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## A LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

October is a month which is bookended with giving thanks. We begin the month giving thanks for the Harvest, and Creation, and we end the month giving thanks for those we have loved who have died.

The Community of the Churches in the Benefice of Milborne Port, Milborne Wick, Goathill, Charlton Horethorne and Stowell all celebrate their own Harvest Festival service, and as a rural community with many local farmers, please support those who work hard to tend and preserve our land, provide us with food, and often experience such difficult times financially. Can you look at our Harvest Festival times and see which one you can attend?

**(Goathill:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 p.m.)

**Milborne Port:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30 a.m.

**Stowell:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6.00 p.m.

**Charlton Horethorne:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 p.m.

**Milborne Wick:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 a.m.

All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup> November) and All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November) are sometimes collectively known as known as All Hallows Tide, with All Hallows Eve (Halloween) preceding them. With regards to All Souls, we are offering the chance to come into Church in Milborne Port at 4 p.m. on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to remember those we have loved and lost. There will be candles, gentle hymns, readings and a time to reflect. This year we are delighted to be offering some beautiful hearts which have been made by our community creative folk as take-away mementoes.



As we talk about remembering, and memory, I need to confess that I somehow managed to make a mistake with the Bible reference I mentioned last month in the Magazine. There are two wonderful readings in John's Gospel that people often quote; I quoted one, and gave the reference for the other! Thank you to those kind souls who noticed and yet didn't comment and embarrass me. Amusingly I had a dream that I had corrected it with the magazine editors – something I genuinely thought was real until the magazine was published. Whoops!

So, John 3:16 is (of course) *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'*

And John 10:10 is (of course) is the moment when Jesus tells us that his mission was to give us life in all its fullness.

I pray that October would bring you much to be thankful for.

*With every blessing,  
Rev Rona*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### MARRIAGE

2<sup>nd</sup> September

Charles Sprake & Caroline Mayo

### FUNERAL

8th September

David John Trim (Milborne Wick)



### R.I.P John Edmonds Died 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

We would like to thank you all for your messages of comfort and support at this sad time. John always enjoyed taking part in various Committees in the village, and served on the Parish Council for many years. He will be sadly missed by his family.

A service of Remembrance will be held at St John's Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 2 p.m., followed by refreshments in Church House afterwards.

*Mary Edmonds*

### CHURCH HOUSE 100 CLUB

#### Results of the September Draw

|                       |     |               |
|-----------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | £30 | Mrs E Dare    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | £20 | Mrs B Tindale |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | £10 | Mr R Bawtree  |



**Congratulations** to Paul Gumbrell, who took the stunning photograph on this month's cover. He spotted this beautiful hare reaching up for an apple from one of the trees at the Bowling Green.

We love to receive photos of scenes in the village that are just that bit different! If you have a great photo, please do send it in for consideration as a future cover! High-res images in landscape format, please, to

[magazine@milborneportchurches.org.uk](mailto:magazine@milborneportchurches.org.uk)

### Remembering



*Naomi Thorp's research has enabled us to commemorate each Milborne Port serviceman who died during WW2, on his anniversary. This series therefore appears in "real time" but 80 years on. Many thanks to Naomi for her work on this.*

### Ronald Locke died October 1943

Ronald Locke, born on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1922 at Petersfield in Hampshire, joined the Royal Navy in 1940 at the age of 18. He worked as a Canteen Assistant in the RN Canteen Service on board HMS Nigeria. At time of his death, aged 21 years, on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943, he was serving on HMS Charybdis and is buried in the English Cemetery at Dinard in Brittany, France. He is commemorated on the Milborne Port War Memorial as during WW2 his widowed mother was living at 78b Manor Road with her daughter Joan Moorse (Ronald's sister).



On the night that HMS Charybdis sank, HMS Limbourne was also sunk in the same enemy action with a total loss of over 500 men. Every year, in October, these men are remembered at a memorial service held at the Le Foulon Cemetery, St Peter Port, Guernsey.

### Royal British Legion: Milborne Port Branch



**Remembrance Poppies** will be on sale at The Tippling Philosopher and the Co-op  
**21<sup>st</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 – 12.00**

**Armistice Day 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Service of Remembrance  
at St John's Church 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**St John's Milborne Port  
Harvest Supper for Christian Aid  
Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Church House  
6.30 for 7 p.m.**

Tickets £7 to include two courses: a ploughman's supper (cheese or ham) followed by dessert, plus quiz. Please bring your own drink and glasses.

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You need to be organised, adaptable and DBS checked. You need to have transport, as sometimes things will need collecting from us in Horsington and taking over to Milborne Port. You need to be happy with wearing a well-fitting face mask, as J is immune-compromised.

Typical tasks: Washing up / Hanging up clean clothes in wardrobe / Changing bedclothes / Laying out food in the fridge / Keeping an eye on the electricity meter key balance / Some cleaning of a small one bedroom flat, although this could possibly be arranged separately / Dealing with things that crop up as required.

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### **Holy Land Pilgrimage, September 2024**

This time next year we will have just returned from a life changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Having listened to a lecture with the Archbishop of Canterbury, a representative from *Embrace the Middle East* Charity and a Palestinian Christian, I am more aware than ever how utterly vital it is that we, as a global family, understand the reality of what the current situation is in the land where God came to earth as a human being.

The pilgrimage is expensive, and it requires just over a week away from home, but the costs are high so that local, struggling Palestinian Christians can be paid a fair wage for what they do. And their hospitality is extraordinary.

This is likely to be the very last time I make such a Pilgrimage, and so if you are considering joining us, please sign up. The time away will give us a chance to reflect on our faith, with incredible sights and experiences each day, and we can consider carefully how we can make a difference in our world when we return.

I look forward to you joining me.

*Rev Rona*



## The New Breast Cancer Unit at Yeovil Hospital

The building of the new Breast Cancer Unit has commenced and you can see it from the dual carriageway in front of the Women's Hospital. We have very nearly reached the target amount needed. We needed £2.5 million and have so far raised over £2.4 million. So we continue to fund raise, and are still collecting unwanted and broken jewellery, and watches to reach the target.



This unit is so needed by the community, and we cannot thank people enough for their kindness in giving and making this possible.

**To donate any unwanted or broken jewellery or watches for this appeal please contact Maggie on 01963 250108**

## Milborne Wick Harvest Supper

**Celebrate the Harvest Season**

**Sunday 8 October 2023 6 p.m.**



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## Milborne Port Sports and Social Club Quiz Night

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**Starts at 8 P.M.**



**Quiz and Raffle in aid of  
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Maximum team size 6 people**

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## Congratulations to Lexie!



Lexie Coombs, aged 9, won a gold medal at the World Laser Run championships held at Bath University on 19<sup>th</sup> August. Together with her two team mates they were crowned Under 11 Girls Team World Champions.

Pentathlon Academy.

Lexie attends Leweston school and is a member of Leweston

We wish her luck for the upcoming UIPM Biathle/ Triathle World Championships in Bali, Indonesia in November.

## News from Milborne Port Parish Council



### We need your help...

We usually only like to publish 'good news' about the work of the Parish Council, but we are breaking our own rule this month because of the seriousness of the incidents last month at Springfield recreation ground. On the night of 7<sup>th</sup> September, the lower panel of the cricket pavilion lavatory was kicked in (crime reference number 5223229706) and on the night of 9<sup>th</sup> September, one of our new picnic benches was set alight and completely destroyed, leaving a wide circle of charred earth; the fire service attended (crime reference number 5223223847). Following the arson, social media was very active, as you can imagine, and it appeared that the names of those responsible were known and had been passed on to the police. However, at the time of writing, the police are still waiting to hear from local residents who might have important information. In cases like this it is too easy to assume that 'someone else' is going to contact the police, so if you do know something that could prove useful to these investigations, please be that 'someone else' and contact the police by calling 101 or by e-mailing the IAU Desktop Officer, John Avery: john.avery@avonandsomerset.police.uk

### And now for the good news...

The new fencing around the play area has been installed and is looking very smart!



## Parish Council Meetings in October

**Full Council:** Tuesday 3rd;

**Planning and Environment Committee:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings take place in the upstairs chamber of the Town Hall and start at 7.00 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can address the meeting with questions or comments from 7-7.15pm.

*Simon Pritchard – Parish Clerk* clerk@milborneportpc.org.uk

*Nathalie Hetherington – Deputy* office@milborneportpc.org.uk

*Find us on Facebook! Search: Milborne Port Community Council*

*Parish Council Website: www.milborneportpc.org.uk*



## News from Citizens Advice

Have you got additional costs now the new school year has started? Help is available, for example, children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. Also, if you're on a low income, your Local Education Authority may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs/>



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I am writing this at the end of the children's first full week back at school. It has been lovely to see everyone working hard in their classrooms. Gradually, I am learning the 157 names of the children in school as well as the names of those attending The Beeches Pre-School!

The teachers have been busy planning exciting learning opportunities for the children. Year 1 (Medlycott class) are going to Trent in November and Year 3/4 (Kingsbury class) are off to Carymoor, near Castle Cary, in October as part of their History work on the Vikings. Year 6 (Crackmore class) are looking ahead to their residential visit to Bude in the Summer. Visits and visitors really enrich our curriculum and provide experiences that the children will remember for a long time.

I am delighted that we are building links with community groups and organisations. Prior to Covid, some of our Year 6 children were waiters and waitresses at the Tuesday Luncheon Club which meets in Church House. From October, a group of Year 6 children are going to help out once a month. We are also working alongside the Library and Ven House to enhance our curriculum further.

Our PTFA committee has been busy planning a range of fundraising activities for the year. On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a Winter Fayre here at school, to which you are warmly invited. More details next month.



Jonathan Rodd  
Headteacher



## Village Hall Movies

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Milborne Port Village Hall will be screening *Allelujah* (certificate 12). The screening starts at 7.30 p.m., with doors opening from 7 p.m.

Authored by Alan Bennett, *Allelujah* is a warm and deeply moving story about old age.

When the geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure, the hospital decides to fight back by galvanizing the local community: They invite a news crew to film their preparations for a concert in honour of the hospital's most distinguished nurse. What could possibly go wrong?

*Allelujah* celebrates the spirit of the elderly patients whilst paying tribute to the deep humanity of the medical staff battling with limited resources and ever-growing demand. The film stars Jennifer Saunders, Russell Tovey, Derek Jacobi and Judi Dench.

Tickets will be available for sale from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, exclusively from Wayne Pullen. Ticket prices have been maintained again (£5.00 per person in advance, and £6.00 on the door). As usual, a limited wine and beer bar will be available, and continuing this season, we can accept payment for "on the Door" tickets (and bar items) by credit or debit card.

**Save the Date!**

**St John's Church Quiz Night at the Village Hall**

**With Fish & Chips from Something Else Fishy!**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start**

# CHURCH SERVICES

*(including the Principal Service Readings)*

Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel at St John's: Daily at 9 a.m.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

*Philippians 2.1-13, Matthew 21.23-32*

*Harvest readings 2 Corinthians 9:6-end, Luke 17:11-19*

|            |                  |                            |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 9.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion   | <b>Charlton Horethorne</b> |
| 10.30 a.m. | Harvest Festival | <b>Milborne Port</b>       |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Harvest Festival | <b>Stowell</b>             |

## Weds 4<sup>th</sup> October

|            |                    |                      |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Mid-week Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
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## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

*Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 13-end*

|            |                  |                            |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 9.00 a.m.  | Holy Communion   | <b>Goathill</b>            |
| 10.30 a.m. | Parish Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b>       |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Harvest Festival | <b>Charlton Horethorne</b> |

## Weds 11<sup>th</sup> October

|            |                |                      |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
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## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

*Philippians 4. 1-9, Matthew 22. 1-14*

|            |                  |                            |
|------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 9.00 a.m.  | Harvest Festival | <b>Milborne Wick</b>       |
| 10.30 a.m. | Matins           | <b>Milborne Port</b>       |
| 6.00 p.m.  | Holy Communion   | <b>Charlton Horethorne</b> |

# FOR OCTOBER

## Weds 18<sup>th</sup> October

|            |                |                      |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

*Thessalonians 1.1-10, Matthew 22.15-22*

|            |                |                      |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
| 3.00 p.m.  | Evensong       | <b>Goathill</b>      |

## Weds 25<sup>th</sup> October

|            |                |                      |
|------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
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## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October *Last after Trinity*

*Colossians 3.12-17, Matthew 24.30 - 35*

|            |                           |                      |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 10.30 a.m. | All Saints                |                      |
|            | <b>Benefice Communion</b> | <b>Milborne Port</b> |
| 4.00 p.m.  | All Souls Service         | <b>Milborne Port</b> |



## St Peter's Church, Goathill

Please note that from October all our Evensong services will be at 3 p.m.

**All Welcome!**

# Milborne Port Climate and Nature Action Group

## The Science is Clear: No New Oil & Gas



The climate crisis is here, and its deadly impacts will escalate rapidly. The summer was packed with weather anomalies, but some were so abnormal they sent a wave of consternation through the scientific community. Unsurprisingly, 82% of UK adults are now concerned about climate change and there is majority support across all voting groups for the UK to reduce its emissions to Net Zero by 2050. Two thirds of voters polled said they'd be proud to support a party which was in favour of generating more electricity from renewables such as solar and wind. Yet our government has recently granted 100 new licenses for oil and gas in the North Sea; the (false) arguments in favour of doing so are rife with misinformation.

### The realities are:

\*Only ~ **1%** of major fossil fuel companies' spending goes towards **low carbon energy** \***Jobs** in North Sea oil and gas are already at risk due to dwindling supplies \***Emissions** from new fossil fuels **dwarf** those proposed to be captured by technologies unproven to work at scale \***Renewables** now offer significantly better value and stability than fossil fuels \*UK licences **do not** guarantee UK supply (most gets exported) \***NOT decarbonising rapidly costs MUCH more**

Sources: please see our website.

The latest progress report from the government's own Climate Change Committee is that there is a "lack of urgency" and "loss of leadership" being shown in relation to the UK's climate commitments.

So, where do you and I come in? Well, everyone needs to stop making excuses or blaming others and instead start taking greater responsibility for our children's and our own future – in our interactions with politicians, and in opting for ethical and sustainable

alternatives to each and every aspect of our daily lives: our money; travel; holidays; food; you name it...

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**See the graphic on page 27 for how we can escape the "Climate Blame Game" that's failing us, with "Climate Leadership at all Levels".**

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## The October Night Sky

*'When I gaze at the Moon all things seem sad. Though I know the Autumn comes not to me alone'*

Ōe No Chisato

According to Irish folklore the best time to pick sloe berries for making sloe gin is during a full moon. Moon fairies live in Blackthorn and curse those who disturb them. However, the fairies leave the

bushes during a full moon to worship Rhiannon, the Devine Queen of Faeries, making it safe to pick the sloe berries.



The 11<sup>th</sup> of October is Old Michaelmas Day, the day the Devil fell from heaven, landed on a bramble and cursed its fruits. Blackberries are traditionally not eaten after this day.

**1st:** The Moon is near Jupiter. They rise at 8 pm in the northeast reaching their pinnacle at 3 am on the next day.

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Last quarter Moon

**10<sup>th</sup>:** Close approach of the Moon and Venus. They both rise in the early morning at 3.30 am in the east.

**14<sup>th</sup>** New Moon

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Peak of the Orionid meteor shower, when the debris from Halley's Comet ploughs into the Earth's atmosphere. Runs from 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** First quarter Moon

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Full Moon. October was the month when people prepared for the coming winter by hunting and slaughtering livestock, the Full Moon was known as the 'Hunter's Moon' or 'Blood Moon'.

**28<sup>th</sup>:** Close approach of the Moon and Jupiter. Also a partial lunar eclipse reaching maximum extent by about 9:15 p.m. (only a small area will be darkened)

**29<sup>th</sup>:** British Summer Time ends – clocks back an hour.

### Sunrise and Sunset

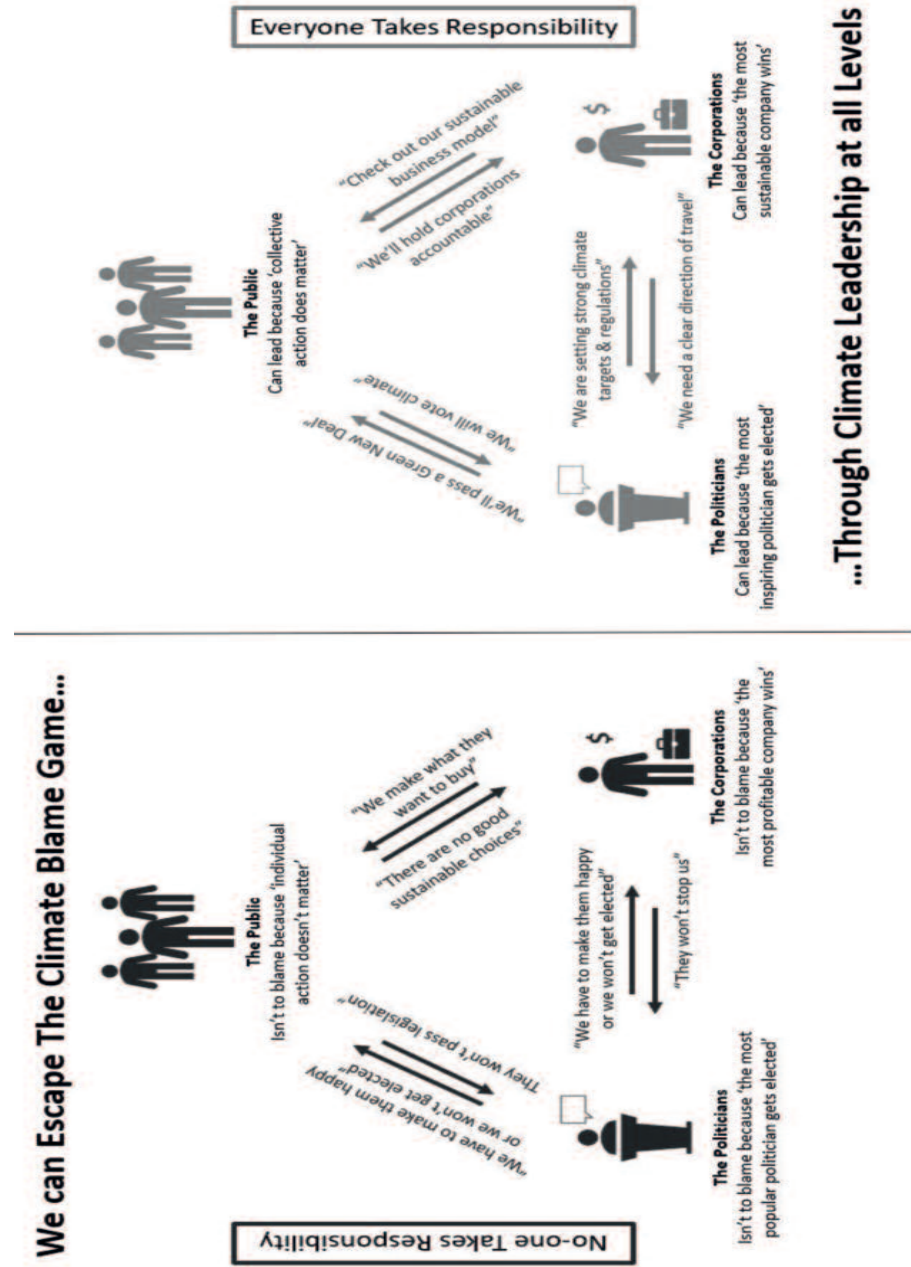
1<sup>st</sup>: Sunrise 7.08 am Sunset: 6.50 p.m.

31<sup>st</sup>: Sunrise 6.58\* am Sunset: 4.48 p.m.

In Milborne Port, the first day of the month is 11 hours, 42 minutes long. The last day of October is 09 hours, 50 minutes, so the length of the days gets 01 hour, 52 minutes shorter in October 2023.

*Good Viewing.*

*Ganymede*



## The Migration Phenomenon

Terms such as ‘summer or winter visitor’, ‘passage migrant’ and ‘resident’ are useful as they indicate whether some birds are likely or unlikely to be seen around the village at different times of the year.

Last January I saw my first Fieldfare drinking at the water’s edge in Lower Kingsbury. A ‘winter visitor’, it arrives in the UK around October and leaves in April flying north to Scandinavia, east to Central Europe or Siberia to breed.

In contrast, more familiar birds such as Swifts, House Martins and Chiffchaffs are ‘summer visitors’ arriving in the village each spring to breed when insects or seeds and fruits are plentiful. Their departure to richer feeding grounds in Southern Europe and Africa often signals the end of summer.

For these non-resident birds, migration routes may involve distances of thousands of miles and are often hazardous due to poor weather, starvation due to the high energy demands of flight and inadequate food supplies en route. Yet 40% of the world’s birds migrate, albeit some shorter distances than others. It all comes down to food availability. By travelling from one part of the globe to another, migrating birds take advantage of the most favourable conditions for breeding and feeding themselves and their young.



The photo shows a Northern Wheatear taken in September. This bird may have been a summer resident here or a ‘passage migrant’ travelling from the Arctic to Africa, a distance of some 9,000 miles, which is one of the longest ranges of any songbird. An amazing feat for a bird which only weighs a few grams!

*Jane Hewitt*

## Milborne Port Gardening Club

It was good to have so many of our members returning to our indoor meetings which will now run monthly in the Village Hall until May next year when we will again be enjoying visits to other gardens and venues. We did not have a speaker for the evening but had fun choosing a cover for our 2024 programme booklet from pictures of daffodils (3 in a pot) submitted by members. Castle Gardens in Sherborne had kindly donated the bulbs for us to grow. We have just collected more free bulbs to grow this autumn for spring flowering – these free bulbs are a bonus for members of the club. Members also brought in fuchsia plants again grown from donated plug plants from Castle Gardens. There was a gardening voucher prize for the best in show! We then discussed plants we had lost during last winter’s very cold snaps. It generally appeared that plants in pots had fared worse than those in the ground. Good practice would be to ensure your pots are able to drain well and keep watering to a minimum during the winter to prevent any trapped water becoming frozen.

Gardens are probably not looking their best at the moment as many summer flowering plants have gone over and, at least in my garden, there seems to be heavy early leaf fall. Some still nice-looking autumn garden features are the flowers and seed heads of the hydrangeas and the beautiful *Sedum spectabile* (fleshy succulent plant with deep pink saucer-like flower heads) is both pretty and attracting many pollinating insects. Now is also the time to plant new bulbs and hardy annuals for a good display next spring so do go out and enjoy any remaining sunny days.

If you want to know anything more about the Club, or join us, then please come to any meeting or contact the secretary (pamalexander@btinternet.com). Membership is £14.00 for 2023 and we welcome guests to our meetings with a fee of £2.00.

*Pam Alexander*



First of all, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning which we held in the High Street on 8th September. We collected around £700 for Macmillan. Our gratitude goes to all the businesses and individuals who kindly donated prizes for our raffle, people who made cakes and of course the customers! I would also like to thank Martin Else for letting us have the use of his tables and chairs.

At our September meeting, the speaker was Mike Rendell whose talk was entitled 'More Tea Anyone?'. He told us the fascinating story of how a few leaves led to a worldwide phenomenon. I know we take having a cup of tea (or several) for granted nowadays, but it was extremely expensive a few hundred years ago and only drunk by the very rich.

Some of us went to Henstridge WI this month for their annual croquet and cream tea afternoon. They also invited Wincanton and Stalbridge so it's good to mix with other WIs. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't suitable for playing croquet so we stayed in their village hall playing games and quizzes before having the cream tea.

Our next meeting takes place in our WI Room which we share with the library on Thursday 12th October at 7.30 p.m. This will be a Cheese and Wine evening. We hope to see our regular members there, as well as any new, or possible, members. Please just come along if you fancy a social evening out.

In the meantime, we still run our weekly coffee mornings from 10.30 a.m. on Fridays where you can buy a very good cup of coffee for only £1.50, with a complimentary biscuit - slices of cake are extra and the hospitality is free!

*Christine Porter*

## **Friends of Milborne Port Library**

**In the Town Hall – for opening hours see page 35**

**Knit & Natter:** Despite it being a very hot day our first Yarn and Natter session was a success, and we look forward to seeing more 'crafters' in October – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Book Sale:** We now have a permanent shelf of second-hand books for sale – come in and have a browse.

**Summer Reading Challenge:** Millie attended the assembly at the primary school and handed out the medals and certificates for those children who had completed the challenge. The first child to finish the SRC was Taio Dewberry who received a £5 book token from Winstone's.

**Storytime and Craft** is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 10.45am.



Sharing the Coffee Morning on Fridays with the Glovelies is also proving very popular. Do come and have coffee and cake and join the conversations. You may make some new

friends!

**Library Information Update:** The library use has seen a steady increase during 2023. Extra activities during library hours are creating more interest. As well as the children's activities, there is the Knit & Natter. Our brilliant Library staff can do more in a building than could be done in the vehicle.



*Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com*

## Milborne Port History and Heritage Group

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, archaeologist Chris Tripp will be giving a presentation on the history of Stalbridge House.



It was on the instigation of Stalbridge History Society that the excavation at Stalbridge Park was carried out. Dorset Diggers Community Archaeology Group gained permission from the landowner, Mr Richard de Pelet, to undertake a geophysical survey and excavations to locate any surviving features associated with Stalbridge House, built in the early 1600s and demolished in the 1820s and once owned in the late 1600s by Sir Robert Boyle, of Boyle's Law fame, and one of the leading scientists of his day. Excavations were carried out in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022 which found surviving foundations and many artefacts from the 200 years of the structure's life.



Do join us at 7.30 p.m. at Church House. We are a charity and ask for a suggested donation of £2 per member or £5 per non-member to cover costs .

Many thanks to our stalwart supporters who attended the social quiz and raffle event on 21<sup>st</sup> August. We all had great fun and managed to raise a very respectable sum to help fund future activities and events. And Tim Medhurst had us all mesmerised during his talk on 18<sup>th</sup> September, sharing his love of a selection of his own antiques – including a 17<sup>th</sup> century bible and an early 19<sup>th</sup> century golden witch's ball (a bit like a giant Christmas bauble!) – and then very skilfully and knowledgeably commenting on and valuing some intriguing antiquities that members of the audience had brought in. Tim is such an engaging, warm and entertaining speaker; we hope that this is not the last that we see of him in Church House!

## Picture Quiz

Last month we showed you a lady standing in the porch of one of the cottages at East View. Three readers contacted us with three different identifications! Is it Queenie Hallett? Is it Mrs Hyde, wife of Bill Hyde a local carpenter? Or is it Mrs Annie Cory, a good friend of Mary Clothier's grandmother and mother of Mary's stepfather.

Given that Mary was related to this lady, I think that Mary 'has it'! Annie had six children and, as you can well imagine, sometimes found looking after such a large family overwhelming, especially as her husband was abroad much of the time. Mary's grandmother told her that one day a relative of Annie advised her to 'never look married', in other words, always take pride in yourself and in your appearance to make yourself feel good. Ever after that, Annie always dressed up, wearing a pretty dress and a necklace even to hang out the washing. Mary last saw Annie when she was in her nineties, and she was beautifully dressed even then. She is buried in St John's churchyard along with her son Rudolf, Mary's stepfather.



Here is the couple with four of their children, at Paddock Walk in 1913. Mary has written about the Cory family and you can find the article in the *Social and Family History* section of our website.

This time... Can anyone tell us who this little sweetie-pie is, or where/when the picture was taken?



The last word this month must go to our very own Lyn Harrison, who will have left Milborne Port for pastures new by the end of the year. She has been a lynch-pin of our group from its inception and always worked so hard to promote and share her love of all things historical – especially when related to our lovely village. It will be hard to replace her in our group because she took on so much of the organisation and administration, so we are only very reluctantly letting her go. A huge ‘thank you’ to her from all of us.

*Nathalie Hetherington*  
<http://milborneporthistory.org.uk>  
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## MAGAZINE DEADLINES

All entries for the November issue of the magazine to the editor please by Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 12 noon latest.

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