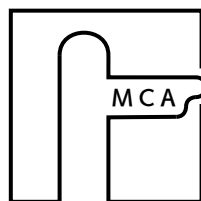




The Merley Magpie

Winter 2013
Newsletter



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The Merley Magpie

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Deadlines are: Spring issue: 15th Feb. Summer issue: 15th June,
Winter issue: 15th Oct.

Please send all material to: **Nina Thompson, Willow Cottage, Oakley Hill, Wimborne**, telephone **01202 848052** or email to: **editor@merley.org.uk**

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Interested in advertising in the Merley Magpie (rates from £12.00), or wanting to arrange a reminder for the next deadline?
Contact Nina as above

Merley Social Club

An exciting Charity Race Night took place on the 21st September. Over £1000 was raised for leukaemia and lymphoma research.

The Christmas bottle draw is underway and will be made on the 21st December. The New Year's Eve Ballroom Dance with buffet is organised. These both indicate that the festive season is rapidly approaching and the end of 2013 just around the corner.

This turns our minds to next year, when we will be offering reduced subscription fees to everyone. If you are not yet a member of the Social Club, it's a good time to join us and take advantage of drinks at lower than pub prices, as well as free wifi.

The Social Club Committee is always keen to get new ideas for activities and events to put on. If you have any suggestions we could use we would be delighted to hear from you. Just email me at: john.bennett12@virgin.net or contact any of the committee.

John Bennett
Secretary MSC

Website

www.merleysocialclub.btck.co.uk
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Merley Community Association Report

I must start my report by thanking our Editor Peter Spedding, for his excellent efforts over the past 12 years. After this edition he is standing down.

Three times a year, every year. Peter has managed to produce a very readable and informative free magazine for the locals of Merley. He has to cajole people like myself, and other contributors, to provide our articles by the deadline and he shows great patience with those who are usually late. (Cough cough!!).

He also has to contact and collect the money from advertisers, who are the sole source of income for this non-profit making publication and he has achieved this aim very satisfactorily.

To the advertisers, especially those who have been with us from the very start, I say very many thanks for your financial contributions, which make this magazine viable. I would again ask readers to support the advertisers if they ever need any of their services or products.

Luckily we have a volunteer to carry on Peter's job, so welcome and a big thank you to Nina Thompson (of Footlights Dance Academy fame), who has volunteered to take over as Editor with effect from the next Spring edition. I hope both readers and advertisers will give her their support, so that the Magpie can continue to flourish.

As always at this time of the year I would like to say a big thank you to Pauline Way, for the time consuming job of sorting the Magpie into the relevant bundles for those who deliver each and every edition to your door. A big thank you as well to those volunteers who deliver the magazines, 3 times a year.

May I now wish all readers, helpers and advertisers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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We have made a promising start to our 2013/14 campaign.

With John Groves taking over in the summer as Chairman the club, with some new managers/coaches in place, is looking to develop some new younger teams and build on the success of last season.

After a handful of games the Under 14 Girls team have continued their dominance of the New Forest league with a 100% record.

The Under 10s, guided by new manager Keith Chandler, also head their Dorset division after four games.

Neil Marsh has taken over as manager of the Under 15s and currently is battling at the top of Dorset Div 1 with Weymouth and local rivals Wimborne.

John Hill has returned to the club and his Under 16 side have made a promising start in the Dorset league.

Making the jump from mini football to 9-a-side is always difficult, but the Under 11s have made a good start in Bournemouth Div 1.

Our other sides at Under 18 level and Under 13 have had difficult starts to the season and will be looking to climb up their respective Dorset and Bournemouth leagues.

At Merley First school training has started on Saturday mornings, with the new Under 7 and Under 8 age groups. The Under 8s have already started playing games and

the Under 7s are due to start in the New Year.

Merley Cobham Sports Youth FC is always on the lookout for new players, from 6 to 18 years of age, of all abilities, both boys and girls. For more information please go to www.merleyallendale.co.uk.

Paul Whitty

Getting About Merley

Do you have difficulty in using Merley's pavements and paths? Having retired after 40 years of working for local highway authorities, I thought I would help Poole Council update their pedestrian improvements list for Merley.

Over the next few months I will survey all of our local pavements and paths. If your progress is hampered due to there being no dropped kerb, parking on the pavement, or brambles that threaten to reorganise your face, please let me know. Phone 01202 886377, afternoons only please.

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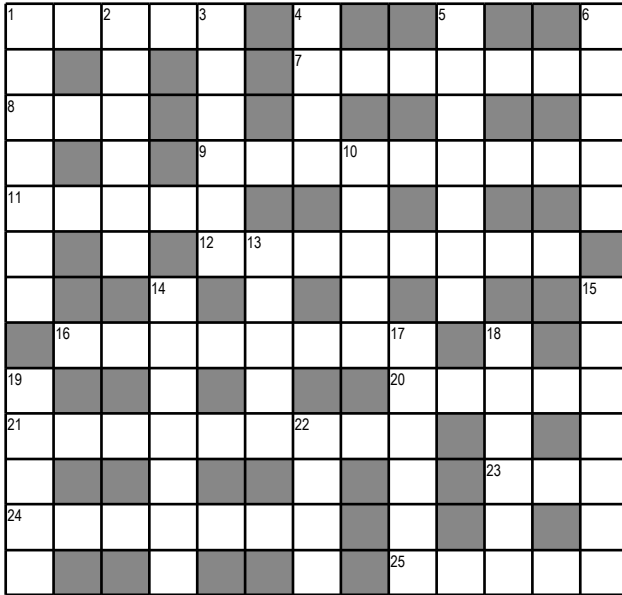
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Pete's Puzzle



Across

- 1 Speech sound (5)
- 7 Unyielding (7)
- 8 Obstruct a counter (3)
- 9 Altitude (9)
- 11 Role player (5)
- 12 Foursomes(8)
- 16 Crack (8)
- 20 Complete (5)
- 21 Fellow traveller (9)
- 23 Tavern (3)
- 24 Reprimand (7)
- 25 Woodwind parts (5)

Down

- 1 Dynamic (7)
- 2 Kindliness (6)
- 3 Sheets (6)
- 4 Unusual (4)
- 5 Overlooked (7)
- 6 Stop an upright position (5)
- 10 Personal servant (5)
- 13 Wagner's god (5)
- 14 Impedes large baskets (7)
- 15 Contracts (7)
- 17 Split (6)
- 18 Lower a flag (6)
- 19 Scratch (5)
- 22 Notion (4)

Answers on p14

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

31st December 2013

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BALLROOM/LATIN

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Harrier Drive Merley
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8.00 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.
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Brian Miller and the Merley Bus Protest

Many saw the TV news or the Echo's 'Blaze OAP dies in bid to save home', but Brian Miller was not named initially.

Brian was Merley's main television engineer for over a quarter of a century and lived here for over 40 years. We met him when he mended our CRT television - conscientious, friendly and reasonably priced. He played a large part in the community, including the Neighbourhood Watch, Social Club and the bus protest.

The Echo published 'Elderly stranded by bus changes' (June 2006). Brian said "There are many elderly and disabled people in this area who have no hope of walking all the way to the main road to catch the bus. It would only add a few minutes to the Flyer's journey to go through the estate, but it would make a huge difference to people's lives."

Brian and I gave a presentation to the Transport Advisory Group at Poole Council after a petition signed by a thousand residents and a protest outside the Civic Centre. Brian had spent three days photographing the danger of the Flyer going directly from Rempstone Road to Merley Lane with the traffic chaos near the school.

We had some immediate success, as the Flyer returned to Merley Gardens and the 32 route was extended to Bournemouth Hospital. Yellow lines were painted outside the school. Then we welcomed the hourly Yellow Bus 4d!

SEVEN YEARS LATER, our Flyer was ridiculously NEVER re-routed

back along Sopwith Crescent, despite the main objector, Wilts & Dorset MD Alex Carter, leaving.

Since 2012, other parts of Merley (unlike Corfe Mullen) no longer have a Wimborne Flyer - just the very slow number 4.

Yellow Buses have just announced that, from November 3, Route 4d will no longer serve Merley, so Sopwith Crescent still has no bus to Wimborne, and the Bournemouth link is lost.

Angry despairing residents filled the Lantern on 19th October to again protest to local councillors, our MP, Mr. McVie (Poole Council) and the bus companies.

Brian certainly earned the respect of many. While going to the Council he even told me that he had presented an invention on BBC's 'Tomorrow's World'. It is tragic that a physical handicap and love of technology contributed to this local hero's premature death and that his wish for better buses has not materialised.

David H. Wells

Sopwith Crescent, Merley

From Yellow Bus website

YELLOW Buses has announced changes to its network from Nov. 3rd.

Route 4d will be rerouted to operate via Parley, Ferndown and Leigh Road to Wimborne but will no longer serve Kinson, Bearwood and Merley.

Merley Community Pre-school



Merley Community Centre, Harrier Drive, Merley, Wimborne.
Phone: 07876 267984 Reg. Charity No:-1037295 www.merley.org

A new term heralds the start of new activities at Merley Community Pre-school. Last term saw us adventuring out and about in the local area on foot or by bus. We visited the local shops, the mobile library, the river, Wimborne Market and Wimborne Minster. We will be continuing our adventures throughout the coming year.

We are proud to announce that our pre-school Deputy, Jeannette Pike, has been awarded a Poole Borough Council and CACHE endorsed Special Educational Needs award. Jeannette is one of the few practitioners in Poole to have completed the new Special Educational Needs course. We are also proud to reveal that our leader Cara contributed an article in Nursery World magazine relating to the importance of outdoor play and exploration and the benefits to children.

We currently have spaces available in all sessions for children aged 2 – 4 yrs. Some morning sessions are almost full. If you would like to visit us, my team and I would be delighted to show you around, or phone 07876 267984.

Our 'Mini Movers' music and rhyme group for babies and pre-schoolers continues to flourish. The music and rhyme session, which is open to all families, is held on Tuesday afternoons during term time, in the lounge at the Community Centre. Refreshments are provided.

Christmas - following on from our successful Summer Holiday Club we will have a holiday club at Christmas from the 16th to the 20th December.

Lastly we would like to send our best wishes for the future to our leavers who started school last month. We hope that you have a fabulous time at school.

Cara (Pre-School Leader)
& the team

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Bobby Bennett, who you may remember as the presenter of the well loved Talent show from the 70's called 'Junior Showtime', is also a seasoned veteran of TV and the theatre for more than 50 year. A consummate performer of the highest order, and Aladdin is definitely one of his favourite pantomimes.

The beautiful Rachel Owens will add a sweet note as the lovely Princess Jasmine, a welcome contrast to the Evil Abanazer played by Jonas Clemm. The handsome Billy Roberts is Rags to Riches Aladdin. Paul Ewan is the

loveable Wishee Washee with his own witty confusion and comedy

Also let's not forget Merley born and bred Louise Morgan, who will add a touch of glamour as the trusted 'Fairy of the Ring'. Along with talented local juvenile performers from Footlight Performance Academy, based at our very own Merley Community Centre, who will be playing the dancers and villagers.

So all the cast is ready and waiting in the wings to amuse and entertain you in what is affectionately known as 'The world's favourite pantomime' with spectacular sets, beautiful costumes, dynamic and highly amusing script which will provide a wonderful magical Pantomime adventure, suitable for all the family, young and old.

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Cross word Answers

Across

1. vowel 7. adamant 8. Bar
9. elevation 11. actor
12. swelters 16. quartets
20. Utter 21. companion 23. inn
24. reprove 25. reeds

Down

1. vibrant 2. warmth 3. layers
4. rare 5. omitted 6. stand
10. valet 13. Wotan
14. hampers 15. shrinks
17. sunder 18. strike 19. score
22. idea



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