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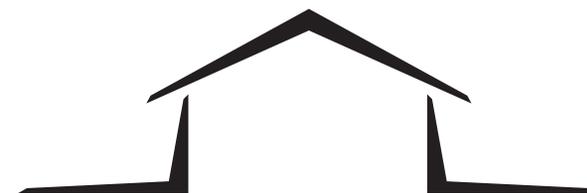
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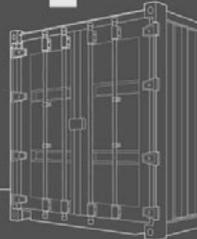
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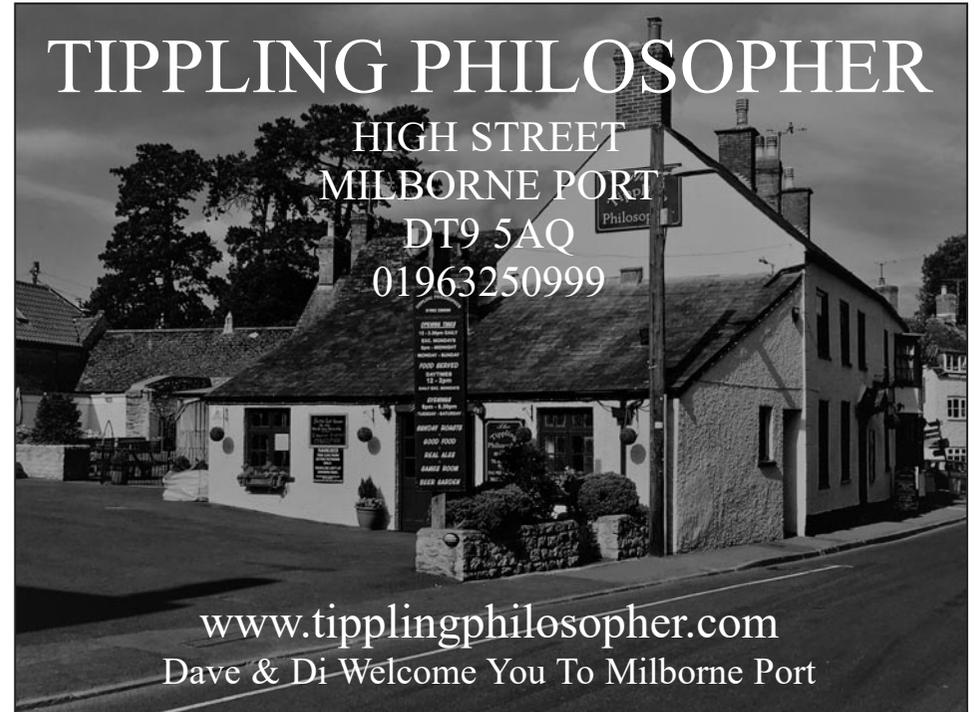


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## A LETTER FROM REV STUART

Someone asked me recently, “Are you the new priest who’s just retired here?” Well, 37 years on from my ordination I hardly qualify as a new priest. And since we retired here from Surrey 32 months ago, ‘newcomers’ probably isn’t the most accurate description of our status. Though, for sure, I’m the most recent arrival among Milborne Port’s retired priests.



Moving house is among the most stressful life events, so no surprise we found moving from a fair-sized Rectory to our new house here a tad traumatic. No complaints about the process itself or the removers, but I was left with a severe allergy to cardboard boxes that still afflicts me. Large packing cases we emptied fairly quickly, but plenty of smaller ones survived the experience – at least one made it through four house moves without being opened. I’m still occasionally amazed at what I unearth in the darker recesses of the garage!

Although my mother was a keen down-scaler, I’m not in her league. Things I consider ‘collectable’ still occupy a lot of space in the garage. And despite offloading boxloads to charity shops, we’re still saying, “Wherever did it come from?” or “I haven’t seen that in years!”. It’s made me reflect on Jesus’ parable of the farmer who demolished his barns to double his storage capacity. “I’ve earned it! I deserve it!” he announced, contemplating a comfortable retirement, which never materialised. Unfortunately, we can’t increase the size of our garage, so we’re left wondering why we put money and effort into things we barely remember now!

November is the month of Remembrance. As we give thanks on 11<sup>th</sup> November for those who’ve given their lives to bring us the peace and security we now enjoy, we remember equally all victims of war and conflict. Refugees, many escaping conflict and violence, remind us of

countless millions around the world who have no storage space for their forgotten acquisitions, who journey on with only a suitcase or cardboard box containing their entire life. Before indulging my collecting instincts, I try to remember those who struggle to collect food and life’s essentials.

We’ll both wear poppies gladly, remembering our own brave relatives and giving thanks for all those whose lives paid for today’s freedoms. But my mother often said, “You can’t take it with you when you go”. Today I find acquiring more possessions far less satisfying than putting my energy and resources into making the world a more peaceful and kinder place. Which for me is the heart of what it means to follow the way of Jesus Christ.

*God bless you all  
Stuart*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### BAPTISM

13<sup>th</sup> October Nathaniel Francois Kotze

### FUNERALS

11<sup>th</sup> October Gillian Mary Hornby

25<sup>th</sup> October Anthony (Tony) Robert Hugh Rogers

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Congratulations to **Ian Pollard**, who took the atmospheric photograph of the Weighbridge and Town Hall which is on our cover this month.

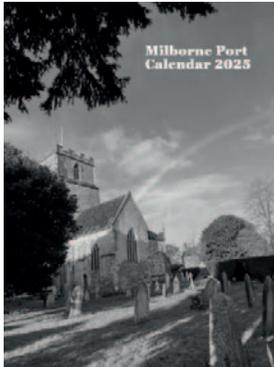
There are so many photogenic scenes in and around Milborne Port – how about taking your own picture and submitting it for consideration as a future cover? High-res images please to

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

All of our cover photographs this year are in the Milborne Port Calendar 2025, available from the end of November at £5.00.

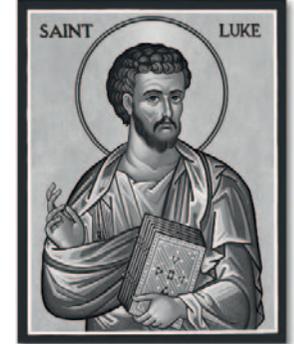
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## Advent Reflections – the other side of “Getting Ready for Christmas”!

1<sup>st</sup> December 2024, Advent Sunday, sees the beginning of a new Church Year. This year we will predominantly use Luke’s Gospel for our Sunday readings. Luke has 24 chapters. So, for the month of December as we wait for the celebration of the coming of Christ on the 25<sup>th</sup>, join me in reading a chapter of Luke’s Gospel each day.



There will be two opportunities per week to meet and reflect on the meaning of Advent, Luke’s Gospel and the appointed Sunday Gospel texts. The first will be on a Wednesday, and the second on a Saturday. All meetings will take place in Milborne Port. They will include music, poetry, silence and discussion on the chapters which we have read of Luke’s Gospel thus far.

Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December. Will follow on from the Midweek Communion which starts at 10.30 a.m. Venue tbc.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> December. 10 a.m. Venue: St John’s Church.

More details next month.

I look forward to seeing you there.

*With love  
Rev Rona*

## 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.*

### **Ernest Gane died November 1944**

Ernest Gane was a Serjeant with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Dorset Regiment. He died on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1944 in Holland and is buried at the Jonkerbos War Cemetery, Nijmegen. His parents were Charles & Alice Gane. Ernest and his elder brother, Randolph, were both born at Marnhull where Charles was a coachman. When Charles took up employment at Ven House, the family moved to East Street, Milborne Port and prior to enlisting in 1939, Ernest also worked at Ven House as a gardener. During the war Randolph served alongside his brother with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Dorset Regiment and had been wounded just before Ernest's death.



On the railway today stationmasters have become extinct, like many small stations. Everything you need to know about the life of a stationmaster will be revealed in the conclusion of our romp through the area in this 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of Blackmore Vale u3a. Brita Wood's talk on the Stationmasters of Blackmore Vale will give a unique insight into this role.

This all happens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open for refreshments at 2.15 p.m. at Henstridge Village Hall BA8 QD.  
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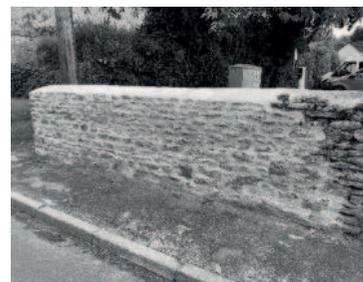
## News from the Parish Council

### **Community Litter Picking: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Meet: 10 a.m. at East Street Car Park**

Let's try to pick up as much litter from the streets, roads and lanes of our lovely village as we can! Parents, why not bring your children and make this a family activity, at the same time as teaching them about the importance of caring for their environment? (Please note that primary school aged children must be accompanied by a responsible adult).



Equipment will be provided by South Somerset District Council but please wear bright jackets/tops for visibility. Finish: 12 noon back at East Street Car Park, then you are invited to the Town Hall for 'thank you' refreshments. Or you can recover from your exertions in 'The Tippling Philosopher' across the road!



*'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.'  
(John Keats)*

If you are a regular user of East Street, you will probably have noticed the fabulous job done by Darren Jenkins on mending part of the wall next to the car park which collapsed earlier this year.

Many thanks to Darren for his excellent craftsmanship!

**Autumn Swift Box Initiative** Would you like to do something positive to support wildlife in your area? Swifts are on the RSPB's Red List of conservation concern. At the Management Meeting in September, Committee members resolved to sell swift boxes at a reduced price to residents who would like to install one (or more!) on their property (subject to Listed Building Consent if appropriate). If you are interested in taking us up on this offer, please contact Simon Pritchard to discuss the options.



### **Parish Council Meetings in November**

**Full Council: 5th; Planning Committee: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>; Management: 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

*Simon Pritchard – Parish Clerk* clerk@milborneportpc.org.uk  
*Nathalie Hetherington – Deputy* office@milborneportpc.org.uk  
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*Parish Council Website: www.milborneportpc.org.uk*



### **Coach trip to Exeter**

on Thursday, 21st November, organized by the Glovelies, to visit the Christmas markets etc., the Cathedral, Quay and other places.

Leaving the Weighbridge at 9.30 a.m. Fare will be £20, payable in advance please. Names and monies to be given to Janet Hockley - 01963 250844

## **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.*

- SD has backed the Climate and Nature Bill which has been selected to be brought before Parliament and if successful will pass into law.
- In the parliamentary debate on primary healthcare, SD called for greater access to healthcare for rural communities
- SD has called on the Government not to cancel investment into Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.



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

### **Christmas Tree Disposal Scheme**

Daniel and Lisa from Toomer Tree Services will again be running their Charity Christmas Tree Disposal after Christmas. Their date will be 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

So go ahead and get that real Christmas tree knowing you can recycle it easily and while helping others!

More details next month

# The Spirit of Milborne Port

'Working together for our Community'

We would like to thank everyone who kindly watered this year's hanging baskets throughout the High Street, a difficult task as they are very high up but much appreciated.

## Lest We Forget...

We are proud to support the Royal British Legion with the large poppies along the High Street.

## Milborne Port Light Switch On

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30 p.m., @ St John s Church.**

Come along and meet Santa and his Elves! This year you can pre book your time slot - more info to follow on FB. We have a lot more stalls, great chance to start that Christmas shopping! Enjoy homemade mince pies, mulled wine & mini bar, festive treats, Waynes BBQ, Christmas Crafts, Grand Raffle (top cash prize of £100), and much much more!



To book a stall, sponsor, donate a raffle prize, sponsor a Christmas tree @£10 or get involved please call Claire:- 07729 582669

**Last year was extremely busy, we are a small team and would welcome more help!**

*The Spirit of Milborne Port Events Committee*

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We have had a busy first half term at school and the children have settled well into their new year groups and classes.

Venn Class have had their Inspire morning which gives parents and carers the opportunity to learn alongside their children so they can see not just what is taught but how it is taught. Kingsbury Class have been to Carymoor at Castle Cary for a Stone Age day to support their learning in History. Crackmore class have been having swimming lessons at Sherborne School and Newtown will have lessons next term.

The PTFA organised a successful Sponsored Bounce recently. We had two bouncy castles in the Hall and there were prizes for the children that did the most bounces in one minute. We are delighted to have raised in excess of £600.



We look forward to joining ACE Academy but unfortunately the conversion date has been put back by the Local Authority and we are now looking at March 2025. In the meantime, we are attending training on the ACE approach to the curriculum and networking with other schools so that we are ready to embrace new systems and ways of working.

We are looking forward to our half term break before we turn our attention to Advent and Christmas next half term!

*Jonathan Rodd  
Headteacher*

## Milborne Port Football Club



We've had a busy few months with the new season starting and work behind the scenes to improve facilities for our teams.

We received some fantastic news recently following an application to the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund in partnership with the Milborne Port Playing Fields Committee. We have been approved for funding on improving our pitches over the next 6 years for a total project value of £69,120.

This funding will allow us to begin a scheduled programme of works that will upgrade all of our pitches and allow us to bring in contractors for much of the large works in over the length of the grant as well as educate club members in the level of maintenance required to cope with the volume of games being played at the Rec.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Playing Fields Committee or the Parish Council. We'd like to thank both for their continued support and commitment to the community.

On the pitch, the games are coming thick and fast, and it's been fantastic to see so many people supporting all our teams at the Rec so far this season.



If you, or anyone in your family would like to play, volunteer or sponsor our fantastic grassroots club, then we'd love to hear from you. Please contact [mpfcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:mpfcsecretary@outlook.com)

**#upthemilborne**

*Ben Tupman*

# CHURCH SERVICES

*(including the Principal Service Readings)*

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

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints

*Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

**No Morning Service at Milborne Port – instead,**

**3:00 p.m.** All Souls Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Evensong Stowell

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday

*Jonah 3:1-5 & 3:10, Mark 1:14-20*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP Goathill

**10:45 a.m. Remembrance Service** Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Remembrance Service Charlton Horethorne

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

10:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving Milborne Port

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

*Hebrews 10:11-14 & 10:19-25, Mark 13:1-8*

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Wick

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

# FOR NOVEMBER

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King

*Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37*

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

3:00 p.m. Evensong Goathill

## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

10:30 a.m. Midweek Communion Milborne Port

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent Sunday

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-end, Luke 21:25-36*

9:00 a.m. NO Holy Communion Charlton Horethorne

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Milborne Port

6:00 p.m. Darkness to Light Charlton Horethorne

## Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.



## Milborne Port Climate and Nature Action Group



Yes! We CAN!

Amazing news! Dr Roz Savage, an ambitious, determined, eloquent and charismatic MP, who has been an environmental campaigner for 20 years and rowed solo across three oceans to raise awareness of environmental degradation, was drawn third in the Private Members' Bill Ballot and introduced the Climate and Nature Bill into parliament on 16 October. The Bill has cross-party support, including eleven cross-party co-sponsors (the maximum permitted).

To quote Roz Savage: "I like to think of positive change in the same way – it can often feel like nothing is happening, but then suddenly you hit that tipping point of public awareness, pressure, and desire for change, and things happen very quickly". Exciting times!

Join the photo call asking our MP Sarah Dyke to attend the second reading of the Bill. Look out for further details.



Remember, remember on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November – and any other days you plan to light a bonfire – to move and reassemble the bonfire before lighting it to avoid burning hedgehogs alive.

One thing to do: Yes We CAN tackle the climate and nature crises by signing up to support the campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill here: [action.zerohour.uk](http://action.zerohour.uk)

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## Correction from October – please note if you have pets. Correct details below

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

## What? A Hobby!

In September I was photographing a Kestrel hovering at the top of East Hill, when I saw a second bird of prey in my viewfinder. It was roughly the same size as the Kestrel, but with longer more pointed wings and it was flying very fast. With no time to re-focus, I just clicked a few shots before it disappeared over the fields.

Although the photos were slightly blurred, the black and white cheeks and the rusty brown patch beneath the tail were unmistakable - it was a Hobby. It is always exciting to see something new, but seeing it on my 'home patch' is especially thrilling.

Hobbies have amazing flight skills, and their prey (large insects and small birds) are mostly caught on the wing. Incredibly this includes swifts and swallows.

A summer migrant to the UK, they arrive in April to breed and leave in October to over-winter in Africa, so I feel very lucky to have caught an albeit fleeting glimpse of this beautiful falcon in Milborne Port.



No photo of the Hobby, but I did get the Kestrel!

*Jane Hewitt*

## Milborne Port Village Hall – Film Night!

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.30 pm

£5 on the door, tickets also available from Wayne Pullen Butchers & The Tippling Philosopher. Our film this month is *The Trouble with Jessica*. Sarah and Tom are in deep financial trouble. Their situation takes a terrifying nosedive with the shocking behaviour of uninvited guest, Jessica.

'Wickedly brilliant... smart and funny' - *Rolling Stone Magazine*



## Milborne Port Gardening Club

Autumn is a gentle reminder that change can be beautiful. Are you like me, having an ongoing debate with myself about getting my bulbs in? Is it cold enough, is it too wet??? Before long I'll be thinking I should have got it done.

I love the description coined by the Dutch, of a Bulb Lasagne. This will deliver a dense and flowery display in your pots come spring. The layering of the largest and latest flowering bulbs at the deepest and progressing up to the smallest and earliest blooming at the top. How wonderful when we get to enjoy them, a feast for our eyes.



Our last speaker for the year was Julie Haylock, who hails from our wonderful part of England. We were taken through many and varied projects that Julie has undertaken. Before and after pictures, as well as planning, planting schemes and execution process were shared. Her husband also shared with us a small poetry reading.

Member's Note: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 p.m. is the MPGC AGM. If you are a member, we would appreciate it if you could make every effort to attend. Members, if you are unable to attend, please send apologies to [samgraham2009@gmail.com](mailto:samgraham2009@gmail.com). This will be followed by photos of our various garden visits during 2024. We have had some wonderful outings this year.

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](mailto:samgraham2009@gmail.com)). We happily welcome guests to our meetings for a fee of £3.00.

*Samantha Dean*



Our November meeting was rather different as it was an 'open meeting' held at the Village hall. We were given a talk on Joint Replacement and Surgery by Matthew Hall, a consultant orthopaedic surgeon from Yeovil Hospital. It was well attended and many questions were raised after the talk. All money raised will be going to the Yeovil hospital charity for purchase of Orthopaedic equipment. Matthew said part of the reward of his work was seeing the happy faces of his patients when they were no longer in pain and could enjoy life again.

Speaking of monies raised, the total amount we were able to give to the Macmillan Cancer Fund following our coffee morning in September, was £712.00. Once again, a big thank you to those of you who contributed to this, either by giving your time or money - in most cases both.

Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Room when we will be given an Introduction to Mental Health and the work of Mind in Somerset. It will be interesting to find out about the facilities available locally.

Before that some of us will have gone to Henstridge to help them celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. They are a comparatively new group as ours has been in existence for over 90 years!

We also have our coach trip to Exeter in November. Details can be found on page 16.

In the meantime, do call in to our Friday coffee mornings from 10.30 a.m. These have become quite busy lately and it's good to see so many people calling in and enjoying a drink and company.

*Christine Porter*

## Friends of Milborne Port Library

★ Our AGM took place on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Rick Jones gave a summary of past events and hope for the future of the library. No further news of the building of the Hub yet. The Treasurer reported that we have enough funds at present to cover small costs in the library. Current trustees agreed to continue and two new trustees, Edwina Stirzaker and Celia Burr, were voted in. We continue to work with the Somerset Library Service with regular review meetings. Thank you to everyone for supporting the library.

Ongoing Vacancy - Following the departure of Edwina we are still awaiting a replacement. Library bureaucracy is holding up results, but we hope this will be resolved very soon. In the meantime, Millie is doing a sterling job keeping everything afloat

**Rhyme Time** every Tuesday at 10:30am in the library.  
Special rhyme Time for World Nursery Rhyme Week on the 12th November 10.30am

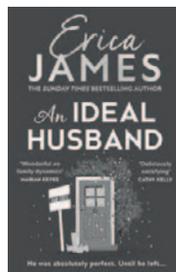
**Craft Club for Kids** – Ask Millie for details.

**Yarn and Natter** is on 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm. Free. Tea/coffee and biscuits served.

**Lego Club** Is on the 9th. November - 9.30 - 12noon

**Monthly Book Recommendation** *An Ideal Husband* by Erica James .The uplifting new story of fresh starts and second chances.

This book is now available in the library



Mary Clothier marydmc38@gmail.com

## Milborne Port History & Heritage Group



For our talk on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be joined by Peter and Sarah Fitzgerald; they will be telling us all about **The Life and Works of Nathaniel Ireson of Wincanton (1685-1769), Creator of Ven House**. Sarah, a serious gardener, was secretary of the Dorset Gardens Trust for many years and has been on the council of The Gardens Trust Council; she is also a member of the Wincanton Delft Group and is an expert on Nathaniel Ireson's Delft factory. Peter is a retired solicitor, part-time farmer and hedge-layer, and he has walked to Rome! He is also the author of *Nathaniel Ireson: Architect, Master Builder & Potter*.



Do join us 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](mailto:mphhgroup@gmail.com)

There will be no talk in December but our first talk of 2025 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January will be given by members of the Committee and will take you on a tour around some interesting buildings of historical import in the village. More details to follow.

Don't forget to keep **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025** free for our VE Commemoration Day! We are busy making plans and would welcome the offer of extra help to bring all of our ideas together; it will be a day of activities, exhibitions, displays and talks about Milborne Port and its surroundings during the Second World War, all at the Village Hall, culminating in a 1945 meal and dance with a live band playing songs from the period!



*Nathalie Hetherington*

*Follow us on Facebook 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](mailto:mphhgroup@gmail.com)*

## The November Night Sky



*“The moon has a face like the clock in the hall;  
she shines on thieves on the garden wall’.  
Robert Louis Stevenson.*

With the year coming to an end, it is one of the best times to start spending more time outside looking at the night sky. Not only are the brilliant winter constellations starting to make their annual appearance, there are the Leonid and Taurid meteor showers to enjoy as well.

## The Planets in November

**Mercury:** poor month to view, the planet is lost in twilight.

**Jupiter:** rises after dusk in the northeast, by midnight will be high in the southern sky disappearing by dawn. On 17 November the moon lies to the left of Jupiter

**Mars:** brightens during the month and will be easy to spot. After rising in mid-evening follows the same path as Jupiter. Close to the moon on the 20 November.

**Saturn:** will rise at dusk in the southeast setting around midnight in the west. Close approach of Saturn and the moon on 10 November.

**Venus:** will make a brief appearance around 4:30 pm in the southwest and will set at about 6:00 pm.

**Uranus:** closest and brightest on 17 November and above the horizon all night long. The planet is only visible to the naked eye on a dark night when there is little light pollution or moonlight.

1<sup>st</sup>: New Moon

9<sup>th</sup>: First quarter Moon

12-13<sup>th</sup>: The Taurid meteor showers run throughout November peaking on the night of the 12th. Unfortunately, viewing conditions not good due to moonshine.

15<sup>th</sup>: Full Moon. The Celts believed that water was a gateway to the underworld and called the November full moon the Reed Moon after the reeds growing at the edge of pools and rivers. The haunting sound of reed instruments was thought to resemble calls from the other side.



# MILBORNE PORT CONTACTS

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### Staff

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17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Leonid meteor showers. Running from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>  
November, they peak on the night of the 17<sup>th</sup> and early morning of the  
18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, viewing conditions not good due to moonshine.  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Last quarter Moon

### Sunrise and Sunset

1<sup>st</sup>: Sunrise 7.01 a.m. Sunset: 4.47 p.m.

30<sup>th</sup>: Sunrise 7.51 a.m. Sunset: 4.09 p.m.

In Milborne Port, the first day of the month is 09 hours, 46 minutes  
long. The last day of November is 08 hours, 18 minutes, the length of  
the days gets one hour, twenty-eight minutes shorter in November  
2024.

*Good Viewing.  
Ganymede*

## MAGAZINE DEADLINES

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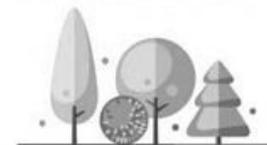
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