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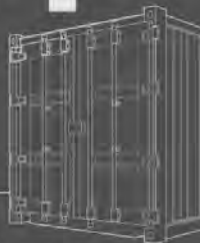
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A LETTER FROM REV RONA

As June arrives, the world around us seems to burst into life almost overnight. The hedgerows are full, gardens are blooming, birdsong begins before many of us are awake, and the long evenings invite us outdoors once again. It is one of the loveliest months of the year, with nature making its presence felt all around us in the most wonderful ways.



Over the coming months we will begin exploring the A Rocha Eco Church initiative together as a parish. It's still very early days, but I find myself excited by the possibilities. One of the things I hope most is that this won't simply become another church project discussed in committees, but something that draws in people from beyond our regular church community too. There are so many people who care deeply about the world around us, and it would be wonderful if this became something shared by the whole community.

Jesus constantly pointed people towards the natural world — seeds, trees, birds, weather, vineyards, flowers — because ordinary creation has an extraordinary ability to stop us in our tracks and remind us of God. The trouble is, many of us spend so much of life rushing from one thing to another that we barely notice what is around us. June feels like a good month to change that a little. Perhaps each day we might try to notice just one thing in nature and be grateful for it. It may be something very small — sunlight through leaves, the scent of rain, a blackbird singing late in the evening, or simply the colour of the sky at the end of the day.

Those small moments of noticing can quietly restore the soul.

May this June bring you time to slow down a little, to notice more, and to glimpse something of God's love through the beauty of the world around us.

With love *Rev Rona*

From the Parish registers

Baptisms:

Zachary Albert Kotze	10/05/2026
Abigail Taylor Duncan	17/05/2026
Winnie Louise Webber	23/05/2026



Weddings:

Amelia (Millie) Sparkes/ Robert Hampton 30/05/2026

Funerals:

Peter Graham Quinlan 27/05/26 Yeovil Crematorium

Congratulations to **Karen Grindrod** of this lovely spring picture taken by the River Gascoine.

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

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Correction: last month's picture was taken by Hilary Harle

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June update



The curtain came down on the football season in May, and it's certainly been a busy one for the club!

The season was another successful one both on and off the pitch and we would like to thank players, coaches, committee, parents, sponsors and supporters for their efforts and commitment throughout the season.

Thanks also goes to the Milborne Port Playing Fields committee who have supported us to improve the pitches. We had only two weekends of postponed matches this season, a remarkable feat given the amount of rain. The work done on the pitches has been a huge success.



Our teams have all been fantastic this season as well. **Our Under 12's (pictured above) reached the semi final of the prestigious High Holborne Shield**, narrowly losing out to the eventual winners but the effort and organisation they've displayed all season is a credit to their coaches, Lloyd, Tom and Chris, who are incredibly proud of

them. Our other youth sides have also been fantastic this season and we look forward to our Under 18's and Under 16's moving into our adult section for the coming season.

The Club remains a huge part of Village life and is very proud to represent the Village in local sport.

Sadly, we lost two Villagers earlier this year, Ernie Davis and Graham Pinkawa, both men were very proud to support local sport. Ernie was completely committed to supporting the club as Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee so to see the pitches looking so wonderful this year is a testament to him. Graham, a former MPFC goalkeeper and avid football fan was committed to the pitches too. His work with the Cricket Club has also made the Rec a fantastic place for Village sport. Both men will be greatly missed. For us, the hard work will begin again in a few weeks.

We're always grateful for any help and support and would be delighted to hear from anyone who can offer their time to join us as players, coaches, committee members or just to shout "Up the Milborne" from the sidelines at the weekend!

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Have a great summer everyone.

Ben Tupman

The Great Cary Branch Ring

We completed The Great Cary Branch Ring on Sunday. It was a great success. We managed to reach all of our target 44 towers and 245 bells. All told, over 75 ringers took part. It was a fantastic opportunity to ring out across the whole of the Bruton & Cary Deanery. Thank you ever so much for your support and the support of the churches, officers, and congregations across the benefice.

Joe Wheller, Branch Secretary

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Be alert and stay safe online: One Saturday evening recently I had a phone call from someone who was pretending to be from Amazon, they said they had just sent me a 'One Time Passcode' because they were concerned my account had been hacked. They asked me to read the code to them. The code arrived just as they said and I read the code out BUT just as I read the last number, I also saw at the end of the message 'Amazon will never ask to read this code to them'. So, I realised I had read the code to the scammer and now they could gain access to my account. I had just begun to panic when an email came through from Amazon, noting 'unusual activity' and allowing me to stop the scammer getting access to my account. The whole experience left me very shaken – how could I be so easily taken in? Scammers are devious and know how to gain our confidence – it's really important that we keep ourselves safe online. Here's a few basic reminders.

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- 2. Spot Scam Emails, Texts and Phone Calls:** Be wary of messages from unknown senders, or emails that try to create a sudden panic (e.g., claiming your bank account or TV licence is in danger). Always go back to the source by a route you trust. Avoid clicking strange links or opening attachments from people you do not know.
- 3. Keep Your Devices Updated:** Always install software and app updates when prompted. These updates contain crucial security fixes that protect your tablet, computer, or smartphone from the latest viruses and hackers.
- 4. Protect Your Personal Information:** Think before you share. Never post private details—such as your address, date of birth, or bank details—on public forums or social media. Always use secure websites for online shopping (look for the small padlock symbol in the web address bar).
- 5. Help Children Stay Safe:** If you have children or grandchildren in your care, talk to them openly about the internet. Encourage them to use age-friendly

sites, set up parental controls on their devices, and remind them never to meet up with someone they have only spoken to online.

If you ever fall victim to an online scam, you can report it quickly to the police via Action Fraud or by calling 0300 123 2040. For more detailed, practical advice, you can also visit Get Safe Online.

Nicki Edwards – Parish Safeguarding Officer

News from the Parish Council

Fresh faces at Springfield! Work on the New Multi-Games Area MUGA has been completed with the painting of the surface is a bold shade of blue!



You won't be able to

see it in its full glory in a black and white photo, so do go and see it for yourselves.

Thanks to some Community Infrastructure Levy monies, the Village Hall has had a fabulous facelift with a new porch! And the new swings are up!



Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' - Robin Williams

We are in the unusual position of having both half and full plot allotments available for new tenants! If having an allotment has been on your wish-list and you have never quite got round to it, now's the time! There are few activities that can achieve what horticulture and gardening can. The act of gardening helps us to keep fit and connect with others, to enjoy and be part of nature and to revel in colour, aroma, wildlife and beauty. Do get in touch if you are ready to pick up that trowel!



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 of 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.

June Meetings: Full Council Meeting - Tuesday 2nd; Planning Committee - Tuesday 16th

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: Members of the Milborne Port Community Communications Steering Group were absolutely delighted with the event on Saturday 9th May at the Village Hall. There was a fantastic buzz and sense of community! Huge thanks to all of the community groups, clubs, organisations and businesses that were represented on the day. You really did us proud. A special thanks to the children from Milborne Port Primary School who came to sing to us so beautifully! Thanks also to everyone that visited to support this very important

event that showcased the best of what our lovely village has to offer. We are planning a similar event for 2028, so if you would like to be an exhibitor, do get in touch! janedagget.mport@gmail.com

ReBorne Community Church: Last month, it was such a joy to be part of our village *Community Matters Day*. It really got me thinking about communities and the importance of belonging — in our families, our neighbourhood, and the wider community around us. If



you know me at all, you'll know how much I love being around people! I enjoy nothing more than chatting with friends over coffee, cake... or really any food! Being with others energises and excites me, especially spending time with younger people. That's why I love being the "oldie" at national Christian youth events, and why I'm so passionate about Parent and Toddler Groups, ReBorne Kids Club, and connecting with all our parents. Believe it or not, even if I look a little bedraggled at the end of club on a Tuesday, I leave feeling energised, honestly! I'm often reminded that Jesus calls us to "love our neighbour." When He was asked, "*Who is my neighbour?*" He responded with the story of the Good Samaritan, turning the question around to ask, "*Who acted as a neighbour?*" For me, a neighbour is anyone who crosses my path in need - and I am called to respond with compassion. Do I always get it right? No, not at all. Sometimes it's hard, especially when I try to do it in my own strength. But I pray that, with God's help through His Holy Spirit, I can show compassion to those who need it in all the communities I'm part of. Living in a village where so many of us know one another is such a gift, so thank you for including me in your communities. It truly means a lot. And while I value all these connections, the greatest community I belong to is the family of Jesus. You too are invited to be part of this incredible family, receiving the blessings promised by a faithful God.

I look forward to meeting more of you here in Milborne Port - do come and join me for a coffee sometime!

Blessings, Yvonne

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Milborne Port Primary School has had another very busy and exciting few weeks, filled with opportunities for our children to shine both in school and within the wider community.

Well done to our wonderful Year 6 children who recently displayed exceptional teamwork and communication skills while serving lunch at Church House as part of The Luncheon Club at Milborne Port.

The children learnt first-hand about the importance of compassion, kindness and community spirit. We are very proud of the responsibility and maturity they showed throughout the experience. We also celebrated St George's Day, recognising national identity, pride and community involvement. As part of the celebrations, we acknowledged and celebrated our local youth organisations. Well done, team! A special thank you goes to the Milborne Port Primary School PTFA for organising the rescue animal experience on the school field. The children absolutely loved meeting the animals and we think the adults enjoyed it just as much!

Our adventurous Year 4 children have had a wonderful Field Trip at Leeson House in Swanage. On their first day, they settled into their rooms before heading out on a 5km walk to Dancing Ledge, searching for fossils along the coastline. With spectacular sea views surrounding them, they enjoyed lunch outdoors while listening to fascinating and slightly spooky stories about Leeson House during World War II and the 1950s. In the evening, the children explored the night sky, learning how to navigate using the stars before ending the day with hot chocolate and a cosy bedtime story from Miss Kingston. Day 2 brought even more excitement, including pond dipping, guided trails, nature exploration and even a birthday celebration! The children have continued building their independence, tenacity and collaboration skills throughout the trip. independence, tenacity and collaboration skills throughout the trip.

Back at school, Year 6 pupils have continued to impress us with their hard work and determination both in and out of the classroom. Their maturity, reflective learning and dedication have led to excellent academic success, and we could not be prouder of them. Our fantastic Revision Club has also been wonderfully supported by families and the wider community. We have enjoyed providing snacks during sessions, and many families generously brought in additional treats to share. The club



gave our Year 6 children extra motivation when completing their STATs tests. They all approached the week with determination, resilience and confidence. Whatever the results, we are immensely proud of every single one of them.

Meanwhile, Venn Class recently enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Carymoor Environmental Trust in Castle Cary. The children explored pond creatures, investigated mini-beast habitats during a field walk and created their own superhero mini-beasts. They even learnt how dung beetles roll dung using their back legs — and enthusiastically gave it a try themselves!

Finally, we were delighted to take part in the recent Community Matters event. It was wonderful to meet members of the local community at our school stall, and our talented school choir performed beautifully to a very appreciative audience. As always, we are incredibly proud of our pupils for their enthusiasm, kindness and community spirit. Thank you to all of

our families, staff and supporters who continue to make Milborne Port Primary School such a special place to learn and grow.

Carmen Danyali, Headteacher

Seasonal Feeding

I, like many others in Milborne Port, enjoy feeding our garden birds. However, this year I am adhering to the new RSPB guidelines which advocate 'seasonal feeding' only; this means removing bird feeders between 1st



of May and 31st of October. Not only is there a plentiful supply of insects, seeds and fruits during these interim months, but more importantly seasonal feeding helps reduce the transmission of disease. Bird feeders, unless they are cleaned very regularly, encourage the spread of disease such as *Trichomonas* (a protozoan parasite). This has resulted in the decline of many garden birds, particularly finches such as Greenfinches and Chaffinches. Further guidance from the British Trust for Ornithology recommends:

- Feeding seeds and peanuts from **November to April** only
- Continuing mealworms and fat-ball / suet provision **in small quantities** all year

Once removed, the feeders should be thoroughly cleaned and any which are rusty or damaged disposed of. As water can often be in short supply over the summer, ensuring that water containers for drinking and/or bathing are cleaned and replenished daily with tap water is essential. (Sources: RSPB, BTO). The photo shows a Great Tit leaving our garden bird box in early May. I look forward to reporting on the successful fledging of the young in my next article (fingers crossed!).

Jane Hewitt

CHURCH SERVICES

(including the Principal Service Readings)

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

Wednesday 3rd June

10:30 am Midweek Communion Milborne Port

Sunday 7th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

Romans 4:13-end, Matthew 9:9-13 & 9:18-26

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

Tuesday 9th June

7:00 pm Archdeacon's Visitation Milborne Port

Wednesday 10th June

10:30 am Midweek Communion BCP Milborne Port

Sunday 14th June

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-end & 10:1-8

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

Wednesday 17th June

10:30 am Midweek Communion
BCP Milborne Port

Saturday 20th June

4:00 pm Memory Lane Milborne Port

FOR JUNE

Sunday 21st June

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

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

Wednesday 24th June

10:30 am	Midweek Communion BCP	Milborne Port
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Sunday 28th June

4th Sunday after Trinity

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

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

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

Diocesan Year of Prayer

“Flowing from the heart of God to the heart of the world, there is no prayer that is better known than the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, what we call the Lord’s Prayer.”

Prayer has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Praying at night as a small child with my parents and sometimes my Godparents or other family members was a special time full of warmth and love. I learnt to say thank you to God for all the good things that had happened in the day and to ask for help for people who were ill (frequently my mum) but also the importance of saying sorry to God for things which caused others sadness. I learnt to pray in church and even before I could read the words the Lord’s Prayer and some others were familiar enough for me to join in. I learnt from an early age that prayer may not be answered exactly in the way you wanted it to be at the time, but that God could answer in a different way which might be better.

When the year of prayer was being formulated in the Diocese last year, I was part of a group of Area and Lay deans who spent a day putting the meat on the bones and being reassured by Bishop Michael that he did know we were already praying. We prayed together and in small groups, discussed how we liked to pray and what we could do to help others pray and volunteer to lead intercessions as part of our worship. We all pray together in church but all of us have other ways and special places we might use when we pray alone. I often pray when I am walking our dog or have my hands in the soil when I am gardening often using prayers I know by heart. I lead intercessions in various churches and open meetings with prayer when asked but I love my time with God when I can be quiet and listen. Listening to God is an

important part of prayer for me even if I don't much like the answers I get at times.

I suppose my message is that God doesn't mind when we pray or for how long or how many fancy words we use because he promised answers, to listen when we pray and to answer in so many diverse ways. There is something very special about praying with lots of others at the same time but one to one is also reassuring and comforting. I am part way through Stephen Cottrell's book *Praying by Heart* and this where my quote at the beginning comes from. *Jane Jeanes*

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have had a particularly busy Spring with many members of our club coming together growing and potting up plants for our Annual Plant Sale, selling gardening books and being part of the first ever Community Matters event, which was held at the Village Hall in May. The Sale was very successful and thank you to all who bought

plants, terracotta pots and books to support us. We would particularly like to thank all the volunteer members who kindly came to help at the stall; gratitude also goes to those of you who so generously produced all the plants, shrubs and seedlings for us to sell. Finally, an extra special thank you to the unsung heroes of



any club and that is the committee itself. The hard work behind the scenes by committee members sometimes gets taken for granted and a successful day, such as we had, only happens when a good team come together and do a wonderful job. As the new Chair of this special club, I just wanted to say a public thank you to Helen, Scilla, Jan, Judith, Fiona and Caroline!

Our May meeting was held at Castle Gardens Garden Centre, with refreshments and a seasonal talk by Malcolm, one of their professional staff. We learnt about good fertilisers and composts so essential at this time of year to keep our plants going, as well as some new and resilient shrubs now being propagated. MPGC is a paid-up member of their Gold Club, which means we get privileged and private evenings with just ourselves having access to the plants and their excellent shop. We are offered a substantial discount on goods purchased - a major perk for club members.

Next, we have our Summer Garden Visits programme, which is open to non-members as well. In June we are going to Stoberry House Gardens near Wells, in July the Dorset Walled Garden in Up Sydling and in August to the Black Shed Flowers in Sherborne. Please email Judith for details if you are interested, via the email below. **Places *must* be booked in advance please.**

If you would like to join us for an occasional meeting or become a full member, you are always welcome. We are now looking to recruit a broader membership and also expand our committee. **We would be particularly pleased to hear from anyone who would like to take over as our Treasurer in January and as our Secretary.** As we are not a charity or large organisation,

with no VAT or tax thresholds, our accounts are simple to keep up to date and you will be fully supported when you take over, as the Treasurer, Secretary and Chair work closely as a team. email: mpg Gardeningclub@gmail.com



Jane Daggett Chair

Milborne Port History & Heritage Group

Our next talk will be on **Monday 15th June**, given by Bill McDermott on the subject of **Raleigh, the Digbys and Sherborne Castle**



Join us at Church House in Bathwell Lane for a 7.30 pm start. We are a charity and ask for a suggested donation of £2 per member or £5 per non-member to cover costs. If you are parking in Bathwell Lane, please do so considerately. (If you wish to become a member of our group, please email us: mphhgroup@gmail.com)



We opened our small-but-perfectly-formed **Chapel Museum** for its Summer opening period on Sunday 24th May. 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 **every Sunday up to and including Sunday 30th August, 2.30 - 4 pm.**

The Return of a Raymond!

On the 12th May we were visited by Karen Raymond from Adelaide in Australia, whose



ancestor - Milborne Port local Henry Raymond - emigrated to Australia in 1852, aged 26, and she has traced her family line in the village back to the 1700s. We opened the museum for them, and Hugh Vincent and I spent a delightful hour with them both, talking about Karen's ancestry, and about emigration in general, this being a common theme in much of the 19th century family research that we carry out. You might well have heard of other Raymonds living in Milborne Port. We were able to let Karen have a photograph taken in 1953 of her cousin Carolyn, now 87 and also living in Australia, who was a friend of Mary Clothier (one of our committee members) when they were young women. She couldn't wait to show it to Carolyn!

You can read about how things turned out for Henry here: <http://milborneporthistory.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Henry-Raymond.pdf>

On **Saturday 9th May** we participated in the very successful '**Milborne Port: Community Matters**' event at the Village Hall, displaying our 1817 pre-enclosure and 1839 tithes map, and a slide show of photographs/images of the village over the years in the Camelot Room, and publicising our group's activities in the Main Hall. Many thanks to everyone who supported our stall and came to view the exhibits in the Camelot Room! The slide show that was lovingly made by our Chairman Harold Clark is now available to view in pdf format; you can find it on this page: <http://milborneporthistory.org.uk/past-events/>

Natalie Hetherington





Our AGM took place during our May meeting when Celia, our President, read her report for the year and we welcomed another new member which brings our total to just over thirty. We have had a successful year with many interesting speakers as well as some social occasions, including our lunch at the Clockspire in February, the coach trip to Exeter in November, our Christmas meeting in the restaurant of Something Else Fishy and a visit to a local garden centre for coffee and cake. We also enjoy seeing members, villagers and visitors at our regular Friday morning coffee 'shop' when we serve drinks, biscuits and usually cake, from 10.30pm each Friday.

After the Treasurer's report, when Jan assured us that we have sufficient money in our pot, the officers and committee were voted in. I'm pleased to say that we have two new committee members, Sue and Hilary, joining us, and Celia and Millie are prepared to serve another year as President and Secretary. Millie distributed the new programme to members. It is very varied, ranging from a talk on Ageing due to take place in June, to a trip to Oxfords Bakery next April. After our refreshment break Jan gave us a talk on what to be aware of regarding 'scams', both on the internet or by phone as this is becoming a very worrying problem and seems to be on the increase.

(see article by Nicki Edwards, Page 12 of this magazine).

Please do contact Millie if you would like more information about our meetings - her contact details can be found in this magazine (*page 35*). **In the meantime, we hope to see you at the SOMP fete where we will be running the bottle stall. Any donations for this would be most welcome and can be dropped into the Community Room/library on the Friday before the fete - June 12th. Thanks in advance.** *Christine Porter Glovelies (MPWI)*

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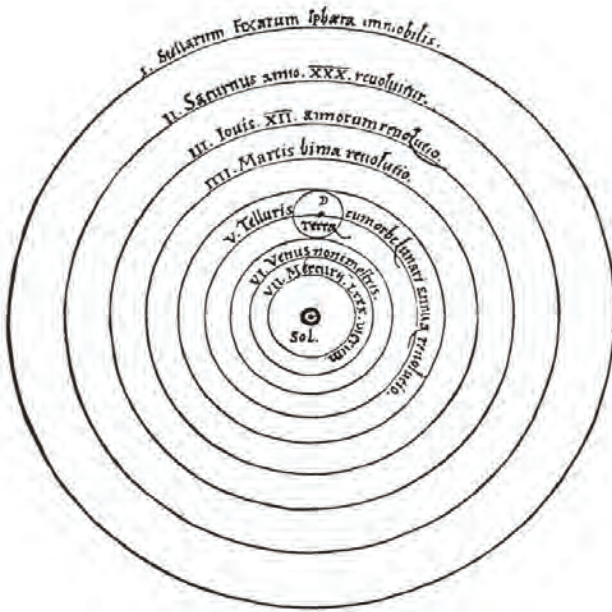


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What to Watch for in the June Night Sky



“The Sun, with all those planets revolving around it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do.” – Galileo Galilei

This month we see a conjunction of the two brightest planets. A conjunction is an optical illusion where celestial bodies, like planets or the Moon, appear unusually close together in Earth's night sky. While they visually align, these objects remain millions of miles apart. This perspective effect occurs because the planets orbit the Sun on a relatively flat, shared plane known as the ecliptic.

There are different kinds of conjunctions. The Great Conjunction refers to the close alignment between the planets Jupiter and Saturn; this occurs roughly once every twenty years. A superior conjunction occurs when a planet passes on the far side of the Sun from Earth's perspective. While an inferior conjunction is when the planet passes directly between the Earth and the Sun.

In astrology, a planetary conjunction in the same zodiac sign results in the energies of the planets "fusing" to create a single, compound force. Amplifying their individual traits and influencing personality, destiny, and life focus.

The Planets

Mercury: visible for most of the month in the evening twilight, probably lost from view after the 20th of the month.

Venus: visible all month in the deep twilight.

Jupiter: visible for most of the month, in the deep twilight

Saturn: will appear low on the western horizon right after sunset,

Mars remains largely out of view in the early morning sky.

Other Astronomical Events

1st: Start of **meteorological summer**, Close approach of the Moon and Mars

8th: **Moon** at **Last Quarter**

9th: **Venus** near **Jupiter**

10th: **Moon** near **Saturn**

13th: **Moon** near **Mars**

15th: **New Moon**

16th: **Moon** near **Mercury & Jupiter**

17th: **Moon** near

Venus

21st: **First Quarter**

Moon, also

Summer Solstice

marks the official

start of summer in

the Northern

Hemisphere, when



the Sun reaches its most northerly point in Earth's sky


30th; Full Moon Celts called June's Full Moon the Mead Moon, after the honey wine or mead brewed for wedding ceremonies. The tradition of newlyweds drinking the honeyed wine after their marriage gave rise to the term "honeymoon", which we still use today.

Sunrise and Sunset

1st: Sunrise 5.02 am Sunset: 9.15 pm.

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

30th: Sunrise 5.00 am Sunset: 9.28 pm.

In Milborne Port the first day of June is 16 hours, 13 minutes long, Midsummer's Day is 16 hours, 33 minutes long. The last day of the month is 16 hours, 28 minutes. So up until Midsummer Day, the length of the day increases by 20 minutes. After Midsummer Day the length of the days shortens by 5 minutes to the end of the month. *The nights are starting to draw in!!* Good Viewing *Ganymede* 

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.* **Contact:**

sarah.dyke.mp@parliament.uk

- welcomed the Government's decision to introduce dedicated Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes for flower growers, meaning flower farming businesses will, for the first time, be properly recognised within official Government data and registration systems.
- welcomed the Government's decision to reverse the planned fuel duty rise in September.
- celebrated Nature Friendly Farming Week and recognised the vital role farmers play in protecting the environment, strengthening rural communities and safeguarding the nation's food security. But also raised concerns over the Government's closure of the Sustainable Farming Incentive, which means for the first time in 30 years there is no support available for farmers who wish to move towards organic.

MAGAZINE DEADLINES

All entries for the July 2026 issue of the magazine to the editor please by Saturday 20th June at 12 noon latest.



Distributors at the church on Friday 26th June 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.

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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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