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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

I'm a new convert to Parkrun and was delighted to complete my first one last month. I'm so grateful for the local support I've received, especially from the Fitness Group who meet at the Village Hall each Monday—their encouragement has meant a great deal. Nothing quite prepared me, though, for the camaraderie of the run itself. The sense of community among runners and marshals carried me all the way round, helping me finish faster than I expected.



During Holy Week, the Milborne Benefice held services across our churches, and it struck me how similar that felt: we achieve far more together than we ever could alone. This same idea lies behind our school value this half term at Charlton Horethorne—friendship. When we have people alongside us, through thick and thin, we flourish in ways we simply can't on our own.

Recently, I heard about a church which was building a brand-new building. In the brochure the Vicar invited the community to dream about the ways they could develop through the use of this building. That invitation feels right for us here too. Imagine what could be possible through collaboration.

So to Milborne Port, Goathill, Milborne Wick, Stowell, Charlton Horethorne, Blackford, Compton Pauncefoot and Maperton—let's do that: imagine what we can do together. Not just as churches, but as communities. Working together, we can help build a community of kindness, love, peace and integrity (which is just what God's Kingdom is).

Thank you everyone. I was drawn here because of the strong sense of community, —let's continue to nurture it. *With love,* **Rev Rona**

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms:

Nellie Clementine Bell	18th April 2026
Wanda Olive Helen Lyeach	19th April 2026
Tavya Wanda Lyeach	19th April 2026



Funerals:

Gordon Rolls. Crematorium.	1 st . April 2026
Avril Anne Burroughs	15 th . April 2026
Pamela Anstice Applin	17 th . April 2026
Julia Mortimore	20 th . April 2026

Congratulations to Hilary Hurlle on this picture of a perfect rainbow.

We are always pleased to receive new photographs for consideration as future covers. Please send your high-res images of scenes in and around the village to

magazine@milborneportchurches.org.uk

Pet a Pony

Thank you to all of the local businesses that generously supported

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- Our MP has spoken about recognising the remarkable contribution of Pip Atkinson to women's rugby in England.
 - As Chair of the Women in Defence All-Party Parliamentary Group, she will keep pushing to realise the ambition that women represent at least 30% of the UK's defence enterprise by 2030.
 - "We must not import goods that are not allowed to be produced in this country, and we must extend that to food products produced abroad to standards that would be illegal for British farmers."
 - Farming brings huge pressures that too often go unseen, and we still lose too many farmers each year. She will keep demanding action so farmers and rural families can access the mental health support they need.
 - She is continuing to push for the sale of horticultural peat to be banned in the UK
 - She has written to the Under-Secretary of State for Water and Flooding, asking her to replace Ofwat with a more powerful regulator and place our water system under mutual ownership.
 - Ms Dyke urged the Government to ensure that new housing developments are matched by proper investment in GP services, as new figures reveal mounting pressure on local surgeries.
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Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May

This year Christian Aid's focus is on continuing to support poor families in Kenya, as it has done for the last 29 years, where almost half the population lives on less than £2.50 per day and where more than a third is under-nourished. Poverty affects not only rural communities but also urban areas of, for example, Nairobi. In the suburb of Dagoretti, over half the residents live in semi-permanent homes, closely packed together and made of steel sheets and concrete blocks. Here, where space is very limited and through training and providing equipment such as space-saving vertical planters, people can grow vegetables both for the family and to sell.

As usual there will be envelopes at the back of St John's. If you can fill in the detachable gift aid slip (taxpayers only) and enclose it with your gift it will increase its value by 25%. Please hand your gift to one of the members of our committee who are Sui Chan, Margaret (9 The Meads), Felicity John, David Johnson, Anne (Keepers Lodge, Brook Street) and Clare (Southolme, Church Street). If, for whatever reason, you are unable to collect an envelope but would still like to make a contribution then please telephone 01963-250529 or 01963-548472. We will be happy to deliver one to you. Alternatively, you can give to Christian Aid online or by telephone (02075-232269) and details can be found on the website christianaid.org.uk. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

In other news, I have recently sent a cheque to Christian Aid for £1,150.00. This comes largely from the loose cash (£270.00) which was donated at our three Christmas services at St John's, the carol service, the blessing of the crib and the Christmas morning service, and this year's series of five Lent lunches. The lunches were all held in Church House and were happy, social occasions, when we enjoyed delicious home-made soups, a variety of breads and cheese. Ven catered for two of them for which we are most grateful. Our thanks also go to everyone who organised and helped and to all those who supported us. We could not do this without you!

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David Johnson (Hon Treasurer)

News from the Parish Council

Milborne Port: Community Matters Saturday 9th May at the Village Hall, 10 am - 4 pm



We are delighted to have booked our place at this exciting communications event and our Parish Clerk, Simon Pritchard, is looking forward to sharing information and publicising the work of the Parish Council, as well as gauging the views of parishioners on Parish Council matters. Improving communication in the village is a key priority of the Parish Council, and it is the efforts of one of the Community Plan steering groups that has resulted in the staging of this event. We very much look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to stay to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

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TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CHARITY WE WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY MATTERS DAY BEING HELD ON THE 9TH MAY, PLEASE COME ALONG AND MEET US.

Milborne Port's Annual Parish Meeting

Saturday 9th May 2026, 3 pm Village Hall, Springfield Road

This year's Annual Parish Meeting will be held at **3 pm** on **Saturday 9th May 2026** in the Camelot Room, Milborne Port Village Hall, Springfield Road. The meeting is being held on the same day and at the same location as the **Milborne Port: Community Matters** event; we think that this will convey the message that we are all on the same team! This is not a meeting **of** the Parish Council but is organised **by** the Parish Council. Its purpose is to share information about the activities of the Parish Council, County Councillors, local groups and organisations; it is also an opportunity for parishioners to question people and organisations on any issues relating to the village. You can find the agenda here:

milborneport.org.uk/sample-page/annual-parish-meeting/.

May Meetings: Annual Council Meeting - Tuesday 5th; Planning Committee - Tuesday 19th

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

A date for your diary



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Spring Term Highlights at Milborne Port Primary School

What an incredible end to the spring term at Milborne Port Primary School! As a school, our vision is to *make a difference by empowerment and challenging the norm*. **Our values** were clearly demonstrated through our recent three-week Design and Technology experience. 🌟

The experience concluded with a fantastic picnic, celebrating **creativity, teamwork and leadership**. Using *assess, plan and do*, children carefully designed and created a range of delicious produce.

Older pupils supported younger children, while strengthening relationships across year groups. Children also worked with partner



classes to carry out peer assessment, discussing what they enjoyed eating and what they might like to try. All who took part showed **integrity, responsibility and confidence**—well done everyone! 🛒

Each class **contributed** something special: Beeches made fruit salad, Gainsborough baked cheesy biscuits, Venn prepared rock cakes, Kingsbury produced scones, Newtown created white bread rolls and Crackmore made flat bread. We thank The Clockspire Restaurant for their generous food donations. We could not have completed this without their **community** support. Alongside this, pupils enjoyed taking part in fun games led by the Somerset Cricket Foundation, which marked the end of an exciting term of cricket development. The **enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit** shown by the children have been fantastic to see. 🖍️

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to The Spirit of Milborne Port for bringing the Easter Bunny into school with treats to share. It created a magical moment that the children will remember for years to come. 🐰 Another highlight of the term was our special church service, where **the children truly shone**. From **songs** and **artwork** to **poems** and **choir performances**, the service reflected their **creativity, confidence** and **teamwork**. Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the event and helped make it such a success. 🎵

We are also very grateful to everyone involved in the PTFA cake sale, which raised an impressive £135. Thank you to families and members of the village who baked cakes and helped organise and run the sale. The event **inspired** the children with their own baking during the week, linking perfectly with their Design and Technology learning. The money raised will support upcoming school trips.

Finally, congratulations to our Laughton Reading Award winners this term. The books, kindly donated by the Laughton family, recognised children who showed **excellent reading skills** and **strong progress**. We are incredibly proud of their achievements. 📖

Carmen Danyali, Headteacher



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And here we are in May - can you believe it? So much can happen in just one month. It reminds me that every minute of every day is precious.

Have you ever looked back and wondered whether every decision you made was the right one? The truth is, we can't change the past, but we can make a difference for the future. I am a great believer in God directing my path, and sometimes when I reflect, I wonder - did I hear God correctly? Perhaps I did, or perhaps a little of "Yvonne" crept in along the way! Either way, I do know that God will use me for His plans, even when I can't yet see the finished picture.

I often think about Joseph in the Bible. When he looked back, what must he have felt about his brothers? They were so jealous of him and his multicoloured coat that they wanted to be rid of him. Yet God had other, amazing plans - plans that not only prospered Joseph but also saved a huge number of people, including his own family. His story, often retold in stage musicals, is one of faith, forgiveness, endurance, and restoration.

When I remember the Bible verse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," I am reassured that God is with me in my story - through forgiveness, faith, endurance, and restoration.

What does your story look like?

Have a wonderful May, Yvonne

An Uncommon Resident



Although I often see Goldcrests flitting amongst the trees in Milborne Port, I never thought I would see its close relative, the Firecrest which is an ‘uncommon resident’ in Somerset (www.birdfact.com).

With an estimated 610,000 breeding territories in the UK, Goldcrests are not uncommon.

However, the specially protected Firecrest is much rarer, with only 550 UK breeding territories (source: RSPB).

The two species are similar in size, colour and habits, but whereas the Goldcrest has a pale ring around the eye, the Firecrest has a bold black stripe through the eye with a white stripe above it.

My attempt to photograph the lone male as it flitted erratically from branch to branch looking for insects wasn’t particularly successful. However, comparing my blurred shot, with a clear photo of a Goldcrest confirmed that it was indeed a Firecrest and to see one in Milborne Port was both exciting and unexpected.



Jane Hewitt

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Sunday 3rd May

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-end, John 14:1-14

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Blackford
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Milborne Port
6:00 pm	Evensong	Stowell

Wednesday 6th May

10:30 am	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Sunday 10th May

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

9:30 am	Morning Service Compton Pauncefoot and Blackford	
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Milborne Port
6:00 pm	Evensong	Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 13th May

10:30 am	Midweek Communion	Milborne Port
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Saturday 16th May

4:00 pm	Memory Lane	Milborne Port
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Sunday 17th May

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

9:00 am Morning Service
Blackford and Compton Pauncefoot

9:00 am Holy Communion Milborne Wick
10:30 am Holy Communion Maperton
10:30 am Matins Milborne Port
6:00 pm Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

Wednesday 20th May

10:30 am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 24th May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23

9:00 am Holy Communion Compton Pauncefoot
10:30 am Holy Communion Milborne Port
6:00 pm Holy Communion Goathill

Wednesday 27th May

10:30 am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13:11-end, Matthew 28:16-20

10:30 am **Benefice Service** **Stowell**

Wednesday 3rd June

10:30 am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Milborne Port History & Heritage Group



Our May offering will be on **Saturday 9th May** at the **Milborne Port: Community Matters** event at the Village Hall, 10 am - 4 pm. We will have a stall in the main hall, and in the Camelot Room (10 am - 2.30pm) we will be displaying the beautiful 1817 pre-enclosure map and massive 1839 tithe map, amongst other items of interest, and there will be a slide show of 'then and now' photographs and images of the village over the years, lovingly compiled by our Chairman, Harold Clarke.

Our 'sneaky-peak' open afternoon at the **Chapel Museum** on 6th April was very well attended, and we received some very positive feedback about the new-look display cabinets and the careful use of space and light. If you are yet to visit this little gem at Milborne Port Cemetery, do come along. And if you have already visited, come again! There is always something new to see.



We will be opening the museum for the summer season on **Sunday 24th May, every Sunday up to and including Sunday 30th August, 2.30 - 4 pm.**

On Spring Bank Holiday Monday (25th May), we are offering our ever-popular **guided walk** of the area of the ancient borough on the south side of the A30, including the Church. Meet Dr Lesley Wray at 7 pm at the Ball Court on the High Street. There is no charge for this guided walk, but donations are always very welcome.



On **Monday 16th March** we were delighted to welcome back Joe Rogers, whom we first met in March 2025 when he entertained and informed us so eloquently and with such enthusiasm about the West Somerset Railway. This time, it was Tithe Barns. Joe is the author of “Tithe Barns” and “Railway Enthusiasm in Twenty-first-century Britain”. He visited his first tithe barn in 2014 and in 2019 spent the year exploring over 100 barns across the UK, from Cornwall to Scotland, Wales to Kent and everywhere in between. In this talk, he covered the general history of these buildings, showcasing some local Somerset and Dorset examples. Another lively and engaging talk from an extremely knowledgeable and eloquent speaker.

Nathalie Hetherington, MPH&H Group Secretary

MILBORNE PORT GARDENING CLUB

We are very much looking forward to being part of the Milborne Port **COMMUNITY MATTERS** event this month on **Saturday May 9th**. Our club will be holding its **Annual Plant Sale** as our contribution to this exciting new collaboration. The success of our sale is largely as a result of the great generosity of club members and villagers who kindly donate their time and specially-grown plants and seedlings of fruit, vegetables and flowers, repotted divided plants and unwanted plants too good to compost! Once again, we ask for your donations, but also to make this year’s Sale even more special than usual, as we will have our tables displaying all day outside the Village Hall. The event is open from 10am to 4pm.



Please bring your labelled plants to the Village Hall, Friday May 8th, 5-7pm - or if you need help with this, please get in touch.

Last month we welcomed Tim Phillips for a talk on his project “Swifts Over Sherborne”. Some of you may know Tim from his association with the Sherborne Abbey Bell Ringers but we were very well entertained by

him on the subject of Swifts and our local rare colony, which we are privileged to see flying above us every Summer here in Milborne Port. By keeping our gardens insect-friendly and putting up nest boxes, we can do our bit to support their survival as they are now on the endangered list, with fellow aerobatic companions Swallows and House Martins, which are also at risk. The tower at Sherborne Abbey has been one such site and we heard about its success since the start of this initiative last year, with rarely seen photographs of them nesting and hatching inside.

NEXT MONTH: Our meeting will be at Castle Gardens on Tuesday 19th May, 6pm - 8pm. Following a talk and refreshments, members will be enjoying one of the many and valuable 25% discount opportunities our membership of the Gold Club offers us. Members, please note that this is not on our usual 2nd Tuesday of the month and not at our regular start time. If you wish to become an MPGC member to take advantage of this special evening then please get in touch beforehand with Caroline, as this is a members-only evening.

Our daytime Summer Visits season then runs during JUNE, JULY and AUGUST. All members and non-members are welcome to join these private garden visits, but it is important to book well in advance with Judith and not just turn up on the day, as catering numbers need to be supplied in advance as well as the entrance fees, which are extra but worth it for a memorable day out! *(Please note that these replace our monthly evening meetings until September.)*



So, we look forward to welcoming you to our Plant Sale where you can meet other club members, our hard-working committee, and buy some great plants at great prices!

Jane Daggett chair MPGC

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Bath and Wells Diocesan Year of Prayer

“Hands together. Eyes closed!” Do you remember that? I grew up with prayer. In our church everyone had to pray, and there were certain rules. Heads had to be lowered with eyes fixed on footwear. Posture was usually seated, in what looked like a shampoo-and-set position. Voices were subdued, prayers inaudible and seemingly interminable. Only the minister was allowed to raise his (never her) voice.

Not to belittle those who sincerely joined in and contributed, but as an adult, exploring potential public ministry, I started to discover alternative options for meaningful connect with God as loving Father. It took a long time, but one of the most helpful advances on my journey was discovering ‘prayer-walking’. Hyperactive as I am it was very releasing to learn that God has given no hard-and-fast rules about methods or styles of praying.

Jesus often went ‘into the hills’ to pray – he loved the natural world, and encountered God heavenly Father there, sometimes alone, sometimes in the company of his friends. For me that was a particular relief during lockdown, walking around Surrey’s largest churchyard, or along by the River Blackwater. I find reflecting deeply in God’s presence much easier when I’m out walking, especially around here! And in wet or unpleasant weather I walk around built-up parts of the parish instead, stopping by businesses or places I knew, remembering anyone in particular need.

In our diocesan Year of Prayer, we’re reminded that we can listen and talk with God ‘anytime, anywhere’. There’s no secret formula, no magic words, no prescribed actions. Praying is part of our journey through each day, wherever we may be, whatever we’re doing. Of course, there’s a place for meditating quietly somewhere familiar and comfortable. Churches can also offer a calm space for enjoying God’s presence – I love them when they’re empty. But if you’re able to walk, even a relatively short distance, you may find, like me, prayer-walking enables you to encounter the risen Jesus in peace and hope. Even the sound of traffic, voices, working life around can inform our prayer and reflection. And do take a prayer bookmark to help you on your way.

Stuart Thomas



We had our April meeting in church house when Ashley, from the Dorset & Somerset Ambulance, gave us a talk and demonstration of CPR (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation).

She had two dummy defibrillators with her which we found particularly helpful as some of us were a little doubtful about how to use them. We were reassured as one is talked through the whole process. At the end of the evening, we were given a certificate stating that we are now qualified 'Bystanders as a Life Saver'! The meeting was well attended by our members, including two new ones, and some visitors. Celia, our president, advised members of forthcoming events as we have been invited to a fashion show by Henstridge Flyers and a social meeting at Stalbridge later in the summer. At the end of April, some of us will be going to the Woolovers shop in Sherborne to have a 'private viewing' of the clothes etc.

Our meeting in May is back in the Community Room/Library in the Town Hall and is on **Thursday, 14th May at 7.30pm**. It is our AGM when the President and Secretary will read the Reports of the year, the committee will be elected etc. It is hoped that we will have some new members on our committee who will have fresh ideas. One of our members, Jan, will give a talk on the various scams that can sadly take place, mostly online, and how to avoid them. As always, visitors are welcome and we charge £5 to go towards our expenses.

We look forward to seeing people on 9th May at the village hall Community Matters event, where we will be having a stall and serving refreshments.

In the meantime, we serve coffees **every Friday morning** in our room. Do pop in for a drink and chat.

Christine Porter

The Glovelies (MPWI)

Library Buildings

The world's most beautiful libraries are not just places to store books: they are places of architectural magnificence, cultural diversity, and intellectual excellence. Here are some of the most notable libraries around the world.

The first known library building in the world was the **Library of Ashur Banihal in Ninevah** (modern day Iraq) est. around the 7th. Century BCE
An historical marvel, known for its exceptional manuscript collection and its ability to draw researchers from all over the world, was the **Library of Alexandria in Egypt**.

The world's largest library is the **Library of Congress in Washington DC**. With its massive volume and shelf space, it houses an enormous collection of historical records, rare manuscripts and cultural objects.

The **Bibliothèque Nationale de France in Paris** is renowned for its opulent architecture. It houses a wealth of literary masterpieces, an extensive collection of manuscripts along with prints, pictures and other relics.

The **Tianjin Binhai Library in China** is designed to be like an urban living room in a city. It resembles a giant eye with a spherical auditorium and terraced bookshelves.

The Pritzker Prize-winning design of the **Cottbus Technical University Library in Germany** showcases innovative use of materials, light and form, creating a building that is both functional and profoundly artistic.



The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and one of the world's largest libraries. Its collections include more than 150 million items, in over 400 languages including books, magazines, manuscripts, maps, music scores, newspapers, patents, databases, philatelic items, prints and drawings and sound recordings.

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- Childrens Craft** – Saturday 16th May 10.30-11.30am
- Lego Club** – Saturday 30th May all morning
- Scrabble Club** – Tuesdays 2.30pm
- Book Club** – Tuesday 12th May 2pm

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: This commences on 20th June 2026.
Details of how to take part coming next month.

Community Matters Day 9th May & Spirit of Milborne Fete 13th June:
We shall have a presence at both these events. Come and chat and hear
the latest library news.

Stats for 2026: Milborne Port library is performing better than most
small Somerset libraries. We are proud of our achievements, with
special thanks to Millie, Karen and our volunteers for their dedication
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What to Watch for in the May Night Sky

We can thank our lucky stars when once in a blue moon we find rare and kindred souls along the pathways of our lives. - *Laurel Burch*

On the 31st of May, expect news headlines announcing the arrival of a *blue moon*. Despite the name, the Moon won't appear blue; it will look like any other full moon. The term simply refers to the rare occasion—roughly every two or three years—when two full moons occur in the same calendar month.



Crescent Moon by Laurel Burch, artist

The most recent blue moon occurred on the 19th of August 2024.

The phrase *blue moon* first appeared in the 1937 Maine Farmer's Almanack, where it described the third full moon in a season containing four. Later, an astronomy magazine misinterpreted this definition and claimed that a blue moon was the second full moon in a single month. This misunderstanding spread widely, especially after it appeared as a trivia question in *Trivial Pursuit* in 1986.

The blue moon on the 31st is also a 'micromoon' and will appear slightly smaller and dimmer than a standard full moon. It occurs when the moon is at its farthest point from earth in its elliptical orbit, known as apogee.

May Visible Planets

Morning... Saturn (now in Pisces) begins to emerge from the twilight and into the dawn sky. By the end of the month, it rises at around 3 a.m.

Evening... Venus is at its most striking this month setting as late as midnight. Jupiter, positioned in Gemini, sets at about 1 a.m.

May 2026 Astronomical Events

1st: Full Moon. The May Full **Moon** is known as the Flower **Moon** because of the flowers that bloom during this month. Other names for the May Full **Moon** are the Corn Planting **Moon** and the Milk **Moon** from the Old English/Anglo-Saxon.

6th: Eta Aquarid meteor shower - tiny pieces of Halley's Comet burning up in the atmosphere. Viewing conditions spoilt by a bright Moon.

9th: Moon at Last Quarter

14th: Saturn to the lower right of the Moon just above the horizon.

16th: New Moon

18th: Moon near Venus

19th: Moon between Venus and Jupiter

20th: Moon near Jupiter

23rd: Moon at First Quarter

31st: blue Moon

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 5.44 am Sunset: 8.31 pm

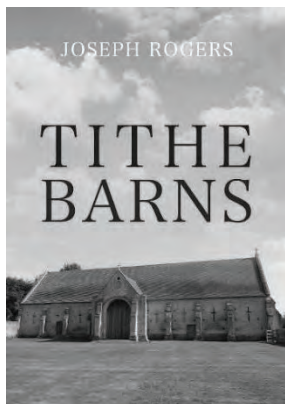
31st: Sunrise 5.03 am Sunset: 9.15 pm

The first day of May is 14 hours, 47 minutes long. The last day of the month is 16 hours, 12 minutes, so the length of the days gets 1 hour, 25 minutes longer during May 2026.

Good Viewing

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Books mentioned in the History and Heritage article pp 24/25

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