

# South Milton Newsletter

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## Energy Saving Workshop Part Two

Saturday, February 18 is the date of the second Energy Saving Workshop to be organised by the energy sub-group of the South Milton Climate and Nature Action Group.

With Christmas and New Year celebrations behind us minds will again be focussed on the cost of energy, and in particular how it affects warming our homes.

Stories of the soaring cost of energy on homes and businesses are already all too common, and how the future will pan out after April, when the Government's current relief payments end, does not bear thinking about for so many throughout the country.

Members of the sub-group have expertise in many aspects of energy saving and will be on hand to share their knowledge at the workshop in the village hall, on February 18, starting at 4.30pm.

The Climate and Nature Action Group's next meeting is on January 25 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



*Congratulations to James Cardrick who is pictured after a passing out parade at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, last month. James, from Horswell Lane, has completed months of intensive training and now has the rank of sub-lieutenant*

# Climate and Nature Emergency Declaration

The Parish Council acknowledges the importance of tackling the climate and nature crisis. As a local council, it is a key influencing organisation for local people and it is therefore critical that it helps the parish to become net zero; to restore damaged natural systems; and to work with local partner organisations and councils.

At its November meeting the council resolved to reduce the carbon footprint of its own operations to net-zero

by 2035; commit to working with partners to aim to reduce the parish emissions from 5810tCO<sub>2</sub>e carbon to net-zero by 2050 at the latest; aim for a 10 per cent Biodiversity Net Gain in the habitat value of our public open space; promote and embed sustainable and energy efficient practices throughout the parish and to promote behavioural change across the area; establish a Climate and Biodiversity working group to report and monitor on progress.

## Village Hall diary

### January

7 Pub night

9 Soups and Puds

11 Skittles

12 Thursday Club

12 Bowls match

18 Bowls match

19 WI

23 Parish Council

25 Climate and Nature Group

26 Bowls match

Table tennis most Mondays

Bowls Club on Tuesdays

Coffee Break on Wednesdays

Yoga on Fridays

### February

1 and 2 Bowls matches

4 Pub night

8 Skittles

9 Thursday Club

13 Soups and Puds

15 Bowls match

16 WI

18 Energy Saving Workshop

23 Bowls match

27 Parish Council

Table tennis most Mondays

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### Action on parking

The Parish Council has adopted a recommendation by its parking and highways taskforce to have warning signs placed in a parking trouble spot in the village.

Subject to suitable wording being agreed, two A-boards will be placed at

critical times in the area of Milton Cross and to contact holiday lets to ensure that guests are aware of parking restrictions.

The introduction of double yellow lines was not considered practical by the council.

**POTHoles: Report the ever-increasing number of potholes in the village on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>**

## Festive lights and carol singing in the hall



*Lights, carols, mince pies and mulled wine — the perfect recipe to take the Village Hall into the Christmas season. The official switch-on took place on December 9 but in truth the festive lights around the building had been sparkling for some days by then. The committee thanks those who helped with the decorations, also Martin and Anita Berryman for the gift of a Christmas tree. Thanks also to Olof and Barry for ensuring the lights appeared as usual at the entrance to Backshay Close*

*Retained: The Village Quiz cup was won again by the team of Cherry and Geoff Bell, Gaynor and James Day and Paul and Andrea Davies. Ten teams took part and a donation was given to BBC Children in Need.*



*Picture by Ann Collyer*



# Craft Fair raises £1,000 for hall



*Pictures by James Day*

*Village crafters staged a wonderful fair of homemade designs in the village hall in November. Organisers Sara Harding and Jackie Taylor assembled a wide variety of items to purchase in aid of the hall, while a barbecue and mulled cider kept people refreshed*





Sara and Jackie served up a sumptuous menu for the Christmas Soups and Puds lunch in the Village Hall. Forty diners were offered a selection of homemade soups and puddings, together with a welcoming tipple. As usual, the monthly lunch date was a warm and friendly event.

Pictures by James Day



### Thursday Club

Abigail Gray who is curator and resident archaeologist at Devon Rural Archive, will be talking to us about Project Donn: Putting the Devon Manor House in the map, at our meeting on January

12. On February 9, the speaker will be Liz Hext on the subject of limekilns.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings at the village hall, which start at 2.30pm. Admission is £3, which includes a delicious tea.

Gaynor Day

# Mosaic to mark WI's 90th birthday next month

The village's branch of the WI will celebrate its 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in February. For the anniversary our project has been a mosaic which will be mounted on the cemetery wall opposite the church which we hope will give pleasure to passers-by.

This has been a real community effort by members and non-members and we thank everyone who has provided tiles, helped to arrange the piece of artwork, enjoyed coffee and biscuits and generally encouraged us on Monday mornings for the last two months.

Our biggest thanks has to go to the wonderful Lucy Cartwright who has designed the mosaic. We had never done anything like this and she gave us a design we could achieve. Thanks also

to Rufus Gilbert, our county councillor, who kindly gave a donation towards the cost.

In the past members have made an appliqué map of the village which still hangs in the village hall. We also have lots of archive records which anyone is welcome to look at.

We hope to welcome as many people as possible to the launch of our anniversary mosaic.

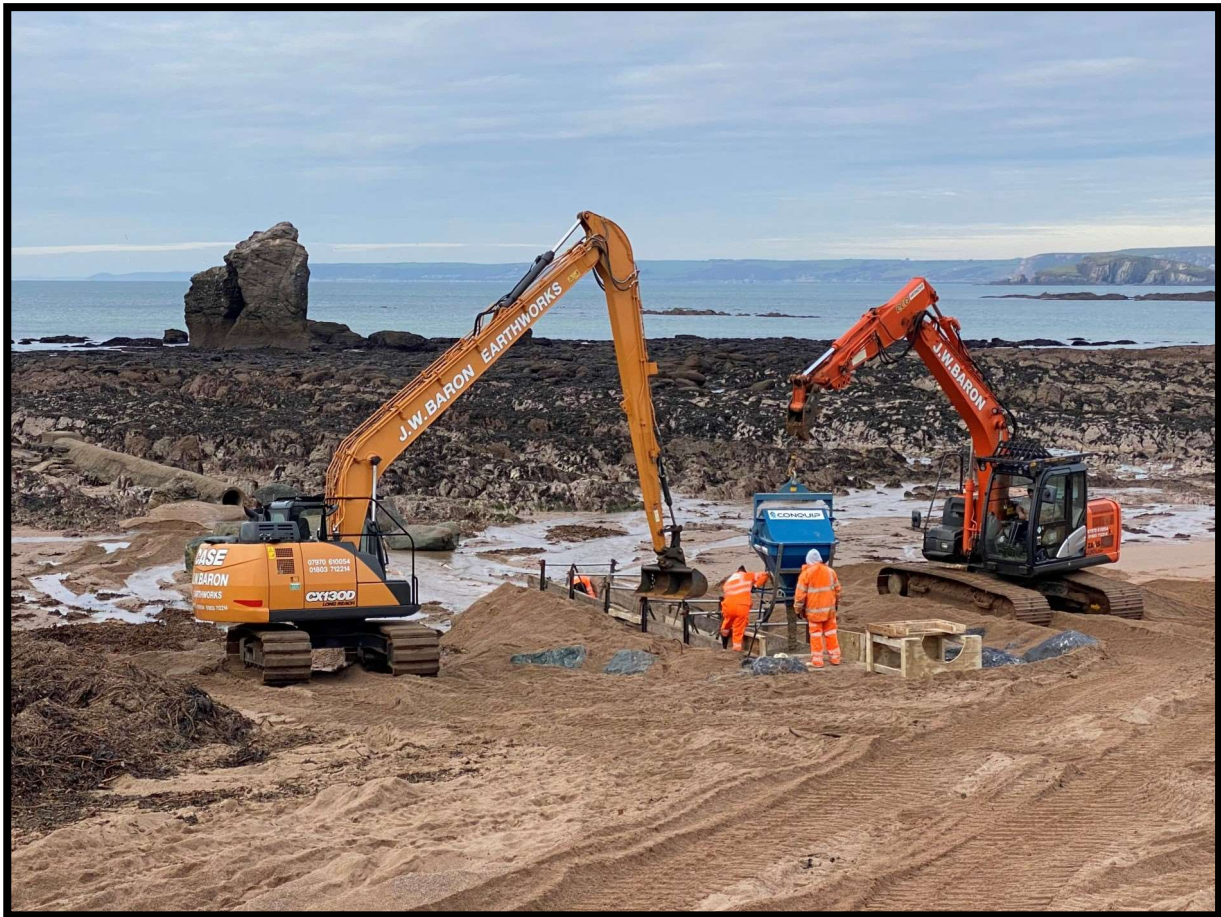
For the rest of the year we have tried to produce another varied programme which ranges from a talk on the prison service to a visit to a soap factory.

We welcome visitors and new members to our meetings on the third Thursday monthly. Marion Brice



*It was best foot forward for these WI members at a line dancing evening in the village hall in November*





## What's going on at the beach?

Contractors had a race against the tide on South Milton Sands as they worked to combat the damage caused by severe winter storms.

The back-up of water in the Ley threatened to submerge the sewage pumping station and so a digger was needed to breach the sandbar and release a huge volume of water.

At the southern end the long-damaged outfall pipe was repaired.

Pictures by James Day (above) and Graham Collyer

# South Milton families cheer on their teams in Atlantic rowing challenge

While the village battened down the hatches against the rain and the wind blowing in off the Atlantic at Christmas and New Year, Toby Gregory and Jessica Rowe were out in the middle of the ocean on a journey of a lifetime.



*Toby Gregory*

For Toby's parents, Garth and Anne Gregory, and Jessica's grandparents, Malcolm and Vicki Dent, the finish of the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Rowing Challenge cannot come soon enough.

At New Year Jessica's boat was five places ahead of Toby's, but both had more than 1,400 nautical miles to row to the finish in Antigua.

Toby and his two colleagues are neighbours in Dubai. They have teamed up with the UN Environment Programme's Clean Seas campaign and are conducting scientific experiments throughout the



journey, which is expected to last about 50 days.

Ukraine (via World Vision), Maggie's Cancer Care, Campaign Against Living Miserably and at La Gomera, and will Great Ormond Street Hospital.