



## Milborne St Andrew Village Lunch

### April News

#### Good News!

We are celebrating the very good news that Dorset Partnership for Older People (POPP) has awarded Milborne St Andrew Village Lunch a grant of £1,135! We have already been given £200 from Signpost Housing Association (SHA), so now we can afford to buy everything we need to really make the Village Lunch special.

#### We have been shopping . . . .

You may have noticed that we have already bought vases, tablecloths, napkins, salt and pepper pots, large saucepans and plates. Also this month we have mint sauce/gravy boats and more custard jugs and cooking dishes.

#### Thank you for your suggestions.

The Village Lunch goes from strength to strength mainly due to the great community spirit shown by everyone who supports our lunches. We have had a lot of feedback and the committee try hard to listen to everyone's views and suggestions; we are trying to make a few improvements.

#### All ages welcome

We hope to welcome more children and young people to the Village Lunch in future. We will be offering half-price, half-portions for children. Why not invite your own children or grandchildren?

#### Raffle.

Thank you to everyone who has donated a raffle prize in the past. We have decided to limit the number of prizes to three. One of the prizes will always be a £5 voucher for a future Village Lunch plus two other prizes. So please, no more donations of raffle prizes at the moment.

#### The demon drink . . . . !

Last month we were rather short of wine. We do not have a drinks licence and so we rely on enough people bringing along wine from home to share. So please, if you enjoy a glass of wine with your meal, could you donate a bottle of wine so that we can share it out? Any unopened

bottles will be carefully stored until the next month's lunch. We will, of course, continue to supply soft drinks, tea and coffee as usual.

### **Thanks to all helpers.**

We are often asked "How do you do it for the price?" The answer is that we have lots of volunteers who share the work. Many thanks to all who help sell lunch tickets, set up tables and chairs, lay tables, arrange flowers, bring a bottle of wine, sell raffle tickets, serve drinks, serve meals, and of course wash up and clear away at the end of the meal. We always need volunteers for the above jobs. Contact Margaret Kirk on 837749.

### **'Dashing away with the smoothing iron . . .?'**

We are very proud of our new tablecloths and napkins but they do need washing and ironing each month. They are easy care polyester and can be washed in 2 machine loads. They dry quickly and just need a quick iron. Is there anyone who would be able to volunteer to do this job occasionally?

### **Donation of profit from March's Village Lunch**

We donated £35 from the March lunch profit to Milborne St Andrew Scout Pack. The Cubs and Beavers will be able to make good use of the money. See May's edition of the 'Reporter' for a photograph and more details. This month we are donating £35.00 to the Church's "Vicar on the Piddle" appeal for a kitchen and toilets in Church. Let us know of any ideas you have for future donations to groups/organisations within the village.

### **Good neighbours - keep up the good work**

Finally, can we ask everyone to keep looking out for anyone new to the village, or who has been ill, or who lives alone and may appreciate a Village Lunch Invitation? Milborne St Andrew is still a small enough village to be able to include everyone, so hopefully no-one feels lonely or left out.

*The Village Lunch has now been going for 6 months -*

*We couldn't have done it without your help - Thank you!*

PS. Have you seen yourself on the Village website?

Visit [www.milbornestandrew.org.uk](http://www.milbornestandrew.org.uk) and click on the Village Lunch on the CLUBS AND SOCIETIES page for photos and a movie.

