

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Milborne St. Andrew

Doctor is our IRONMAN!

Local GP raises £thousands for charity at national event

His day job is as a GP with the Milton Abbas and Milborne St. Andrew Medical Practice but his hobby is taking part in triathlons.

Doctor Martin Longley competed in the Ironman UK 70.3 event at Wimball Lake, in the heart of the Exmore National Park, on 14th June and in so doing raised more than £4,000 for charity. The event is known to be one of the toughest on the triathlon calendar and conditions this year were described as being "hostile".

Competitors are required to swim 1.2 miles in a lake, cycle 56 miles along a ridiculously hilly course and finish off with a 13.1 mile run, again up and down hill. In all the competitors have to climb more than 3,000 metres, almost 10,000 feet, a bit like climbing Snowdon from sea level three times over. He told the *Reporter* that he felt his time of almost seven and a half hours was slow this year compared to the last two years and at times only managed to keep going because of the massive support of his sponsors.

Joseph Weld Hospice, Julia's House and Leukaemia Research will all benefit from Doctor Longley's determination and his sponsors' generosity. Doctor Longley says "Thank you all so much for your help and support - this level of donation will mean so much to someone at their time of greatest need."



Doctor Longley finishing the 2009 event and (inset) as his patients usually see him

Did you hear anything? From the Music Festival I mean . . .

PC Mullins stopped five times between Roke and the festival on Saturday evening, and it wasn't until he had reached the boundary fence that music could be heard. I must admit that I didn't hear anything, but then I live right down in the valley of Milborne. They had one phone call from a house at the far side of Bere Regis; the police attended, but could only just hear the music, so no action was taken. All the groups performed in either the barn or the marquee, which probably prevented the sound travelling as far.

David Walsh, the organiser, spoke to me on Sunday evening, when he was just a bit tired, he admits he probably needs five days sleep! He was really pleased with how it all went, the weather was wonderful, the food was great, and the company was good. He is already saying that it will be returning next year by popular demand. David said the only time he thought "Why am I doing this" was Friday morning, and that was because of all the unknowns, is it going to work, are they going to turn up, is it going to be successful?

All the organisers lived within ten miles of Milborne St. Andrew, David lives in Winfrith, and grew up in Warmwell. David Walsh and the organisers would like to thank all the villagers of MSA for allowing the festival to take place, and putting up with the thought of "Dreaded drugged monsters" in the locality!

Sue Gould

Dry spring continues

THE dry trend of this spring continued throughout May with a total rainfall for the month of 32.6mm which was 56% of average. Total rainfall for the spring months March – May was 72% of average at 140.1mm. A spring rainfall deficit of 57mm is approaching an agricultural drought and the shortage of that rainfall has certainly been evident on farms and in gardens. There have only been six years out of the 39 years that I have been recording rainfall that have had lower spring totals. The lowest spring rainfall I have recorded in Milborne was 69.1mm in 1976. There was a thunderstorm on 6th June which produced 22.1mm of rain which was very welcome but a high proportion of heavy thundery rain is lost in run off.



On average we experience 7 thunderstorms during a year with most of them occurring during the summer months. We are all familiar with the thunder sound of conventional lightning and are aware of the damage that lightning can cause, but a less well known and rarely seen phenomena that can occur during thundery weather is that of ball lightning. Unlike conventional lightning, ball lightning is silent and seems to generate no heat. It can pass through solid objects

without causing damage and can disappear as quickly as it appeared. It is **probably the origin of most 'ghostly apparitions' that have occurred over the centuries.** Scientific opinion as to the cause of ball lightning vary from 'bursts of gamma rays' to 'grains of antimatter' but the true explanation of ball lightning remains an enigma and a challenge for 21st century science.

Pluvius

REPORTER TEAM ON HOLIDAY

The Reporter Team will be taking a holiday for the next few weeks. This means that the next (September) issue of the magazine will be published at the end of August / beginning of September.

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Monday computer session changes

MY helpers, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Students, Frances, Lizzie and Caitlin, complete their "Public Service" aspect at the end of this term. It has been great getting to know them, and Kelvin and I both wish them well in their future lives at University and beyond. Please enjoy this, their last report.
Sue Gould

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD AND BEYOND . . .

Caitlin, Frances and Lizzie have all been working towards their volunteering aspect of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. This entails spending an hour a week working to help your local community. We have achieved this by volunteering at the Monday night IT sessions over the past 18 months. Also as part of the award we have been attending weekly yoga sessions at Milborne St. Andrew First School as the physical aspect of the award and for the expedition spent four days trekking in Dartmoor.

The IT sessions have enabled us to improve our communication skills as well as interacting with different members of the community. We have seen regular attendees improve their confidence with computers, learning how to design posters, order groceries online and research their family history.

In October depending on our results Caitlin, Frances and Lizzie are all hoping to attend University. Caitlin will be studying American Studies at the University of Manchester, while Frances wishes to study History at Royal Holloway London and Lizzie will be studying Mathematics at the University of Bath. As a result we will no longer be able to attend the IT sessions.

The last Monday of the school term is the 13th July, and so this will be the last IT session before the summer break. When it returns in September, it is likely that the date and time will change, making it more convenient for people to pop-in. Further details of this will follow in the September issue of the *Reporter*.



Wednesday Social Club

Outing to Milestones Museum, Basingstoke
GOING back in time was both interesting and enjoyable as 47 of us descended on Basingstoke. We had quite a few laughs during the day, especially when going into the backyard of a Victorian house. There were shrieks, as someone (who shall remain nameless) opened one of the doors that were in the backyard to discover the figure of a man sitting on the toilet reading the paper. Thankfully, the figure was not real although he did, at first glance, look life-like.
Margaret Evans

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st July – Cream Tea – £3.00 booking essential please contact 837767. Donation to Mosaic.

Wednesday 5th August – Mystery Trip – leaving Stileham Bank at 5.30pm. Members £6.00 Non Members £7.00. Food Extra.

Wednesday 2nd September – Mystery Trip – leaving Stileham Bank at 5.30pm.

All Welcome. To book a place on the Mystery Trips and the choice of menu please contact Heather Gipps 837058.

Healthy Eaters

Friendly Weight Loss Support Group

THE group meet every Thursday in the committee room at the village hall 7pm – 8pm. Except for Thursday 16th July 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

We do not follow a particular diet, just simply healthy eating with lots of friendly support to each other and total confidentiality. Cost is £5.00 to join and first night free, thereafter £1.00 each week and no fee to pay if you miss a week. Proceeds to Milton Abbas Surgery PPG.

Total weight loss by the group so far is: 35.51lbs = approx 17 bags of sugar.

If you feel this is the group for you, please come in and see us.

Heather Gipps

ABBEY SWIMMING CLUB

The Club is based at Milton Abbey School, Milton Abbas, which has a 25 metre indoor swimming pool.

Membership is open to anyone. Members range in age from less than a year to over 80. This is a social and friendly club. Join us and keep fit.

The pool is hired for 4 sessions a week. Lifeguards supervise all sessions. RLSS National Lifeguard and Bronze Medallion courses are available as well as swimming lessons for adults and children.

Annual Membership

Adults £80. Senior Citizens £60. Juniors (17 and under) £28 as part of a family, £45 individual.

Children (3 and under as part of a family) free.

Club Sessions

Tuesdays: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Fridays: 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Saturdays: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

Sundays: 8.00 am – 9.00 am

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Completing the Task

Dear Friends

As we come towards the end of another summer term, a huge sigh of relief is being expressed by thousands of young people, as they complete their GCSE's, A-Levels and University exams!

I distinctly remember the feeling of joy and liberation at finishing my university exams, marked in my case by a ritual burning of all my lecture notes! (Not that I am suggesting this as the right way to celebrate – *please don't try this at home!*).

Others are completing their time at First or Middle School and looking forward to new opportunities as they transfer upwards, and then of course there are teachers, relieved to have completed another year, and looking forward to a very well earned rest!

In all these stages, one thing stands out as vitally important – completing what we have started. Starting things is often the easy part. Yes, there are new things to get used to and we might feel nervous, but the real challenge is to complete the things we start, and with that comes a unique sense of achievement when we do.

In the Bible, we have a sense of joy in completion at the end of the creation story,

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”
(Genesis 1:31)

It is also there in the hard times, perhaps no more so that on the cross, where Jesus' last words before he died were *“it is finished - it is completed!”* His cry on the cross was not one of resignation or failure – it was a cry of victory that he had accomplished what he set out to do – to take all the badness and injustice of the world and leave it nailed to the cross while he rose to bring new life to us all.

The Bible also encourages us to complete what we have started, as we follow Him in our faith. Indeed, more than that, it promises that God himself will help us complete what we have started!

The book of Hebrews is one such place where we find this promise,
Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will. Heb 13:20

Those who are just finishing exams will know that the going gets tough sometimes, and we will almost certainly find our Christian lives tough at times. But as we *persevere through those troubled times, we find a new sense of God's presence and a deeper understanding of life and faith emerges, and through it all, God promises to be with us to complete what He has started.*

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.
1 Thessalonians 5:24

Yours in Christ

CHURCH SERVICES – July 2009

THURSDAY 2nd JULY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Milborne

5th JULY – Trinity 4

9.30am Family Service Tolpuddle
9.30 Family Communion Milborne
11.00 Holy Communion Puddletown
With Sunday Seekers and Creche
12.00 Picnic Service! Dewlish

THURSDAY 9th JULY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Puddletown

12th JULY – Trinity 5

8.15am 1662 said Communion Service Puddletown
9.30 1662 Morning Prayer Tolpuddle
10.00 Parish Communion Milborne
With music from Roger's Rant!
11.00 Family Service Puddletown
11.00 Family Communion Dewlish

THURSDAY 16th JULY

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Dewlish

19th JULY – Trinity 6

9.30am 1662 Said Communion Milborne
11.00 Martyrs Festival Tolpuddle
Songs of Praise
11.00 Holy Communion Dewlish
5.00pm Martyrs Methodist Service Tolpuddle
Chapel

THURSDAY 23rd July

12.00 Lunch-time Communion Tolpuddle

26th JULY – Trinity 7

9.30am Holy Communion Tolpuddle
9.30 1662 Parish Communion Milborne
11.00 Family Communion Puddletown
and Baptism
With Creche and Sunday Seekers
11.00 Family Service Dewlish

Church Cleaning – w/e Saturday

4th July Victoria Bone and Lin Chatfield
11th July Ed and Rose Frost
18th July Sue Lee and Val Hodges
25th July Mary Bennett and Pat Tribe

Flowers

4th July Gill Harvey
11th and 18th July Pat Tribe
25th July Gill Harvey

MILBORNE ST. ANDREW CHURCH NOTES

Lichen to their liking

BIRDS seem to have taken a fancy to our church! We have a blackbirds' nest in the porch and, despite the parents flying off every time anyone went in or out, the eggs hatched and the chicks have flown. We also have a jackdaws' nest in the clock chamber of the tower which has had five eggs. The birds have been quite vociferous during services (trying to join in?) but, again, the hatching was successful and the chicks have flown, so all is peaceful once more.

On 4th June the "Living Churchyard" judges visited and made

their usual appreciative comments. They noted what a good variety of lichens we have on the gravestones and asked if we would be interested in having a lichen survey done, to which I replied, "Yes, please". Having plenty of lichens is a sign of clean air. Apparently Wootton Fitzpaine churchyard has over 400 varieties. It will be interesting to compare our numbers. Incidentally, lichens cover the stone but do not harm it. Trying to scrape or scrub them off causes damage.

Pat Tribe

A rockin' "Big Day Out"

A contingent from St Andrew's attended the West Sussex event on 24th May, and here are comments from two of their number.

First, *Molly Lucas* writes: "I really wasn't sure what to expect but the moment we got there, I could see that it was going to be a great day. There were thousands of young people, all singing and dancing to different bands that came onto a huge stage. It was like a rock concert you might see on TV, but with a difference – we all had something in common: to show our love for God in a really cool way. I really can't wait for the next one; we had such fun and we got to stay up really late. So a massive "Thank you" to Benny, Sarah and the three bus drivers. YOU ALL ROCK!"

Trevor Mexson writes: "It took us 3½ hours to get there and there was an enormous queue to get in so we had a long wait but, once we got in, it was very good. The music was very loud and seemed to get louder as the evening went on. We had a very good view of the main stage. There were plenty of places to get food; it was good too. I found a bit of a problem with the toilet facilities. They were wheelchair-accessible but the washing facilities were poor and not really suitable for disabled people. Apart from that, it was a very enjoyable day."

Increase in congregation numbers

At this time of year, following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, we are asked by the Diocese to do a survey of attendance at our services so as to establish our Parish Share. We are pleased to report that these returns show an increase in our congregations, which is good news. This has come about by working together to make our church more open and welcoming.

Roger's Rant Weekend

We look forward to St. Andrew's hosting another Service and Concert as part of Roger's Rant Weekend in July. On Sunday, 12th July, there will be a Folk Festival Service at 10am. This will be our normal Parish Communion with hymns sung to traditional folk tunes. During the afternoon there will be a music workshop with singers and musicians. In the evening a concert of West Gallery music with hymns from the 18th and 19th centuries will be given by the Purbeck Village Quire. There is a welcome to everyone to come and enjoy this festive music. See the notice boards for further details.

Eva Stockley and Pat Tribe

DEWLISH CHURCH NOTES

DON'T forget our Parish Picnic on Sunday, 5th July, at 12 noon on the Village Green. Drinks will be supplied. Please bring a plate of food and a picnic rug. If wet, it will be held in the Village Hall.

We are once again running the jams, pickles and produce stall at the Athelhampton Fete on 31st August. We shall be grateful for any donations.

The weather was kind to us when Mrs Daphne Berridge held a coffee morning, and everyone was able to enjoy her beautiful garden. Thank you so much, Daphne. We raised £148.20 for church funds. We had another glorious day when Mrs Audrey Penniston kindly opened her lovely garden on the following Sunday. Such very hard work is put in on both gardens which were blazes of colour and magnificent scents. Audrey raised £357, again for church funds. Thank you, Audrey, and helpers for all your hard work.

Daphne Burg

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Dorset Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride

THIS takes place this year on Saturday 12th September between 10.00am and 6.00pm. The aim is to cycle or walk (or go on horseback – several people do) to as many churches as possible and thereby raise money through sponsorship. Half the money raised goes to the Historic Churches Trust and half to the church of your choice. It is an ecumenical venture so you don't have to choose a Church of England church.

For sponsor forms and full details contact David Payne (837700) or Pat Tribe (837684)

Pat Tribe

If anyone would like to join me, I hope to start in Dorchester and make my way back to Milborne visiting 17 churches on the way, I would welcome your company for all or part of the way. Or, you can sponsor me.

David Payne

MILBORNE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Dates for July meetings

Thursday 2nd July

Thursday 16th July

Thursday 30th July

We meet at 10.15am for coffee, friendship and Bible study. Through July we will be looking at the book of Proverbs. Newcomers welcome, enquiries: 837543
Venue: Swiss Cottage, Dorchester Hill.

Chris and Angie Nowell

WI News for June

'The wonder of weeds'

SUMMER days are here and in Dorset particularly we are lucky enough to be surrounded by beautiful countryside. Plants are blooming – but as usual, so are the weeds! Our first thought may be to dig them up but Mrs Maskell, our speaker, certainly hoped to change our minds...

She asked us to look at weeds from another angle altogether: to think of them maybe as wild flowers growing in the wrong place. Many weeds in her native Canada are regarded as treasured garden flowers. Wildflower gardens are very fashionable now (not to mention camomile lawns), yet there are many edible weeds such as the dandelion and stinging nettle. Folklore and magical properties attach to some, and I'm sure we have all in our time picked the 'dandelion clock', blown and made a wish. Many are used in crafts, for dyeing and winter arrangements – she produced her own glorious example of a log decorated with dried seeds and grasses. Even a form of bio-fuel from the purple loosestrife is envisaged.

So had we changed our minds? Clearly we had all enjoyed our visitor's take on a perennial garden problem – Ann Mephram thanked Mrs Maskell on our behalf, saying we may now look at the weeds in our garden with a great deal more respect and, in any case, she would be glad of the excuse now not to worry about them!

A reminder about the Summer Supper on Friday, 26th June, at 7pm. Lyn Chatfield is kindly hosting this – chairs will be provided but don't forget to bring a plate of food and a drink. Partners welcome. Nelda Oakes is keen to remind everyone that skittles is open to anyone who might be interested and would like to 'have a go'. As a rule five matches are played between September and Christmas.

Thursday, 9th July, is the date of our last meeting before the summer when Mrs Ferentzi-Shepherd is to talk about 'Dating Old Photographs'. We will have an exhibition of Old Photographs so please feel free to come along and join us.

Pat Bull

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Summertime Soup and Pud

THE Village Lunch will be serving Soup and a Pudding in July and August.

During the summer our regular cook will be taking a break and other committee members will be preparing a delicious light lunch for villagers. There will be a choice of two home-made soups with a bread roll followed by a choice of home-made puddings each of which will threaten your waistline. Tea and coffee will also be available.

Cost will be just £3.50 (half price for children) and tickets for the events on July 25th and August 29th are available from the Friday Drop-In at the Village Hall.

The Village Lunch is not a club and everyone is invited, young and old. This could be a family treat for the school holidays or just a diversion for an hour for adults. Whoever you are you are certain of a warm welcome at the Village Lunch at the Village Hall.

The Village Lunch Committee

Village Lunch

Soup and Pud

Saturday 25th July at 12.15pm in the Village Hall

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Take the money – and open the box!

FOR those of a certain 'vintage' memories of Michael Miles and his 'Take your Pick' will coming flooding back, so why the title in relation to the village hall?

Well the trustees took the money, £50,000.02 to be precise from People's Millions (PM) and now a box has appeared and nobody seems to know what the heck is in it! During the recent and very successful fashion show some people did manage a 'peek' and to their surprise they found that it was twice as big as what it looked from the outside. On further investigation they could see that a hole had been cut in the rear wall and the underside of the staircase in the Gents toilet had been blocked off, so no Tardis here but a space twice the size than what was expected is the result!

The box is in fact a control room housing some very sophisticated control equipment for the new audio and lighting improvements being made to the hall. This will enable Artsreach and other organisations such as our very own 'Players' to present some very demanding and dramatic productions. On the outside of the 'box' will be some simplified controls to enable groups such as the PCC 'Milborne's Praise', Moviola and visiting speakers to access the facilities and the new hearing loop.

So what else has been going on?

Well the ceiling of the back third of the hall has been raised to follow the roof line and the electrics and cabling above the false ceiling have been completely revamped and brought up to date. Once the latest performance of 'Caught in the Net' is over, The Players will then concentrate on re-rigging the three new lighting bars and fitting the triangulated cross supports required for the curtains, additional lighting and stage drops.

Three cheers for the Players

All of the above would not have been possible without the time and experience of the members of the band of Players. As well as coping with rehearsals, they have project managed this part of PM and with a budget of around £13k we are likely to achieve a facility that would have cost over £30k if outside contractors had been used. They have done this willingly, knowing that they and the community at large will benefit and still having to dig into their own pockets to pay for their rehearsal time.

"Well it will never happen"

Just one of the comments heard at the weekly Drop-In Centre regarding the build of the extension. Oh ye of little faith, plans have been drawn up by Rod Mephram, a Chartered Building Surveyor and son of Ron and Anne and these have been on display in the Hall. More importantly, plans have been deposited at NDDC and with local builders willing to tender for the work. Building Control has given their consent, the Conservation Officer has no objections, the Planners will make their pronouncement soon. Furthermore, four building contractors have submitted their tenders to carry out the work and the trustees will select a contractor and agree a start date, all designed to get the work done as soon as possible but with the least possible disruption to the Hall Users . . . but disruption there will be!! (NOTE) As with the control room, the committee room will double in size with the extension built because it is likely that the trustees will opt for the larger floor space and it will include a toilet and wash-up facilities separate from the existing facilities.

Another £16,000 grant for the Village

This time, the Village Hall trustees working in partnership with the Parish Council have been awarded £16k as part of the Governments 'Playbuilder' initiative. This is targeted at providing innovative play space and play equipment for children between the age of 8 and 14 years.

We entered the game at a very late stage when most of the money for NDDC had been pencilled in for various Parishes. Milborne was

not even on the radar. Well, with a hard sell, we not only got on the list but we managed to push ourselves onto the 1st tranche instead of having to wait for the 2nd tranche next year.

The pressure is now on

A contract has been entered into on behalf of the village and a formal consultation process will now be entered into to engage both the children of the village and the community at large. Meetings have been arranged with the 1st and Middle Schools to get a feel for



what they would like and the matter will be discussed with the community at either a specially arranged open meeting or at a Parish Council meeting. The time-scales are that we have to have our

plans in place and possibly built or contracts let by October 09. For the sake of the children we think this is doable providing everyone is pulling in the same direction.

An important requirement of the Playbuilder initiative is that any equipment provided must be 'gender free' that is

my gobbledegook for, it must be suitable to the same degree for both boys and girls.

£16k may seem a lot, but a stroll

through the play equipment catalogues and

websites shows that that is

soon eaten up by



VAT and installation

costs so £8k of actual

equipment is a more likely

target. Some initial soundings

have been made to find out what

young children would like and a Zip

wire, mountaineering ramp and/or

tube on the bank does feature quite strongly but

nothing is set in concrete and all options are open.

Maybe not this time?

I don't really like to end on a low note but as we speak the omens are not looking good for our recent 'Awards for All' bid. The thirty working days in which the Lottery will assess our bid has now passed and we understand from John Kane, who is acting as our independent assessor, no contact has been made to him. In recent successful bids, a telephone call to the independent assessor has been a key indicator. This will mean we will have to look elsewhere for funding to strip off the exterior paintwork and re-render the wall .

No sign yet of our NDDC Liveability fund bid of £45,000 for a multi-use games area (MUGA) (go to Kings Park Dorchester to see one) but we do understand that the bids submitted well exceeded the £250,000 available, better luck next time.

and finally, Welcome

Jenny Preston (W.I.) and Sarah Godfrey (P.C.C.) had their first outing as a trustee of the Village Hall at our regular committee meeting.

They seemed to 'enjoy' the experience and we all now await the findings of the Parish Plan questionnaire and the possible implications to the future direction of the Hall as we strive to meet and exceed the expectations of the community.

Richard Lock

Horticultural Society

THANK you to all who supported our very successful Plant sale in May. Members grew many more plants for sale this year and more buyers came to the event on a lovely Sunday morning. We made a very **respectable £280 which will help to make good last year's overall deficit**. Since then members have been busy in their own gardens. Hilary Baumberger and the Dunkleys opened their gardens to members at the beginning of June, but the number of visitors was disappointing. We hope for greater interest when other gardens are open later in the summer.

After a Members Evening on 25th June there will be an outing to Cothay Manor on 30th July to see the house and garden. The next meeting in the village hall, to which guests will be welcome, will be a **talk on 24th September by Mr Harris from NDDC on 'The Importance of Plant Selection in New Developments'**.

We are now getting ready for the Summer Show in September. Please read Shirley Dunkley's piece below describing the new format, and then get thinking about what you can enter! *John Wright*

A new kind of show!

LAST Year's summer show had to be cancelled because of a lack of entries, so the Horticultural Society (Garden Club) spent a lot of time asking themselves why and what to do? Members were in favour of the show continuing but felt that they wanted something freer and more fun involving everyone who came. So, this year there are fewer categories and include 'The Heaviest Marrow, Onion or Potato' and 'The Longest Carrot, Leek, Cucumber and Runner Bean'. There are still sections for children with two trophies to be won. Photographers, flower arrangers as well as growers of produce are catered for.

The big difference is that there are no appointed judges: instead you, the public, will be asked to vote with pennies for what you consider to be the best exhibit. The one with the largest number of pennies will be the winner. There will be no entry charges, but a money changer can give you pennies in exchange for larger denominations. All pennies used as votes will be donated to 'Mosaic', the charity for bereaved children, which has its headquarters in our village.

Entry forms are available in the Post Office, the shop and from members of the Society.

We are also holding an Art Exhibition and a Craft display in the Village Hall at the same time and providing delicious teas and cakes. If any craftsperson is interested in exhibiting please contact me, Shirley Dunkley, on 837446.

We really do want this to work, because if it doesn't the future of a Summer Show in the village looks fragile. We urge you all to take part and come along to enjoy the day on Saturday 12th September!

Shirley Dunkley

Visit to Portland Gardens

YOU will remember that we had a talk from Mr and Mrs Pitman at the January meeting and agreed to ask them to arrange a visit to Portland gardens in the summer. This has now been arranged for Thursday 9th July. The arrangements are as follows:

- 1 10.30am. All meet Peter Pitman at Portland Castle for coffee and a comfort stop.
- 2 Visit to Chesil Gallery and Community Gardens (Cost £3)
- 3 Picnic lunch on New Ground (viewpoint). Provide your own picnic.
- 4 1.00pm. Visit Witchcroft Garden, a small but very interesting garden at Southwell. (Cost £2)
- 5 Visit to Pennsylvania Castle garden. This is normally never open to the public except for one charity opening a year, so we are lucky. Stunning views from the garden, so bring cameras if you are inclined to photography, though photos of the house are not encouraged. (Cost £2.50)
- 6 Visit to Mews Cottage -- the Pitmans' garden, (Cost £2) with tea and cake, (£1 in aid of St John Ambulance, Portland)

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I would like to know the numbers going at the June meeting, or by phone on 837061. You will see that the cost of garden entries comes to £9.50 per person. The Pitmans are happy to take one cheque for us all, which they will then split. Would you please therefore bring your money or cheque to the June meeting.

Money for tea and cake is payable direct to the Pitmans.

As parking is difficult on Portland it would be a help if we could arrange to share cars as much as possible.

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Making the most of your front garden

PAVING YOUR FRONT GARDEN

IN 2007 serious flooding caused great disruption, loss of life and damaged estimated at about £3bn. In many cases flooding happened because drains could not cope with the amount of rainwater flowing into them. We know this in our village because at certain times of the year the water actually comes out of the drains – although this is often more to do with the water springs under the ground than actual run-off.

So, from 1st October 2008 new rules were brought in and if you want to pave over your front garden you must apply for planning approval. You will NOT need planning permission if a new driveway uses permeable or porous surfacing which allows water to drain through, such as gravel, permeable concrete block paving or porous asphalt, or if the rainwater is directed to a lawn or border to drain naturally.



HOWEVER – if the surface to be covered is more than five square metres planning permission will be needed for laying traditional, impermeable driveways that do not control rainwater running off onto roads.

You can easily combine the hard porous surface of the driveway to make your front garden interesting and attractive, by including borders around the edges, or using modular reinforced grass systems. There is a house in Chapel Street that has done just that very successfully.

As we are talking about planning permission, just a word too about dropped kerbs.

If you are making a new access into the garden across the footpath you will need to obtain permission from the local council to drop the kerb and the pavement may need strengthening. This is to protect any services buried in the ground such as water pipes.



With all that said, if you do want any further information about changing the surface of your front garden, or you are not sure then look at www.communities.gov.uk or the Environment Agency website both of which provide comprehensive information.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR FRONT GARDEN

A front garden forms the first impression of your home – it is on view from passers-by every day and so it needs to look good all year round. All too often front gardens are neglected spaces that we only walk past, and so they need to look good with minimal maintenance.

Here are a few ideas: When planting around the front door, either in the border or in pots, consider how the plants will look in a few years time. For example, a cordyline planted either side of the door will look good for a couple of years, but then it will do 'its own thing' ie grow into a tree! And its leaves will fall everywhere and grow over into the path. Similarly prickly or very large shrubs will either make your clothes wet when it rains every time you enter the door or catch your clothes (or skin) on the prickles.

Keep to a simple colour scheme – too many variations can make the scheme look bitty. Remember the old adage – 'less is more'. Pastel colours such as blues, pinks and silvers look best in our climate as they have a lovely pearlescent quality.

The way to keep the garden looking good all year round is to use evergreen plants – topiary is always a good choice. Lollipop bays or box (or pyramids if lollipops are too tall) along the centre of the border provides structure and can be put into a large pot either side of the front door too. Alternating *Convolvulus cneorum* and lavender between the lollipop bays creates contrast and are both long flowering. Lavender has the added advantage of being fragrant when you brush past it, and if you have railings it can look very attractive pushing through the gaps.

With this simple scheme to give you the basic structure, you can now add bulbs and perennials to provide year round interest. For spring, plant dainty narcissus followed by pink and dark purple tulips. In early summer, *Allium 'Purple Sensation'* will follow the tulips – the globe flower heads will echo the shape of the lollipop bays. *Iris pallida 'Argenteovariegata'* will provide blue flowers in early summer and its strappy leaves will give you extra height and texture. *Verbena rigida*, *dianthus* and *Geranium 'Johnson's Blue'* will continue the flowering season into the autumn, when *Schizostylis coccinea* (Kaffir lilies) take over.

If you don't want to plant as much, then use a mulch over the visible soil such as slate or bark chippings which will keep the weeds down.

And finally – enjoy your attractive and easy to maintain front garden.





Royal Oak – Progress Report

We are local people, both from the Dorchester area, we are incredibly excited about moving into Milborne St. Andrew and the Royal Oak. We have been running pubs and restaurants for approx 10 years, firstly as managers in and around London and most recently owning our own leases in and around Dorchester. Our reason for looking at the Royal Oak is that we have a young family and wish to get involved in a community, and a business, as a family. Our children are Lily 5, and Ronnie 1. We have visited the school with Lily and she is very excited about starting there in September and we are looking forward to finding out about all the aspects of village life that we can get involved in.

As far as our plans for the pub, we intend to run the pub as a proper village, community pub. We are keen to try and reinstate as many of the teams and groups, that previously used the pub, as possible. We are planning to offer food, however we feel very strongly that this should be "hearty home cooked pub food" rather than a "gastro pub food" offering and will be priced accordingly! As most of you are aware there is a fair bit of work to be done in and around the pub, some of this we are planning to do before we open, however we hope that you will bare with us as we work our way round to doing all the improvements required. Again as you are probably aware we will not be retaining all of the car park permanently, however we are retaining enough ground to have a decent sized car park, along with a nice family outdoor seating area, and some children's play equipment.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Kind regards, The Foxes



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Have you also noticed the number of cattle in the fields are declining too?

Where do you get your milk from?

Do you have it delivered or do you get it from the local shop? I suspect most of us get it from Tesco. Do you have any idea where it's actually been produced and how many miles it's travelled or indeed how long ago it was taken from the cow? Think about all the processes it's been through and how little of that has benefitted anyone in the village, or indeed Dorset even!

Isn't it rather ironic that years ago we used to have milkmen delivering milk to our doors and they would also do eggs, orange juice and even bread. Now we've got Tesco and Ocado doing the same thing but they charge us £5 a delivery. Didn't something go wrong somewhere?

We are a rural community and we do have quite a good community spirit I believe so surely we can all do something to help our local businesses. Just look at what's happening to our villages. We've lost the petrol station, the pub's been shut for months now and Post Offices are closing down all around us. Bus and rail services in our area are nothing like as good as they used to be, yet there's more people living in the village than ever before and we're earning more money than we used to as well. So where are you spending yours?

It's a clear case of "Use it or lose it". Will you notice when it's all gone?



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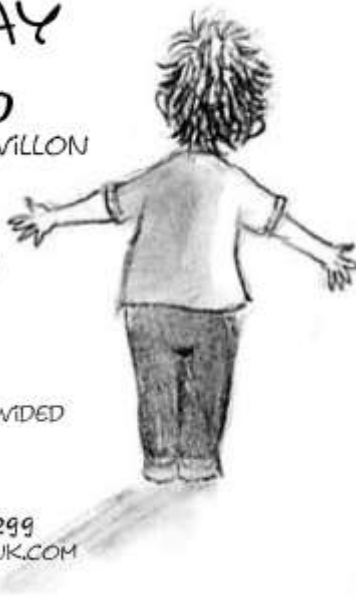
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Milborne Friendly Art Group



THE members of the MSA Friendly Art Group are still as active as ever. We have been asked if our members would like to display some of their work in September at the Horticultural Show so we are all busy painting in order to be ready for the big day, 12th September. The next general art session is on Wednesday 8th July and we have also managed to arrange for a super visiting Artist Mrs Audrey Young to come to give a demonstration/workshop on Wednesday 22nd July. If any non-

members would like to attend this evening please could they let Sue Marsh know, so that we have an idea of numbers. Dates and details of all sessions will be displayed on the village hall notice board as normal and hopefully on the village web site. If you are interested in joining the group who usually meet twice a month, further details can be obtained from Sue Marsh on 837414.

Milton Abbas Surgery PPG

AS usual the patient group will be having a stall at MILTON ABBAS STREET FAIR on 25th July. We will be selling home made cakes, jams, marmalades and other preserves and produce.

This is a plea for you to think of us when you are making any of these things. Cakes that will keep for a while are best and in case it is hot, fresh cream could be a problem.

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	Chair: Mike Claydon	01258 837314
Parish Council – Milborne St. Andrew	Clerk: Colin Fletcher	01258 450639
	Chair: Simon Curtis	01258 839000

General – Adult

Drop-in Centre – POPP	Rose and Ed Frost	01258 837921
IT Club (Connecting Dorset)	Sue Gould	01258 837575
Ladies Group – Dewlish	Judith Bridgen	01258 837157
Memory Lane Swing Band	Bob Boorman	01258 839077
Wednesday Social Club	Margaret Evans	01258 837767
Women's Institute	Heather Hogg	01258 837392

General – Youth

Beavers and Cubs	Sue Mullett	01258 839076
Hazelnuts out-of-school club	Hazel Barrett	01305 848588
Ladybirds (Playgroup)	Marion Bishop	01305 848427
Ranger Guides	Adrienne	07870 887049
Scouts	Jim Burg	01258 837466
Under 5's Group – The Busy Bees	Jane Williams	01258 839291
Youth Club age 8 – 14 yrs	Sallie Maitland-Gleed	01258 837442

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Police – Non-emergency contact		01202 222222
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Friends of School chair:	Sally Taylor	

Special Interest

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Food & Wine Society	Tony Dyer	01258 837061
Healthy Eaters	Heather Gipps	01258 837058
Horticultural Society	Shirley Dunkley	01258 837446
MSA Friendly Art Group	Sue Marsh	01258 837414
Milborne Players	Roy Sach	01258 837033

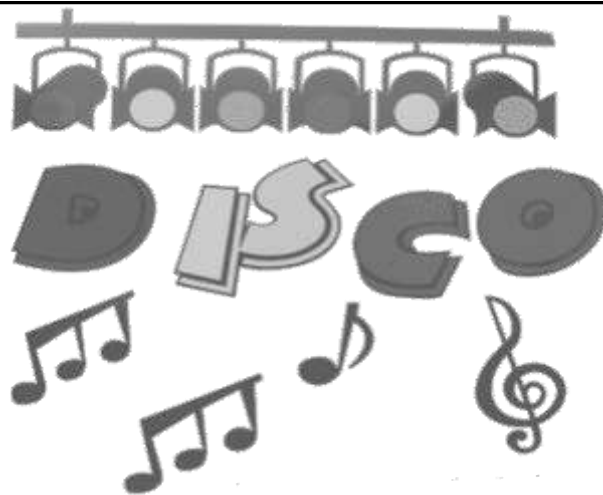
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Round Robin Ramblers	Steve Lord	01258 839222
Abbey Swimming Club	Pat Cowan	01258 880601
Adult Tap Dancing Milton Abbas	Libby Goodchild	01305 268029

Archers – Crossways	Michelle Jones	01258 837045
Athletics – Junior	David Pearson	01258 837057
Badminton	David Payne	01258 837700
British Horse Society (Dorset)	Carol Shoopman	01258 880318
Circuit Training and Pilates	Claire Barratt	01929 554999 07946 732769
Cricket – Dewlish	Elaine Kellaway	01258 837696
Cricket – Junior (11 – U13)	Derek Lamb	01258 880523
Cricket Club – Milton Abbas	Derek Lamb	01258 880523
Football – Adult	Paul Morgan	01258 837619
Football – Reserve Team	Andy Draper	07824394436
Football – Under 13s	Grant Taylor	07879841518
Football – Under 12s		
Football – Under 11s, 10s and 9s	David Stevens	07720411952
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Running Group	Anne-Marie Pearson	01258 837057
Skittles – Dewlish	Frank Ross	01258 837366
Sports Club		
Chairman:	John Sanderson	01258 837049
Bookings:	Jenny Balcon	01258 837121
Table-tennis (over 50's)	Geoff Hodgson	01258 837472
Tap Dancing for Men and Women		01258 880523
Yoga	Sue Chapman	01305 848053

Village Hall

Dewlish		
Chairman:	Alex Carter	01258 837312
Sec:	Paul Prickett	01258 839097
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Chairman:	Richard Lock	01258 837929
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Community Events Diary

Add your event to this diary by contacting Steve Lord – tel: 01258 837222 or email: msa.diary@btinternet.com

July

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th

Milborne Players, **“Caught in The Net” Village Hall**
 Saturday 4th Church Fete and Dog Show, Briantspuddle 2.00pm
 Wednesday 8th Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm
 Thursday 9th Horticultural Society Visit to Portland Gardens.
 WI Dating old photographs. Speaker Mrs Ferentzi-Shepherd 7.00pm VH

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th

Rogers Rant Weekend
 Saturday 11th Food and Wine. Lakeside Picnic
 Sunday 12th Folk Festival in **St. Andrew’s Church**, see page 5
 Sunday 12th – Monday 13th

Open Gardens, Winterborne Whitechurch

Healthy Eaters – Note Time 6.30 – 7.30pm CR

Horticultural Society Members evening

Friday 17th Moviola – **‘The Young Victoria’ 7.30pm VH**

Wednesday 22nd Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm

Saturday 25th Milton Abbas Street Fair.

Food and Wine Treasure Hunt and Barbecue

Sunday 26th Bridport Food Fair

Thursday 30th Horticultural Society outing

August

Wednesday 5th Wednesday Club Mystery Trip

Wednesday 12th Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm

Thursday 13th **Women’s Institute** outing.

Wednesday 26th Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm

Monday 31st Athelhampton Fete

September

Wednesday 2nd Wednesday Club Mystery Trip

Wednesday 9th Friendly Art Group VH Committee Room 7 – 9 pm

Saturday 12th Dorset Historic Churches Annual Cycle Ride

Regular Bookings at the Village Hall

Computer Club Monday 6.15 – 7.15pm CR (term time only)

Ladybirds Playgroup Monday – Fri 8.45am – 1pm MH (term time only)

Players every Monday 8 – 10pm MH

Village Hall Committee meetings 2nd Monday of month

ABC Line dancers every Tuesday 7.30 – 10pm MH

Scouts Beavers/Cubs Tuesday 5.45 – 7.15pm MH/CR (term time only)

Exercise and Relaxation Class Wednesday 1.15 – 2.45pm MH (term time only)

MSA Friendly Art Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday 7 – 9pm CR

Wednesday Club 2nd Wednesday 2.30 – 4.30pm MH

Horticultural Society 4th Thursday 7.00 – 10pm MH

Healthy Eaters every Thursday 7.00 – 8.00pm CR

Karate every Thursday 5.10 – 6.40pm MH

WI every 2nd Thursday 7 – 10pm

POPP Drop-In every Friday 10am – 12noon CR

Youth Club every other Friday 6.30 – 8.30pm MH (term time only)

Sequence Dancing 3rd Saturday 7.30 – 10.30pm MH

Village Lunch Last Saturday of the month 11am – 2.30pm MH/CR

Milborne Praise! 3rd Sunday 3.30 – 5.30pm MH

Moviola and supper about every 6 weeks, look out for the posters, 6.30 – 10.30pm MH/CR

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

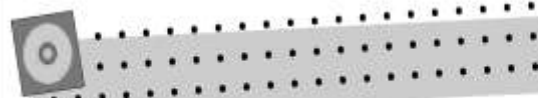
Roger’s Rant Weekend 10th to 12th July at the Sports Club

This year’s Rant is on the weekend of the 10th to 12th July, with traditional & contemporary folk music, song and dance. There will be some of the best of local amateur singers and musicians as well as some from further afield. There is also the opportunity for aspiring singers and musicians to have a go in a friendly atmosphere at the Sports Club. The Village Hall will be used for the dance workshops on Saturday & Sunday afternoons with a Ceilidh (barn dance) on Saturday evening.

The tickets for the Ceilidh are £6.00 from Roger Harrall (tel. no. 01258 837371). All other sessions are FREE entry but we do ask you to give generously into the bucket collections. The money raised goes to cover the cost of running the event and then is divided between the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.

Assistant secretary wanted

MILBORNE St. Andrew Village Hall committee are looking for an assistant secretary to work with the present secretary Margaret Evans. It is a most interesting post among keen and enthusiastic members of the village working for the good of the hall. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month 7.30pm in the committee room. Please contact Margaret on (01258) 837767 if you would like to be a member of this team.



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It's a Dog's life

SPLASHED on the front page of last month's *Reporter* was news that will be welcomed by many, if not all villagers – that the Royal Oak pub is soon to re-open. After nine months of being a dry village, I'm sure everyone and his dog will be there on opening night, and hopefully many nights after. And I hope I'm not wrong in thinking that the 'new' Royal Oak will have 'dogs welcome' policy as did the old Royal Oak.

During these long twilight months without a boozier, we've had to wander further afield for a pint or three. But needs must, so what could be better than a good walk with a dog by your side (or, more realistically, somewhere in the distance), knowing that a decent pint of ale is waiting for you? Open the Cerne Abbas and Bere Regis OS map and the little green dotted and dashed footpaths and bridleways that radiate from Milborne all lead to the most welcome of cartographic symbols, the blue tankard. (I think this must be the very reason for the existence of footpaths: getting to the pub).

The Martyr's Inn at Tolpuddle affords a good walk from Milborne, which is more or less circular – though the downside is having the rumble of the A35 in earshot for some of it. The pub apparently does accept dogs in the bar, though we have only ever sat outside with our lot for our hop-driven pit stop (*sans* crisps, much to their and our disappointment, the Martyrs not offering bar snacks).

In the other direction, the Hambro Arms at Milton Abbas is a bit of a longer walk if keeping to footpaths. We've done this round trip once,

but the bullocks on the return leg did a good job of putting the wind up our spaniels. It's also possible to reach The Oak at Dewlish (dogs welcome too) by footpath – head south along the stream then west, turning north to cross the A354.

The most dog-friendly of pubs allow you to eat with your hound – no, I don't mean there's a place setting complete with napkin for Bonzo (though I'm sure Paris Hilton does this with her pooch) – generally in the bar, dog at your feet (begging, most probably). Most recently, I walked with a mate to the Drax Arms at Bere Regis. Head east, through Gould's Farm, continuing until you meet the Jubilee Trail. Follow this through Bere Down Farm and then into Bere. It's a beautiful walk with big open vistas, perfect at this time of year. The Drax is positively welcoming of dogs and they



even let my mate in – and he's from Portsmouth. The food's pretty good, traditional pub grub, though my companion was a little irked as his chicken pie was meant to come with 'veg of the day'; all he got was chips, though it's fair to say he may have confused the staff. (But he does like his veg – probably down to his Pompey roots and the prevention of scurvy). Which meant there were less leftover chips for the expectant trio below table.

So roll on the opening of Milborne's pub, and long dog walks ending with a good pint of beer to slake the thirst. Because a lolly from the Londis just doesn't always do it.

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A Wonderful Day at Rainbow

By Verina Cutler

ON Friday 22nd May we planned to take the children on a tractor and trailer ride. One of our parents kindly offered to take us for a ride around the farm to see the animals. We saw lambs, 3-day-old goslings and cows. We had a great time.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Giles and Jake Coleman for taking us out in the trailer on their farm. Many parents came to help and we would like to thank them too for all their support.



James with his tractor and trailer ride!

When we got back to Rainbow we decided to have a picnic lunch on the green. The children played outside for most of the day and it was just glorious!



Fun in the climbing tree

The Growing Experience at Go Bananaz!

Denise Thomas

'Busy Lizzies' to 'Dizzy Busies' wraps up our half term 'Growing Experience' with Dawn, Denise and Emma at Go Bananaz! The team



came up 'crops' with hands on potting and planting of flowers and herbs, tomatoes and beans. A good mix of children aged 2-11 years had a creative time designing and landscaping their own miniature gardens: from swimming pools to watering cans made of clay, to flower beds and patios with sun



loungers for mum, they looked a treat. We also had a super

invitation from our lovely resident farming family to visit their new born lambs, and look at the llamas and donkeys on the way. So, come rain or shine, off we went . . . A 'Farming Fantastic' thank-you to all who came and to everyone who made this possible.



Henderson Hill Climb

On Sunday 7th June Chris Henderson took advantage of the cool summer weather to race up the hill in Milton Abbas 40 times in 1 hour and 49 minutes! This amazing feat hardly caused him to draw breath but left the spectators speechless in admiration. Promises in sponsorship amount to over £500 for Rainbow Pre-School, and we are very happy to take any late contributions in recognition of Chris's marathon effort.



The sponsorship form at the Hambro Arms has disappeared, so if you were kind enough to pledge a contribution on that list please contact Michael Moorsom - 881438 - thank you.

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The Young Victoria (PG)

THIS is a brilliant film and although it is romanticised it's good to see that a period drama can be a success without the seemingly obligatory 'sexing up' of historical relations. It is an interesting character study of a queen few people bother trying to understand and, of course, the costumes and settings are to die for.

It shows that after a stifling childhood, Victoria must find maturity and independence – not easy with a controlling mother, two scheming uncles and a snake-like prime minister. Emily Blunt does a grand job conveying the cracks of vulnerability in the Queen's wobbly ascent from subjugated child to dynamic monarch. Rupert Friend also does a fair job as the dour, dreamy Prince Albert captivated by the young Queen's spirit and vivacity, showing that the male lead does not need to be dashing to be emotionally commanding. Albert is this film's secret weapon – ardent, subtly proud, a little shy, and a man with an intellectual philosophy he intends to preserve. The film glows as it gets to know him, and your resistance, like Victoria's, melts away. Together they capture the joy of two young people whose destinies have been preordained and whose decisions have been made for them, realising that their mutual regard is something all their own.

Maggie Redmill organises the Moviola Films for the village on behalf of the village hall committee. She tells us that "The Young Victoria" has been greeted with great acclaim by the critics and is eagerly anticipated by village film-goers. Moviola occasionally struggles to break-even but this film is one not to be missed.

Tickets from Maggie for the film and supper before the film. The village hall is open from 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The End of an Era

I am currently in the process of writing my final headteacher's report to governors and remembering when I took up my position as headteacher in January 1996 on the previous school site in Chapel Lane. In those early years I taught for four days a week and tried to catch up with administration and management duties every Friday. My office was at the end of a draughty portakabin overlooking a sprawling school site that Her Majesty's Inspectorate described as "Dickensian" and "dire."

All this changed in 2001 when we moved to the present location to enjoy the state of the art facilities that exist today. There have been many challenges both before and after the new school, some highly stressful, but in the end resolutions have always been found. My mantra is never to be afraid of making mistakes, and I have made plenty, but I've learnt from errors made always seeking to create an environment where pupils thrive with people as keen as I am to make a positive difference to children's lives.

Probably my proudest moment is receiving the recent Ofsted judgement that the school is outstanding in all areas. The Head of School Improvement for Dorset has written to tell me that "it's the best Ofsted report the county have had for some considerable time." I am very fortunate in having a team around me who have made such an accolade possible. It is a team who will continue to do a great job for the community in the future.

On the final day of term, Friday 17th July, from about 3.00pm to 5.30pm I am available for anyone in the village, including ex pupils, who may want to come and chat and share a memory or two before a new era begins!

Tom Leech

Carey Camp

OUR year 4 children started this half term with their residential trip to Carey camp. As you can see the sun kept shining for them (and for Mr Leech when he visited) and great fun was had by all.



Children's Centre

Back in January we detailed our connection with Mid Dorset Children's Centre, whose aim is to support parents to give their children aged 0-5 years old the best start in life by providing new learning experiences, ensuring children are safe from harm, helping families get the most from their local community and services and promoting healthy lifestyles. We still operate as a contact point in the village and have details of events and flyers available for collection. If you would like any further information please see Mrs Pugh who will forward details on to the centre as required.

CONTACTS

If you require any information about the school, including admissions details for children please contact the school office.

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Badbury Rings

by Bob Ford, www.dorsetwalks.com

THE Iron Age hill-fort of Badbury Rings is a site seething with atmosphere and history. Legend gives it as one of the possible locations of Mount Baden, where King Arthur is said to have finally defeated the Saxons. **I'll be leading a walk here on Friday July 31st at 2.30 pm to look at the wildlife rather than the history, in particular the butterflies and flowers which will be at their best at the end of July.**

Distance: 3.5 km Duration: 1.5 hours
Park: National Trust car park, OS ref ST960030

From the car park walk south along the track of the Roman road which used to go all the way from Old Sarum to Dorchester. This takes us just **as far as the line of Bronze Age barrows known as "The Three Kings"**. The south-facing sides of these barrows have the warm, dry conditions that are needed by Horseshoe Vetch, the food-plant of the Chalkhill Blue. We should see some of these lovely pale blue butterflies here.

Walking east now into a scrubby area south of the rings we should



see different flowers and butterflies taking advantage of the shade and shelter offered by the Buckthorn bushes. Brimstone butterflies, which feed on Buckthorn, are one of the few species which can be seen throughout the year so **we'll be looking out for these** as well.



Next we cross the field and enter the hill fort itself. We'll choose one of the higher banks and walk in a clockwise direction looking out for orchids as we go. Most will be over by now but we should see some late Pyramidals and perhaps a Fragrant or two.

Entering the wooded area topping the earthworks we will look for the two dew-ponds which, if they have any water in them, will be good places to find dragonflies.

Reaching the north-east corner we will see a much larger wood just across the field from us. If we have time we will explore this fine woodland which is managed by the National Trust for wildlife.

Our final leg of the walk will be to cross the northern side of the ramparts, enjoying the amazing views across Dorset towards Hampshire and Wiltshire.

Bob Ford

Have you met . . . June Maitland

JUNE was born in Dorset in 1936 in June (there's a surprise!), to parents who at that time owned a retail milk business in Winton. June and her two older sisters used to attend Sunday School at the Chapel next door. They all started school at St. John's Moordown, when they had to carry their gas masks at all times. They slept in the air-raid shelter dug out in the back garden at home when there was an air raid, until the 'all-clear' sounded.

In 1944 they all moved to a farm their father had bought near Wimborne, and grew up in the lovely village of Holt. June then attended the Convent at Colehill, and at 13 she was allocated a place at Weymouth, in the Technical College, where she did a three year City and Guilds Domestic Science course.

After qualifying, she worked in a hotel at **Canford Cliffs, but decided that wasn't for her,** and got a job in the sales office at Poole Pottery **which also wasn't for her. From here June settled into a job at Boots the Chemist, in Wimborne, where she was in the Farms and Gardens Dept, which was much more 'up her street'.**

We asked June –

How long have you lived in Milborne St. Andrew?

I married Alan in the early sixties and in 1968 we moved to Coles Farm with our two young children, Glenn and Sallie, who both attended school in the village, and then went to Grammar School in Dorchester. *What do you think is the best thing about living in Milborne St. Andrew?* I do not regret having become involved in village life here, first as a school manager (we were later upgraded to governor), and then on the Parish Council. In 1973 I joined the WI, and have had so many opportunities that I otherwise would never have experienced. The Church and Village Hall have also seen my input over the years. I feel that **'we only get out what we have put in' in this life, and I am very**

grateful for that. My long lasting friendships made throughout the years are very important to me.

Is there a downside to living in Milborne St. Andrew?

If there has to be a downside to living here, it is the 'Townies' who move in and then proceed to try and change rural life, and if I had to change anything it would be some of the inhabitants.

What are your pet hates?

My dislikes are drivers who fail to use headlights in poor visibility, and people who telephone at inconvenient times. My main phobia is spiders.

Do you have a claim to fame?

If I have a claim to fame it could be having tea with Jeffery Archer and Virginia Bottomley.

Who is your hero or has been an inspiration?

My main inspiration throughout my entire life has been my Mother, who sadly died when she was 69, and currently it has to be my long-suffering husband, Alan.

Who would be your fantasy dinner date?

My choice of a One-off dinner date would have to be Charlton Heston (**I've lost count of the number of times I have watched Ben Hur**).

When did you last throw caution to the wind?

The last time I threw caution to the wind was when Joe Orr took me up in his microlight over the village, but my air balloon experience, a 60th birthday present, brought us down in the River Stour at Hammoon.

Is there something that people might find surprising about you?

My aversion to computer technology surprises some people, but I am much happier making cakes or knitting, but especially spending time with my precious family. TV does not rule my life but I do enjoy one or **two 'soaps', as well as quiz programmes, and some documentaries.**

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

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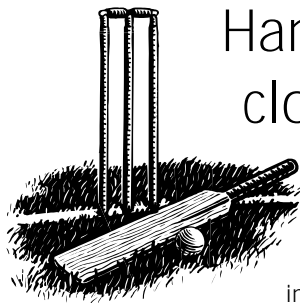
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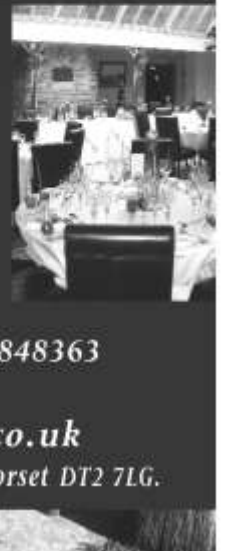
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