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A Letter from Our Churchwardens



Harvest Festivals have been important events in country churches for hundreds of years. A chance for the community to get together and to give thanks for the work of our farmers who work tirelessly through the year. This year the Harvest Service at St. John's in on Sunday October 6th and we hope you would like to come along to sing the traditional harvest hymns and celebrate the tremendous produce of our local area.

That same weekend on Saturday October 5th, we will be holding our annual church Open Day and Gift Day. The theme this year will be "All Good Gifts Around Us", using a phrase from a favourite harvest hymn. Our exhibits will celebrate the gifts and talents of people and groups across the village, as well as the traditional harvest displays. It would be wonderful to see lots of visitors in church, there's always a lovely atmosphere and plenty of home-baked treats too!

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful church in our village. There has been a place of worship on that site since 950 AD and we know that its presence is valued by our community. Acting as a place of celebration, at Easter, Christmas, in baptisms and weddings, the church also offers ongoing support in tough times such as illness and loss of loved ones. We don't get any funding from the Church of England or the government to maintain this historic building, so to keep the church going we really need your support. If you would be willing to help in practical ways, for example with helping keep the church yard tidy, or keeping the church clean please let us know – we'd love to hear from you. If you can offer financial support, a gift on our

Open Day would be hugely appreciated. We are probably going to have to replace the church roof in the near future – watch this space!

With Rona away on her sabbatical leave we are very grateful to the fantastic team of retired clergy in the parish who are supporting us by running services and helping with pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office (01963 250248) if there is anything we can do to support you or your family.

We look forward to seeing you on our Open Day.

Susan Wales and Nicki Edwards

From the Benefice Registers

Funerals



10th September Anthony Willis
Charlton Horethorne

13th September Anne Monica Bawtree

Thank You

Michael, Clare and I would like to thank all the members of the church and wider community who so kindly sent cards, letters and emails to us on the sad loss of our beloved Anne. Grateful thanks also to those who were able to attend Anne's funeral last month. We miss her enormously, but she is now at rest after her long illnesses.

Robin Bawtree

Church House 100 Club



Results of the September Draw

1st Prize	£30	Mrs E J Mumford
2nd Prize	£20	Mr R Hall
3rd Prize	£10	Anon (No.48)

Thank You!

On Saturday 7th September I received much kindness from a group of people following becoming unwell in Gainsborough. I had Leo (our dog) with me who was very bemused by the goings on. Two people stopped and called an ambulance whilst I was unaware, whose names I did not discover - thank you for stopping. Natalie and her dog came along and stayed with me until the ambulance came. Diane came by and passed on the news to Elaine who came to see and took my shopping bags and very kindly she and Nick collected me from the hospital later on. Jean stopped her car and took Leo home, they know each other well. Maureen (my wife) had been away for a few days due back that afternoon. I arrived home just as she did. So, thank you so much everyone. As to my health, investigations are ongoing!

Rev. Frank Wright

Congratulations to **Richard Carter**, who captured the dramatic cover shot of the village while flying over last autumn!

Not everyone has the chance to get this angle, but anyone can take a great photo of Milborne Port and its surroundings, and we always love to see something a bit unusual for future magazine covers. Please send your high-res, landscape format images to

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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.

Arthur Scammell died October 1944

Arthur and his twin brother Hugh were the youngest children of Thomas and Elizabeth Scammell. Their older siblings were Hilda, William and Ruth. The family lived at The Forge, Sansomes Hill, Milborne Port where Thomas was the blacksmith.

Sergeant Arthur Scammell died aged 21 years, on 14th October 1944 in a bombing raid on Duisburg and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial. Records show that he was a crew member of P4-T of 'B' Flight 153 Squadron Bomber Command. His fellow crew members are buried at Reichswald Forest War Cemetery near the German town of Kleve, close to the Dutch border. In that cemetery there are 176 'unidentified' graves so it is quite possible that his is one of those. The crew members of the other Lancaster from 153 Squadron, P4-B, lost in the same raid, are also buried in this cemetery.

A Celebration of the Reader Ministry of
Mrs. Pat Elliott
on 27th October at 10.30 a.m. in St. John's Church

A service of Hymns, Readings and Memories Shared,
followed by coffee, tea and cake in Church House.
If you are unable to attend the service itself,
please join us afterwards in Church House at about 11.30 a.m.



A Celebration of a Faithful Ministry

Mrs. Pat Elliott was first licensed as a Reader (Licensed Lay Minister) in the Church of England on October 6th, 1984. This year marks her 40th anniversary. The Reverend Jane Craw had a wonderful afternoon talking to Pat about her recollections of this ministry.

When did you feel the call to become a Reader, now known as a Licensed Lay Minister, in the Church of England?
I was very involved in the church and taught at Sunday School. One day the vicar at the time, the Reverend George Shrimpton, asked me if I had ever thought of becoming a Reader. My initial reaction was: 'I couldn't do that.' I was still pondering this question just before Easter. I was on the Walk of Witness on Good Friday when we went up East Hill. We stopped where the old Co-op store was and I felt a distinct voice saying: 'Pat, yes you can! This is what I want you to do.' I was in shock! There was no-one near at the time. I continued on our journey and discussed the whole experience with the Reverend Edmund Buxton and the rest is history. I began my training; Dorothy Daldy was my tutor and the Vicar of Wincanton also had an input in my studies.

Can you still remember your special Licensing Service?
(At this point a broad smile came over Pat's face.) Yes, I can. My Licensing took place in Wells Cathedral. First, I remember the retreat before the service was held at the Abbey House Retreat. This was a Diocesan retreat house. We were obliged to keep silence after supper and a 'near silence' at breakfast. I then drove to Wells, and I remember worrying that I might be late, but I did get there in time, only to hear that the son of the Precentor (the person who facilitates cathedral worship) had been involved in a car accident and he asked me to read the Lesson. I had very short notice but agreed to do it. It was a complex reading from the letters of St. Paul. I am short of stature, and I can

remember standing behind the lectern telling myself to throw my voice to the far window so that I could be heard.

Then my ministry began with a bang. The next day I administered the chalice at the 8 am service of Holy Communion and read the Old Testament Lesson at a Harvest Service in the evening.

Part of your ministry is to prepare and give a sermon. Where do you find your inspiration for these?
I was an English teacher at secondary level, working at Buckler's Mead in Yeovil. I specialized in English Literature and found that my love of literature enabled me to use poetry and story in my sermons. I often quoted Thomas Hardy, especially *The Oxen* at Christmas time, and also drawn from *The Earthsea Trilogy* by Ursula Le Guin

How has ministry changed over the years?
Perhaps the most significant change is that women can now be ordained. Also, bishops seem to delegate more.

Which is your favourite season in the Church's year? Why?
I have two seasons which I enjoy. I love Advent and also the run up to Easter, especially Holy Week. I particularly like the beautiful Autumn colours seen around Advent. Advent makes people think about Christmas and its significance. I have led a Lent Course and got to know the organizer of the York courses extremely well, over a period of time. I also enjoyed the Lent Lunches.

What are your most cherished memories?
Perhaps my most memorable one is looking down the church in Milborne Port and seeing the congregation. They were like sheep wanting to be led. I felt God say that it was my duty to lead the people to the Shepherd (Jesus). I often talked about sheep and used poems about these animals.

I also was very aware that I was the 'bridging one', the link between the clergy and the congregation. As a Reader, you never stop being a

member of the congregation. I can remember an excellent retreat at Ammerdown where Rabbi Lionel Blue spoke about the Passover.

My final one is amusing. I was administering the chalice at a service of Holy Communion and usually people only take a small sip but on this occasion a man took the chalice and drained it. As he handed it back to me, he said, 'Thank you, vicar!'

What will you do in your retirement?
I am now entering a new stage of life. I have already had lots of holidays abroad and have many happy memories. It is now time to take it easy.
Come and celebrate with Pat on 27th October – details on page 13

Pat was interviewed by Revd. Jane Craw

News from the Parish Council

We are all aware of the financial pressures on our County Council and our Parish Council too. Our Parish Clerk, Simon Pritchard, has written an interesting and informative piece on the changing relationship between the two councils and their responsibilities. This will appear in next month's magazine. In the meantime, here are this month's notices.

Could <u>you</u> become a Parish Councillor?
The Parish Council is very keen to welcome more councillors into its membership and we encourage Milborne Port residents to put themselves forward for this very important role. To qualify, you must be 18 or over and on the electoral register. The Parish Council is involved in many different activities, from local planning matters, to managing the open spaces and working with our community groups, to delivering projects. If you have time to spare, skills and experience that you could bring to the role and a genuine interest in our village, why not consider putting yourself forward to become a councillor?

Do get in touch to find out more about the process of becoming a councillor by co-option; you do not need to wait for an election! Pop in to see us in the Parish Council Office any Tuesday (8.30 am - 12.30 pm) or on a Wednesday by appointment; you can also call us on 01963 251268 or 07375 892631 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The deadline for applications is midday on Monday 28th October in time for co-option at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 5th November.

Community Grants
At the Full Council meeting in September, Councillors approved a grant of £3,000 over a period of 6 months to Milborne Port Foodshare and a grant of £7,500 to the Playing Fields Committee. Many thanks to these groups for the important work that they do to improve the health and well-being of our residents!

Another litter-picking volunteer to thank!
We seem to be doing very well out of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Award programme these days! A very 'big thank' you to Ben Mead of The Gryphon School who started a 3-month stint last month. If you see him in action, do show your appreciation!

Parish Council Meetings in October
Full Council: 1st; Planning Committee: Tuesday 15th.
Meetings take place in the Town Hall and start at 7pm. 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
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Find us on Facebook! Search: Milborne Port Community Council
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Milborne Port Community Plan

Many thanks to all of you who completed the Community Plan Survey in order to have your say in the future of Milborne Port. Staff at The Community Council for Somerset are now busy analysing the data and will report back to the Parish Council shortly; they will also be organising the prize draw, and the winners will be notified as soon as that process is complete. We wish you all the best of luck!

Milborne Port Community Plan Steering Group
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Our MP in Parliament

Notes on some of the issues that our local MP, Sarah Dyke, has engaged with recently. Not a party political pitch, but a record of her actions as our constituency representative.

- In an oral questions session, SD urged the Secretary of State for DEFRA not to cut funding to farmers
- During a Westminster Hall debate on planning policy for Traveller sites, SD called on the Government to support local councils in setting up more permanent sites for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers.
- SD voted against the Government in the vote on their plans to cut the Winter Fuel Payment for pensioners
- SD let a parliamentary debate on SEND services in Somerset, calling for urgent reform.

Contact: **sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk**

It was lovely to welcome all of the children back to school at the start of September. A particular welcome to our new Reception children in Gainsborough Class.



At the end of the Summer term, we said goodbye and thank you to Cora Pinkawa, who was our School Crossing Patrol for 32 years. We were delighted that the BBC came to film on her final day and that her retirement was marked in the local press.

This year will be particularly exciting as we will be joining the Academies for Character and Excellence (ACE) multi-academy trust. Our official conversion date is set for March 2025 and, as we work towards this, much work is going on behind the scenes to ensure a smooth transition. ACE's mission is: Achieving Excellence through Cultivating Character, Sharing Talents and Pursuing Innovation. The Trust is a diverse mix of Church of England and Community Schools within Torbay, Devon and Somerset. Working together in collaborative partnerships which are mutually supportive and sharing great practice is prioritised by the Trust . ACE is committed to Character Education and this is at the heart of their work. They are uncompromising in their belief that every child fulfils his/her academic potential whilst also flourishing in and at life.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. If you might be interested in hearing children read or assisting in the classroom, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact me via the School Office (01963 250366).

Jonathan Rodd
Headteacher

All Good Gifts Around Us

St John's Open Day and Gift Day

Saturday October 5th 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come and celebrate God's gifts to us
Enjoy the displays and performances

Paul Ellis (Organ) 11.00
Leo Aylen (Poetry) 11.35 *
Fiona Morland (Piano) 3.00 p.m.

Refreshments in Church House throughout the morning

Please support the maintenance of our beautiful church with a donation if you are able.

* Leo Aylen presents **"Saint Aldhelm and Others"**, a half-hour poetry show.

Leo has presented his poetry in St Paul's Cathedral, the Albert Hall, St John's Smith Square, on American TV, over 100 times on BBC& ITV, and many tours of Britain, USA, Canada, Africa. He writes from time to time in *Church Times*.

Another way to give

Milborne Port Food Share is always in need of donations, whether cash or in kind. If you are able to donate non-perishable food items (please check they are in date) or hygiene items, we would love to make them part of the displays for our Open Day, before passing them to Food Share. Please bring these to the church on or before the afternoon of Thursday 3rd October.

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Wednesday 2nd October
10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 1:1-4 & 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne
10:30 a.m. Harvest Festival Milborne Port
6:00 p.m. Harvest Festival Stowell

Wednesday 9th October
10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 13th October 20th Sunday after Trinity
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

9:00 a.m. NO Holy Communion Goathill
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port
12:00 p.m. Baptism Milborne Port
6:00 p.m. Harvest Festival Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 16th October
10:30am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Saturday 19th October
10:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Milborne Port

Sunday 20th October 21st Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 53:4-end, Mark 10:35-45

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Wick
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port
6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

For October

Wednesday 23rd October
10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 27th October 22nd Sunday after Trinity
Isaiah 55:1-11, John 5:36b-47

10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Pat Elliott Milborne Port
3:00 p.m. Evensong Goathill

Wednesday 30th October
10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 3rd November All Saints
Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne
3:00 p.m. All Souls Milborne Port
6:00 p.m. Evensong Stowell



A Letter from ReBorne Community Church Project Manager

We are sure many of you will be aware of the transformation that is taking place at The ReBorne Community Church site in Milborne Port. It is, as with many things in life, taking longer than anticipated to complete the work but we are now on the 'last lap' of the journey.

ReBorne's vision is to transform and modernise the very old original building to make it fit for purpose. Casting your mind back, you may recall in our consultation we asked you for your thoughts on the needs of the village. We hope in some way our refurbished building will meet many of those needs.



Our updated building will provide a comfortable space for our toddler group to return to, along with greater capacity for ReBorne Kids and Youth Clubs. As time moves on further support groups will emerge. Our vision is still to open a coffee shop, although, this won't be immediately but as soon as we are able.
Thank you for your patience during the building work – we are nearly there. Do come and see us when it is complete!

Ian Raby,
Member of the ReBorne Leadership Team and Project Manager

Milborne Port Climate and Nature Action

Help! We now have a Butterfly (and heavens knows what else) Emergency.

The charity Butterfly Conservation declared a Butterfly Emergency on 18th September due to the collapse in populations of many butterfly species. This is very bad news not just for butterflies, but also other insects and all the species that feed on them – and therefore humans.

We can make matters worse, continuing to use pesticides and tidying nature away or - huge thanks again here to the increasing number of people in the village who already leave their front gardens and roadside verges to flower in the summer months - we can make changes that will be of literally vital help. Here's how:

Stop using pesticides in your garden (other countries already do: it works). Leave one or more wild areas in your garden and enjoy the informality, the colour and life there; hide this area behind a trellis (planted with ivy) if necessary

Don't burn all your garden twigs and branches – make a dead wood pile for beetles, invertebrates, slow worms and hedgehogs. Enjoy the colour, the frost, dewdrops, spiders' webs and birds on at least some of your garden plant stems over the winter - insects need somewhere to overwinter; wait till spring to cut them back. Goldfinches will love the seed heads, Blue Tits will eat your aphids, and Song Thrushes will keep snails in check if you leave enough natural food for them in your garden at all times of year. The extra insects in your garden will help ensure your vegetable and fruit crops are maximized and provide you with bird song and life too.

If you have pets, consider changing from flea treatments administered orally, to topically administered ones. The former are awful for insect life if and when they get into rivers.

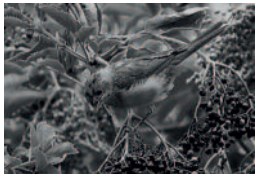
One Thing to Do: stop using pesticides and instead leave some wild areas in your garden for natural, healthy pest control

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Blackcaps and Elderberries

Although birding usually involves chance encounters with various species when out walking, there are some plants which act as magnets for birds at certain times of the year and these are a bonus for birdwatchers. The Elder tree is such a plant and it can be found growing in gardens and hedgerows throughout Milborne Port. Steeped in folklore, an Elder tree growing in your garden was, at one time, believed to keep evil spirits away, as well as charming away warts and vermin (Source: Woodland Trust).

The bark, which is crossed by corky ridges, is ideal for Woodpeckers, Tree Creepers and Nuthatch. Its spring flowers attract pollinating insects, prey for many small birds. But it is in the late summer, when the berries are ripe, that it draws in a huge variety of species; my favourite being the Blackcap.



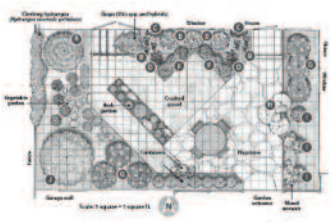
A common resident warbler, the Blackcap's song is one of the most beautiful of all our garden birds in Milborne Port. Brownish grey and similar in size to a sparrow, Blackcaps are easily recognised by their distinctive crown - black in males and reddish brown in females. Blackcaps love elderberries, so much so that the female shown in the photo has acquired some lovely 'elderberry highlights' in her crown!

Jane Hewitt

Milborne Port Gardening Club

It won't be too long before the leaves of many trees and shrubs turn red, orange or yellow in autumn, bringing a new colour pallet to the countryside. As we approach the last quarter of the year, let's hope that there is still time and mild enough weather to enjoy our gardens. Maybe you will also start thinking of the jobs to prepare our spaces for late autumn and winter.

In September, our Club had a wonderful evening with our guest speaker, Katherine Crouch. Oh my goodness, Katherine not only imparted wise words of advice and posture techniques, she had everyone well entertained and chuckling. Katherine also reminded us that 'perfection' is for the TV/Movies and that in your own space do what works for you.



On Tuesday 8th October we have "Garden Design for the Average Gardener" being presented by Julie Haylock. Julie runs an award-winning garden design practice covering Somerset and Dorset. She has designed and exhibited at RHS Chelsea Flower Show, BBC Gardeners' World Live and Taunton Flower Show as well as qualifying from Kingston Maurward College.

Should you wish to know more about the Club, or 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

Living with pain doesn't have to be hopeless!

Do you live with a long-term pain condition? Does it affect your sleep? Does the pain restrict your daily activities and stop you doing the things you want to do? Does it affect your ability to find and keep paid employment? Are you concerned about the amount of pain medication you are taking and their side-effects? Does your pain often flare up when you are feeling stressed and anxious? **Living with persistent pain severely impacts our physical and emotional wellbeing and ability to perform daily activities.**

Rural Practice NETWORK

The Rural Practice Network is a collaboration of five GP practices, including Milborne Port Surgery, and Wincanton Health Centre. If you are registered with either of the above surgeries, we can offer you support to enable you to understand and find ways of living better with your pain. We follow a programme called Live Well with Pain: The Ten Footsteps, which is a non-medical, self-management approach to living with pain.

We hold monthly Live Well with Pain cafes in Milborne Port and Wincanton - these are social, welcoming and friendly groups where you can meet with others living with pain and know that you are not alone! Twice a year, in spring and autumn, we offer 12-week Live Well with Pain groups, going into depth into the Ten Footsteps - people who have attended these groups say how it has made a huge difference and the peer support and shared experience with others is so beneficial.

For information, please get in touch with the Health Coaches at each surgery or call Sue Crisfield on 07749 418850 or email sue.crisfield1@nhs.net .

THE GLOVELIES

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 20th September. It was an extremely busy and productive morning. We took over £200 in the raffle alone, plus nearly £100 in the sale of coffees. I will report on the final amount raised next month as I know we are still expecting a few donations. I must thank the local businesses who kindly supported us by donating prizes - Wayne (Butcher), Something Else Fishy, The Tippling Philospher, Leanne (Pretty Fleurs Florist) the Pear Tree (Sherborne), we really appreciate your kindness. Thanks also to individuals who donated prizes, bought raffle tickets or cakes, or just came along to buy a coffee and enjoy the morning.



Our monthly meeting last month was a hoot (pun intended) when Ann Reed from Yeovil Marsh came to give a talk about owls. She and her assistant bought five owls with them, and some of us got to hold them, wearing the big glove obviously, after her talk. She explained that they were all rescue owls so they had to stay in captivity and it was obvious how dedicated she and her staff are. It was a very enjoyable evening and we welcomed Celia, our new member.

There will not be a meeting in the Community Room in October as we are having a special meeting in the village hall on 15th (details on page 21). In the meantime, please join us at one of our Open Afternoons which take place on the fourth Thursday of the month, or on Fridays at our coffee mornings, when we serve fresh coffee, teas and cake.

Christine Porter

Introducing Local Businesses

When space permits, we like to offer local business people a chance to describe their business and services. Do contact the Editor if you would like to inform readers about your business, whether or not you already advertise on our commercial pages.

Justine's Alterations

I have always been a part of this village and during Covid I made many many face masks putting them outside my house for anyone to buy. I was often asked could I take up some trousers or skirt. Which I did. Word got out and that's how it started.



If you have jeans, trousers, skirts or dresses that need taking up or taking in, a special occasion dress that's a bit too long, including prom dresses, or maybe you need covers for your camper van sofa bed, bunting to hang out the front or cushions to match, I can help.

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Friends of Milborne Port Library

A date for your diary - Our AGM – October 9th at 5.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. All are welcome.

Rhyme Time every Tuesday at 10;30 a.m. in the library.
Yarn and Natter is on 1st, 15th and 29th October at 2.30 p.m.
Lego Club is on the 12th October 10 -12 noon
Craft Club for Kids – 26th October 10.30 -11.30 a.m. – this month we are doing Halloween crafts.

Hearing aid batteries - Do you use size 13 or 312 hearing aid batteries? Yeovil Hospital has sent a supply to the Library so you can just pop in and pick some up during our opening times.

Photocopying and Printing - Don't forget we can photocopy and print for you in the library. If you have printing, please email it to mptlib@somerset.gov.uk

Monthly Book Review *Sleepers Castle By Barbara Erskine*
War is brewing in the Welsh borders. For two centuries, Wales has lain under English yoke, its people dreaming of independence, Finally it looks as though the charismatic Owain Glyndwr may be the man to bring them to victory. Follow the stories at Sleepers Castle from 1400 Hay on Wye to the present day.

Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com

Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our talk led by Hugh Vincent on Monday 21st October is entitled: Fancy a Tipple? The History of Milborne Port's Pubs and Inns. Hugh has conducted extensive research into the (many!) pubs and alehouses of the village - past and present - and locals will be surprised at what he has discovered!



Do join us for this pub crawl at 7.30 p.m. at Church House in Bathwell Lane. 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 email us: mphhgroup@gmail.com

On Monday 16th September, the work and purpose of The Portable Antiquities Scheme were brilliantly described to us by Ciorstaidh Hayward Trevarthen, who is based at the Dorset History Centre. We learnt about what you can do if you find an archaeological item in England or Wales, about the Treasure Act and about the database of archaeological finds – https://finds.org.uk – that is growing every day. Ciorstaidh touched on some items found locally, and deftly identified some of the back-garden finds of some of our audience. A warm, amusing and highly knowledgeable speaker.

Our final talk of 2024 will be given by Peter Fitzgerald on Monday 18th November: Nathaniel Ireson of Wincanton – Architect, Master Builder and Potter. More on this next month.

Do follow our Facebook group and check out our website http://milborneporthistory.org.uk

Nathalie Hetherington
mphhgroup@gmail.com

The October Night Sky

"The sky was clear - remarkably clear - and the twinkling of all the stars seemed to be but throbs of one body, timed by a common pulse." – Thomas Hardy

There is an old tradition that you should garden according to the phases of the Moon. Such beliefs have existed since the start of agriculture, yet few have scientific support.



However, one Mediterranean plant (*Ephedra foeminea)* has been found to produce small, sweet droplets from its red cones. These droplets sparkle in the full moonlight and attract nocturnal pollinators such as flies and moths.

Last quarter to new Moon (25th Sept – 2nd Oct and 24th Oct - 1st Nov): "A dormant time, the flow of sap is slow and growth is poor. Do not sow or plant. Pick apples and pears for storage."
New Moon to first quarter (3rd – 10th Oct): "The waxing Moon is associated with rising vitality and growth. Towards the end of this period, plant and sow anything that develops crops above ground. Prepare for growth!"
First quarter to full Moon (11th – 17th Oct): "The best time for sowing crops that develop above ground. Pot up seedlings and young plants and take cuttings. Bad time for planting root crops."
Full Moon to last quarter (17th – 23rd October): "This phase is a good time for sowing and planting those crops that develop below ground it is a 'drawing down energy' time."

Perhaps members of the Gardening Club would like to comment! (Ed)

October 2024 Astronomical Events
2nd: New Moon.
5th: the Moon is near Venus.
10th: First quarter Moon. Old Michaelmas Day
13th: Comet Tsuchinshan ATLAS nearest orbit to the Earth.
17th: Full Moon (and it's a Supermoon). 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'.
20th & 21st: Close approach of the Moon and Jupiter.

22nd: peak of the Orionid meteor shower, when the debris from Halley's Comet ploughs into the Earth's atmosphere. Runs from 2nd October to 7th November.
23rd: Mars, the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn are all visible. They will rise about 1 am.
24th: Last quarter Moon.
27th: **British Summer Time ends – clocks back an hour**.
31st: Halloween.

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 7.11 am Sunset: 6.49 pm
31st: Sunrise 07:01 am Sunset: 4.47 pm
In Milborne Port, the first day of October is 11 hours, 38 minutes long. The last day of the month is 09 hours, 46 minutes, so the length of the days gets 01 hour, 52 minutes shorter in October 2024.

Good Viewing.
Ganymede

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All entries for the November issue of the magazine to the editor please by Saturday 19th October at 12 noon latest.



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