

South Milton Newsletter

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Ban on new properties becoming second homes is a step closer

The ambition of the parish council to prevent new dwellings in the village from becoming second homes seems likely to be realised. This follows an independent examination of a modification to the neighbourhood plan proposed by the council.

The examiner stated: "This is a meaningful change effectively removing the possibility of any additional new homes from being occupied as second homes or holiday lets."

Since the neighbourhood plan came into force in 2019, parish councils throughout the south-west have sought to introduce a primary residence modification in relation to new builds.

The change does not affect rebuilds of existing dwellings although such work must be approved by South Hams District Council planners.

Village bus service: Tally Ho No 162 passes through the village three times a day on weekdays on a circular route from Kingsbridge "It's a lifeline to many people in our rural communities," says parish councillor Anne Berryman, who would like more residents to consider using the service.

Buses are timetabled to stop at Backshay Close at 9.29am, 12.25pm and 5.56pm, but passengers can request the driver to stop at other locations.



The annual Village Quiz will be held on Friday, November 17, and now is the time to be booking your table and putting together your team.

There will be a maximum of 12 tables and each team can comprise from four to six players.

There will be a small entry fee plus a nominal fee to take part in the interval "heads or tails" game. All the money will be given to a local charity.

The village hall bar will be open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30.

Call the Collyers on 560932 to reserve your table



What's on at the Village Hall

There has been a pub evening with a Pirates theme, a Vintage Tea Party to complement the Church Fete, and a fun Horticultural Show held in the Village Hall during the summer holidays. And all were well attended.

Now the hall committee is looking towards the autumn and winter. The diary published on the page opposite gives a good idea of what's coming up, and demonstrates that the hall is as popular as ever.

Behind the scenes, committee members have been at work on major im-



Pictures by Lynn Darch (top) and Jenny Brown

provements to the kitchen. Rather than wait for a new hall to be built, which is still some way down the line, it was decided changes had to be made now, so much of the room was gutted and

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new units purchased. Extra cupboard space and a further working surface have been provided in the adjoining room, which has long ceased to be the "committee room".

There are two important Village Hall dates which will be held elsewhere in the village. The first is the Fun Day on September 10 that will take place on Martin and Anita Berryman's camping field at Lower Terawhiti, Whitlocksworthy, starting at noon. Building work has ruled out Graham and Mary Jinks' field this year, and the hall committee is grateful to the Berrymans for providing their field at the end of the camping season and before the pumpkin patch weekend.

On October 15, St Jude's will again be the venue for the ever-popular Apple Day, so make sure you bring your fruit

for pressing — and a clean receptacle if you wish to take away some natural juice. Pressing will be from 11am-3pm.

History Group meeting

Eric Mingo will be the guest when the local history group holds an open meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday, September 28, at 7 for 7.30pm. Born and bred in South Milton, Eric attended the village school in the 1940s and has a good recall of what life was like in those days.

Special Pub Night

Craft beer and wine will be to the fore when the Milton Arms opens its doors for the second time in the month on Saturday, September 16. The bar will be open from 7pm

Village Hall diary

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Table tennis most Mondays

Bowls Club on Tuesdays

Coffee Break on Wednesdays

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12 Thursday Club

15 Apple Day

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19 WI

31 Halloween Party (5pm)

Table tennis most Mondays

Bowls Club on Tuesdays

Coffee Break on Wednesdays

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9 Thursday Club

10 Wine Tasting

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Table tennis most Mondays

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Website: www.southmiltonvillagehall.uk

The WI ladies who lunch



Daphne Osmond's garden was the setting for a summer lunch attended by members and friends of the WI

Harvest Festival

We will decorate our church to celebrate God's gifts, almost everything of which is based on the land at some point in its production. This will be on Thursday, September 28 at 9.30am. Gifts of flowers, foliage or food can be left in the porch prior to this time.

Harvest Festival will take place on September 29 at 7pm, followed by supper either in the church or Village Hall. On October 1 the Harvest Gift Service will be held in church at 9.30am. Gifts or produce, packet/tinned goods are welcomed. A sale will be held at 10am on

the following day in the church porch. Any goods remaining will be taken to St Luke's Hospice.

The bellringers are continuing their weekly practises on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Please feel free to come along to see how it is done and maybe ask our teacher, Mike Brice, if you can have a go.

We are proud owners of the Deanery Junior Shield for ringing the best peal during the festival held this summer.

Janet Turner

Good weather for the church fete

By Peter Rixon

God blessed us with great weather at this year's church fete when we raised just over £2,000 for church funds.

A great many thanks are in order, starting with Kim who allowed us to use the lovely grounds of his home as the event venue and also made our lives a lot easier by transporting tables, bric-a-brac and gazebos to and fro with the help of his tractor and trailer.

Ali Watkins and her husband Chris did a sterling job serving the teas and the Pimm's, helped by fantastic volunteers at the village hall.

Thank you to James on the gate and Gaynor and Dulcie on plants, Jane on bric-a-brac, ably assisted by younger members of her family, Andy on the Map Game and Lizzie on Splat the Rat, and literary geniuses Tom and Geoff on the books.

The Brice family were an amazing help, running



Picture by Jenny Brown

Sharon and Jackie get ready to serve Pimm's on the front lawn of the Village Hall when the church fete was held on a rare sunny afternoon.

the lottery, the golf and fle, Lily for drawing in bowls. Grateful thanks to the crowds with the tom-Nick for setting up the bola and Phil Worth for coconut shy along with the audio equipment. co-ordinating the setting Additional thanks to up of gazebos. Thanks to the set-up and take-down Gill, who successfully crew, including Mick and sold off all the jams at the Daniel our vicar, and the produce stall, and to ever so helpful lad who Vicky, Cherry and Jan for brought me the prizes to running the ever-popular hand out during the raffle cake stall. presentation.

Thanks to Kate for Thanks to Bettina for her expertise on the toy counting the cash and stall, Amanda for making thank you, especially, to lots of incredible crafts you, the people I have and selling them for the not mentioned but church, Liz and friends helped out in some way for running the fruit raf- and did a great job!

Horticultural show was a lot of fun again

The fun horticultural show has become a firm fixture in the life of the village. Free of often stringent RHS rules, it pretends to be nothing more than what it says on the tin: fun. The standard of exhibits often belied the poor growing season.

Organiser Tom Gilkes and his team were full of praise for the effort put in by young and old alike.



Pictures by Lynn Darch





Well, that's one way to refloat your boat! Having been left high and dry on Leas Foot Beach when the tide went out, the owner of this Guernsey-registered vessel mustered a willing crew to give him a push back into Bigbury Bay

National Trust

The August weather was very unsettled, meaning the beach has been quieter than the previous summer overall – although there were peaks of visitors when the sun did finally show! As always, the team did a great job managing the site and welcoming visitors to the area. Also, thank you to Mike Young our volunteer who is a great support to the Ranger team in keeping the car parks and paths litter-free through the peak visitor times. The track will be regraded and an eye kept on the drainage opposite the toilet block to ensure the water from the road does not rush down the boardwalk and undermine it; rather that it runs down the gully to the side.

On September 16 there will be an open afternoon with displays, children's dig trays and artefacts, information and

guided walks to the Bolt Tail Iron Age fort with the Devon County Archaeology team. This is all based at the Reading Room in Inner Hope.

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Thursday Club

We will resume after our summer break on September 14 with a return visit from Brenda Loosemore, who has been entertaining people on the stage for years. Her presentation is called "Ladies of Laughter".

On October 12 horologist Rob van Es will be coming to talk about the history of clocks, and he is happy for people to bring along their clocks to show him.

Everyone is welcome to the meetings in the Village Hall, which start at 2.30pm. Entry is £3 to includes tea.

Jim Penwill finally came home — on the centenary of his birth at Collacott. The final scattering of his ashes took place in the garden of Collacott Barn, the home of Nick and Gill Townsend, on land that was farmed by Jim's father in 1923. Jim's son and daughter came from Perth, Western Australia, where the family have lived for many decades, to honour his memory. Jim (inset) left the village on his own in 1938 and headed for New Zealand before eventually settling in Western Australia. But he never lost his love for South Milton, and Steve and Tracey Penwill (below) and Jenny and Bruce Sutherland raised a glass of his very own Penwill Port, made from grapes grown in his vineyard.



*Pictures by Nick Townsend (above)
and Ann Collyer*

