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Cover: Lots of fun at the Village Street Fayre.

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Draft Parish Notes – June 2021

Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council, held at the Pavilion on Monday 21st June 2021 at 7.30pm.

All councillors were present, with Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (County Councillor, Chalgrove division) and Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC, Haseley Brook ward) in attendance and no members of the public.

It was unanimously AGREED that Cllr David Harms should be co-opted onto Great Milton Parish Council. Cllr Harms signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and his Register of Interests was signed and received in advance of sending to South Oxfordshire District Council.

No declarations of interest were received in matters on the agenda.

No correspondence was received and there were no items for public discussion.

Matters to Report

Reports were received from Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (County Councillor, Chalgrove division) and Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor, Haseley Brook Ward). These are available on the parish council website. Cllr Van Mierlo introduced himself and reported that Tim Bearder, County Councillor for Wheatley is now Cabinet Member for Highways. Additionally, Cllr Van Mierlo reported that councillor priority funds are available, who welcomes suggestions for their use. Councillors are also looking to streamline the process to create 20mph zones.

Cllr Newton reported that consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 was about to begin. Between 25k and 70k houses are likely to be committed from 2020-2050, in addition to those already included in local plans. The Plan will include the 'Oxford/Cambridge arc', and it is likely that carbon neutral growth on brownfield sites will be the focus for development.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P21/S2201/HH (Colletts View Thame Road Great Milton). Erection of a single storey front extension to provide an annexe for a family member.

Cllr Fox reviewed this application. Local consultation revealed no objections, and councillors agreed unanimously to accept Cllr Fox's recommendation of SUPPORT for the proposed development.

P21/S2170/AG (Lower Chilworth Farm London Road Milton Common OX9 2JS). General purpose agricultural storage building. The development is not visible and there are no neighbouring properties, therefore the Parish Council has expressed its support for the proposed development.

P21/S1841/HH (Priors Gate Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB). Roof over outside dining area. To enable a timely response given SODC's deadline and the long gap between receipt of the application documentation and the June meeting, neighbouring householders were consulted on the proposal. No adverse comments were received and the development site is barely visible from outside of the property: as a result the Parish Council was happy to support the proposal with an informal response between meetings.

P21/S2397/HH (Yew Cottage Lower End Great Milton Oxford). New first floor extension to replace current box dormer + two storey in fill extension. Replace all windows and doors.

Cllr Deacon reviewed this application. Local consultation revealed no objections aside from mild concerns about the location of solar panels, and councillors agreed unanimously to accept Cllr Deacon's recommendation of SUPPORT for the proposed development.

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


P21/S1059/LB (The Priory Church Road Great Milton), Internal Alterations and repairs (as amplified by email from agent and amended by drwgn0 153-2-10a received on 27 April 2021). Permission is GRANTED for the development described above.

The initial contact from the applicant for a solar farm at the Dodwells Farm site opposite the houses on London Road/Lobb Hill at Milton Common was considered and discussed. Cllr Newton advised that there may be significant issues with connection to the National Grid, which appears to be 10km away: this is likely to raise concerns with planners. The smaller Harlesford and Cornwell solar farms are also having to provide additional information to the planning authority: it is likely that three solar farms in a relatively small area will provide further cause for concern. Cllr Horsley asked whether the three farms encroach on Harrington: Cllr Newton advised that they do not.

Chalgrove update

Homes England has withdrawn the outline planning application for the Chalgrove Airfield application so they can amend it to resolve the Civil Aviation Authority's objections. They will then submit an amended application later this year or early next year.

Homes England's reactive statement:

"The outline planning application for the development of Chalgrove Airfield has been withdrawn to allow an amended application to be submitted to take account of comments from the Civil Aviation Authority's Airfield Advisory Team. This reflects Homes England's commitment to safeguarding Martin Baker's operations at Chalgrove. The site is allocated in the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2035, 

and the importance of creating a new diverse, connected and active community at Chalgrove to urgently meet the considerable housing shortfall and deliver significant investment for the area remains unchanged.”

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the May meeting of the Parish Council, both held virtually on Wednesday 5th May 2021, were received, 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. £514.85

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production May/June. £229.80/£229.80

Website hosting (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99

McCracken and Son. May mowing. £894

Green and Growing. Verge ‘gripps’ clearance. £438

Community Heartbeat Trust. Annual defibrillator maintenance agreement. £162

Pet Waste Solutions. Emergency dog bin emptying May. £43.20

Castle Water. Allotment water supply Oct 20 – March 21. £23.16

The monthly bank reconciliations, accounts and bank statements for May and June were received, approved and signed.

The internal audit report from Matthew Hale, Internal Auditor was received and considered. The report raises no issues requiring attention and concludes that ‘the Council has again demonstrated that it has strong internal controls in place and is managing its activities and procedures efficiently and effectively.’

Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 for the year ending 31st March 2021

Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and subsequently Section 2 (Accounting Statements) were received and approved by the Parish Council, and the documents signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk/RFO as required.

The commencement of the Exercise of Public Rights period was announced, during which the Parish Council’s accounts can be freely examined. This period begins on Tuesday 22 June and concludes on Tuesday 3 August.

Parish Clerk and Councillors’ update of matters in hand

Issues with the new contractor for emptying the village dog bins have unfortunately led to the Parish Council terminating its agreement after just two months, on the grounds of non-communication and failure to supply the service. Discussions are ongoing with the current temporary contractor over a possible longer-term arrangement, as well as with SODC about the potential to return to them for the service. Cllr Newton confirmed that after discussions with officers at SODC the opportunity to return to

their dog hygiene service is not out of the question, though this may be only a short-term possibility.

The process of investigating FTTP (Fibre to the Premises, or Ultrafast broadband) has begun. There will be a piece in the July Bulletin which will give full details.

The Saturday bus service to Oxford was withdrawn as of Saturday 12 June due to the need for urgent financial support to facilitate continuation of the Monday to Friday service, which has suffered as a result of significantly reduced patronage during the pandemic.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

No significant local developments were reported (beyond national developments that all will be aware of) with regard to the current pandemic.

Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens' Advice: request for donation

A request for a donation from Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens' Advice was considered. It was agreed that a further donation of £100 would be made at the July meeting.

Litter pick: Sunday 13 June

The litter pick event held on Sunday 13th June was well attended, with 12 volunteers. Verges which were yet to be mowed proved a hindrance on the lanes leading to and from the village, but it is hoped that a 'task force' can cover these with the Parish Council's own litter picking equipment when mowing eventually takes place. 10 bags of litter were still filled: many thanks to those who turned out, and to the several people who litter pick around the village on an 'ad hoc' basis, which is generating a visible benefit.

Street Fayre

The Street Fayre held in aid of St Mary's Church on Saturday 12th June was very successful and enjoyed by all those in attendance as a welcome return to something very closely resembling 'normality'. Around £5,500 was raised, which is on a par with 'normal' fetes. It remains to be seen whether future Church Fetes will follow the new format in part or in full.

Milton Common speed mitigation scheme

A quote has been received from Oxfordshire County Council to provide electronic warning signs, improved other signage, gate features and road markings with a view to reducing average speeds on London Road in Milton Common. After discussion it was AGREED to proceed with the scheme as per the quote by securing the funding pots from SODC and advising OCC to start work.

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

The next scheduled meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19th July 2021 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.

Tim Darch. Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Church Services and Annual Parochial Church Meetings – July 2021

As I am sure you will appreciate, it has been just about impossible to plan too far ahead as we plan our Sunday worship.

As we now know that there will be no longer a full lifting of restrictions, at least for the next few weeks, this unfortunately means that there will need to be continued mask wearing, social distancing and no indoor singing when people come to church to worship.

We will therefore stick to the planned pattern of worship for the end of June and the beginning of July, when for two weeks there will be no zoom services. We will then resume in July for a part of the month with the present pattern, a holy communion service in church followed by a zoom service. However, at the end of July there will be a proper benefice service in Little Milton. Is it too much to hope that we might be able to sing hymns!

Please do look at the details with times and dates below as well as the details for our annual parochial church meetings.

Simon

Sunday 4th July

9.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's Great Milton

11.00am - Pets Blessing service - St Peter's Great Haseley
(this service will be held outdoors, weather permitting)

Sunday 11th July

9.00am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Great Haseley.

11.00am – zoom service

12.00am Annual Parochial Church meeting – St James Little Milton

Sunday 18th July

9.00am - Holy Communion - St James's Little Milton

11.00am – zoom service

12.00am Annual Parochial Church meeting - St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 25th July

10.00am - Holy Communion, United benefice service - St James Little Milton

No zoom service

11.30am - Annual Parochial Church meeting - St Peter's Great Haseley

The Rector's Pint

We have now entered what is called 'ordinary time' in the Church of England's calendar. Basically, these are periods when there are no major festivals. The longest of these begins on the Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity) and lasts until the beginning of Advent.

It is not that nothing happens, but we can't point to festivals as useful teaching aids! So instead of doing that I thought I would tell you a story, something that happened to me recently, although I really don't come out of it at all well.

I could blame the washing machine, which sprang a leak. I disconnected the inlet hose, threw it on the back seat of the car and headed off to Homebase. On the way I stopped at Asda to refuel the car. I was in a bit of a queue, and as I waited, if I wondered if I might need a whole new hose? I couldn't reach and so had to get out of the car and open the passenger door to have a look.

I need to explain at this point that I was driving a perfectly adequate Vauxhall Meriva, it had plenty of life in it even if it was a little scuffed. However, in a moment of design madness someone had thought that it was a good idea to build 'suicide' passenger doors as they were known in the 1950's, ones that have the hinges at the back and not the front (like London Cabs). I became aware that the queue to the pump had cleared and I could now fill up, I got back into the car and moved forward.

I had not closed the door! The thing was virtually ripped off as it made contact with the very sturdy steel post that you will find next to every fuel pump. The car was found to be 'uneconomic to repair.' I am now driving a very nice little 4-year-old Skoda Fabia estate. It is a rather vivid blue and does sort of make me feel that I have last emerged as a sixty something vicar! (apologies if you drive one and that image upsets you!) In truth, it is a very good car.

Faith is no guard against stupidity! I was reminded of a friend of mine who, many years ago proudly went for a ride on his new bicycle when, as he was careering down a very steep South Wales hill his front wheel detached itself from the bike. He had forgotten to tighten the quick release nuts. He told me that for some reason the one thing that went through his head as he realised that he was facing catastrophe was a New Testament verse 'What is seen is temporal, what is unseen is eternal'. I am afraid that I had no such deep thoughts, but I wasn't facing serious injury or death, only humiliation and hurt pride. My friend got off lightly in the circumstances.

I do take comfort that God still loves me, in the ordinary times of life, and even in the moments of my own stupidity.

The washing machine, you will be pleased to hear, is working perfectly.

Simon

Thankyou, Thankyou, Thankyou!!

This year the combined work of Great Milton, The Haseleys and Little Milton raised an AMAZING total of £2,832.50!! This is made up of:

Zoomed Coffee Mornings in Lent £523.75

House to House collections in each of the villages £2,308.75

Due to £1,633.25 of the monies collected being Gift Aided by the Donors, this total above includes an extra figure of £407.31.

Thankyou to all of the Distributors, Collectors and above all to each of you who gave to Christian Aid this year...

S. A. Dennis

Old Field

The Old Field meadow at the top of Thame Road is looking particularly lovely with buttercups and Oxeye Daisies.



Great Milton Street Fayre 2021

Our Fete was cancelled last year due to Covid 19 but we were determined to offer an event that was covid safe this year, hence the Street Fayre spread throughout the village. We thought it would be easier to organise than our larger Fetes but that proved not to be the case. However, thanks to you all, it was a hugely enjoyable day and we raised in excess of £5,500 which is amazing given the current situation.



As ever, thank you all so much for helping and or supporting it. We are extremely grateful to those of you who donated items to sell or for the raffle, Hollands Farm who advertised the event and the village shop who advertised, organised floats and helped count the money.


Special thanks must be given to our hard working stall holders who collected and sold their goods, tea and bar teams, games organisers, those who did the heavy lifting setting up and setting down and those who participated and judged competitions. Thank you also to those who displayed their amazing vehicles. These really added to the scene.

A new addition to the programme was the introduction of performances by local musicians and singers. They really enhanced the day and set the mood. We have such talented people in our village, including children.

A HUGE thanks go to the three men who collected and returned the furniture/infrastructure and to the helpers who helped set up in the morning, and then took everything down and put all away at the end; to the friend who put up and then took down the big notice-board and to the friend who provided so many straw bales.

We were delighted to welcome back Benoit Blin from Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons for a third year running to judge our cake competition. Also, thank you Amanda Garrett and Hazel hand for judging the photo/art competition.

Well done to those who won any of the amazing raffle prizes or the prizes on the tombola, hoopla, games and dog show.

James and Maya Roach designed a brilliant programme and trail which guided people through the event. Well done Otis and Arthur (new young residents of Clovelly) for winning the £20 Book House Voucher in the programme trail competition. 





Photos: Nick Belcher

Other key prize winners were:

Raffle main prize of a Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons dinner for 2 - Bill and Clare Fox

Art competition - Maya Roach with special commendation for Phoebe Standing

Cake competition - Minnie Hutton

Dog show - Mango dressed as a giraffe owned by Fizzy Kemp, Flora owned by Phillipa Stroud

Someone called Daniel E won one of the games. Does anyone know him so we can give him his prize?

Nick Belcher took brilliant photos that really captured the event. We are researching a means of sharing these.

If you would like to join the Fete Committee next year, do let us know. We would welcome new ideas.

Thank you again for your support.

Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Alex Kirkman, Celina Bernstrom and Rachel Hutton
(organisers on behalf of Great Milton PCC).

Great Milton Street Fayre

Raffle Prize Winners

Prize

Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons: Dinner for two

Portrait photo session with Nick Belcher

Electric sparkling water/soda stream

The White Company Gift Set

Yoga Lizard month pass

Sisters Edge Hair Salon voucher

Sandy Lane Farm organic vegetables voucher

Wheatley Farm Shop hanging flower basket

Joe's Teas

Asda: Oven gloves, tea towels and mats

Asda: Three-piece canister set

Cake

Suitcase

Winner

C & B Fox

Heather Peers

Paul Woodrow

Helen James c/o Mike Block

S. Mehta c/o Mike Block

Chris Matthews

Ed Rea

Pippa Reid

Liz Isherwood

Ally Harrod

Mike Tomlinson

Mary Wakefield

Matte Dol

Little Milton WI

In June, we went out for a tour of Sunnyhill Vineyard in Horspath followed by a wine tasting in their barn shop. We braved the torrential rain to learn about the vines, but we were just happy to see each other and say goodbye to Zoom! We highly recommend a visit there for local wine, cider & handmade gifts, plus a café and children's play area (www.sunnyhillvineyard.co.uk).

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th July is a Summer Celebration Garden Party from 7-9pm. Visitors £5. Everyone welcome, contact me if you'd like to join us.

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. Please phone or email us if you're feeling lonely, want a chat, fancy joining WI.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm

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

Like us at www.facebook.com/Impinelodge

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

Kath Stacey 279438 or email littlemiltonwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Internet Upgrade Opportunity

Dear Villagers,

We have an opportunity to upgrade the quality of the internet in the village. Most of the village has Superfast internet capability which means that we have optical fibre connectivity to the grey cabinets dotted around the village. This is called Fibre To The Cabinet (FTTC). Unfortunately we all have the old wiring from the cabinet to our houses. The current internet speeds are probably ok for what we all use it for now, however the need for more speed will come, and it will come more rapidly. More and more of us are going to spend more time working from home in the future, and the demands created by our devices will increase as we move to Ultra High Definition streaming, and immersive 3D video gaming.

The government is running a scheme where we can apply as a group to receive a voucher of £1500 per household towards the cost of having our households wired up for the future. This is called Fibre To The Property (FTTP). We do need to apply as a group. Our village qualifies for the vouchers as our speeds are typically considerably less than 100MBPS. The new speeds will be around 1000MBPS which, on average, is

20x faster than what most of us have now.

The more people we have signed up, the more likely that sum total of all the vouchers, are of covering the cost of installing fibre to our households. The two key benefits of this will be future-proofing your internet connection and saleability of your house.

Things to be considered are as follows:

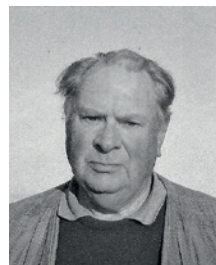
- We have to apply as a village group
- We have to pledge the voucher to one supplier who will do the cabling
- After the cabling is installed we will have to sign up a contract for the internet from that supplier for a minimum of one year
- We will have to pay for a minimum of double the speed we have now (the more speed you want the more you have to pay). It will be more expensive than what you pay for the internet currently
- You may have to pay to exit your current contract if you are with a different supplier.

If you are interested, please email me, Malcolm.horsley1@btinternet.com, with your address. If I can gauge enough interest, I will start the application process.

View from Views

We are now well into summer swallows are here, I fear not so many this year, swifts screaming high in the skies on sunny days, and generally the air is full of bird song, and even more important the weather is warmer but becoming believe it or not drier by the day. I have heard the cuckoo but only three times, then only in the distance. The inhabitants of our recently moved nest box for Blue Tits after a mad bout of activity for about a fortnight, suddenly disappeared, and on inspection all seem to be fine no sign of malpractice, we can only surmise that they have as they say flown the nest. The Grass field margins we planted some years ago are just about to show blooms, unfortunately like the crops they have suffered from the ravages of the winter weather, after shedding a lot of blood sweat and tears creating these areas it is somewhat disheartening, made worse when we notice foot path walkers tramping through them. This is a very difficult situation for us to see areas where the uninitiated have without realising the damage they are doing to nature as a whole by just walking and tramping through. It is always difficult to explain this to people who cannot be expected to understand, as it is all part of the pressure of the human being on nature.

On the farming side how things have grown since last month, The Barley has shot




away and is now at least 4ft high, looking very good and looking very promising. Of course although looking very good what was not there is still not, but it is only these places that let the side down. From the road all looks pretty good, this is most important as that is what most will see and think we have done a good job that is except for the worst places that seem more visible now than a month ago. The most publically viewed field is looking exceptionally good as it is viewed from the A329 at least that will give a good impression. As far as it's productive prospect we will not hold our breath as the winter weather will still have a great effect, one heavy Thunderstorm, (forecast in the next day or so) could alter this dramatically.

The Wheat looks promising but I fear, although from a distance appears good, it is a little thinner that I would like, again as a result of the diabolical winter weather. Of course it is now when a crop starts to stop growing in order to ripen that the weeds start to show over the top of the crop and we begin to see patches of different coloured plants, reflecting perhaps the mistakes we and the weather have made, then that's why we farm.

It looks as if a wet May has suited this farm, I would have expected to see the crops stressed with the hot weather in the middle of June, by looking parched, just hope by the time you have read this we will have had some of that sweet refreshing rain, as in the harvest hymn we plough the fields and scatter.

Now there is another pressure on the land, countryside, and the country ways of living, as we learn the wealthy wanting to move to the country, and invest in land, not to farm but to give themselves a better life and investment, with all that goes with it. Rewilding their recent acquisition, using good agricultural land, and imposing their wishes on those that earn their living from that land, luckily here the Church bells can still ring, and the Cockerels can still crow. Of course this not only applies to the rich and famous but members of the general public who have become concerned about living in urban areas, which will endanger our way of life, and the natural resources, that we have begun to enhance, since the damage done as a result of governments drive for more production during World War 2.

On a lighter note, Jeremy Clarkson being one of those who would fit into the above category, and not one that I would usually take much notice of has made some good points on becoming a farmer. Apparently he has owned land for some time, Jeremy has decided to farm it himself as the person who had farmed it has now retired. He comments and I quote "The farm never made any money and was just a nice thing to have", and once he became a farmer realised he had to be "a conservationist, scientist, shepherd, storekeeper, midwife, engineer, accountant, and tractor driver often at the same time". He now realises that it is not as easy as all that, it was very refreshing 

for such a high profile correspondent to make these remarks.

It has just been announced that the planning application for Chalgrove Airfield has been withdrawn, due to the objection by the CAA, but note for now. This is after all that expense of inquiries and investigations which have come out of the public purse or put in other words our pockets. It is also public knowledge that HS2 Ltd is still mistreating landowners in its path, “why oh why” can’t these public bodies treat people properly, and of course take not of the countryside along the way, I bet once it is built it will not be needed as our way of life will have changed so much.

Charles Peers

Wheatley Library

We are delighted to have our doors open again – in a covid safe way of course! Face coverings, hand sanitizer, distancing and stock that has been quarantined are all in place in order to take care of us all. Do come and see us.

Open hours

Tuesday 14.00-17.00, Wednesday 9.30-13.00, Thursday 14.00-17.00, Friday 14.00-17.00

We are also excited to announce the return of our annual Summer Reading Challenge for children.

Get ready to go wild about your world by joining the FREE reading challenge at your local library!

From 10 July to 11 September children across Oxfordshire can join the Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021 to help save the environment of Wilderville.

Collect stickers and rewards as you read library books over the summer holidays.

Complete your challenge at an Oxfordshire Library to win a Wild World Heroes medal, certificate and a keyring.

Under 3s can take part in a mini challenge with their own special card and stickers. Visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for the fun to carry on at home.

If you finish the challenge at your local Oxfordshire Library, you will be entered into an exciting prize draw!

Don't miss out!

Wendy Stanton, Wheatley Library Manager

Thame Flower Club

The club has a new home at the newly renovated Neighbours' Hall in Great Milton.

Date: Wednesday 25th August 2021 (then every 4th Wednesday)

Time: 1:30pm onwards (2pm start).

Finish 4pm - 4:30pm.

Membership £38. For more info. please contact Cathy on Tel: 01844 217763 or email: cat.twitchett@gmail.com

News from The Pine Lodge

On again, off again...we are really very sorry not to be able to support those who had made bookings and planned for parties or gatherings in the Hall that we have had to cancel during June and July. Fingers crossed that 19th July will finally enable us to provide unrestricted access to the Hall as before...

However on a happier note several regular activities have returned to the Hall.

Regular activities include:

Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am (y.cartwright@btinternet.com)

Yoga with Alice on Tuesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 6.30pm

Advanced Textile workshop on Wednesday 9:30am with Amargeet (amarjeetnandhra@virginmedia.com)

Yoga and Pilates Friday 9:30am with Lee (lee@grahamcaulfield.co.uk)

Upcoming events:

A note for your diary - Little Milton Unlocked (see advert) - Saturday 28th August. We will be coming round the village in July with more information and tickets for the event.

Please contact the organisers to confirm their current schedules and availability as the number of participants are currently limited. For enquires please contact linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com. For more details about the Hall please go to <https://www.hugofox.com/community/the-pine-lodge-7832/home>

Morland House Surgery

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Update

Please note that this update has been prepared on 16th June 2021, events, particularly those involving Covid will have moved on by the time you get to read this.

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update

If you are aged 21 or over, or turn 21 before 1st July 2021 and you have not yet been contacted for your first vaccination, you may book your vaccine online through this website www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by phoning 119.

For up-to-date information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

COVID-19 Vaccination Card

Patients with online access to their medical record (through the Patient Access app) can now view their COVID-19 vaccination record from the home screen of the app.

This new feature will automatically be visible for patients who have already had access to their detailed care record and immunisations enabled by their practice.

For information on how to gain online access to your medical record, please go to www.morland-house.co.uk and search 'Online Access'.

General Practice Data for Planning and Research

Morland House Surgery is supporting vital health and care planning and research by sharing your data with NHS Digital. Please do not call our reception team in regard to this, for more information please visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research>

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A new research clinic is available at the Warneford Hospital to help people who are still depressed even though they are taking antidepressant medication. For more information, including how you can refer yourself to the clinic visit here: <https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/our-work/treatment-resistant-depression/>

Unacceptable Phone Calls to Morland House Surgery

The Patient Participation Group are very concerned to learn that the Doctors and their colleagues at Morland House have been receiving some aggressive telephone calls. We would ask patients to be more respectful of those that really care for us and provide as good a service as is possible under the present conditions. We ask all to understand that everyone has the right to a face-to-face consultation with his/her Doctor but it is essential that this follows a telephone conversation with the Doctor, who will be able to assess if a face-to-face meeting is a necessity, in which case an appointment will

be offered. This really is the only way we can currently work but, in the future, will improve the service offered.

Visit Morland House Website

For up-to-date information about our services, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk

John Howell MP writes...

I know from mail received that many of you were hoping to see all COVID restrictions removed this month and will be disappointed that the date has been pushed back to 19th July. In recent weeks there has been growing unease at lifting all restrictions on the proposed June date. The Delta variant is a serious concern and the advice from experts was that we should wait a little longer until the vaccine has been offered to all adults. Whilst I am amongst those very much looking forward to all restrictions being removed there is some sense in waiting just a little longer. Looking at the situation in Oxfordshire, while cases may have gone up 6-fold, the numbers of hospitalisations and deaths have not. This shows the importance of vaccination. There is also an inherent fairness that every adult should be offered the opportunity of vaccination before all restrictions are lifted. We have to remember that when the Prime Minister announced the Roadmap to Recovery the dates were the earliest at which each stage would be introduced and not finite dates. I am very much aware that some people have made plans in hope that the easing of restrictions would be in line with the earliest dates. I know that there has been particular concern over weddings and civil partnerships will help and trust that the easing of restrictions in relation to these will help.

As the holiday season approaches, I also understand the frustrations with international travel. In addition to those who need to be able to move around more freely for work purposes or to see family, after a year of restrictions I fully appreciate the need some people feel for a change of scenery and the desire to go abroad. The travel industry is also in much need of customers returning. Indeed, there are several sectors of the economy that are desperate to be fully open. However, we must take the long view, get everyone vaccinated and do all we can to avoid restrictions having to be imposed again later in the year.

The vaccination programme has been truly amazing, and I am delighted that

everyone over the age of 18 is now eligible. It is encouraging to see news items of young people queueing to take up the offer. I am thankful to everyone who has been involved from the researchers who have pulled together to get us where we are and to all who have worked to deploy the vaccine. I really do encourage anyone who is eligible for the vaccine to take the opportunity. As news reports currently indicate most of those now suffering serious symptoms from COVID-19 have not been fully vaccinated, some having refused.

As we carefully and cautiously continue our journey out of lockdown, we must be mindful that the coronavirus outbreak continues to affect all of us, but especially unpaid carers, who have been supporting relatives, friends and loved ones who may be disabled, ill or elderly. Carers must be recognised for the difficulties they are experiencing, respected for all they are doing, and provided with information and support to keep themselves – and those around them - safe and well. Yet, a lack of awareness of carers and the physical and mental cost of caring persists.

Our focus throughout the pandemic has been to support all unpaid carers, including young carers, who have the added pressures of work, schooling and their own health and wellbeing issues to manage. This has included making carers a priority group for Covid-19 testing and vaccination and asking local authorities to identify unpaid carers and support them. We have provided funding to Carers Trust to support unpaid carers experiencing loneliness during the pandemic and to Carers UK's helplines, information and support services. Carers make an incredible contribution to the life of this country. Together, we must support their wellbeing, help them achieve their life goals and create more carer friendly communities – making caring more visible and valued. Supporting our carers supports us all – thank you.

Although I have been going to the Westminster office at present my team continues to work remotely and email remains the quickest form of communication. If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me, if possible, please email me at john.howell.mp@parliament.uk. If you cannot email you can still write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1 0AA or PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD. Please be aware that remote working means that it is taking longer for mail to get through to me.

My website is regularly updated on key issues. If you would like to receive my periodic electronic newsletters, and briefings on specific issues, please visit my website www.johnhowell.org.uk and subscribe at the link on the home page.

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Time: 6pm

Venue: Main Hall of the Neighbours' Hall

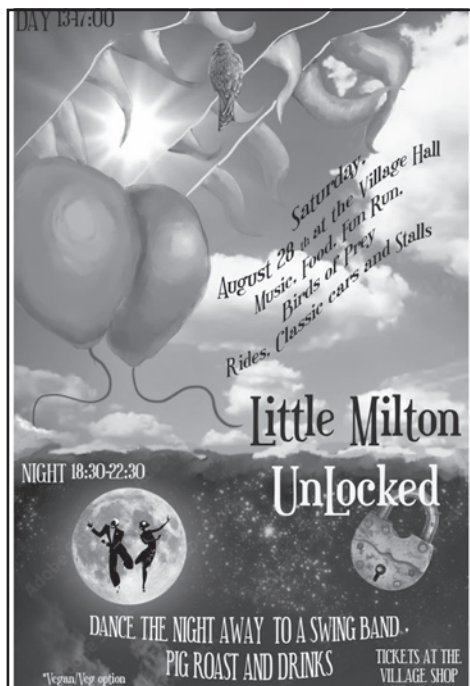
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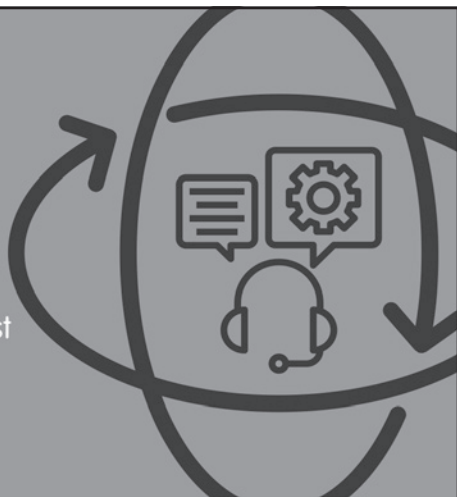


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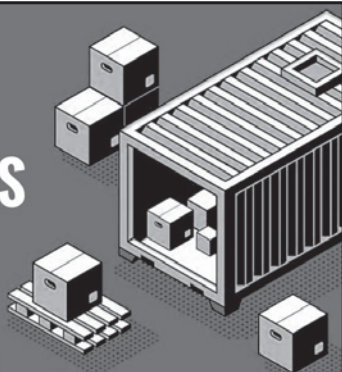
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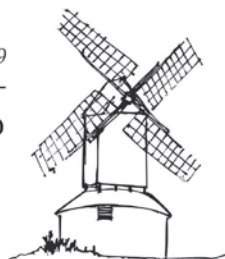
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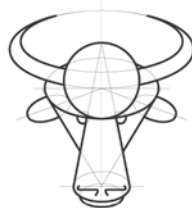
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- Tuesday** Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
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- 3rd Sat** Back to the Future – Post Pandemic Party – Views Farm tba
- 15th Thurs** Neighbours' Hall Committee A.G.M. 6:00pm
- 19th Mon** Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion 7:30pm

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- 20th Sat** Little Milton Unlocked – Little Milton Village Hall 1:00pm

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