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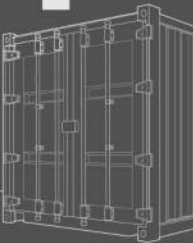
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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

Welcome to June! It's one of the best months in this country with the natural world reminding us of its beautiful presence all around us.

I wonder if you have come across the superb BBC Sounds series called Soul Music? Various songs are covered telling stories of people from around the world and how the song impacted them. I was listening to Otis Redding recently – *Sitting on the Dock of the Bay*. It is well worth a listen. But June seems to me the perfect month to 'sit on the dock', or a bench, or somewhere peaceful, and just contemplate the 'tide rolling away'. I say this, but many people cannot recall a time when they just sat idly resting and mulling things over.

That made me think about another piece of music – this one a well known hymn, 'Dear Lord and Father'. One of the verses talks about Elijah when he met God on the top of Mount Horeb. God wasn't in the thunder, the wind, the earthquake, the fire, but God was in the sound of sheer silence. That's the kind of sound we hear when we sit on the dock of the bay. Maybe not even mulling things over, but simply listening to that 'sheer silence'.

Humans have active brains, and with the 24/7 input from multiple devices these days, it is even harder to hear that sheer silence – there is far too much noise (literal, and internal noise) drowning it out.

But as we enter June, let's feel encouraged to sit on the dock of the bay (or whatever our equivalent), to look at the natural world blooming around us, to listen to the sound of nature and become more aware of the sound of sheer silence. It is God's way of telling us of his profound love for us.

I wish you a happy and quiet June.

With love, Rev Rona



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

5th May Rosie Cox

WEDDINGS

17th May Emily Taylor and Ben Craft

25th May Megan Loveridge and Will Evered *Ch. Horethorne*

FUNERAL

13th May John Ernest King



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Results of the May Draw

1st Prize £30 Anon (No. 4)

2nd Prize £20 Mr R Hall

3rd Prize £10 Anon (No. 95)

Goathill - Duck Race

We raised **£682.03 !**

Thank you to everybody who contributed to this magnificent amount. We truly appreciate your support!

St Peter's Church, Goathill



Also grateful thanks to everyone who supported the Ukulele Cream Teas on Sunday 19th May. This was another successful event which raised £368.60.

Deeply Appreciated!. St Peter's Church Goathill.

RIP Mary Sylvia Edmonds

Passed away peacefully on 15th May 2024

Mary was actively involved in many aspects of life in Milborne Port. Having lived in the village for all of her 89 years, she had a strong sense of the village community. Most significantly Mary was a Brownie leader for over 30 years as well as being involved with the Commonalty Trust.

A much loved Mum, cherished friend and kind hearted, fun loving lady who will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.



Photo: Susan Edmonds

A service of Remembrance will be held at St. John's Church on Friday 28th June at 1 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Church House.

Hairy Bikers Lunch

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the lunch a huge success. So many generous people gave both of their time and donations of food and raffle prizes. Also to all who came and enjoyed eating the delicious food. £730 was raised, which has been given to the Sherborne branch of Marie Curie.

Susan Wales



Royal British Legion

D Day Badges will be sold in Milborne Port from Thursday 6th June at the following places:
The Co-op, Wayne Pullen Family Butchers, The Social Club and The Tippling Philosopher.

*With thanks
Maggie Pelly*

Remembering



This is an occasional series, commemorating each of the 19 Milborne Port men who died in service during the Second World War, on the 80th anniversary of his death. It reflects the wartime losses in real time but 80 years on. Our thanks to Naomi Thorp for her work on this.

Clifford Woodhouse died June 1944

Clifford Woodhouse was a Lance Corporal in the Reconnaissance Corps when he died in France, aged 32 years, on 27th June 1944. He is buried at Bayeux War Cemetery in Normandy. His parents were Henry & Rosa Woodhouse of East Street and he was the elder of their two sons. Educated at Foster's School, Sherborne, his name is listed on the 1939-1945 Roll of Honour now displayed at the Gryphon School in the town. After leaving Foster's School he was awarded a scholarship by the Worshipful Company of Leather Sellers, to the Leather Sellers College at Bermondsey. Here he spent two years studying the art of dyeing and finishing leather. On leaving the College, he joined the staff of Thomas Ensor & Son in Milborne Port.

Like his father and both grandfathers before him, Clifford was a keen cricketer and, in one half-day match, scored a century for the village team.

Congratulations to **Emma Black** who took our cover picture showing the Aurora Borealis. Just a little of the village in evidence (It's Prankerds Road) but this was the picture showing the most dramatic sky .

We welcome your photos for consideration as future covers. Please email your high res, landscape photos of any scenes in and around Milborne Port to

magazine@milborneportchurches.org.uk

News from the Parish Council

At the meeting of the Full Council on 7th May 2024, Cllr. Tim Carty was re-elected as the Chairperson of Milborne Port Parish Council for the coming municipal year.



'The love of gardening is a seed once sown that never dies.' – Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932)

Many thanks to Karen Gough and Clive Laughton for brightening up the bus-stop at Crackmore! *Milborne Port in Bloom* is sadly no longer able to operate as a group in the village but there is great work being done by individuals, including at the Grove Garden in Church Street, the Ball Court, on Gainsborough, at the cemetery and by Karen and Clive in various part of the village, with support from the Parish Council. And the hanging baskets will also be returning to the High Street in the Summer! If you would like to volunteer to help with the maintenance of the Grove Garden and/or the Ball Court, do get in touch!

Litter Picking Star!

Enormous thanks to Poppy Davis who has finished her three-month stint of litter picking at Gainsborough and Springfield playparks for her Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. She has done a great job and we are very grateful for her efforts! If there are any other budding-volunteer-litter-picking-young-people out there, do get in touch! We will happily accommodate your needs!



Annual Parish Meeting Report

The report of the meeting held on 23rd April 2024 can be found on the Milborne Port Community website: <http://milborneport.org.uk/>

How to report problems to Somerset Council

From time to time, residents report problems to us that are outside the remit of the Parish Council, for example overgrowing hedges, obstructed pavements, fly-tipping and potholes. Whilst we often help out by reporting these issues ourselves, it is usually more effective if residents make their own reports as they often have better knowledge and first-hand experience of the impact of the problem and can monitor any developments. It is very easy to make a report via the Somerset Council website: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/contact-us/>

Parish Council Meetings in June: Full Council: Tuesday 4th; Planning and Environment Committee: Tuesday 18th.

Meetings take place in the Town Hall and start at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can address the meeting with questions or comments from 7-7.15pm. If you would like to attend but would experience access difficulties, please let us know in advance and we will relocate to the Community Room downstairs.

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

General Election July 4th

During the election campaign we will not be printing details of Sarah Dyke's activities, nor those of the other candidates.

If you will not be able to vote in person on July 4th, you can apply for a postal vote **at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>**

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Milborne Port Community Plan

The Steering Committee is working towards tailoring the survey that Milborne Port residents will be encouraged to complete later this year. If you are interested in contributing to the work of this group and would like to become involved in its design and choice of survey questions, or if you feel there are specific issues within the parish that you would like to see being surveyed, please get in touch with Cllr. Tim Carty for more information: tim.carty@milborneportpc.org.uk. The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be on Monday 3rd June at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall.



We have had a busy half term at Milborne Port Primary School. As you may have heard, we had an OFSTED inspection on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd May. We are unable to share the outcome of this until the report has been quality assured, but we will let you know in a future edition of

the magazine. While the inspection was taking place, Year 4 were enjoying their residential visit to Leeson House, near Swanage. The children enjoyed their night away from home, although I'm not sure that the boys got much sleep! On Thursday 16th May, Year 4 visited Ven House as part of their Science topic. Lunch was kindly provided and the children then enjoyed a tour of the grounds and meeting the two resident donkeys. We would like to express our thanks to Lord Allen, Mike Fisher and their staff for being so accommodating and welcoming.

We have welcomed many visitors into school this half term as part of a focus on careers in assemblies. Visitors have included Mark Henderson (a tailor for Gieves and Hawkes), James Bennett (a parent who is a pilot with Virgin Atlantic), Vicky Cotter (a barrister), Etta Paul (a children's author) and Reverend Rona. In addition, we welcomed staff from Yeovil Town Football Club who visited with the trophy awarded to the team for winning the National League South. Our MP, Sarah Dyke, visited school to see our 'Busy Bees' hard at work in the school garden. Sarah, who is a keen gardener herself, was impressed by the work that has taken place over the past few weeks. Our thanks are due to four parents who regularly give up their Thursday lunchtimes to help with this.

Our Year 6 children have recently completed their SATs tests. These are national assessments that all children have to do at the end of Key Stage 2. They are now auditioning for parts in the Summer production which will be performed in July. In June, Year 1 will have their phonics screen check, Year 4 will be tested on their knowledge of multiplication facts and other year groups will complete end of year assessments.

We have recently had a 'South Africa' day in school too. Mrs Sweatman led a whole school assembly and told us about the primary school she attended in Johannesburg. The children dressed in the colours of the South African flag and completed a range of South Africa themed activities. Days such as these increase children's understanding of diversity and develop their cultural awareness.

After half term, the Year 6 children are off to Bude for their residential visit. We hope that they will enjoy this and all of the activities that are on offer.

Jonathan Rodd, Headteacher

Milborne Port PTFA

Support Milborne Port Primary School by entering our raffle to win one of many prizes including: Vouchers for Farmer Palmers, Pear Tree Deli, Goldenstones Leisure Centre, Oxley Sports Centre, Swimming at Freshwater Bay Swimming Pool, Beauty treatments from Peachy, The Beauty Den and Courtyard Salon, Coffee from Beanshot and many more (see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/milborneportprimaryschoolptfa for the full list).

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Milborne Port Football Club



As the 2023-24 season draws to a close, we see our under 16 side move to the next stage of their footballing journey. Managed by David Colohan from under 7's through to under 16, David also manages the A team in our adult section.

Many of the players David has coached from under 7 have continued with the team throughout and this season has seen five under 16 players involved within the adult section of the club.

Moving forward, David is hoping to integrate more of this age group into the adult section, along with a new under 18 team that will bridge the gap between our youth and adult section.

David has been supported throughout by Duncan Beardsley to coach and develop the team, as well as being sponsored and supported by TZZ Estates (kit and training sponsor), Abbey Contractors (SW) Ltd (Training sponsor) and Helyar Groundworks (ball sponsor).



The pictures show the team as under 7's and the team they've grown into at under 16's.

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Community Thanksgiving Service

You may have noticed the addition of a 3rd Saturday service within St John's list of services, and on the Pew News. It is probably worth explaining a little about this service, because it's important for you to know that this service is FOR YOU!

We decided to introduce a regular service on a Saturday to offer a slot for people to **come and celebrate**, or give thanks for any events or occasions have brought them joy. This is a time when you can request a Baptism - including an Adult Baptism, perhaps the blessing of a marriage on a special wedding anniversary, for praying thanks and God's blessing on Civil Partnerships or Civil Marriages, or maybe an organisation or business has reached a milestone that the community are grateful for.



All of these are valid and life-enhancing moments of celebration within our communities across this Benefice, and there wasn't a regular slot where this could be included.

As a group of Churches within this beautiful part of the countryside we want to do all we can to share the relevance of God's love and the life giving nature of faith. Please do get in touch with Rev Rona or the Leadership Team if you would like to arrange a celebration.

St John's Church Summer Fete

will be on July 20th

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Open Gardens and Prosecco Cream Tea

This Charity event in aid of St John's Church is on **Sat 15th June 2:30-5:30** Tickets £10 each in advance from Wayne's Butchers, or call the number below by 4 p.m. on Friday 14th. Tickets on the door will be £12.

Take your tickets to Church House Bathwell Lane from 2:30 to get your map of the gardens which will be open around the village and to book your cream tea, which will include a glass of prosecco or non-alcoholic fizz.



This year's event coincides with Great Big Green Week, and Sarah Warren is opening her Wildlife Haven garden for us. Lifts to this garden will be available. Many of the other gardens also aspire to support biodiversity as we all become aware of the crisis affecting wildlife.

Our thanks to Silverthorne Farm for sponsoring the clotted cream.

Anne Salkeld 07841 434130

YDH Breast Cancer Unit

On June 14th I am doing a bucket collection for the artificial flowers for the unit. I could do with one or two more helpers so if anyone felt free for an hour it would be great. It is outside Waitrose and you will be on with someone else. You can park free at Waitrose but have to sign in on arrival.

With many thanks to those who have already supported this appeal.

Maggie 01963 250108

CHURCH SERVICES

(including the Principal Service Readings)

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

Saturday 1st June

12:00 p.m. Baptism Milborne Port

Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-28 & 3:1-6

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Evensong Stowell

Wednesday 5th June

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 8th June

3:00 p.m. Wedding Milborne Port

Sunday 9th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 4:13-18 & 5:1, Mark 3:20-35

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP Goathill

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

12:00 p.m. Baptism Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Evensong Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 12th June

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 15th June

10:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Milborne Port

2:00 p.m. Wedding Charlton Horethorne

FOR JUNE

Sunday 16th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 & 5:14-17, Mark 4:26-34

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Wick

10:30 a.m. Matins Milborne Port

12:00 p.m. Baptism Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 19th June

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 22nd June

2:00 p.m. Baptism Milborne Port

Sunday 23rd June 4th Sunday after Trinity

2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Evensong Goathill

Wednesday 26th June

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 30th June 5th Sunday after Trinity

2 Timothy 4:6-8 & 4:17-18, Matthew 16:13-19

10:30 a.m. Benefice Service Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 3rd July

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 6th July

11:30 a.m. Baptism Charlton Horethorne

Milborne Port Climate and Nature Action group

Everything will change – will you and I help make it for good or ill?



My childhood bird book published in 1970 records the status of birds that we no longer hear and see or, which, heart-breakingly, are fast disappearing from our lives: Swifts and Swallows were very common; Turtle Doves, House Martins and Spotted Flycatchers were common; even Nightingales were fairly common. In the past decade alone populations of insect-eating Swifts, House Martins and Swallows have dropped by 40%. There are also fewer places for them to nest as old houses are renovated, leaving fewer gaps in roofs and eaves - putting up special boxes for them and/or installing bricks for Swifts can help. The decline of insects means there is less food around for these birds and their chicks; this is scary – we all depend on insects.

It is extra lovely, therefore, to see many unmown areas flourishing around the village, giving joy to so many of us, and providing native plant growth for insects to breed as well as feed. Thank you to all involved. Ditching pesticides and growing as many native plants and shrubs as possible helps. Visit our sustainable Wildlife Garden which is open during Great Big Green Week for the Church's Open Gardens on Saturday 15th!

As the economist Professor Sir Partha Gupta so aptly puts it, GDP totally ignores how much nature is being lost to create so-called growth. Imagine a football team which measures its success only on the basis of the goals it scores and doesn't count the goals it concedes. That football team could be losing without recognizing it. If we were to include the loss of nature as part of GDP, our economies aren't looking so successful anymore. It's not customary to take nature seriously in mainstream economics but it's a massive mistake to think of nature as an infinite source of goods and services. A report has warned that

destroying nature will cause a bigger economic slump than the 2008 crisis, not to mention the damage to agriculture and our food supplies. And, similarly, the economic damage wrought by climate change is six times worse than previously thought, with global heating set to shrink wealth at a rate consistent with the level of financial losses of a continuing permanent war.

We can and must do something now to ensure the huge changes ahead are for our good and not ill.

Sign & share your support for the Climate & Nature Bill:
<https://action.zerohour.uk>

One thing you can do: Join Chris Packham and the NT, RSPB – all the nature charities - for the #RestoreNatureNow march and rally in London on 22 June at 12. See you there! Visit **www.restorenaturenow.com**

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The Humble Sparrow

If, like me, you enjoy taking part in the RSPB Great Garden Bird Watch, you may know that the House Sparrow took top spot this year for being the most common bird sighted by the 610,000 people who took part (Source: RSPB). A great result considering its numbers have continued to decline and it has been on the UK red list for conservation since 2002 (Source: British Trust for Ornithology).

Although they may appear rather drab compared to other garden birds, closer inspection of the House Sparrow reveals an attractive and charismatic little bird.

Being a very sociable bird, House Sparrows tend to feed and nest in groups or 'colonies' of about 10 to 20 individuals. We are fortunate to have many of these little colonies scattered about the village; instantly recognised by the noisy chirping that can be heard as you walk past. The colony near the Co-op is particularly lively and interesting to watch, especially when minor excitements and squabbles break out.



House Sparrows mate for life, but unusually, the male and female also stay together all year round. The male builds the nest while the female incubates the eggs; both feed the offspring. As they favour environments around human habitation, House Sparrows frequently feed on seeds and

nuts from bird feeders. But at this time of year they can also be seen foraging for insects such as greenfly and caterpillars which are fed to their young. The photo shows a female which was flying up to catch insects on the wing by the river.

Jane Hewitt

Milborne Port Gardening Club

It is hard to believe that May is almost over! Hopefully you are starting to enjoy being out and getting your garden sorted (or like me, still a bit behind in much of the preparation needed!!).

Our last meeting we were treated to a bright and enthusiastic presentation by well-known Somerset florist Angie Blackwell, from The Cottage Garden at Jordan's Courtyard in Ilminster. Angie

treated us to an evening of storytelling, whilst showing members some creative ways to arrange flowers, foliage and foraged material.

MPGC Committee wishes to say a big thank you to our local community for their support at our Annual Plant Sale, held mid-May. The Grove Garden, Church Street, an inviting gem within the village, was our wonderful venue. We had a lively morning for some shopping, as well as meeting up with friends. We were generously supported with donations of plants, seedlings and flowers to sell, as well as many eager Villagers coming to snap up garden bargains. In addition, we offered hand-tied posies for sale this year, all of which were eagerly snapped up and brought smiles to many. There are too many people to mention separately for their various contributions, however, please know we greatly appreciate all your work. THANK YOU !

Please be reminded that our next event is Tuesday 11th June, 2 p.m., where we will be visiting Frith House, Stalbridge. The cost is £10.00 for tour and tea. Frith House is an Edwardian House set in 5 acres of garden, with a range of trees, lakes and flower borders. It is also part of the National Garden Scheme. If you haven't signed up yet, please get in touch (details below). Members, you are welcome to bring guests, just let us have numbers. A gentle reminder that members will need to arrange their own transport to these venues. Maybe you can get together and share a ride.



If you wish to know anything more about the Club, or to join us, please do come to any meeting or contact the Secretary (Samantha at samgraham2009@gmail.com). Membership will be £14.00 for 2024. We happily welcome guests to our meetings for a fee of £3.00.

Samantha Dean



It was our AGM in May, but before the business part of our meeting the local bee-keeper, Tony Thorp, gave us an interesting and informative talk on the Asian Hornet which is invading several places in Britain and is a threat to our bees. He distributed postcards to our members, detailing the difference between the Asian hornet and our native ones.

After Tony's talk, the business began with Jan Smith, our President's, report for the year. She reminded us of the varied programme we had enjoyed throughout the year as well as extra events like meals together and shopping trips. We have an interesting and varied programme for the coming year and I do hope our membership will increase so other people can enjoy what we have to offer. Our new programmes will be available in the Community room shortly.

We still open the room on the last Thursday of the month where anyone who wants some company can come and chat, help do a jigsaw or possibly play a game. We charge £3 for a cup of coffee/tea and cake.

Our June meeting will be on the afternoon of 14th June, at Church House. We have several members from Stalbridge and Henstridge W.I. s joining us for afternoon tea - fingers crossed we will be able to make use of the garden on this occasion. We do sometimes combine with other branches. In fact, some of us attended a Fashion Show put on by Henstridge W.I. this month, which was great fun.

We continue to serve drinks and cake on Friday mornings in the community room and it's good to see people who use the library sometimes stopping by for a drink and chat. Some of you who visited the various exhibits around the village on History Day in May called in for a drink and sit down which I'm sure was appreciated.

Christine Porter

Friends of Milborne Port Library

4th June and 18th June 2.30 p.m. Rhyme Time – Aimed at ages 0-4 years

8th June 11 a.m. Crime Lovers and Cake

11th June and 25th June – 2.30 p.m. - Knit and Natter

Storytime and Craft will be taking a break for a few months while we prepare for and run The Summer Reading Challenge. More on that in the July issue.

Thank you! Many thanks to Edwina and Millie for their splendid contribution to the Milborne Port History Day. Their displays and activities were enjoyed by all.



Update on Library Bus: Remember our old library bus in the damp corner of East Street? It is now an extremely well fitted auto home with seating, beds for adults and children, bathroom

and heating – all you could wish for a comfortable break. It served us well and although there are still a few improvements to do we are pleased it has gone to a local home and a new lease of life.

Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com

Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our next talk - **Museum Artefacts: The Best Bits** - will be on **Monday 17th June** and will be given by various members of our Committee. Do you know about our small but perfectly formed Chapel Museum but have never managed to get there? Well, let the Museum come to you! We will show and talk about our favourite artefacts and their link with Milborne Port. From date stones to mourning rings, from funeral biers to clocks, and more!



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 (please Gift Aid your donation if you can). If you are parking in Bathwell Lane, please do so considerately as it is a bit of a squeeze along there! If you wish to become a member of your group, and we very much hope that you do, please e-mail us: mphhgroup@gmail.com

Saturday 11th May saw our first ever **Milborne Port History Day**, with displays, exhibitions and presentations taking place in different venues across the village, including Church House, the Town Hall, the Guildhall, the Organ Museum and Chapel Museum. The sun came out for us and we had a really super day! It was truly a community event, with contributions and help from a wide range of people and groups, including Milborne Port Primary School, The Glovelies and the Library. We were joined by Sarah Dyke MP. An enormous thank you to everyone who supported this lovely occasion, either by turning up or helping out – or both!



A Story of Emigration and Endeavour: There was a packed house for Howard Pell's talk on Monday 20th May about the Barter family of Milborne Port; the story of their emigration to New York State and their lives in the land of opportunity in the late 19th and early 20th centuries was full of twists and turns and extraordinary connections. Who would have imagined that a little boy from Milborne Port travelled on the same ship to New York as Oscar Wilde, and would end up an American sporting hero?



And sitting in the audience was the man who inspired Howard to begin this long research journey. Barry Barter was brought up with the story that someone in his family had emigrated but knew practically nothing else. Well, he now has that story in the form a 'This Is Your Life' big red folder with which he was presented by Howard at the end of the talk. The tear that could be seen in Barry's eye is proof – as if we needed it – of the power of curiosity and historical research to connect us with our ancestors.

Howard has written the Barters' fascinating story and you will be able to read it on our website soon.

Nathalie Hetherington

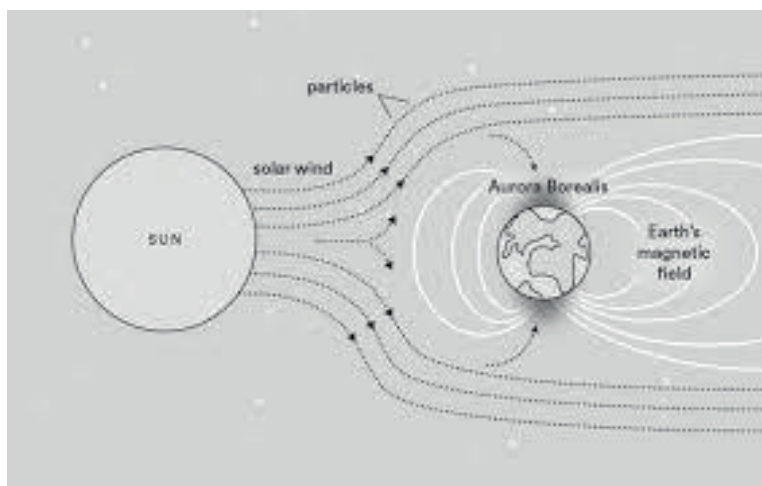
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What to Watch for in the June Night Sky

"There they stand, the innumerable stars, shining in order like a living hymn, written in light." N.P. Willis

With the recent display by the Northern Lights gracing our night skies there is no better time to explain what they are. The northern lights are caused by solar storms on the surface of the Sun. These storms give out huge clouds of electrical charge particles which can travel millions of miles across space, and after a few days some eventually collide with the Earth.

Those charged particles that are captured in the Earth's magnetic field are funnelled down around the north and south poles and that is why aurora activity is concentrated here. The incoming particles collide with atoms and molecules of oxygen and nitrogen in the Earth's upper atmosphere, they excite them to produce light. The green and rosy-red colours we see are characteristic of oxygen, while tints of blue purple or pink are caused by collisions of the charged particles with nitrogen. The aurora's characteristic 'wavy curtain patterns' of light are caused by the lines of force in the Earth's magnetic field.



It is unusual to see the northern lights this far south. However, depending on where the sun is in its 11-year solar cycle, we experience periods of high or low solar storm activity. 2024 is the peak year of solar activity in the current cycle and large solar storms will be common. During the first full week of May, a barrage of very large solar storms launched clouds of charged particles toward Earth, creating the strongest solar storm to reach us in the last twenty years and possibly one of the strongest displays of auroras on record in the past 500 years.

It was difficult to see the auroras with the naked eye, however they were obvious when photographed on mobile phone cameras. The reason is cameras collect light for several seconds, while your eyes see the show in real time.

Mars reappears briefly as a morning star around 3 a.m. each day. However, within an hour it will be lost to the dawn. During June **Saturn** will get higher, with **Venus** and **Jupiter** unobservable.

1st: Start of meteorological summer

3rd: **Moon** near **Mars** in the dawn twilight.

6th: **New Moon.**

14th: **First Quarter Moon**

20th: **Midsummer Day** – the longest period of daylight and the shortest night. The Sun reaches its most northerly point in the sky.

22nd: **Full Moon.** Celts called June's Full Moon the Mead Moon, after the honey wine or mead brewed for wedding ceremonies. The tradition of newlyweds drinking the honeyed wine after their marriage gave rise to the term "honeymoon", which we still use today.

27th: in the early hours **Saturn** lies to the left of the **Moon.**

28^h: Last Quarter Moon also **Moon** is found to the left of **Saturn**.

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 5.02 am Sunset: 9.15 pm.

21st Sunrise 4.56 am Sunset: 9.29 pm (Midsummer's Day).

30th: Sunrise 5.00 am Sunset: 9.28 pm.

In Milborne Port the first day of June is 16 hours, 13 minutes long, Midsummer's Day is 16 hours, 33 minutes long. The last day of the month is 16 hours, 28 minutes. So up until Midsummer Day, the length of the day increases by 20 minutes. After Midsummer Day the length of the days shortens by 5 minutes to the end of the month.

The nights are starting to draw in!!

*Good Viewing
Ganymede*

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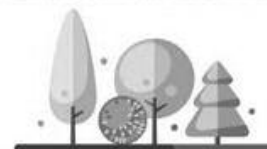
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