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Cover: Flowers, in memory of Carole, who sadly passed away in June.

Photo: Carole Greenhalgh.

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Draft Parish Notes – July 2022

Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion on Monday 18th July 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was attended by Cllrs S Harrod (Chair) W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, G Bennet, C Deacon and M Horsley. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr D Harms, Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC). Tim Darch (Clerk) was in attendance, along with Chris Ashworth (prospective Clerk) and 4 members of the public. No declarations of interest were received in matters on the agenda.

The County Councillor's monthly report was received and reviewed, and is available on the Parish Council website along with the District Councillor's delayed June report.

No correspondence was received in matters not otherwise covered on the agenda. No correspondence has been received regarding matters not otherwise covered on the agenda. It was reported by two attendees that excess speeds are still a problem on London Road in Milton Common despite the electronic signage and other measures installed recently. With the scope for further mitigation likely to be limited, it was agreed to communicate the issue to the Community Policing team with a view to an increased presence of the camera van.

Planning applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P22/S2220/FUL Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation. Cllr Allen reviewed this application. The cable route follows roads through Great Milton: significant traffic disruption could be expected during the estimated 48 weeks of construction. Roads affected include the A329, Church Road and The Forties. To avoid this, Cllr Allen felt that the cable should be laid across farmland wherever possible, which would also shorten the route taken. Cllr Horsley expressed the view that one-off disruption to potentially enable a solar farm may be tolerable, while a member of the public observed that the two other proposed solar farm applications nearby at the Harlesford and Cornwell sites are proposed to connect to the network via pylons without the need for a significant distance of underground cabling. Additionally, no justification had been provided for a solar farm so far from the connection point. After discussion, it was agreed unanimously to OBJECT to the proposal on the grounds of the chosen route and the distance between the site and the connection point.

P21/S3915/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm, Land north of the A40 near Milton Common). Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information

received 8 July 2022).

This application was reviewed by Cllr Allen. In Cllr Allen's opinion the additional documents merely provide further background information and do not change the details of the solar farm. Cllr Allen also observed that some local residents are supportive of the application: however, it was reported by members of the public in attendance that local interests may have been behind this support. A further member of the public observed that the visual impact of the application and all visual receptors had not been properly assessed, and that any proposed screening could take up to ten years to be fully effective. After brief discussion and in light of the parish council's original objection to the original application, in line with Cllr Allen's recommendation councillors agreed unanimously to OBJECT to the proposed development.

P22/S1316/HH (Swarebrook Lower End Great Milton). Construction of new blockwork garden wall faced in natural stone on one side and lime render on the other side (As amended by plans received 12 May 2022 and plan received 29 June 2022).

This application was reviewed by Cllr Horsley, who reported that the amendment effectively accommodated the parish council's suggestion of a reduction in the height of the wall from 3 metres to 2 metres in certain locations to minimise the visual impact of the wall. After brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to SUPPORT the proposed development.

Le Manoir planning application update

SODC's Planning Committee voted five to four in favour of granting permission for the planned redevelopment of land associated with and surrounding Le Manoir at its meeting on Wednesday 29th June. It is understood that the application will now be referred to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities given its scale and Green Belt location: however, at the time of writing formal notification of the outcome of the Planning Committee's decision had not been received.

The following planning decisions received and outstanding planning matters were considered:

P22/S1395/HH (1 Colletts Cottages Thame Road Great Milton). Demolition of detached garage and part previous rear extension to facilitate erection of two storey extension to cottage (amended site plan received on 27/05/22 to remove additional vehicular access). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1895/FUL (The Bull The Green Great Milton OX44 7NS). Erection of a wooden serving bar in the garden of the public house. Permission GRANTED.

The minutes of the June meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 18th June 2022, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Financial resolutions

The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £557.72

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production July. £359

McCracken and Sons. Mowing June. £492

Green and Growing, A329 path strim. £120

OCC. Gateway features: Church Road/Thame Road/Lower End. £4875.11

Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying June. £62.40

BT Office/e-mail package. £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support July: £19.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as at 7th July was £42,504.44.

Employment policies

After brief discussion it was agreed to adopt the suggested HR-related policies, with minor amendments as recommended by Cllr Horsley and with an annual review at a time to be decided, potentially the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

A new dog waste bin has been installed at the Thame Road entrance to Old Field and has been included in the dog waste contractor's weekly collection.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

There are no significant issues to report other than those which are receiving national coverage.

Security in the village

Rod Snowden, Neighbourhood Watch representative stated that in light of the recent incidents of theft of personal property, intimidation, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour in the village, one of the key outcomes of the Thames Valley Police engagement event on Saturday 16th July was to advise residents to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101 telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website. Many of the recent events (particularly the keying of cars and graffiti in the playground) were apparently not reported: doing so will create an awareness that there are issues requiring police attention in the village, and may improve the chances of resolution. TVP is also planning further community engagement events, and is planning to schedule patrols in the village where practical.

Vacancy for Clerk/RFO

Chris Ashworth, a resident of Cuddesdon, has been appointed as the new Clerk/RFO for Great Milton Parish Council, subject to contract. It is likely that Chris will formally take over the role during the summer 'recess': however, e-mail communications

via the Clerk's e-mail address will reach whoever is in post. Contact details in the Bulletin and on the village website will be updated at a suitable moment. The meeting closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19th September 2022 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion. There is no meeting currently scheduled in August, but the Clerk remains contactable in the event of any issues or queries.

Recent Criminal Activity in Great Milton

There have been a series of unpleasant events in the village over recent weeks. These include vandalism on cars, graffiti in the Recreation Ground play area, excessive anti-social behaviour in relation to loud music and the assault of two children in the Rec (in one of these events personal items were also stolen). In an urban setting we would almost certainly refer to it as a "mugging". It is critical that people report such incidents to the police via 101 or the police website (www.police.uk). So far only the assaults have been reported, and the police have been told that the assailants are unknown, so cannot investigate the individuals who may have committed these crimes.

Thames Valley Police are drastically under-resourced. They deploy officers where the crimes are. So far Great Milton is a low crime area, particularly as the car vandalism and graffiti were not reported. Even if you are not going to claim on insurance to keep your various discounts it is still important to report the incidents. We will get more police visits if they believe we have a problem. If you are the victim or witness of a crime, it is essential that you report it! Our local policing team are aware of the issues in the village and will aim to patrol more often, but without incident reports it is difficult for them to investigate, even if the perpetrators may be known to the police.

Remember: if you witness a crime or are the victim of a crime, you should report it by dialling 101 or via www.police.uk. If it is an emergency please dial 999.

Cllr Malcolm Horsley, on behalf of Great Milton Parish Council

Great Milton's Great!

As we all know and never more than when trouble strikes.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank so many of my friends and "neighbours" for all their support following my accident in April. Your cards, messages, flowers and kind acts made life infinitely more bearable. Thank you all.

Trudy Timbs

Benefice Services for August

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 7th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 14th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 21st	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 28th	BCP Holy Communion 9:00am	Benefice Holy Communion at Rycote Chapel 10:30am	

Benefice Services for September

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 4th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 11th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 18th	Harvest Festival 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 25th	Family Gathering 4:00pm	BCP Holy Communion 9:00am	Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am

There will be no Family Gathering on the August Bank Holiday.

The Rector's Pint

We have the good fortune to be able to take off every few weeks for a night or two to the house in Gloucestershire, in a village on the western banks of the River Severn, which we have owned now for two years. I have written about this before. The house is on a lane which ends on a bank overlooking the river. It is a beautiful and wild spot;

It has become a 'thin place' for me, a place where I purposefully seek the presence of God. It is a place where I can pray.

A short walk away, on a high bluff overlooking the river is the Parish church, which has a spectacular view of the Severn and the Cotswolds beyond. The curate, who has recently moved on to a parish of his own, was very creative, and has put poems around the churchyard. Some of them are by Malcolm Guite, who I have used both in these 'Pints' and in some of our services. The poem I particularly love, however, is by the American, Wendell Berry, who is described as a novelist, poet, essayist, environmental activist, and farmer! It is placed on the railings overlooking the steep drop to the river. It is not a 'Christian' poem and doesn't in fact mention God at all, but I think it is deeply spiritual and it speaks to me. Some of you will know it. It is called 'The Peace of Wild Things'.

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

I readily admit that nature is one of my pathways to God. The ever-changing wildness of the Severn at Newham, where more than once I have seen 'the great Heron feed', opens me up to the Spirit of God. It is the Spirit of peace, but it is not a tamed peace. Another place, closer to home, is the Haseley windmill, with its expansive views and chorus of skylarks. I always pause there on my morning dog walks, and again, it is a place where I can, and do, pray, for local people, and for the parishes. I can see all three from there! We all know that we face big issues, but I believe that we need to find moments (and for some these might be associated with places) where we can stop, listen, and re-charge, and if it is our inclination, pray. For me, at a time of turmoil, listening to the peace of the 'wild things' of God has become such an important and necessary thing to do.

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Stephen Spain on 01865 763676

August 2022				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
7th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev. Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
14th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Anna Herriman	
21st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
28th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	

Small but Significant!

It's that time of year when many of us will be heading off for a summer holiday. What do you like when you go on holiday? Beaches or mountains? Something exotic or the comfortingly familiar? Full-on activity or simply quiet relaxation? Our family likes to get outside into the natural world and enjoy some dramatic scenery. So this year we went to Pembrokeshire, not far from St Davids – somewhere that was new to us.

While we were there we got to explore some of the beautiful Pembrokeshire coastline. We walked parts of the coastal path and took a boat ride to see the coast from a different point of view. There is nothing quite like rugged cliffs, open sea and a wide expanse of sky to make you feel small. Not just small, but also, paradoxically, deeply connected.

We also had the opportunity to visit St Davids Cathedral – a beautiful church in a spectacular setting. As well as enjoying the cathedral itself there was the added bonus of a display of art work. Towards the rear of the cathedral was a display of almost thirty oil paintings by the Welsh artist Jeremy Thomas (www.jeremythomasart.co.uk). Each painting depicts a scene from the life of Jesus, from the nativity through to the ascension. They are all part of a four year project to tell the story of Jesus Christ. A project the artist has called 'The Human One'.

What struck me most about the paintings was how Jesus was often a very small figure placed in a large dramatic landscape. As a Christian it can be very easy to forget the essential smallness of Jesus' life. He lived such a long time ago amidst the drama of the Roman Empire. His life was short and lived out in a small, troublesome corner of the world. In a teaching ministry that lasted only three years he profoundly touched many lives and caused such a stir that the religious authorities conspired with the empire to have him killed. Within just a few decades those who knew him had spread

the Good News of Jesus into Africa and Asia as well as Europe.

Whether or not you get to travel this summer, I hope you have the opportunity to get a break from the usual routines of life, experience your life in a different way for at least a few days and perhaps get in touch afresh with your own humanness. Holidays can not only refresh us but give us a fresh perspective on ourselves and our own lives. They can leave us feeling more deeply connected to creation or to culture, to friends and family. They can help to ground us again in the important thing of life.

Good holidays are holy days, like Jesus they can bring us closer to the things of ultimate significance that too often get lost in the noise of everyday life.

God bless you!

Revd Stephen Spain, Great Milton Methodist Church

Carole Greenhalgh

Carole, after a courageous fight, sadly passed away on 29th June 2022, at her home Old Cottage, Lower End where she lived happily for over 12 years. A popular member of the village community, Carole enthusiastically hosted the annual dog show and enjoyed her life here, being close to family and countryside walks with her dog Bertie.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Carole's life was held at St Mary's, Great Milton on Thursday 28th July followed by a toast in her honour. Carole's daughters Ailsa and Emma sincerely wish to thank all friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown to them in their sad loss.

Neighbours' Hall Book Library

Open sessions of the Book Library will continue on the third Friday of the month from 11-12 noon. Please come along to make use of this community facility to donate, borrow or keep from the good selection of books and jigsaw puzzles in the library. People are also welcome to use the Library whenever they visit the Neighbours' Hall.

Friday August 19th 11-12noon

Friday September 16th 11-12noon

Friday October 21st 11-12noon

We will be providing tea, coffee and cakes in the garden to enjoy whilst you browse.

Donations of books are always welcome - however due to limited storage space we can accept paperback books only.

View from Views

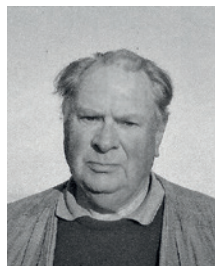
As for the weather, it seems to continue to be dry with occasional showers; during June we actually had about average rainfall for the month. I think that this has helped all the struggling crops that were suffering through lack of water, especially as for at least 24 hours after rain it remained calm and not too hot.

The spring planted crops that were suffering have improved no end since the end of June, although they will never become record breakers by a long shot. We have just completed our Barley harvest 1 day for just about 100 acres, with the combine driver only having arrived back in the country from Holiday in the morning. I have seen better samples – we will have to wait until the buyers have analysed it – and the yield was not spectacular at 3 tonnes per acre. Now as I write we await the effect of unprecedented heat that is forecast. Already the wheat is dying off meaning it will only produce shrivelled grains, not a good prospect to feed the starving world.

Of these crops the Lupins begin to look more promising. Not being totally converse with flowering plants, (Lupins fall into this category). I assumed they would flower the length of the plant, I now discover that they put out side shoots that also flower, so it is difficult to estimate how they will yield. It seems that they produce a small cluster of flowers which quickly turn into pods, followed by a side shoot that does the same thing, I am sure the gardeners reading this will be saying, idiot – doesn't he know that. Anyway what I am trying to say is, after being disappointed that the flowers died off so quickly, I now find fresh growth and more pod, which is what we want.

On the wildflower front this year has proved that many wildflowers react to seasonal trends and some flourish when others don't. This year for instance has been good for Scabious, Ladies Bedstraw, and the usual Vetch, Knapweed, and Wild carrot but not for Campion or Oxeye Daisy, just to mention the obvious ones. To return to my comments of no mow May and Ragwort, I am currently in the process of pulling Ragwort as there were none showing in May, so a waste of time to mow then for it's control; I notice an abundance in the Manoir field. As a matter of interest, last year we stopped mowing an area of lawn in May. This was only an area that had been barren for years, and we only just scratched in some grass seed in 2009 to make us a bit of green. Now as I write there is Ladies Bedstraw, Scabious, Knapweed, Wild Carrot, Black Medic, and Vetch to name but a few, also as with all our wildflower margins alive with insects. The photo here illustrates this point.

The confusion over carbon capture and sequestration continues to be a mystery. Even the chair of the "Environmental Agency" has criticized the practice of planting



trees to offset carbon as only “Greenwashing” and that thousands of acres of land are being sold at inflated prices for this purpose, competing with farmers, when it is actually the farmers who are doing a lot more to sequester than any other sector. A correspondent in the farming press recently stated that there is no set formula to measure this sequestration and



that, in fact, cattle that are supposed to be so bad actually convert carbon to methane which biodegrades and their emissions are only the result of recycling the carbon that is in the plants they eat. He says that there are so many inconsistencies that one cannot really tell what is best. In other words, it often really depends on which side of the fence you are. All we can do is consider what we are doing by being careful and think before we leap. Of course no one ever makes the point that development has far more effect than the poor old cow or the farmer who is all the time trying to do what is right within the limits of his capabilities.

We live in most volatile times with one crisis following another, never knowing what disaster is likely to befall us round the next corner. Well at least as I write one thing is certain; we are about to have a new Prime Minister shortly for good or bad. Not for me to comment but a bit of stability will not go amiss. This situation makes me think about the PM's flat. It seems that a fortune was spent on altering the Downing Street flat occupied by the PM, in Boris' case for only 2 years, although we are led to believe it was not at the public's expense. None the less it is presumably owned by the public so it does not seem right that a tenant can just alter his/her landlord's property or spend so much money without some check or balance. If I had any say in the matter, I would suggest that each new incumbent should be allowed £X to spend on decorations/alterations, end of!

We had a wonderful weekend of celebrations of our dear Queen's Jubilee. Now it has been suggested that we recognise this great achievement by having an extra Bank Holiday each year. Not that I am against an extra holiday, but would make the plea that these Bank Holidays should be evenly spread throughout the summer/year. It is barmy that we have 3 within a month or six weeks.

Charles Peers

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Quiz Night

Thank you to all those who supported our recent quiz – party funds benefitting to the tune of £224.20

It was a very close-fought contest with Travellers Return coming out on top with 64 points, followed by joint second place teams with 60 points, namely Flag Hippo and Quiz Quiztopherson.

Our thanks again. Special thanks to Paul Dennis for the role as Question Master.

Harvest Festival is Back!

After a two-year interval, Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday 3rd September at The Bull. Produce will be accepted from noon on the day and the evening activities will commence at 6:30pm with a short Thanksgiving service followed by the auction of produce.

Ann Price, Secretary

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In July, Nathan Swift talked to us about the Ronald McDonald House charity and the newly built house at the John Radcliffe Hospital. They aim to provide families with a nearby place to stay while their sick child is being treated in hospital. An inspiring and emotional talk.

At our next meeting on Thursday 11th August we're going out for the day on a boat trip. Everyone welcome – let me know if you'd like to come with us.

Other news:

We're running the Cake stall at the horticultural show in Rycote Park on Saturday 27 August 2pm. Any helpers, cake donations or customers welcome.

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton, The Haseleys, Stadhampton or surrounding villages, new to the area, want to meet new people, make new friends? Then join Tons Together WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group. Please email us if you fancy joining WI or need a lift.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month

Too shy to come by yourself? Contact us & we'll find you a WI buddy.

Like us at www.facebook.com/lmpinelodge

Details & news on the Pine Lodge page at www.littlemilton.org.uk

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Wheatley Acquisition Explorer Scout Unit

Explorer Belt fundraising

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who supported our quiz to raise money for our Explorer Belt expedition to Germany and Poland in October 2022. A huge thank you also to the Sheppard Trust who have also supported our expedition.

We are holding another fundraising quiz on Friday 02 September in the Pavilion and hope to see you all again for another fun packed evening. Tickets are £10 pp. Hot food included. Ant and James's 'AMAZING WORD' game will also be back! Early bird tickets can be booked for tables/teams of 6 by emailing: miranda_cook@icloud.com. Thank you.

Morland House Surgery

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Morland House Surgery relies on its PPG to collect and discuss ideas intended to help to maintain and improve the services provided, and this group of volunteers now wants to be able to communicate very occasionally with a wider group of our patients to receive helpful suggestions and very occasionally to provide feedback on the PPG Group's proposals to help the Morland House Surgery. If you are a patient of any age using this Surgery and you are willing to help in this way, and agree to be consulted very occasionally by e-mail, please let the Practice Manager know by sending an e-mail to occg.morland.ppg@nhs.net agreeing for us to contact you. Your own e-mail address will not be published anywhere, and it will be used only for this purpose if you provide it.

NHS App

Order your repeat prescriptions easily and securely

For the quickest and safest way to order your repeat medication we strongly recommend that you use the NHS App. Download the NHS App on your smartphone or open the NHS website in a web browser to set up and log into your NHS account. To use it you should be aged 16 or over and registered with a GP Surgery in England. To find out more please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/> or click on the link on the Morland House website home page www.morland-house.co.uk

Use the NHS App to:

- Get your NHS COVID Pass
- Get advice about coronavirus



- Order repeat prescriptions
- Book appointments
- Get health advice
- View your health record
- Register your organ donation decision
- Find out how the NHS uses your data
- View your NHS number

After you download the app, you will need to set up an NHS login and prove who you are. The app then securely connects to information from your GP surgery.

Patients may find useful a YouTube video with step-by-step instructions on how to install and use the NHS App. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nRhmJ_tI4

Medication Delivery Service

Are you housebound, in poor health, have sight issues or just have real difficulty getting to our dispensary or to Wheatley Pharmacy to pick up your medication? If so, then you could be eligible to have your medication delivered to your home. To enquire about eligibility please speak to one of our dispensers or to one of the Wheatley Pharmacy team on 01865 874047.

New Dispensary Opening Hours

From 5th September 2022, please note that, to keep in sync with Wheatley Pharmacy, the dispensary will change its opening time from 8am to 8.30am, both on weekdays and Saturdays. Please make a note and thank you for supporting us with this change.

Child Vaccinations

All children aged 5 -11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19 and the holidays are a good time to get your child vaccinated in time for the summer when cases might increase. Two doses of the vaccine (at least 12 weeks apart) should give the child long-lasting protection against serious complications of infection and some protection from mild symptoms. To book an appointment, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination> or call 119.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 ([publishing.service.gov.uk](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk))

If you do not know your child's NHS number you can get it:

- by checking your child's personal health record (the red book given to you when your child was born)
- by checking any NHS letters, prescriptions or test results you may have received for your child

- by asking Morland House Surgery to help you
- by going to the NHS.UK website

Wearing of Face Masks

Patients and visitors to Morland House Surgery are no longer required to wear face coverings whilst in the surgery. However, please continue to do so if it is your personal preference or there are specific issues. Our receptionists will advise patients experiencing cold like symptoms to wear a face covering if they are coming to the surgery for an appointment or to pick up medication.

Surgery Talk

Morland House Surgery Practice Manager Nollag McGrath will be giving a talk on Thursday 4th August at 2pm in the Neighbours Hall, Great Milton. Please come along to hear about updates to the surgery services. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you might have on the subject.

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We have had a busy early summer at The Maple Tree. We have lots of sessions for young children and their families with a focus on the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our summer programme is now available to book – details below.

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Save the Dates!

Friday 23rd September: Summer Fete and Raffle at The Maple Tree.

Gaz Coombes in Concert: We are excited to announce that we are organising a concert with 'Gaz Coombes and Musical Friends' on the evening of Saturday 15th October at Wheatley Park School. Full details of the line-up and how to book tickets will be available in August. To receive details please register your interest at music@mapletree.org.uk . Thank you!



Our sessions are drop-in or bookable through Eventbrite; bit.ly/mapletreeeb. There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family per session.

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Thames Valley Police Event

Saturday 16th July

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particularly appreciated in light of the events of recent weeks, including cars being
'keyed' and attacks, intimidation and theft of personal items from some of our
younger villagers. Very sadly, the Rec play area has also been defaced with graffiti.
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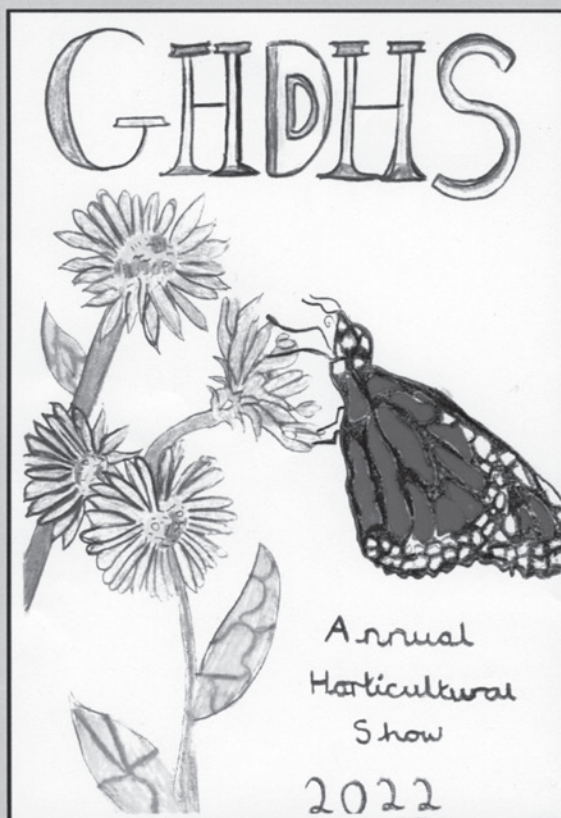
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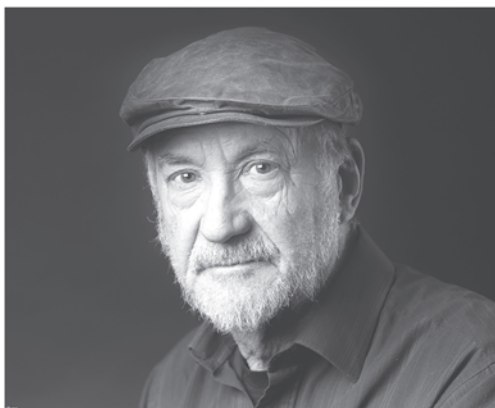
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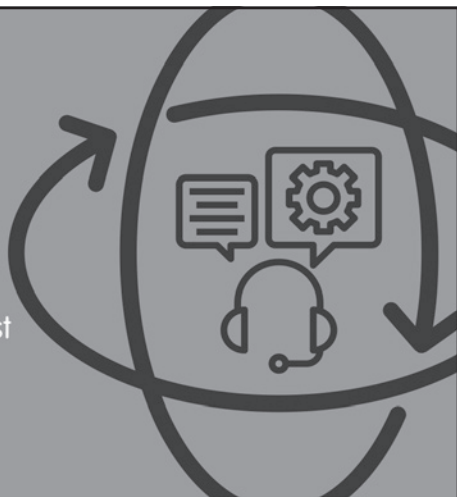
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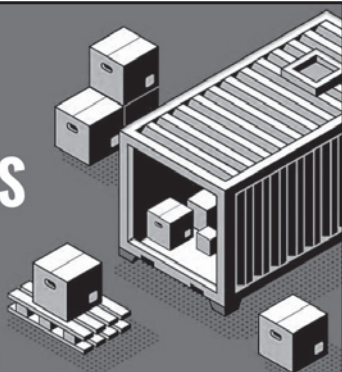
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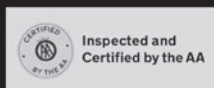
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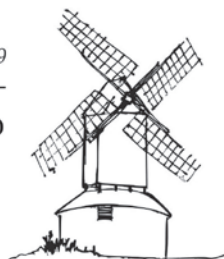
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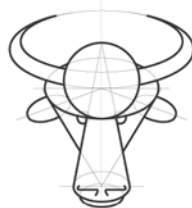
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