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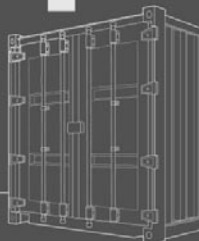
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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

One of the joys of living and working in our beautiful corner of the country is watching the seasons unfold around us. By July, the hedgerows are full, the fields have changed colour, and gardens are beginning to reward the patient labour of spring. But it's also worth remembering St Paul's words to the church in Corinth: *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."* (1 Corinthians 3:6)



There is something wonderfully reassuring about that verse. We are invited to play our part—to sow, to water, to tend—but the growth itself belongs to God. As I begin to think about the next chapter of my own journey, I find myself reflecting with gratitude on the seeds of faith, kindness and friendship that I have seen across our benefice. In every parish there are people who quietly care for others, who keep worship and community life going, who offer hospitality, encouragement and practical help. Much of that work goes unnoticed, but it doesn't matter any less for that.

Since I've been here, I have been blessed by the welcome you have given me, by your generosity, your patience, your friendship and your willingness to share both joys and sorrows. Thank you.

And yet, we don't always see what God is growing. Sometimes all we feel we are doing is clearing the ground. Sometimes we sow seeds that seem to disappear. Sometimes we water ground that looks unpromising, but God is always at work, we just need to trust that his ways might be hidden from us.

So, my prayer for us this summer is that we may continue to trust the Gardener, delight in the beauty of his creation, and take heart from the knowledge that where love, faith and hope are planted, God will bring growth in his own good time.

With every blessing,

Rev Rona

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sebastian Barron Craigmyle	06/06/2026
Autumn Nola Hackett	14/06/2026
Rafferty Parker Vincent	28/06/2026
Bertie Willaim Vincent	28/06/2026
Barney George Vincent	28/06/2026



Wedding

Lucie Monk/William Sams	26/06/2026
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Funerals

Bapsy Hoare Gooding	08/06/2026
John Frank Coffin	25/06/2026
Joe Kendall	29/06/2026

Congratulations to John Fisher for the lovely cover picture this month of the flowers along Gainsborough. Also, thanks to the volunteers who tend this bed and make it so attractive

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

Don't forget – write the date in your diary! The St. John's Summer Fete on the church lawns **Saturday 11th July 2pm**. Live music – bbq- raffle – tombola – cakes – coconut shy - stalls and lots for the children.

No entry fee but bring cash for the stalls.

News from the Parish Council

Could you 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. Maybe you are new to the Parish and want to become involved with local matters, or maybe you have lived in the village for all your life, and you are now looking to give something back. 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 feel you could bring something to the role and a genuine interest in our village, why not put 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! If you would like to talk to us, pop in to see us in the Parish Council Office any Tuesday morning between 8.30 am and 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. We are also happy to assist with printing off the form for you.

Readers might have noticed that the hedge by Church Place is being gradually eaten by **box caterpillar**. This horticultural pest is increasingly common in gardens and can completely defoliate box plants. Though relatively new to Britain, it has spread widely across England – particularly London and surrounding areas – and has reached the rest of the UK and Ireland. The remaining shreds of the hedge will be removed in the Winter and replaced with a different type of hedge plant.

July Meetings: Full Council Meeting - Tuesday 7th; Management & Planning Committees - Tuesday 21st

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.

Milborne Port: Community Matters in 2028

Last month, the incorrect email address was published for contacting us about our next event in 2028. The correct details are: janedaggett.mport@gmail.com Do get in touch now to register your interest.

“Not the Marmalade Festival” – 19th July 2026

At Blackberry Cottage

It seems a long time ago that we celebrated the end of winter with our now regular Marmalade Festival at 55 London Road. Now it's time to enjoy summer and Frank and I would like to invite you all to a Cream Tea (in the garden if the weather allows) on Sunday, 19th July from 2.30-4.30pm.

No ticket price, but donations gleefully accepted in aid of the Church Roof Fund. Please sign the list in Church to give us some indication of numbers attending – Many thanks.

Maureen Wright





After several weeks of nest building, egg laying and incubation by our resident Great tits, we finally heard the 'squeaks' of their newly hatched brood in early May. Then the real effort began. The parent birds worked tirelessly bringing caterpillars and other

larvae (a fantastic source of protein) to the nest box, as well as other insects and the occasional spider. On each occasion, there was melee of noise from the offspring which became more and more intense as the days passed. Then on the 19th of May (a dismal wet morning) they fledged. When we got up, two were sitting on the lawn whilst another two were sitting in a tree just outside the garden. We watched discretely from an upstairs window as the parent birds flew back and forth feeding their now dispersed brood. It looked exhausting! We hoped that they would all survive the night, but



we didn't see them again until about 4 days later when a female Great tit, being trailed by 4 sturdy fledglings, passed through the garden. It was good to see them already partly foraging for food themselves.

Watching this cycle of life was a privilege and really brings home the delicate balance of nature. We continue to see a decline in the number

of moths, butterflies and other insects in the UK which will inevitably affect those higher up the food chain. Here in Milborne Port we can help the countrywide efforts being made to maintain biodiversity, by protecting and conserving our wild spaces in the village, as well as making our gardens more wildlife friendly. *Jane Hewitt*

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.

- Somerset will receive £50 million of new flood funding. This will be used to develop a two-year programme of works to reduce flood risk, improve preparedness and strengthen long-term resilience, including infrastructure improvements in high-risk areas, natural flood management schemes, support for property-level flood protection, and improved collaboration with local communities,
- Glastonbury and Somerton is home to key parts of the UK's defence infrastructure and industrial base, including RNAS Yeovilton, Thales in Templecombe and businesses that support defence supply chains across the Southwest. Sarah Dyke MP has called on former Defence Secretary John Healey to give evidence to the Defence Select Committee following his resignation, warning that continued delays to the Defence Investment Plan are undermining confidence in the UK's defence capability and defence industry.

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At the time of writing, all repairs to the roofs of the north aisle, tower and nave have been completed and, with any luck, all the holes leading to the leaks have been fixed. There is still outstanding work to be completed on the hatch leading from the bell chamber to the tower roof.

We have been blessed with a wonderful team of contractors, who have maintained regular contact with the PCC over the course of the two months or so that they have been on site.

Fundraising will continue as work will need to be carried out on the windows, particularly the west window. In the future the organ will also need an overhaul, and there will be the thorny issue of the heating system to be addressed.

With thanks again

Susan Wales, Churchwarden

***You can donate to the St. John's
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News from Milborne Wick – Dates for your diaries.



On Sunday 2nd August, Milborne Wick will be holding a Pet Service at 3pm to which we invite everyone. Bring their pet 'little or large'.



Our traditional annual Cream Tea is held on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Come and enjoy our idyllic Village, the fresh air and our beautiful homemade cakes and scones. The Ukulele Band will be playing.



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The summer holidays are fast approaching, yet it hardly seems any time at all since we were thinking about Easter. Is that because I'm getting older? Don't they say time flies?

I recently heard someone say, "When I was a little girl, the sun always shone." We have certainly enjoyed some lovely weather, and I wonder—did the sun always shine when I was younger, or is that because I tend to see life as a glass half full rather than half empty? I am, by nature, an optimist rather than a pessimist. More than that, I believe I am a hopeful person—confident and expectant that the promises God gives will endure and be fulfilled, even when things may look difficult.

In the Bible, there is the story of Moses sending twelve spies into the Promised Land. Ten returned focused on the obstacles, giving a report rooted in fear. But two—Joshua and Caleb—saw the same challenges and chose to ground their perspective in faith, focusing on God's power and the way forward. I am very blessed that my husband, Adrian, is a natural problem solver. He often encourages me to slow down, look carefully at a situation, and work towards a solution. Whether the problem is small or significant, I hold onto the knowledge that God will never harm me and will always be with me. Because of that, I can live in hope, trusting that there will be a way through. As it says in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In these uncertain times, both in our country and across the world, I hold onto the truth of this verse. For those who know Jesus, it brings a deep sense of hope and confidence for the future. My prayer for you, my friends, is that you too may sense that hope and know that you are deeply cared for. As July becomes busy with end-of-term events and celebrations, may that hope, remain at the forefront of your life.

Wishing you a very blessed July.

Yvonne x

CHURCH SERVICES

(including the Principal Service Readings)

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

Wednesday 1st July

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Sunday 5th July

5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

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

Wednesday 8th July

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Sunday 12th July

6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9 & 13:18-23

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

Wednesday 15th July

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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July 15th

St. Vladimir of Kyiv is honoured. He combined political authority with visionary religious leadership, laying the foundations for Eastern Orthodox tradition in Eastern Europe.



FOR JULY

Sunday 19th July

7th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30 & 13:36-43

9:00 am	Blackford and Compton Pauncefoot Morning Service	Blackford
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 22nd July

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Sunday 26th July

8th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8.26–end, Matthew 13:31-33 & 13:44-52

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

Wednesday 29th July

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Saturday 1st August

5:00 pm	Confirmation Service	Milborne Port
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Sunday 2nd August

9th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

9:00 am	Holy Communion	Blackford
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Milborne Port3
6:00 pm	Evensong	Stowell3pm

Wednesday 5th August

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Date for your diary

Sunday 2nd August Pet Service Milborne Wick 3pm.

Diocese of Bath and Wells Year of Prayer

A Rule of Life: Making Space for God

I was very grateful to Jane Jeanes for her thoughtful piece last month about prayer. This month I would like to reflect on something that has become an important part of my own prayer journey: a Rule of Life.

The phrase may sound rather formal. We might imagine a list of strict regulations or something only suitable for monks and nuns. In reality, a Rule of Life is simply a pattern of living that helps us stay close to God. It is not about *restriction* but about *direction*.

One image that helps me understand a Rule of Life is that of a trellis in a garden. A trellis does not create the life of a plant; it cannot make a vine grow. The life is already there. But a trellis provides support, direction and space for healthy growth.

Jesus tells his disciples, “*I am the vine; you are the branches.*” A Rule of Life is not the vine itself; it is more like the trellis that helps the vine grow and bear fruit.

In the same way, prayer, worship, acts of kindness, reading Scripture and serving others are the living vine. A Rule of Life gives shape and support to these practices so that they can flourish.

My own Rule of Life comes from The Nazareth Community (I highly recommend looking at their website – <https://www.nazareth.community/>). It offers a simple framework for following Christ in everyday life, encouraging prayer, reflection on Scripture, care for others and an awareness of God’s presence in daily routines.

The trellis image speaks particularly well to those of us who live in rural communities. We know that growth takes time, that healthy plants need

support, and that seasons change. The same is true of our spiritual lives. There are times of abundance and times when growth seems hidden. A Rule of Life helps us remain rooted in God through them all.

You may not wish to adopt a formal Rule of Life, but perhaps you might consider creating your own simple trellis: a moment of thanksgiving each morning, a short passage of Scripture each day, a regular act of kindness, or a prayer before sleep.

Small practices, faithfully tended, can help God's life grow within us. May this Year of Prayer encourage each of us to discover afresh the ways in which God is already at work in our lives, drawing us closer to him.

With love,

Rev Rona

From: Jane Daggett MPGC Chair

Milborne Port Gardening Club

It's our Summer Garden Visits season and last month we had the great pleasure of going to Wells and having a tour around Stoberry Park Gardens with its spectacular views of Wells Cathedral and Glastonbury Tor. This was a specially arranged private visit as it is not open to the public, but as it had been featured in Abigail Willis' book "Secret Gardens of Somerset" we thought we would arrange a future visit. Abigail gave us a delightful talk on notable Somerset gardens last year and is returning to us in September to do a presentation on roses. More details next month!



We found Stoberry enchanting and there were many inspirational ideas and colour schemes to take home and consider for our own gardens, including the eye-catching and fun idea of growing large, tall Alliums rising above a long Lavender hedge! Our tour guide was Frances the owner, who had designed each of the garden areas but used planting schemes as an artist might design, not as a landscape gardener. This created schemes based on texture and



colour rather than typical RHS bedding schemes - sometimes quirky, sometimes traditional. Frances explained she was an artist and not a gardener, but whatever her preferred label, the entire estate was charming and an inspiration, after 30 years of hard work creating this hidden gem from a badly neglected landscape.

Our July visit is on Friday 3rd July at 11am when we are going to the equally private gardens of **Dorset Walled Gardens at Upper Sydling House, Up Sydling**, west of Cerne Abbas, set within the owner's organic and entirely eco self-sufficient farm. The extensive Walled Gardens are also very special, and we have had privileged permission to visit as a group. The Rose Garden is of particular interest at this time of year and has over 100 listed varieties. **Do take a look at their website www.dorsetwalledgarden.co.uk.** Entrance, which includes afternoon tea, is £25. Anyone can join us on this private visit, including friends and non-MPGC members, but must book in advance please, via the email : mpgardenclub@gmail.com

As announced last month, MPGC is keen to recruit new committee members, especially a new Secretary straight away and a new Treasurer to start in the new year. If you are looking for a very pleasant way to get involved in your local community, especially supporting our gardening club, please get in touch for an informal and no-obligation chat, to see if this would suit?

Friends of Milborne Port Library (F19) Charity No. 1183786

Thankyou Millie:

Millie has left us for pastures new. We wish her well in her new venture and extend grateful thanks to her dedication and cheerfulness in all she did for our library. The farewell "tea party" was well attended by friends, Somerset Community Library representatives and book lovers.



Vacancy: Following Millie's departure we have a vacancy for a Library and Information Officer. If you are interested in this role, ask Karen in our library for details. Details can also be found at the Somerset Library Service – link:

[Library & information Officer Job Details Somerset Council](#)

July Events in the Library:

NB. Story and Play on Tuesdays will be stopped until a new staff member is recruited.

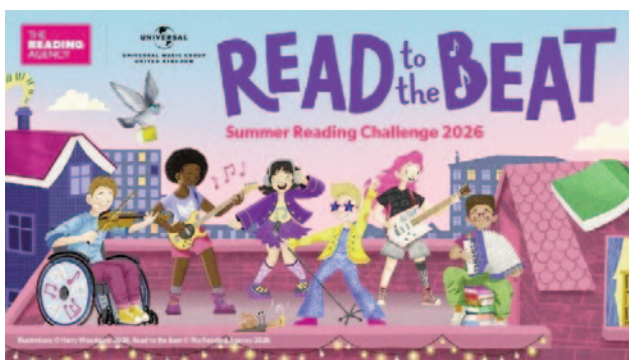
Lego Club – Saturday 11th July (am) (this will run on the second Saturday of the month from now on).

Children's Craft Morning – Saturday 31st. August 10.30 – 11.30am

Scrabble Club – Tuesdays 2.30 pm.

Book Club – Tuesday 7th. July 2pm.

This year we have a music theme, **“Read to the Beat”**. The library will have everything you need to complete the challenge. Sign up at the library and collect your record sheet. Every time you



read two books, come into the library and collect two stickers. To complete the challenge, you need to read six books over the summer and on completion you will receive a certificate and a medal.

The sign-up form for the summer reading challenge is also available online at [Somerset Libraries SRC register form 2026](#)

Keep a lookout for other summer activities including a Treasure Hunt and Craft Session. Ask Karen for details.

Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com

We had a really interesting evening at our June meeting when we were given a talk by Dr. Lucy Pollock on 'Ageing Well'. It was very well attended by members, plus two guests who came to hear Dr. Lucy's talk. She is a geriatric consultant who works at Taunton Hospital and has several years' experience. Most of what she said was common sense, like being active, enjoying fresh air, having a good diet and socialising with friends, which I'm sure most of us try to do anyway. However, the doctor had a very positive attitude which was good to hear.



GLOVELIES

Some of you may have seen us at the SOMP fete where we held a bottle stall tombola. It was a lovely warm (but not too hot) sunny day, and it was good to see so many people there supporting the occasion. We soon sold out of bottles, and I hope those people who came early and won something enjoyed it. **Well done to the SOMP people for organising it.**

Our next meeting will take place in Church House at 7.30pm on 9th July when we will be having our social event with 'food and drink'. We will be inviting other local WIs/Ladies Groups, and the charge will be £5.00 per person.

In the meantime, our regular coffee mornings held in the community room/library continue to be well supported, so we look forward to seeing members, locals and visitors there from 10.30-12.00 every Friday.

Christine Porter Glovelies (MPWI)



Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our next talk will be on **Monday 20th July**, given by **Susan Hartnell-Beavis** who wrote the book called 'Blackford: The story of

a Village and its People'. Susan will talk to us about the whole village, including St Michael's church. There might be an opportunity to visit the church, internal redecoration work allowing.



Join us 'on location' at Blackford Reading

Room for a 7.00 pm start (*a change from our usual start time.*) We are a charity and ask for a suggested donation of £2 per member or £5 per non-member to cover costs. If you wish to become a member of our group, please email us: mphhgroup@gmail.com

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Park on the road towards Maperton outside the church - the turn to the right at the crossroads.



On Monday 15th June, a full house was entertained and informed by experienced tour guide, Bill McDermott, who talked to us about Walter Raleigh, the Digbys & Sherborne Castle. Bill took us on a journey through the lives and times of the families associated with the Sherborne Castles - old and new - and there was much to learn about

how they impacted upon the local area. If you haven't yet been to the Sherborne Castles, do go! There is so much rich history in their stones.

Don't forget that our small-but-perfectly-formed **Chapel Museum** is open every Sunday until 30th August! 2.30 - 4 pm.

Remember that you can follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269663891785502> – for updates on talks and events, and for signposts to articles that are new to our ever-evolving website: <http://milborneporthistory.org.uk>. We have many people now posting brilliant material onto our Facebook pages, so if you are a Facebooker, it is well worth checking out these contributions. You can also get in touch by e-mail: mphhgroup@gmail.com

Nathalie Hetherington, MPH&H Group Secretary

July Night Sky Highlights

“...A look at the stars will show us the littleness of our own interests.” – Maria Mitchell

To our ancestors, the summer solstice was more than a date: it marked the Sun's greatest strength and the turning point toward the harvest. In a world shaped by sunlight, it was both an important agricultural milestone and a deeply spiritual occasion.

Communities held rituals to strengthen the Sun, driving livestock through bonfire smoke to promote health and fertility. Flaming wheels were rolled down hills to foretell the harvest's success, while large bonfires were lit to ward off witches, demons, and mischievous fairies. Midsummer's Eve was also associated with protection and romance: herbs were hung over doors for safety, and young women placed flowers beneath their pillows in hopes of dreaming of future husbands.

Planets

Evening Sky: **Jupiter:** Low in the west after sunset, fading into the Sun's glare after the first week of July. **Venus:** Bright and easy to spot low in the west during evening twilight. **Mercury:** Visible just above the north-western horizon after sunset in the final days of July.

Morning Sky: Saturn: Rises around midnight and remains visible for a few hours before twilight. **Mars:** Appears in the east about three hours before sunrise, in the constellation Taurus.

6th: The **Earth at aphelion** - the point in a planet's orbit around the Sun where it is farthest from it.

7th: **Moon** passes close to **Saturn**, **Moon** at **Last Quarter**

11th: **Moon** passes close to **Mars**

14th: **New Moon**

17th: **Moon** passes close to **Venus**

20th: On July 20th, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to step foot on the Moon.



21st: **Moon** at **First Quarter**

29th: **Full Moon** - The Anglo-Saxons called July's Full Moon the Hay Moon, after the hay harvest, and also the Wort Moon. In Old English, "wort" means a plant used for food or medicine, such as butterwort or woundwort. These plants were often gathered at this time of year.

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 5:00 am Sunset: 9.29 pm

31st: Sunrise 5.34 am Sunset: 9.00 pm

In Milborne Port, the length of the day gets 1 hour and 16 minutes shorter during July.

Good Viewing.

Ganymede

Just occasionally there is space in the magazine for something different. For many years there was a quilting club in the village, and they made beautiful quilts which were regularly displayed in the church for the fete. Those quilts were mainly machine made, but an older tradition would be to make them by hand using scraps of fabric left over from when people had to make their own clothes. Personally, I follow this lovely slow way as does **Nichola Henson** and she kindly put together the following article. I just wish you could see it in colour.

"I make patchwork quilts and find our Magazine exactly the right thickness to make the templates for each piece. Once all six sides are stitched, I can remove Rev Rona's picture!

I've been creating patchwork most of my life. My mother always had patchwork on the go, making quilts, cushions, wall hangings and even rag rugs out of the thicker materials.

The first major patchwork I made for myself was when I was first married and I made covers for the twin beds in our spare room. The next one was a wonderful scrapbook of my daughters' clothes

and bedroom curtains. I made all our clothes and kept all the leftovers till I had enough for a bed cover.

I use a metal template to cut hexagons from glossy magazines. Since these have become so expensive I discovered our village magazine is just the right texture to use. It was by chance I cut a perfect hexagonal photo of Rev Rona. I fold the material over the paper and





tack it down. Once the pieces are all sewn together, I take out the stitches and remove the paper pattern.

Another memorable quilt took me about 20 years to make. The entire thing is made entirely by hand, and I used to take sections with me whilst travelling around Kenya, Uganda, and Sierra Leone. The women in the villages were

fascinated to see me at work, and I soon had little workshops on the go.

During this time we moved house - and country - frequently. The patchwork would be packed away and sometimes not brought out for several months while I set up a new home and settled ourselves in. It was eventually finished- and this is it.



Having taken about 20 years to make that one, when Covid struck, I thought lockdown was a good opportunity to start another one. With no other distractions I completed this one in 10 weeks! What else was there to do?! This one was displayed in our church for an exhibition of work/hobbies undertaken during lockdown. (Photo see over leaf)

• *Nichola Henson*



MAGAZINE DEADLINES



All entries for the August 2026 issue of the magazine to the editor please by Saturday 25th July **at 12 noon latest.**

Distributors at the church on **Friday 31st July at 2 p.m.**

Editor's email :

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All email contributions will be acknowledged. If you do not receive a reply, or if you are unable to use email,
please ring 01963 250382.

Leave a message with your phone number and I will get back to you.

Page 35 of this magazine has many useful village contact details, including magazine advertising and distribution information. Please get in touch with the magazine if any of the details are out of date. Thankyou.

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