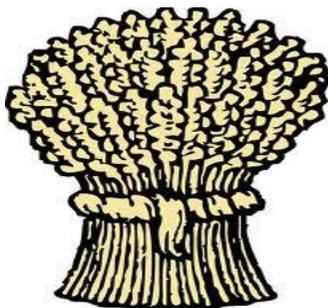


**SPREAD *EAGLE* AUTUMN 2013**



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MELBURY ABBAS & CANN VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013**  
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## Autumn 2013

No sun today despite promises of the forecasters. In parts of France they say that the weather changes (for the worse!) after the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. So we've done well by that standard.

Back to school, starting school, moving on in many ways – September is always busy and somehow feels like the beginning of the year.

And this year we are surrounded by many requests to respond – to the idea of a unitary Authority for Dorset perhaps, to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to the Millennium Group's "*What do you think of your community?*" This is being funded by part of our Jubilee Funding from Awards for All. Yes, I know, it's taken a while, but please do come and join in the Big Breakfast on 26<sup>th</sup> October and *have your say!*

Sara Jacson

## Gossipy bits

Not much this time – I know that there are newly arrived residents at 2 Glyn Place and also elsewhere, but no-one has told me your names. Sorry, but we do hope you will enjoy living here.

**Congratulations** to many of our younger people who achieved brilliant results at GCSE. Maddy Stanford covered herself with glory. We wish her very well as she continues her studies towards A level.

## *The time has come.....*

for me to step down from editing, printing and generally getting the *Spreadeagle* show on the road. When *Spreadeagle* started in 1997, I had no idea I would still be involved some 16 years later!

I hope that someone will come forward to take over as from 2014 –I am happy to produce the Christmas 2013 edition.

Can you get in touch if this interests you? There is a wonderful group of volunteers who are involved, so you won't be on your own!

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## **THIS SPREADEAGLE COULD NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT HELP. THANK YOU THIS**

**EDITION TO** Tavy Bradley-Watson, Jan Crossley, Sylvia Dudman, Brian Hughes, Hannah Kay, Anne Kaile, Julie Meade, Ian Merefield, Carol Messer, Roy Philips, Joan Roscow, Julian Speers ***And as ever, an enormous thank you to all the collators, staplers and deliverers – we can't manage without you!***

**Next *Spreadeagle* is due to be with you in the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

All copy by Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to Sara Jacson 853688

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**From our North Dorset District Councillor** *Julian Speers*

07980886397 [cjl\\_speers@hotmail.com](mailto:cjl_speers@hotmail.com) or come to the Parish meeting.

A lot seems to have happened over this summer and there is an encouraging atmosphere within the District Council, very forward-looking.

**On the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** we held our annual Airfield Consultative Committee. All parishes in the Beacon Ward along with Shaftesbury Town Council were invited and represented. Its aim is to ensure harmony between the airfield and the local community and raise any concerns of local residents. There were a few, ranging from the potential for silencers to be fitted to aircraft, through the amount of aerobatics, to flight path infringement. Clive Hughes was very constructive in his engagement and on the flip side the positive comments regarding the airfield outweighed any negatives.

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**The contract to bring superfast broadband to North Dorset** was signed in July. The programme will be completed by Sept 2016, delivering a fibre network to 97% of premises in the country though at a slightly lower average in Dorset, with a standard downstream speed of 8.7 Mb/ps. It is an essential part of ensuring we remain a viable area for both business and education into the future.

**Roads:** the A350 and the C13 remain a constant topic at the top of our agendas. Brian Hughes, the Parish Chairman seems to do daily battle with the Highways Department at County Council and despite a myriad of frustrations is making progress. My main irritation during my tenure to date is the lack of responsiveness of our Highways Department at Dorset County Council and their in-action regarding the dangers posed by Dinah's hollow and the volume of heavy goods traffic on both the A350 and C13. Melbury Abbas and Cann Parish are leading the way with **Neighbourhood Planning**, having combined with Shaftesbury to draw up a plan for both communities. For this parish I feel it is essential to have such a plan. The District Council's strategic policy is to focus any future expansion on the main urban areas and larger villages that we have in the area, making the most of the service delivery areas we have. As that is the case, this neighbourhood plan gives the parish an essential voice in how the local area should or shouldn't be developed.

**County council elections:** Deborah Croney was elected as County Councillor for this ward. She is also leader of the District Council and so has some knowledge of some issues in the parish. I am sure you will join me in wishing the retiring Angus Campbell all the best after his many years of service.

**It has been recognised by both councillors and officers that this council cannot continue to operate and deliver the required level of service without significant restructuring in the longer term.** A Strategic Delivery Committee has been created to analyse options for our future make up, fulfilling our legislative and service requirements. Every option is being examined, from reduction in service, to partnering

and through to reformation at a unitary level. The model of a three tier hierarchy of County, District and Parish Councils has worked to date but to maintain the current level of service, aspiring for better, with reducing budgets mean we must look towards a unitary model for Dorset; with a partnering model as a fall back. This is what I am working towards but I would value your opinions.

### **MELBURY ABBAS AND CANN PARISH COUNCIL *Brian Hughes 853911***

As I sit writing this update I am conscious that Autumn has arrived and once again, like many of you, I have not completed the tasks outside in the garden that I had planned.

**Sadly our longest serving Councillor** Matthew James has passed away.

**We are continuing to work** with our partners in Shaftesbury on a joint Neighbourhood Development Plan and public consultations have taken place at a Food Festival and Gold Hill Fair. Here in our Parish the 'Community Bus' visited Guys Marsh and Cann Common. Thank you to those who came to see us and contribute to the process. Many things have been raised including affordable housing so that young people can buy or rent houses, speed of traffic, the increasing size of Heavy Goods Vehicles that are damaging the environment. It is not too late to let us have your views, you can always visit the website, [www.melburyandcann.co.uk](http://www.melburyandcann.co.uk) and use the 'contact us' facility. It is your chance to have an influence on the way our Community develops over the next few decades.

**The travellers** have moved on from St James Common but I am told there is still clearing up to do. There are still questions about the management of the Common and we hope to clarify the way forward with Dorset County Council.

**The C13** through Cann Common, Melbury Abbas and beyond continues to be a major problem with the increasing size of the Heavy Goods vehicles even over the last two years. We now have articulated bulk carriers forming a large percentage of this type of traffic and recently the large rigid bulk carriers towing trailers equally as large. The road through Dinah's Hollow and Melbury Abbas is little changed from the days of the horse and cart apart from the damage being inflicted by 44 ton vehicles ploughing up the verges and banks, ripping branches off the trees, smashing into road signs and damaging boundary walls and gates. How long will it be before the 60 ton super lorries allowed in Europe appear? We are working with our Dorset County Councillor Deborah Croney to get a fair deal for North Dorset from a VERY reluctant Highways department who are pouring another £20 million plus into the roads in the south of the County.

**We have supported** Community Speed Watch and you will shortly see our volunteers on a stretch of road near you!

**Electoral Registration Annual Canvass** will be coming your way in October – you have the right not to appear on electoral lists, but it's up to you to say so!

## **St Thomas' Church**

**Jan Crossley 852545**

**Work began** on the re-ordering of the church on Monday 15th September and we should be fully operational with toilet and kitchenette by the beginning of November. The improved facilities will make it easier to provide refreshments after our Sunday services and will also enable us to use our premises more widely in the future.

**Bishop Nicholas** has agreed to come and bless our new facilities on Sunday 2nd March 2013 at 3pm when we will be having a Songs of Praise Service, so if you have any favourite hymns please let me know.

*Our services continue as normal whilst the work is being done and you are very welcome to join us.*

**Harvest Festival** is only a few weeks away, on 6th October at 9.30am. Please come along and worship with us that day as we thank God for the abundance of his harvest, and also for our farmers who labour in difficult times for all our benefit. We will be decorating the church on 5th October at 9.30am. Gifts of flowers and foliage would be much appreciated, as would offers of help arranging them. Please contact Valerie Warrington or Ann Brooks if you are able to help.

Our children are making a Harvest Banner which we hope will be on display that day.

**In the summer** our Team was pleased to entertain Bishop Stephen of Lui, from the Sudan. Over the next few months church members are going to make 'stoles' for the Bishops, so we are looking for people with sewing skills to help us to achieve this.

**On Friday 1st November** we will be holding an All Saint's Day Service at 7pm. This service is for those who have lost loved ones and wish to remember them. It is a simple reflective service where we light a candle in memory of each person and come together to support one another in our loss. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**The Remembrance Service** is on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am. We will assemble in the church and then process to the lych gate at 10.55am. After the two minutes silence we go into church for the service.

**We are staging a two day Nativity Festival** in church - Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December between 10am- 4pm. It is an opportunity to come along and look at different Nativity sets from around the world. Some may be home made. Please 'pop' in and have a look around. Refreshments will be served. If you have a Nativity set, please may we borrow it? Contact Jan on 852545 if you can help.

Our Christmas services will be published in the next Spreddeagle Magazine.

St. Thomas's church is there to serve the whole community of the Melbury Abbas Parish. If we can help in any way please contact either me or our Churchwardens, John Porter or Rodney Atwood. God bless Jan

**Don't forget : *Eberle Concert in church Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September***

## Village Produce Association

**Julie Meade** 828024

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**Our Annual Show**, publicised in this magazine, was poorly attended by villagers. Although we run on membership we are not a "closed shop" and would love to see more people at the Show. Jan Crossley opened the Show and praised those who had managed to overcome the weather and enter some wonderful exhibits. The Judges were also pleased with the high standards. But we really could do with a few more people entering. It would give those of us who enter regularly more competition!! **The AGM will be held on Sept 24th** in the Hall at 7-30pm and our speaker is Stephen Fry from Castle gardens. He is a young chap with loads of enthusiasm for plants. We will have a garden related auction a raffle and teas. Membership is now due. Regrettably we have had to increase it to £2 per person, but where else can you find 2 evening's entertainment and have a discounted price evening at a garden centre? It is a long way ahead but a date for your diary is April 23rd when we will hold our Spring Meeting and that is when you will be able to pick up your Show Schedules.

## W.I.

**Sylvia Dudman 853695**

The summer months have slipped by all too quickly. On 21<sup>st</sup> June thirteen members and a friend gathered at the Village Hall to try Indoor Kurling. It proved to be a most enjoyable evening, hilarious at times, but also quite competitive. We feel confident enough now to issue some challenges in the near future.

We had a delightful Garden Meeting in July at Jasmine House, Cann, courtesy of Pam and David Wright.. The weather was kind to us and we were able to spend the whole evening outside.

We went to see Dad's Army at Shaftesbury Arts Centre on an extremely hot evening in July. I think both the cast and the audience were at melting point!

In August two of our members enjoyed East Orchard and Margaret Marsh WI's after show evening and four members travelled to Semley for their garden meeting where they were not as fortunate with the weather as we were, but were able to tour the garden between storms.

Nic Griffin entertained us at our August meeting with beautiful photographs and an account of his recent holiday with Ann among the islands of the South Pacific. The photographs were stunning, the commentary interesting – truly a holiday of a lifetime. With the Autumn Group meeting, group skittles tournament and the Dorset Federation Annual Meeting coming up and some interesting speakers to look forward to it looks all set to be a busy autumn. Why not come and join us? You will be very welcome.

Although crime in the village remains low there has been a spate of break-ins to out buildings and a number of break-ins to cars at the National Trust car park on Spread Eagle Hill. The cars have usually had a window broken and a handbag stolen. There are many signs around the car park warning of the danger but visitors seem to think that it won't happen to them. I am open to ideas on how we can persuade visitors to take the threat seriously.

Most out buildings that have suffered have been well secured, but have usually had padlocks cut off. Unfortunately it is not now enough just to fit good locks. Alarms are now essential and can be purchased very cheaply. As evenings draw in security lights are also a good deterrent on out buildings if they are not already fitted.

Please review your shed and out building security to ensure that you stay ahead of the burglar. There is often a blip in offences to dwellings and outbuildings with the run up to Christmas so please take precautions. I have a list of items that can be purchased from Streetwise if you require it. Anything out of the ordinary as well as suspicious should be reported by dialling the police non-emergency number 101.

### **Melbury Abbas and Cann Speed Watch**

*Roy Phillips*

**A local group has been formed**, trained and equipped with a generous grant from the Parish Council. This has evolved from concerns by local residents over poor driving by some car and HGV drivers and horrendous speeds by motor cyclists travelling through the village. The pocket radar device used looks like a mobile phone but has a very narrow beam which can accurately differentiate between vehicles travelling close together at very long distances. During a trial period very high and dangerous speeds by motor cyclists were recorded. Speeds of up to 48mph were recorded in the 20mph zone and up to 68mph in the 30mph zone. Although only warning letters are issued to speeding drivers excessive speeds will be followed up by Dorset Police and the Dorset Road Safe Team who will take a stronger line.

No resident likes speeding drivers travelling past their house, particularly if they have children or pets, so please help us to rid the menace of speeding or dangerous driving locally by keeping to the speed limits, wearing your seat belt and not using your mobile phone whilst driving. The CSW group will be popping up at different times throughout the village and the last thing that we want to do is to book local drivers!

**Are you concerned about speeding driving in your road? Would you be willing to get involved to help solve this problem ?** To find out more, or to be part of your local CSW team, please contact me on 853122.

We live in one of the safest areas of Dorset - please help us to keep it that way.

## ***We remember with gratitude***

**Matthew James**

**1956 – 2013**

*Matthew's sudden and early death shocked the community. I have asked those who worked with him to write their own appreciations.*

### ***From Brian Hughes and Anne Kaile - Parish Council Chairman and Clerk***

*Matthew grew up in the area and loved his way of life here. He joined the Parish Council at the age of 18 years as a Councillor later becoming Vice Chairman and then Chairman, these offices he performed many times throughout his life. He knew every square inch of this Parish and all of its quirks coupled with an extensive knowledge of Council matters, particularly planning and finance. These attributes ensured the smooth running of the Parish Council for many years.*

*Matthew had strong feelings for what was right for the Parish and what was not. His contributions to the various debates which form the basis of our meetings will be sorely missed. He was truly a man of Melbury'*

### ***From Joan Roscow OBE, Chairman of the Millennium Group***

When I retired and relocated to East Melbury, Matthew welcomed me into the community and encouraged me to become involved in village activities. He was instrumental in forming the Millennium Group and his enthusiasm, ideas, local knowledge and willingness to take on board any tasks that enabled the group to achieve its aims was invaluable. He loved the villages and strived to enhance the lives of all the residents. I will miss Matthew and all the support he gave me and my thoughts are with his family.

### ***From Sara Jacson for the Village Hall Management Committee***

Matthew's death at the early age of 57 means the loss of much of the village's oral history. Growing up in Melbury, being schooled at Cann and continuing to live in Melbury Abbas, Matthew's knowledge of the area was prodigious.

As Chairman the Village Hall Committee, Matthew immersed himself, in his own inimitable style, in many aspects of village life. He was passionately concerned that children and young people should understand the importance of the Hall and use it to enjoy life in the villages, encouraging the then very successful Youth Club.

It is to him we owe the beginnings of the now much larger Vintage Weekend and also the Millennium Group's Bursary offer for our young people going on for further education and training. He will be missed in more ways than we know as yet.

***Our sincere condolences go to Matthew's family especially Jack, Eve and Lia.***

## **Bonfire Night**

Fireworks, soup, hot dogs and the bar!

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 7.00pm

At the Village Hall and Community Field

## **AGMs Night**

**A necessary event – let's get at least 3 done in one evening!**

**Village Hall Management Committee**

**Social Club Committee**

**Millennium Group**

**7.30pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall**

**If the bar is open will you be there?**

**We hope so!**

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What's on continued

## NOVEMBER

Tues 19<sup>th</sup>

AGMs Night

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> . various places

Library Van in villages

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> by end of day

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## DECEMBER

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> various places

Library Van in villages

Parish Council Meeting

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>

WI: *Social Evening with Dutch Supper*

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> **10.00 till 4.00 in church**

Nativity Festival

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> as for Friday

**8.00 for 8.30**

Quiz Night with Malcolm

### ***What do people of Melbury Abbas & Cann\* think of their Community?***

***Does it meet your needs*** as a resident, a worker, or during your leisure time and in using essential services?

***Do you have any ideas*** concerning improvements that could help local people to meet their needs?

The Melbury Abbas & Cann Millennium Group would love to hear your views and ideas. They would like to invite you to an ***informal breakfast on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> of October so drop into the Melbury Abbas Village Hall any time between 08.30 and 11am for a warm welcome and some good food.***

Any enquiries to Joan Roscow (853537) or Sara Jacson (853688)

**\*Melbury Abbas & Cann includes the communities of Melbury Abbas, East Melbury, West Melbury, Cann, Cann Common and Guys Marsh. *As if you didn't know that important fact!***

## WHAT'S ON UNTIL THE NEXT SPREAD EAGLE

All events are at 7.30 in the Village Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Posters are put on notice boards for most events in the village. Try the websites as well!

### Village Hall Bookings

All the Booking details and Hiring information are available on the Village Hall website;- [www.melburyabbasandcannvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.melburyabbasandcannvillagehall.org.uk)

Or please contact

Christine or Malcolm Potter on. 01747 851857 E mail;- [christine.15@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.15@btinternet.com)

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>

5.00 in church

VPA AGM

Eberle String Quartet in concert

### OCTOBER

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>.

various places

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

9.30 onwards

7.30 for 8.00

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>

**9.30 in church**

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

7.00 for 7.30

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>

various places

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>

**8.30 till 11.00**

8.00 for 8.30pm

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>

various places

Library Van in villages

decorating for Harvest Festival

Bingo!

Harvest Festival

WI: Textile Conservation *Diana Marx*

Harvest Supper

Library Van in villages

Parish Council Meeting

Big Breakfast with Millennium Group

Quiz Night with Di

Library Van in villages

### NOVEMBER

Fri 1<sup>st</sup>

**7.00 in church**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>

when it's dark!

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>

**10.55 at Lych-gate**

Tues 12<sup>th</sup>

various places

Wed 13<sup>th</sup>

All Saints remembrance service

Bonfire celebrations at Hall and

Community Field

Remembrance Sunday Service

Library Van in villages

WI: Handcraft workshop *Jane Shepherd*



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