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180 Club Easter Draw Extravaganza

171	Wilma Bromilow	£50
155	Pam Longworth	£40
74]	David Duncombe-Anderson	£30
14	Kate Kelleher	£30
45	Maureen Case	£20
52	Martin Garrett	£20
119	Louie Hadzi-Jansaragic	£20
23	Melissa Lamb	£20
150	Linda french	£10
62	Kenan Coleman	£10
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Milton Abbas Surgery Update (Gillian Brindle)

The surgery will be closed on Saturday 30th April 2022 and Monday 2nd May 2022 for the Early May Bank Holiday and also over the Jubilee Bank Holidays, Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th June.

The surgery will also be closed on Thursday 12th May 2022 for Practice Protected Learning from 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. For out of hours care or advice during closures, please call 111. In the case of an emergency, call 999.

Please see our surgery website or follow us on Facebook for future surgery closures.

Time for a Cuppa 2022

Time for a Cuppa week will be 1st to the 8th May 2022 and is the perfect occasion to get together with friends, family or colleagues over a cuppa and some cake, while raising vital funds to help families facing dementia. For more information or to receive your free fundraising pack, please go to www.dementiauk.org/get-involved

Did you know that May is National Walking Month?

Walking is an easy and accessible way to improve physical and mental health and even a 20-minute walk can reduce the risk of a number of preventable health conditions, including certain cancers, depression, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. Why not set yourself the challenge of walking for 20 minutes every day during May? Or perhaps now you have mastered the habit of going for a walk, you would like to challenge yourself further? Why not take a look at the NHS running plan for beginners - Couch to 5K. See www.nhs.uk/live-well/exercise to download the weekly programmes.

Whatever you end up doing this May, let's keep on moving forward. Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

Plant and Veg Swap

With the increase of food and energy bills, we at Milton Abbas Surgery would like to encourage our patients to consider growing their own veg. You do not need a huge amount of space or any special pots – vegetables and plants can grow in any kind of container – cans, ice cream tubs, even wellington boots! It's also a fantastic way to keep busy outside in the fresh air, and get the kids involved too. Why not take a look at these two websites for inspiration and tips: www.gardenersworld.com/plants/vegetable-crops-for-beginners and www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables We would also like to set up a plant/seedlings swap at the surgery where people can donate any spare seedlings or plants they have, and then anyone who comes to the surgery can pick up a plant on their way out. So, if you have anything spare please, or you can sow a couple of extra pots in your green house, we would be very grateful. Nothing will go to waste as if they aren't taken we can use them in our surgery allotment. Then later in the season, if anyone has any excess veg that they would be willing to donate, we can set up a veg swap too!





















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COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th March 2022 in the READING ROOM, MILTON ABBAS, at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr S. Driver Mr Steve Gould Mr N. Hodder Mr T. Ives Mr R. Woodhouse (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 4 members of the general public.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr P. Amor, Miss K. Finlayson & Mr T. Khandwala, Dorset Cllr Mrs E. Parker

2.DISPENSATIONS None

3.COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Following the advertisement of the vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr D. Cocking, there had been no call for an election and therefore Councillors are able to co-opt as necessary. RW suggested that the vacancy should be publicised in the Bulletin and on social media prior to any decision being made.

It was proposed by RW, seconded by SG and unanimously agreed that NH should become Vice-Chairman.

SD volunteered to take on the lead role in fingerpost restoration, and TI offered his support. (DC has delivered equipment and materials to NH and emailed an inventory).

TK offered to take up as lead for the Defibrillators and had liaised with DC by email.

4. OPEN FORUM

The following points were raised: Mrs E. Payne reported that the church-yard path has been completed and is due to be inspected by Mr T. Ford in due course.

NH reported on a resident complaint following the attendance of a food truck named "The Duck and Chicken" at Catherine's Well on Monday 7th March from 3.30pm. There second vehicle had caused significant damage to the grass verge and the food truck had blocked the bus stop and children had to alight the bus into the road. The Vendor had indicated that they had had permission, however this had not been sought from the Parish Council, and Dorset Highways confirmed that parking in a bus stop is illegal (Highways Code point 243). The Parish Council have previously supported the attendance of the Tikka Truck, who requested permission and heeded advice not to attend prior to 4.30pm so as not

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to hinder the school bus. The Clerk was asked to call the Vendor and ask them not to attend earlier than 4.30pm and not to park their second vehicle on the grass verge. (NH supplied telephone no).

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2022 had been circulated. It was proposed by RW, seconded by NH, and agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Enforcement Officer had attended the site at Little Westwood twice and saw no evidence of works being carried out. He confirmed that the new planning application has not yet been granted (as at 21/01/2022). Planning ref EN/2021/00501.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been circulated by email.

The clerk drew attention to the following:

Mr D. Morley had contacted the Clerk on behalf of Matchpatch to confirm that a new lease has been drawn up including new trustees and will be passed at their AGM on 25/03/2022 after which a copy will be supplied to the Parish Council. Nationwide had confirmed that a cheque had been sent to the Clerk following the closure of the account, however it had not been cashed, so they would send a new cheque which should take approximately 10 days to arrive.

The PCC had advised that a Council owned tree had fallen across an access gate. TI had been to view the obstruction and Mr S. Bewers had attended to remove the obstruction.

Mr C. Burdett-Clark had enquired whether any of the Jane's Wood Working Party had removed aluminium signs from his property. JW WP had replied to confirm that they had not removed any signage.

Notice of a consultation on "Off-Roading" in Areas Of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Mr G. Cooper had emailed a detailed response to consideration of his planning application at the meeting in January. The email had been circulated to Councillors and the Councillors confirmed that the contents did not change their response to Dorset Council. Further emails have been circulated from "Dorset Deserves Better" calling for a reappraisal of the Dorset Local Plan.

CBC had emailed to confirm that the post supporting the kissing gate at the entrance to Jane's Wood is rotten and restricting access as the gate drags along the ground. Councillors suggested that MATCH / JW WP should consider whether a kissing gate is necessary, or whether it can be removed instead of repaired. The email has been circulated to Councillors, MATCH and the JW WP for review. Whilst discussing Jane's Wood, TI requested the Clerk to obtain revised dates for Working Party access to be forwarded to Mrs Burdett-Clark.

8. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mrs E. Parker's report was available for residents to read. The Clerk announced the contents of the report and advised that it had been posted as a file on the Milton Abbas Parish Council Facebook group.

9. REPORTS

HOMEWATCH

Mrs E. Payne confirmed that she had circulated many reports on behalf of the Parish Council and Dorset Council amongst others.

MATCH/JANE'S WOOD

EP had circulated an Ellie-gram re a fallen tree in Jane's Wood.

The MATCH AGM is scheduled for 26th March at 11.00am in the Reading Room. PLAYPARK

The Play Park Committee will meet in the Play Park on 6th April at 7.30pm to be preceded by an asset inspection (following the second inspection report). TRANSPORT

NH reported another car accident at Lower Lodge. Highways have advised that the site still scores too low to warrant a change of speed, however they may be prepared to install additional signage suggesting an advisory speed of 30mph due to bends in road.

NH advised that the Bulletin had published an email which had been forwarded as a courtesy from NH to Mr & Mrs Hughes as residents of the site where the accident had occurred, not to LH as Editor of the Bulletin; whilst the contents were not sensitive or confidential, it had not been NH's intention to have the email published.

WELCOME PACK

TK was not available for comment, however following contact from a resident, the Clerk had reviewed the Welcome Pack and forwarded a list of suggested edits

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MILTON ABBAS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP Bryan Phillips

NOTES FROM THE MILTON ABBAS LOCAL HISTORY GROUP - May 2022

Pubs, Ponds and Power has been broadcast yet again, we have lost count how many times, but it is at least seven. We know when it has gone out from the number of views on our website, this time it was a record 212 in one day, not bad for a small rural Dorset village! We have three new members

this month, possibly as a result of this broadcast and we now have a record 74 members, many from abroad.

The presentation at our April meeting was given by a local volunteer, Henry Cole, who works with a team to look after the Commonwealth war graves in our area, including those in Whitechurch, Hilton, Milton Abbas and Stickland. We learned of these graves in our churchyards, the stories of the people, and how their memorials shall not be forgotten. They are an important part of local history and remind us of the sacrifices that our forebears made for us. Henry also showed the documentation which tells the stories of each memorial. He has photographed the condition of each of the memorial stones to monitor their condition over time. They are made of Portland stone which has lasted quite well for over one hundred years, although lichen and weeds have taken their toll. If the stones do lose their attribution then they are reported and replaced.

Three articles have been posted on our website blog this month, including new information from Queen Charlotte's diary of her visit to Milton Abbas in September 1789, when she met "six Little Girls Dressed in Blue walkd before Us and strewd Flowers. They are Miss Deamers Spinning School." This school for girls had been founded by Lord Milton's daughter, Caroline. Education for girls at this time was all about domestic duties, no doubt some of them later found work as servants and housemaids to the Damers. Another blog features a field called Fisherman's Grave in Milton Abbas - I wonder how many of our readers have heard of that one or know where it is - read our blog to find out.

Some of our recent research has focused on the building of the cottages in the Street and which parts of the structures may be original. We are in contact with builders and thatchers for advice. One of these contacts resulted in some new knowledge about the trade tokens issued by Milton Abbas tradesmen including the wonderfully named Zonky Harbin at the Grocers Arms in 1651. This was a time during the Civil War and Interregnum when money was in very short supply and many market town traders had to issue tokens to survive.

As you can see members of the Milton Abbas Local History group are involved in a wide range of research. Do come along and join us, and find out about our shared history. Details are always available on our website.

Our next meeting on 4 May features a presentation by our member Brian Larcher: "An Introduction to the Heritage and Early Saxon History of Milton Abbey Historic Church". A subject which is of great interest to me, especially as I wrote the book 'Athelstan's Dream' which was published by the Milton Abbey Heritage Trust. It is still available on Amazon so

Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust AGM

The 6th Annual General Meeting of the Milton Abbas Street Fair Trust will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday 12th May 2022 at the Milton Abbas Reading Rooms.

An electronic copy of the agenda can be obtained from the Secretary and a hard copy is available to view at the Post Office.

The meeting is open to all residents but only Members of the Trust can vote. You can become a Member on the night of the meeting where Membership application forms will be available.

We currently have 3 Trustee vacancies. Anybody seeking to become a Trustee or wishing to know about Trustee responsibilities should contact me in the first instance (880229 or masftrust@gmail.com) for a nomination form.

Nominations for Trustee must be received by the Secretary no later than Wednesday 11th May 2022. Nigel Hodder (Secretary)



Milton Abbas Platinum Jubilee Programme

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations are almost upon us so now seems like the right time to tell you what you can expect over the weekend Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th June. So, what will you be doing that weekend? Why not come and join some of the different activities that are taking place in our village.



The weekend starts on Friday afternoon with an opportunity to meet the neighbours at our free "tea and cakes" tent outside St James' Church. There will also be other refreshments for those with an aversion to tea – particularly the children who can have soft drinks and biscuits (sounds better than the adult offering – oh to be a child again). The tent will be open between 2 and 5 p.m.

Do come and join us and if you have visitors over for the weekend, they are more than welcome to come along as well.

While you are in The Street there will also be a chance to take a trip down memory lane courtesy of the Milton Abbas Local History Group who will be staging an exhibition in the Reading Room between 1 and 5 p.m. on the Friday and again on the Saturday. This will take a look at the last 70 years in Milton Abbas and beyond.

Meanwhile, back in the Church you will find a floral display which all are welcome to view across the whole of the weekend. It will, of course, have a patriotic theme with lots of red, white and blue (and a splash of purple). Here, you will find floral displays – a mixture of flowers and artistic interpretations of the Jubilee.



Looks like a fun packed afternoon.

And that's not all. To cap off the "Friday Funday", there will be a ticketed evening event at the Milton Abbey School Theatre. This is the only ticketed event and will be open to other surrounding villages to come and join us in an evening of film and music celebrating the last 70 years. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the Post Office.

Our very own Tony Shearn will present film footage of some of the major events over the past 70 years. This will be followed by hits of the 70 years compered and performed by live singers including Hal Cazalet, an internationally renowned tenor who lives locally.



Do you remember Brian May playing "God Save the Queen" on the roof at Buckingham Palace at the Golden Jubilee? His hair is a lot whiter now, but he has dropped a pretty big hint that Queen may once again perform for the Queen this year. The pop concert, which will take place on the Saturday evening, will feature some of the world's biggest stars performing across three stages as well as 3D projections across the face of Buckingham Palace and an in-person audience of 10,000.

And you can be there, too as it will be televised! The best way to watch the concert will be on the BIG screen outside the Hambro Arms. There will be a marquee so we are all weather-proofed! A few drinks with friends and a night of music – what could be better?

Milton Abbas Platinum Jubilee Programme (Continued)

That finally takes us into Sunday (nursing a sore head!?) when we will stage 'The Big Jubilee Lunch' from 12 noon - 4pm on the Millennium Green – a free event for all the village to come together at a picnic, rather like a Street Party.

We hope everyone will dress up in red, white and blue and have a fun afternoon. There will be a Lamb Roast and something for the non-meat eaters as well. The lamb has been donated by Tony & Audrey Burch of Park Farm and we will add buns, etc. No charge

Alternatively, just rock up with your own food and drink and join us for a picnic in time for lunch at 1 p.m. after which there will be games and races with prizes for the children. 'Reservation Tickets' for the Hog Roast/Vegetarian option will be available soon, to make sure we cater enough food for everyone coming, so watch out for adverts around the village



All in all, we think there is something for everyone over the Jubilee weekend so why not have a staycation and come and join in the fun. Remember, the main theme is "community". Let's show the world that Milton Abbas is the best community and have fun together

JUBILEE EXHIBITION 3rd – 4th JUNE 2022

The Exhibition being produced by the Milton Abbas Local History Group for your entertainment, is part of our village celebratons for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We will be looking back at 70 years of history in Milton Abbas, and beyond. Preparation are well under way and a great deal of research has been carried out, especially using newspaper archives and the memories of local people. Perhaps you can recall the storms of 1957, or the dreadful winter of 1962/3, or the strikes and three day weeks in the 1970s - were they really as bad as you remember.

It has been amazing to discover many stories of the past 70 years. We have often had connections to national events – who would have believed that Milton Abbas had links to the Jeremy Thorpe scandal; or events in our village that have made national newspapers as far afield as Scotland, where people read about the felling of our trees, lightning strikes, fires, alleged poisoning and even a jilted bride. We are also hoping to show 'then and now' photographs of the village – will you be able to spot the difference.

We will be featuring 70 years of music, fashion, film and TV, so why not come along, take a trip down memory lane and discover some fascinating stories from the past.

If you have memories, stories or photographs that you would like to contribute then please contact Pamela Phillips.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting (APM) will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 18th May in the Reading Room. All permanent residents and property owners of the Parish are eligible to attend. The APM is not a formal Parish Council meeting, although it is expected that some Councillors will attend and one of them will Chair the meetin

It is an opportunity for everyone to hear about current village initiatives and to contribute with their thoughts and/or questions on village life. Amongst the subjects already earmarked for discussion are:Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Councillor vacancy, Future village meetings, Zoom account for use by village organisations

There is currently a vacancy for one Parish Councillor who can be co-opted on to the PC. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact me on 07917 300847 or by email to miltonabbas@dorset-aptc.gov.uk.

Liz Sellen, Parish Clerk

WHAT'S ON

Deadline for entries in the next edition is 20th of the month Sue Hodder 01258 880229 email: suehodder01@talktalk.net

HISTORY GROUP

Wednesday 4 May, 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Talk on "An introduction to the Heritage and Early Saxon History of Milton Abbey Historic Church", by Brian Larcher, via ZOOM from Cheshire.

WHIST CLUB

Tuesday 17 May, 2:15-5:30pm

3rd Tuesday of each month in Reading Room.

Contact Nigel (880229) or Jennifer (881609) for more info.

COMPUTER CAFÉ

Every Thursday, 10-12 noon in the Reading Rooms
Cake and a hot drink, £1 per item

COFFEE STOP

Please note the change of start time

Every Tuesday, 11am-12 noon in the Church South Aisle

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 11 May

2nd Wednesday of every month 1pm in the Reading Rooms Book your place at the Post Office £5 New members very welcome!

FRIDAY QUILTERS 9.30-12.00 in the Reading Rooms

You do not have to be a quilter, bring your knitting or anything else you are making. We stop for coffee, tea and biscuits or, if you are lucky, cake! We will be very pleased to see you.

Further details from Anthea on 269348.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 8 May, 10.30am St James' – Communion Sunday 15 May, 9am St James' – Bok of Common Prayer Communion Sunday 22 May, 6pm St James' – Soulspace

CHURCHES VALLEY WALK 2022

Saturday 14 May, starting at 9.15am at Turnworth Church For more information see the flyer in St James' Church

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Wednesday 18 May, 7.30pm, Reading Room. All Welcome

MILTON ABBAS STREET FAIR TRUST AGM Thursday 12 May, 7.30pm, Reading Room

PREVIEW FOR JUNE.....

History Group

2 June: "The Story of Lord Milton and the Lake" by Clive Barnes 6 July: "New Findings on Milton Abbas Grammar School" by Bryan Phillips.



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CSW

NH advised that the SID has returned to Milton Abbas for March. The data has been downloaded and will be analysed in due course. (Copy to be emailed to Winterborne Stickland Clerk at their request). MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST None TELEPHONE KIOSK None COMMUNICATIONS

NH confirmed that significant* planning applications have been reported on the Milton Abbas Community Facebook page and circulated by Ellie-gram. (Planning amendments and consultation type reports have not been shared).

COMMUNITY LAND TRUSTS None PLATINUM JUBILEE ARRANGE-MENTS

NH advised that the Steering Group are meeting on 10th March.

NHS WILDFLOWER GARDEN NH has been disappointed by the lack of progress to date; he has contacted Milton Abbey School for an update and awaits

REPORTS FROM OTHER PC OFFICERS

DC forwarded an email from Wessex Internet, advising that following their Project Board Meeting on 02/03/2022 it was confirmed that they would need to use Physical Infrastructure Access (PIA) – connection of their own new fibre installation to existing poles and ducts – meaning that a new cost and ground survey of the village is required, which should take a couple of months to complete.

10. PLANNING

their response.

Decisions

P/HOU/2021/04572 Strawberry Cottage, 49 Milton Abbas – Erect garage & studion (demolish existing garage) - Granted Applications

P/HOU/2020/00248 31 Milton Abbas – Modify vehicular access, form driveway & erect gates, erect summerhouse, carry out alterations. NH pointed out the delay between receipt and validation of the application (dated 2020) and the fact that many of the works appear to have been completed (some discussion ensued regarding the summer house which may be a current work in progress). Since this application was the subject of a previous resident enquiry, NH has contacted the anonymous resident to draw the application to their attention. It was agreed that if

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the anonymous resident wishes to make comments, they should be made directly to Dorset Council due to the fact that the Parish Council response will be submitted before the next public meeting. It was proposed by NH that the Parish Council support this application, there were 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention. P/HOU/2022/01281 Nether Fen, Milton Abbey School - Erect garage. It was proposed by SD and seconded by RW that this application is supported. There were 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention. Any General Planning Concerns P/NMA/2022/00584 Cornborough, Mliton Abbey School - Non-material amendment to planning permission no P/ HOU/2021/01632 to remove the NE chimney (information only). P/NMA/2022/01150 Strawberry Cottage,

49 Milton Abbas - Non-material amend-

ment against planning application P/ HOU/2021/04572 to allow door and windows to be moved, 2 roof lights moved to right, internal wall to partition the garage, insulate garage walls and lower overall height of walls (information only). P/FUL/2021/05710 Little Westwood -Erection of 1no detached dwelling - resident feedback received. A copy of Mr G. Cooper's email was made available. GC explained the contents of the email. The boundary hedge was removed to replace a public sewer and whilst out, electric supply cables were buried underground to avoid the need for a pole. The hedge will be replaced with 300 hedging whips next week. GC sought an apology from TI regarding the suggestion that a previous application for 3 houses had been submitted. TI apologised. GC asserted that this is not an application for an additional dwelling as there is an existing granted application for 2 properties on this site. Councillors explained the context was that this application related to a property in addition to Little Westwood. GC acknowledged that Councillors right to like or dislike the proposal but explained the long drawn out consultation process which had lead to this specific application and questioned the Councillors qualification to comment on the professional guidance he had sought. NH suggested that if further applications were submitted, it would be helpful if GC could attend the meeting and share this information, but that Councillors are not expected to be professionally qualified as their comments relate to the

local context that the professionals may not be aware of. Whilst the granted application (previously supported by the Parish Council) was for brick and flint properties of a character consistent with the location, there were concerns with the large veranda and extensive use of glass in the new application, it's location with respect to the existing property, Little Westwood, and the roofline which would be created. RW thanked GC for attending and voicing his concerns.

13. CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS RW read a letter from the Tregonwell Almshouse Trust regarding the retirement Parish Council nominated trustee Mr K. Armstrong, due to ill health. The Trust requested that the Parish Council consider nominating Mr R. Pressland as the new Parish Council Trustee at their earliest convenience. RW suggested that the majority opinion should be sought by email and conferred to the Trust by the weekend, with the discussion to be ratified at the meeting in May.

The Clerk asked whether Councillors were prepared to schedule an Annual Parish Meeting (separate to the Annual Parish Council Meeting) due to the ongoing prevalence of Covid 19. NH suggested that restrictions had continued for too long already and offered to liaise with the Clerk regarding an APM for 2022.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Councillors were reminded that the next meeting would be take place on 11th May 2022 following the Annual Parish Council Meeting which would commence at 7pm and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.43pm.

Welcome Pack

Recently moved to Milton Abbas?

Did you receive your Welcome Pack?

If not, the please contact any Parish Councillor or call 01258 880383.

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