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In My Opinion...

There is a worrying trend back to the habits of a few years ago with a number of cars being parked on the village greens.

Please be reminded that parking on the greens, along The Green and Lower End, is not permitted. Driveways are just that, with easements to allow access to properties ACROSS the greens only, and vehicles should not be parked there.

The Parish Council is strongly in favour of on-street parking, as this provides a welcome and very necessary traffic calming function, which, in my opinion, is only good for all road users.

To update on the Comet bus, it is still getting very little support, with only one passenger last week! The Parish Council has agreed to fund the provision of this service to the end of November, so trips remain free of charge until then. At the end of this trial we shall evaluate the level of usage which will then determine what we will have to charge passengers in order to keep it going. The cost is £70 per day so there may well be a more cost effective option in clubbing together to share taxis on various days, but let's see what the next month's usage shows.

In the meantime, the timetable is again printed overleaf so please tear out this page for reference. **PTO for timetable!**

Don't let apathy rule.....

Steve Harrod, Chairman



Don't miss out – Working parents of 3 & 4 year olds

Working parents of 3 & 4 year old children may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week. This includes those who are self-employed and some parents on zero hours contracts. To find out if you are eligible visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.

To join those already benefiting apply by the beginning of December for a January start. The Family Information Service has information about childcare providers in your area. Visit fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Front Cover

Inspection of the produce at last month's Harvest festival at The Bull.

Photo: Paul Wakefield.

Great Milton Comet: Timetable from Wednesday 4th October

Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1015	
Wheatley Bridge	1022	
Wheatley, bus stops adj. Ambrose Rise	1027	280 departs for Oxford 1031, for Thame 1033
Wheatley Surgery arr	1030	
Wheatley Surgery dep	1035	
Wheatley Bridge	1040	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1047	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1115	
Wheatley Bridge	1122	
Wheatley, bus stops adj. Ambrose Rise	1127	280 departs for Oxford 1131, for Thame 1137
Wheatley Surgery arr	1130	
Wheatley Surgery dep	1135	
Wheatley Bridge	1140	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1147	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1215	
Wheatley Bridge	1222	
Wheatley Surgery arr	1227	
Wheatley Surgery dep	1240	
Wheatley, bus stops adj. Ambrose Rise	1243	280 arrives from Oxford 1237, from Thame 1231
Wheatley Bridge	1248	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1255	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	1310	
Wheatley Bridge	1317	
Wheatley Surgery arr	1322	
Wheatley Surgery dep	1322	
Wheatley, bus stops adj. Ambrose Rise	1325	280 arrives from Oxford 1317, from Thame 1311
Wheatley Bridge	1330	
Great Milton, Pegswell Lane	R	

R – Returns to Great Milton if there are passengers on board

Parish Council Publication Scheme (*Freedom of Information Act*)

Residents of the Parish can see the records of the Council held by the Parish Clerk or learn where they may be accessed. These records include minutes, financial information, and responses to planning consultations. Applications can be made to the Parish Clerk and documents viewed by appointment. Any copies required will be charged at 10p per page.

Great Milton Parish Council

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Kent & Couling Charity:	Cynthia D'Anger
Sheppard Trust:	Ann Price, Pat Cox

Parish Council Notes

Cllr George Bennet's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests were duly signed.

The Minutes of the meeting held on September 18th were approved and signed following minor changes to Minute 101/17 (Declaration of Members' Interest). With reference to Item 104/7A, Cllr Bill Fox also wished to record his connection with the applicant, a shareholder of The Bull Community Pub Company of which Cllr Fox is a Committee member. There was no pecuniary interest to place on record. The Minutes were amended accordingly.

The new District Councillor for Great Milton (Cllr. Caroline Newton) will be advised of future Parish Council meeting dates.

A report has been received that the bus shelter opposite the Oxford Belfry Hotel in Milton Common is in poor condition. The village handyman has quoted £60 to clean it: it was RESOLVED to advise him to go ahead with this work.

The following planning applications have been received from SODC:

P17/S3260/HH (Stonham, The Green, Great Milton OX44 7NP). Loft conversion with rear dormer construction to create a bedroom and en suite. It was RESOLVED that there were no strong views on this application.

P17/S3223/FUL (Swarebrook, Lower End, Great Milton OX44 7NJ). Amendment to existing planning application P16/S3466/FUL to include a small cellar for storage purposes only. The above ground development that was previously approved is not to change: 'Building and erection of a single storey dwelling; provision of garden and parking.' It was RESOLVED to support this application.

The following planning decisions have been received:

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that consent is GRANTED for the execution of the works referred to below:

P17/S2773/LB (Unit 9 Ashurst Court, London Road, Wheatley OX33 1ER). Form new doorway between existing offices (Units 8 & 9), with double doors incorporating glass vision panels.

P17/S2459/LB (The Old School and Pettit's House The Green Great Milton OX44 7NT). Replacement windows, remedial and restorative works and repair works to outer retaining wall. Pettits House: replacement windows.

P17/S0576/FUL (Ramada Hotel Welcome Break Oxford Thame Road near Wheatley OX33 1LJ). Two-storey extension of existing hotel to provide 34 new bedrooms and additional restaurant seating space (As amplified by Transport Statement May 2017 and Travel Plan May 2017 accompanying e-mail from agent received 29

May 2017 and 6 July 2017).

No further comments were made on this application, other than to note that Tiddington Parish Council and the CPRE objected to it but that permission has been granted regardless.

Cheques for payment were authorised as follows:

Timothy Darch: Salary, Tax and Expenses. £496.72

Jonathan Dudley: Bulletin production. £258.80

Castle Water (allotment supply): £17.60

BDO (External Audit): £120

History Society: £150

Green and Growing grass cutting contractor: £822 (September)

Dog Bin emptying (SODC) July-September 2017: £62.80

A full bank reconciliation, the council's quarterly accounts and recent bank statements were received and signed. The reconciled bank balance at 4 October 2017 was £28,739.36.

A cheque of £150 was signed for presentation to the History Society as a contribution towards the production cost of the re-printed 'Blakeston Survey'.

An update was received on the bus service. The free trial from Oxfordshire County Council has ended, and the Parish Council will fund the service until at least the end of November depending on usage. There has been interest from two residents in response to requests to head up the necessary 'user group' should the service continue beyond November (after which fares will be charged).

The hedge between the Recreation Ground and the rear of the houses on Fullers Field may require trimming; if so the Clerk will seek a price for this from the village handyman.

Oxfordshire Highways have assessed the condition of surfacing on Thame Road and agree that it requires repair in places: this will be added to the programme of works. Road markings are renewed in the warmer months so the request to renew the 'No Entry' markings at the junction of The Green and Thame Road will be considered in the maintenance programme for 2018-19.

It was suggested that additional fencing be investigated in the vicinity of the southbound M40 slip road at Milton Common to discourage parking, and to seek a quote from the village handyman for this provision.

The External Audit was noted as completed. The significant recommendations were to ensure in future years that the electors' rights inspection period commences after the accounting statements are approved, and to write off or replace an outstanding cheque more than six months old that has not been cashed. It was agreed to write off



the amount and to remove the amount from the bank reconciliation and the accounts.

The Chairman stated that he will submit comments in response to the latest consultation on the Local Plan 2033 on behalf of his electoral division, but that the Parish Council will also need to respond.

Local Plan drop-in sessions are being held at:

Chalgrove Village Hall - Mon 23 October, 4pm – 8pm

Wheatley, Merry Bells - Thurs 9 November, 3pm – 7pm

Thame Town Hall - Mon 13 November, 3pm – 7pm

Chalgrove Village Hall - Fri 17 November, 3pm – 7pm

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

The next meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th November 2017 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Tim Darch, Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer, Great Milton Parish Council

Services in Our Benefice for November

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th 4th Sunday before Advent	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 12th 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	Holy Communion CW (Said) 9:30am with Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am with Act of Remembrance at War Memorial	Benefice Remembrance Service with Act of Remembrance at War Memorial 10:45am
Sunday 19th 2nd Sunday before Advent	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 26th The Sunday next before Advent		Benefice Communion 10:00am	

Services in Our Benefice for December

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 3rd <i>Advent 1</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

Ramblings from the Rectory

I write this little piece with an overwhelming sense of being out of my depth. The rise of extremism, the crisis of refugee movements on a tragically epic scale, the rise of deep discontent and distrust in the political establishment, and of course ongoing conflicts in our world. In the last year we have seen the election of arguably the most dangerously egotistical man to ever hold arguably the most powerful office in the world. This tweeter in chief is playing a terrifying war of words with the most paranoid leader of the most paranoid nation in the world. And it is scary stuff to read about the very real possibility of nuclear conflagration. I don't think that any of us can comfortably say it could never happen. Human beings have the propensity to epically mess things up, it was ever thus, just read the Bible! Put these weapons of ultimate mass destruction into the melting pot, add lunatics who might, just might be prepared to use them, as they put aside all understanding of mutually assured deterrence that we have heard for the last 70 years to justify the existence of these truly evil weapons and...well let's not go there. I went on CND demonstrations as a student in the early 1980's and then grew idealistically flabby, where are the demonstrations now? This year we remember the 100th anniversary of another epic battle in another epic chapter of human folly, Passchendaele. I once saw a very convincing documentary about the beginning of the first world war which looked at AJP Taylor's thesis that even if the will had been there to pull back, once mobilisation of the European powers was underway it was almost impossible to stop, why? because of railways timetables! Once the juggernaut had started that was it. History tells us that is is easy to start wars, it is very very difficult to stop them.

Our remembrance services therefore this year really do have an added poignancy, it is not just about the past, it is so very much about the present, we cannot look away from the tragedy that is human conflict. 'He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire". (Ps 49:8) A psalm of hope maybe, but certainly not yet of fulfilment. In what small and individual ways are each of us called to play our part to be peacemakers in our



world which remains filled with the rumour of war?

This year, on Sunday 12th November our Remembrance Services will be:

8.00 a.m. BCP Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance - St James' Little Milton

9.30 a.m. Act of Remembrance - Great Milton War Memorial St Mary's church. This will be followed by a said service of Holy Communion (please note, no hymns).

10.45 a.m. Act of Remembrance, Great Haseley War Memorial. This will followed by the principal Benefice Remembrance Service at St Peter's Great Haseley. This will not be a Holy Communion Service and there will be hymns!

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Adam Stevenson on 01491 613223

November				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Detail
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Mr. Paul Rosentall	
12th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Mr. Alistair Jackson	
19th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev. Adam Stevenson	Holy Communion
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Mr. Andrew Maisey	



GREAT MILTON
HISTORY SOCIETY

The Blakeston Survey of the Village New edition

Hip Hip Hurrah!!

We announce the successful delivery of a new edition of the Blakeston Survey. Our thanks go to Jonathan Dudley for an epic piece of work, transforming a 50 year old product into a modern compact format. The gestation was lengthy, but the result more than justifies the wait.

It has also been our good fortune to have practical financial help from the Parish Council and that great village benefactor, Les Preston. By treating these donations as a subsidy, we can offer the new edition at the very modest price of £6. For our launch day (see advert) we are making the Blakeston Survey available to visitors to the Community Room at the special price of £5 – plus a glass of wine!! 12 noon – 2.0pm Saturday November 18th 2017.

Neighbours' Hall Update

Further to the drop-in session on Sunday, 17th September when we shared Neighbours' Hall refurbishment plans we will share here the occasional updates regarding the related fund-raising. The target figure is £150,000 to cover all that is needed. We will be applying for grants, seeking donations and holding further fund-raising events to include another Quiz Night & a Village Dance.

To anyone unable to attend the drop-in session with questions or suggestions about any aspect of the above or who may wish to get involved in some way may we urge you to contact a committee member. Alternatively, please join us at the next committee meeting on Wednesday, 22 November at 7.45pm.

After all, it's everyone's Hall!

Save the Date!


VILLAGE DANCE

Saturday 12th May 2018 Neighbours Hall, Hippy Haze will be performing. More details in the New Year!

The Neighbours Club

On the 28th September we had a visit from Liz Woolley who gave a talk to us and showed slides about the Parish to St Thomas the Martyr. This area lies close to Oxford Castle and to the left side of Park End Street and includes the old brewery and all the fascinating little streets in the area. We explored the Castle remains, St George's Tower, Osney Abbey dating from 1129 and could hear the clock striking in Tom Tower which is always five minutes behind Greenwich mean time. We saw the women of the day going about their daily chores and it was obvious how hard they had to work without modern-day appliances but they were a very close-knit community and appeared to be content with their lives.

The 12th October was a day of quizzes and this time they were set by Norman and were SO difficult we were reduced to hysterics at times!

The 18th October was our outing to Ardley Energy Recovery Facility. It is a working industrial site and recycles waste to produce electrical power sufficient to supply the needs of Bicester town. On arrival we were shown into the reception area which was dominated by a model of a dinosaur made from recycled material from the site. Footprints of this dinosaur have been found on this site where it roamed millions of years ago. We all donned high viz vests, hard hats, safety glasses etc 

and were taken on a guided tour round the facilities. After our Viridor visit we went on to Weston-on-the-Green where their W.I. provided us with a lovely lunch of ham, quiches, salads, jacket potatoes and a selection of delicious sweets plus tea and coffee. We then spent the afternoon at Bicester Avenue.

Our next meeting on the 26th October will be a Bring and Share Lunch.

JCP

Forthcoming Events - November

Thurs 9th - Slides with Beryl Hulbert - 2.15 p.m.

Thurs 23rd - Children from Great Milton Primary School - 2.15 p.m.

Wed 29th - Outing to Waddesdon Christmas Lights

A Big 'Thank You' to Jean Hill

Jean Hill went to a talk about the Darjeeling Children's Trust given in our Neighbours Hall a few years ago. She was so struck by the difficulties the Darjeeling children were facing and how their life was so much tougher than most children's lives here that she wanted to help. She set about making jams, cakes and tarts and then selling these to friends and families. She also used her creative abilities to make children's toy clothes and cot bedding as well as Christmas table decorations, some of which are shown together with Jean in this photo.



Jean has been doing this steadily for 4 years now and has raised the amazing sum of £900. Something she is impressed by is the fact that there are minimal overheads with the charity so every penny counts. Jean is still enjoying being creative and helping the DCT children by raising much needed funds. She is now taking orders locally for Christmas decorations and presents. It is amazing what Jean has achieved for DCT and it is great that she loves doing it so much.

PS. Since this article was submitted, Jean has reached her £1000 fundraising landmark!

Used Postage Stamps

This is 12-year-old Kaitlyn, who's life, and that of her family, was completely enhanced by her delightful 'Hearing Dog', Roan.

Due to the convenience and speed of texting and emails, postage stamps are less used, but there are stamp collectors worldwide and this helps the charity to raise funds for the training of these wonderful animals.

Please, please, please don't throw stamps away. Your family and friends might also be encouraged to save theirs. Collect them into an old envelope and periodically give them, at any time of year to The Great Milton School, The Great Milton Post Office, or pop them through the letter box of Pat Dawson, Tinkers Cottage, The Green, which is on the corner of The Green along the short one-way road.

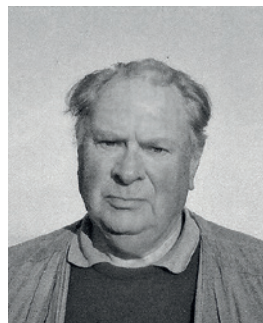
Thank you so much for all of the envelopes we've had so far.

Pat Dawson



View from Views

With summer and harvest festivals well and truly over our thoughts now turn to next year's harvest, all our autumn planting is now complete with the land having been cultivated planted and rolled down well, with good seed beds, we just need that soft refreshing rain. Shortly our brown fields will be showing the green shoots of next year's harvest. We can only look at the last seasons crops with disappointment, as all our loving care we gave our crops, to have turned out as they did, all due to the weather conditions at certain points in their growth. With absolutely nothing that we could have done would have made any difference. This is not that the conditions, were in anyway extreme, never too much rain, cold, or sun, but all at the wrong time. Having said that it was rather like Eric Morecombe's piano playing, the right weather but at the wrong times, when it was hot it was far too hot for the crops at that critical



time, which effectively killed off the wheat. Then at harvest time, continual damp days delaying harvest causing the crop losses I mentioned last month, all in all it was a very uneventful and grey year. I heard from a friend in Yorkshire who at the beginning of October had only just gathered in his straw, again we are relatively lucky in this area. I have to say though, it has all happened before and no doubt will again, luckily we do not live in a hurricane area so we have that to be thankful for. These are all the trials and tribulations of farming which makes us wonder why on earth we do it, farming life is and always has been a gamble, so it must be the challenge and variety that gives us the optimism to keep going, we are all born optimists.

As I elude to in the previous paragraph this has been a somewhat unremarkable year and the same goes for wildlife there still seems to be an abundance of bird life around the garden, in late August there was a complete lack of small birds on the garden feeders as we had been away for a period of some 12 days (first time in our life that we have ever been away in this period, and not around for harvest (retirement!)), when the feeders were not filled, then after about 3 weeks things got back to normal again. Interesting though that the Sparrows that normally frequent the road side hedge now seem to be migrating to the feeders on the other side of the house, not sure the Tits are happy about this. It was suddenly noticeable around the 6th October that the Pheasants were venturing out of their maternal areas, and could be seen foraging at will over the fields, also noticeable as flattened ones on the road, why they suddenly decide this is the time to start foraging I cannot understand.

The other day when our land was being cultivated in preparation for next year's crop and I had a few moments to spare, I hitched a lift in the tractor, mainly to see if I could understand how its guidance system worked, or at least what it did, the quick answer was everything, the field is laid out on a screen giving the operator the area that had already been covered, with the rest of the field in lines for the tractor to follow, it would also turn the machine round at each end of the field, however the driver said he would rather switch it off to do that, otherwise there was nothing for him to except watch! this field, at the back of the farm buildings that runs down to the Thame valley, halfway across has a hollow in it, whilst travelling through this area suddenly the computer went blip and we noticed the tractor veer off course. "Damn thing always does it at this point" says the operator, and it did it in the same place on the next run, we came to the conclusion that this is because of in this hollow it lost its signal, the thought occurred to me that how would this affect a driverless car which presumably uses the same technology?

I do not know how many readers will have seen a very short clip on the BBC News, where David Attenborough was talking about how an Albatross feeds its young, by


going off for some weeks (I think) then on its return regurgitates its young's food in this case all plastic, that it has picked up, not knowing what it was, and of course this will have eventually killed the young. I have also seen reports recently in the press of the island of floating plastic in parts of the Pacific, not to mention the underwater shots of this plastic on the sea bed. This has all come from us human beings, which really is not good enough, it illustrates how important it is that we dispose of all this material properly, and do not allow it to blow around as it can and probably will eventually end up in the seas contributing to death to wildlife and increase the plastic islands that are appearing. By now the neighbours club will have had their visit to the Ardley ERF where all this plastic is turned into electricity, I hope they found it as fascinating as I, and would recommend anyone else to take the time to have a visit there.

Buses in the Great Milton area continue to be a contentious issue. The introduction of a service once a week as a trial is a first step, but I cannot see that it will catch on, as it is not flexible enough, who can organise their week by one day? I think it needs someone with the time and ability to sort it out, with a cash injection and time, we need a daily connection to the Doctors, Asda, and the 280 service, nothing will be perfect, but I suggest once a week is of very little help.

Charles Peers

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

I have been starting to prepare for winter in the garden. Part of me finds this rather sad as I am not a fan of winter, but I do like lighting the wood burning stove and there are already signs of spring in the garden. New shoots are showing on the sedums and new flower buds on spring flowering Viburnum. The garden still has a huge amount of colour and, while I have always thought early June was the gardens peak, I am now thinking September is as good. I have noticed that many local gardens have a magnificent late flush of Roses going on

I spotted some very attractive violas in packs of 24 for £5.99 in a local garden centre which looked like a bargain so I have already potted up several pots to start to replace my summer bedding. My late bedding display in shades of red and orange including Salvias, Begonias, Fuchsias and Ricinus are still looking lovely so I will leave them until frost is forecast or the wind starts to damage the plants. I will then put them in the greenhouse to dry out as the biggest threat to overwintering is wet. Some I will leave in their pots and others I will remove from their pots, cut them short, cut back the roots and put them in small pots for the winter. The ricin plants came as seedlings from Sally and have provided height and colour in the display. Next year I will add in Dahlias; I got out of the habit of growing them after a hard winter saw my garden ones killed. 

I have another display largely consisting of pink and purple Fuchsias, pink and purple Salvias and deep pink and white Pelargoniums and a new very large *Plectranthus ecklonii* which came new to me on a garden visit as a small plant and has provided me with a great deal of pleasure this summer. Unfortunately it is very tender so will need overwintering. I have already taken cuttings and plan to try it in the garden next year to see how big it will get with an unlimited root run; I am excited about it already!

It is time to plant any remaining bulbs for next spring and finish harvesting remaining courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, chillies and, best of all this year, aubergines. I have been astonished at the productivity of the aubergines and discovered earlier this summer that they are used in greenhouses as a sacrificial plant against red spider mite; they are performing this job well as they are covered in the mite yet still managing to produce large shiny fruits which are delicious.

I will start on clearing the garden in preparation for next year leaving the grasses and plants with attractive seed heads to provide structure and food for the birds. Now is also a good time to plant new plants so they can settle their roots in while the soil is still warm. When the weather is too bad there are always seed and plant catalogues for next summer.

Fortunately, I can report the meadow has been cut and cleared, although, sadly, the hay was too wet to use as animal feed.

Liz Moses

For membership details (cost only £5 per family per year), please contact the membership secretary, Carys Lindsay – caryselindsay@gmail.com – 07984250752

Little Milton WI

Thank you to local artist, Eirian Griffiths for helping us to create our own unique sketchbooks last month, a very inspiring workshop.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9th November is a Cake decorating workshop with Cath Cronk at 7.30pm. We'll be learning how to create 'Run-out' cake toppers, the perfect preparation for Christmas bakes or for the Craft market the following weekend. Come along and join in, everyone welcome. Visitors £4.

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton or The Haseleys, want to meet new people, make new friends? Then join Little Milton WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group.

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

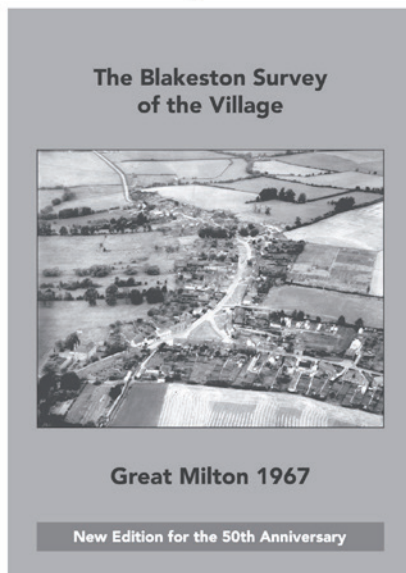
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Great Milton History

Saturday 18th November
12:00 noon – 2:00pm
in the Community Room at The Bull



Grand launch of the new edition of the
Blakeston Survey 1967
The special price for purchase on the day is
£5.00

Come and enjoy a
glass of wine and a warm welcome!

email: gmhistorysociety@outlook.com

Volunteers Needed to Teach Digital Skills

Your county council has launched a new campaign appealing for digital helper volunteers to teach basic digital skills to people in their community.

What are digital helpers?

Digital helpers teach basic digital skills to people with little or no experience of using computers or the internet. They volunteer in libraries, providing one-to-one support and encouragement to boost confidence and help people to help themselves.

Digital helpers teach skills such as how to set up an email account, search for jobs, complete online forms, navigate the internet and find useful websites, and use e-learning courses.

Why volunteer?

Teaching digital skills has lots of benefits. It enables others to access employment and training, use online services, become more independent and less isolated.

But starting to do anything online when you don't know how can be daunting. That's where digital helpers come in!

Could you volunteer?

If you are patient, have good communication skills, enjoy working with learners of all ages and can spare a few hours a week, we want you! Schedules can work around you so that you can fit it around your busy life.

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/digitalhelper or contact your local library to find out about volunteering as a digital helper and helping people in your area.

Brian Day – digital helper at Grove Library

'With the move to more and more things going online, some people can perhaps feel digitally isolated. By doing this and encouraging them I can help give them a little bit of confidence to give it a try. It's two hours a week and it's easy to fit in. If anyone's interested in volunteering, I'd say come along and give it a go - most of the questions aren't that hard!'

Peter Stronach – pupil at Grove Library

'I used to have a job where I didn't use computers but now we're in the computer age. The sessions are helping me to learn things, so hopefully I'll be able to get a job. I didn't know how to use email at all and Brian has been really supportive. It's also given me confidence to use my computer by myself without needing someone else there showing me how to do it.'

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See www.artweeks.org or contact Jo Golding - Artweeks
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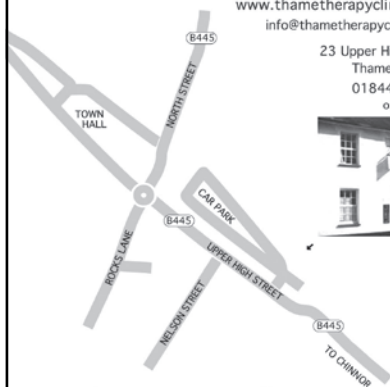
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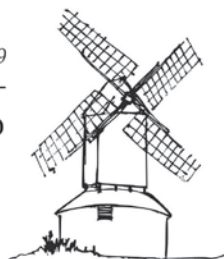
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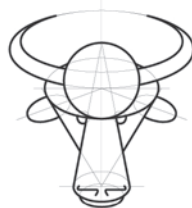
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| 4th Sat | Fireworks at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton | 6:30pm |
| 9th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Slides with Beryl Hulbert | 2:15pm |
| 11th Sat | GM Singers et al: "German Requiem" at St. Mary's, Thame | 7:00pm |
| 18th Sat | New Blakeston Survey launch in the Community Room, The Bull | 12:00 pm |
| 20th Mon | Parish Council Meeting in The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| 22nd Wed | Neighbours Hall Committee Meeting | 7:45pm |
| 23rd Thurs | Neighbours Club: Children from Great Milton Primary School | 2:15pm |
| 24th Fri | Auction of Promises at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton | |
| 29th Wed | Neighbours Club: Outing to Waddesdon Christmas Lights | — |

December

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