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Cover: Tony D'Anger with his beautiful harvest display in St. Mary's church.

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Emergency - Police, Fire, Ambulance	999	
Police non-emergency	101	thamesvalley.police.uk
GP Surgery, Morland House	01865 872448	morland-house.co.uk
NHS non-emergency	111	nhs.uk
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	nationalgrid.com/uk/safety/
Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
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Arriva (280) Bus	0344 800 4411	arrivabus.co.uk
Oxford Tube (Buses to London)	01865 772250	oxfordtube.com
Park & Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

Draft Parish Notes

Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Pavilion on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm. The meeting was attended by Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, D Harms, and M Horsley. Apologies were received from Cllr C Deacon and Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC). Chris Ashworth (Clerk) was in attendance, along with Tim Darch (Former Clerk), Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC) and 1 member of the public. No declarations of interest were received in matters on the agenda

The sad death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has had a profound effect on us all. We all pass on our condolences to the family at this time.

The meeting opened with a commemoration and minute's silence in tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away on Thursday 8th September 2022.

The County Councillor's monthly report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website along with the District Councillor's. No correspondence was received in matters not otherwise covered on the agenda.

A consultation on proposals to introduce six trial traffic filters in Oxford will start on 5 September. Traffic filters are part of Oxfordshire County Council's central Oxfordshire travel plan.

Traffic filters are designed to reduce traffic, make bus journeys faster and make walking and cycling safer. When they are operating, private cars will not be allowed through the traffic filters without a permit. All other vehicles including buses, coaches, taxis, vans, mopeds and HGVs will be allowed at all times. Permits will be available for blue badge holders, health workers and professional and non-professional care workers.

The scheme will be enforced using automatic number plate recognition cameras. Residents in Oxford and some areas just outside the city will be able to apply for a permit to drive through the traffic filters for up to 100 days per year.

The consultation on the trial proposed will run for four weeks until 3 October 2022.

Four traffic filters will be located on St Cross Road, Thames Street, St Clements and Hythe Bridge Street and will operate seven days a week from 7am to 7pm. The remaining filters will be located on Marston Ferry Road and Hollow Way and will not operate on Sundays.

This item was raised by a member of the public. The councillors discussed the traffic filters, with points being raised that the surrounding roads and ring roads would become even more congested as well as forcing people who work or go to school in the centre of Oxford to use the park and ride even when not viable. A member of the

public raised the point that the filters would come in very suddenly and cause chaos for people, with no time to find alternative solutions once the traffic filters are in place. Cllr Harrod raised the view that the proposal hasn't been thought through adequately for people who live outside of Oxford itself, and it doesn't support people who have an absolute need to drive into Oxford City Centre. Cllr Fox raised the point of using cameras to target single occupancy vehicles rather than traffic filters, as reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles would help the area become more eco-friendly. The inclusion of Marston Ferry Road was raised as the biggest issue as that would likely cause the most disruption. It was raised to Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo that this road is excluded from the proposal. Cllr Van Mierlo asked for these points to be raised on the survey to help amend and improve the proposal.


A consultation link for people to air their views is also linked on the Parish website under News items, and the council encourages residents to complete this consultation. The Parish Council will also complete the survey.

Planning applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P22/S0613/FUL (Bentley House, Milton Common) Demolition of existing car repair workshop and erection of replacement commercial building comprising 4 units, with associated works including access, parking and landscaping. Amendments to planning approval P20/S3158/FUL to reduce permitted eaves height to 5.4m and install a 1.8m high fence and landscaping enclosure to the front of the site. Details submitted to reword conditions 3,4,5 and 6 of P20/S3158/FUL to allow development to be undertaken in accordance with submitted details and to remove condition 11 relating to construction being undertaken in accordance with BREEAM excellent standard. Cllr Allen reviewed this application. The application was a small amendment from the previous application upon which the application was objected. After a discussion, it was agreed to unanimously OBJECT the proposal.

P22/S3280/FUL (Road Maintenance Depot London Road Milton Common) The erection of a single-storey office block, maintenance garages and salt barn at the western end of the existing depot site, and the creation of new access and SUDS pond. Cllr Allen reviewed this application. It was discussed, and as it is far away from any Milton Common residents. This Parish Council unanimously agreed to NO COMMENT on this proposal.

The following planning decisions received and outstanding planning matters were considered: P22/S2129/LB (The Old Stores The Green Great Milton). Removal of mid/late C19 sash windows with plate glass to be replaced with new sash windows with original details and heritage 8mm vacuum sealed glazing to the front facade. 

Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1316/HH (Swarebrook Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NJ). 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 2022-05-12 and as amended by plan received 29 June 2022). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S2023/LB (The Priory Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB).

Replacement of dormer window frame. Replacement of render finish with tile hanging. Installation of PV panels on roof of stable block (as amended by drwgnos 153-3-001a, 153-3-20 and Design and Access Statement received on 6 July 2022 and drwgnos 153-2-54a received on 19 July 2022). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1948/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery Milton Common Great Milton Oxon OX44 7EJ). Retention of building used ancillary to fishery (shop/store). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S2619/HH (Hampden House Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB) Replacement of existing greenhouse. Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1778/FUL (Grooms Farm Thame Road Wheatley OX33 1JP) Erection of a 17m x 26m Cruyff Court Multi-Use Gaming Area. Permission GRANTED

P22/S2485/HH (The Priory Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB) Application for installation of solar panels and a ground source heat pump. Permission GRANTED

The minutes of the July meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 18th July, 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 August: £557.72

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses September: £523.22

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production August. £335.20

McCracken and Sons. Mowing July/August: £648.00

Green and Growing. A329 path 'siding out: £294.00

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

Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying July/August: £62.40/£62.40

Rec Committee. Pavilion hire for TVP events x2: £60.

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

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

Moore Stephens. External Audit: £240

The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received,

reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as of 7th September was £41,264.74. To note the receipt of the External Auditor's report, which raised no major issues. Notices of completion have been placed on the notice boards and uploaded to the website.

Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

Work on the 20mph scheme is ongoing. Great Milton's scheme is scheduled to be implemented this year.

Drainage works in Lower End were undertaken in early August. It is hoped that this will resolve the surface water issues which have been ongoing near the school entrance for some time.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

There are no significant issues to report other than those which are receiving national coverage. This item will be removed from future agendas; please continue to follow national coverage for any guidelines. The item will be added to the agenda again in the future if needed

Security in the village

Residents are to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101 telephone service or online via the [police.co.uk](https://www.police.co.uk) website.

New Clerk/RFO

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Chris Ashworth to the role of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer from 15/08/2022. Chris's contact details will be updated in the Bulletin and other local information sources.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Having notified SODC of the casual vacancy following the resignation of George Bennet, the vacancy is open until 27th September 2022. SODC will contact on 28th September 2022 to let us know if a poll has been called or if we can proceed with a co-option.

Funding for the youth club

To discuss the potential of funding for Great Milton Youth Club. Cllr Horsley raised the suggestion that the Parish Council should put forward funding for the youth club. The Council discussed this matter, leaders from the youth club were not in attendance to discuss the details. The item will be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 20:16.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th October 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion. The Parish Clerk remains contactable in the event of any issues or queries.

Benefice Services for October

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd		Holy Communion 9:00am	Harvest Festival 10:30am
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 16th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 23rd		Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am	BCP Holy Communion 9:00am Family Gathering 4:00pm
Sunday 30th	Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am		

Rector's Pint

It was inevitable that Her Majesty the Queen would die. We were all expecting it, yet it still came as a shock when it happened. I am sure that we are all very grateful to have celebrated the Jubilee celebrations to mark 70 years since her accession to the throne, which I wrote about only a couple of months ago.

As a member of the Clergy, I acknowledge the Monarch as the Head of the Church of England. Whenever I have been instituted as the Vicar, or as here, the Rector, one of my oaths has been to the Queen. A few days ago, a friend of ours contacted us to tell that on the same night that the Queen's death was publicly announced, a new vicar was being instituted in their church in Frome. Apparently, there was some hurried hunting for legal advice and half an hour after the death of the Queen was announced, this new vicar swore allegiance to the King. We think this might have been the first time any member of the Church of England has sworn allegiance to a King in over seventy years!

We were on holiday at our house in Newnham in Gloucestershire when the news broke. While we chose to remain there, we still had much to do, it was not a particularly restful holiday! I engaged in many emails between here and there. One of the issues we had was about books of condolence. Although we had planned, and even chosen,

the books, we were caught by surprise and the order went in just a few hours before the Queen's death. After some negotiation with the company producing the books, we eventually received one book for each church, six days after the death, while the firm was still sending out hundreds a day to people who had also been surprised at the speed of Her Majesty's decline.

We are keeping our books open, until our local service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for the Departed, at which point they will be closed. The service this year will be held at St Peter's, Great Haseley on Sunday 6th November at 4.00pm. The books will then be kept locally as a historical record for future generations. There is still plenty of opportunity to write something should you choose to, and at the same time take a small part in a significant historical event.

On the Sunday after the Queen died, we went to a local church in Gloucestershire where we learnt that one of the Queen's favourite hymns was 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven'. I talked about this at our local schools when I took the assemblies on my return. I said that it was a wonderful thing that Queen Elizabeth II, probably one of the most recognised people in the world, the Queen of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth nations, still held to the belief that there was another higher and greater King. Many people have talked about her faith and how it was an inspiration.

I don't think it matters if we are ardent royal followers or rather distant from issues of the Monarchy, there is no doubt that on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, something changed. Singing 'God Save the King' the following Sunday was the moment that I realised this for myself.

Simon

There will be a Come and Sing Workshop of Faure's Requiem led by John Gibbons at St Peter's Great Haseley on Saturday 12th November, starting at 10am, and culminating in a performance with an orchestra at 4pm. The workshop fee is £10, and all are welcome. To register please email musicatstpeters2020@gmail.com

Action for Children

Thank you on behalf of Action for Children – this years collection raised £308.87. A huge thank you to all the Action for Children Home Collecting Box Holders. Every penny received is desperately needed to support vulnerable & neglected children.

Yvonne

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

October 2022				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	
9th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Mrs Liz Spain	
16th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion/US
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Joanne Tulloch	
30th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Paul Rosentall	

Great Milton Bellringers

We rang the bells of St Mary's for an hour to honour the Queen on Monday September 19th.

The ringers were:-

Patricia Walker

Paul Simms

Ian Melton

Pat Hingley (tenor)

Hazel Hand

Pat Cox

Alan Booker

The Funeral of Ronald Arthur Rogers

3rd August 2022 – Aged 100 years old – Resident of Great Milton for 65 years.

I wish to thank the Rev. Simon Cronk and the Rev. Victor Story for officiating at my late husband's funeral. Many thanks to the Bell ringers who rang the bells in Ron's honour and to Peter Stutfield who played the organ so wonderfully.

I'm so grateful to all who attended the service, it was a great support to myself and family. I have received so many lovely cards, letters and flowers since losing Ron and it is such a comfort knowing people care, thank you so much.

Evelyn Rogers,

Graham, Lucy, Christopher, Hilarie, Ann and David

Sheppard Trust

We are planning to hold a meeting of the Trustees on Wednesday 19th October 2022. Now that life is back to normal, with clubs meeting, activities taking place etc, your organisations may be in need of some money!

If this timescale is too short for you to apply, your next opportunity will be in January 2023. Applications should be received by 16th January 2023

Please send your applications to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or email to janewillis1@live.co.uk to arrive by Monday 10th October 2022. As always, funds can only be allocated to organisations based in Great Milton, and which benefit the citizens of Great Milton.

The Trustees are looking forward to receiving your requests.

Ride and Stride 2022

Thank you to those that supported Ride and Stride this year, be it those cycling, welcomers in our 2 village churches and sponsors.

Eight of us cycled about 30 miles visiting 18 churches west and south of Great Milton. We were pleased that Graham and Sally Orriss joined us despite deserting our village for Thame. We saw lovely places, had a few amusing moments and enjoyed good weather. We raised £341.25 for the Oxford Historic Churches Trust, half of which will go towards our church.



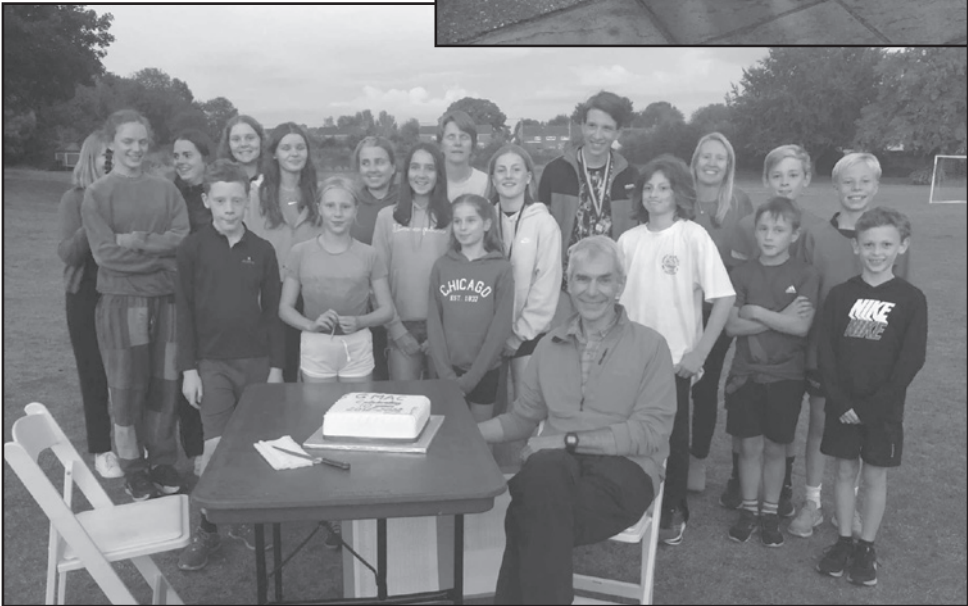
Great Milton Athletics Club (GMAC) Celebrates 10th Birthday

On Friday 09 September, GMAC celebrated its 10th anniversary by holding a club party at the village pavilion recreation ground. Present and past members of the club joined us for the celebrations which included some fun games and activities coordinated by our Head Coach, Pat Read and a birthday cake. Awards for the season just ended were given to top female and male athletes who have trained the most over the last year; Gracie Wilson and Luke Duffell, each won a medal.



An award was presented to Jack Spencer, for being GMAC's most successful athlete over the past 10 years. Jack brought along his 16 gold County Championship medals to inspire the younger athletes. Phoebe Coleman also won a special award for being GMAC's most committed athlete having trained for a total of 458 times out of the 957 training sessions Pat has coordinated over the past 10 years. Phoebe and Jack were both members of the club at its formation in 2012, they have competed for the club locally and nationally, and most recently trained as Coaches. There were also special thank yous to Emily Johns and Miranda Cook who have been part of the club's committee since its formation. The club as ever, gave a huge thank you to Pat for his hard work and dedication over the last

10 years. GMAC is looking forward to the next 10 years of training and competing! If you are interested in joining or volunteering with the club, please contact enquiries. gmac@gmail.com.



Letter for Great Milton Bulletin

Dear Neighbours

I thought the Great Milton bulletin would be the best medium to catch up. I am sure that most of you know by now that Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons was granted its planning permission by SODC and this was later ratified by the Secretary of State. This will allow us to secure the long-term viability and success of the hotel and restaurant, as well as, ensure its sustainable future within the local community.

It is an extremely exciting time for Le Manoir to be able to deliver the highest level of sustainability, magic and excellence for many years to come and for Great Milton to be showcased to all our guests.

My team and I understand many of you supported the project, but I also respect the fact that some of you did not. To everyone in Great Milton, our neighbouring villages and our community, I will reaffirm how much we are committed to create a place of total excellence, built on the same values as we have in the past; that is our aim... yes we are blessed, we have the support of the most committed professionals in the world of luxury who will help us to deliver on our promises, and we will.

We will be able to compete on the highest level and deliver to our guests world class experiences and to our team the absolute best platform, provide the best training.

Le Manoir has always been a school of thought, a training ground for young talent. Being the founder of Le Manoir, I will go on to be the custodian and be integrally involved in this project.

This investment will see the creation of 170 full time jobs at Le Manoir and two hundred jobs for two years during the building works. We strongly believe that we will have an even bigger platform to help the community and be even more involved with our local charities.

The major building works will not start for some time, but the creation of a vineyard, a bee village and a few other gardening projects will start soon.

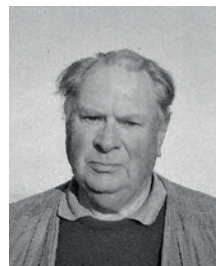
When we have a more precise starting date, we will of course let you know.

Kindest regards

Raymond Blanc OBE & Niall Kingston
Chef Patron General Manager

View from Views

I would like to pay tribute to our late Queen someone who was a great supporter of our Countryside, Agriculture and, Farming, something I am sure King Charles will continue. Both have shown over the years how important these issues are and, have in their way influenced some important decisions. As a self-confessed Marmalade aficionado I mourn her passing.



Since I last wrote we have completed one of the easiest harvests I can remember, except 1976, and am now in a position to inform readers of our estimated and, dismal results. All crop yields were down between 10 & 20%, this is in spite of the fact that I had given the impression that, I was fairly optimistic. This mainly due to the fact that it appeared that all our crops had what appeared to be large ears, being the born optimist that I am, I forgot the fact that they all suffered through last winter followed by a cold dry spring and, a summer we will never forget. It is always easy to forget how crops looked early in their growing season when they look good later, but eventually all the hens come to roost, shattering all illusions. I think that as it was continually dry all plants put down deeper roots early on, which I am sure helped a great deal as hardly any showed signs of dying through drought, it was in my mind more likely due to the weather effects of winter & spring.

Before the rain early on in September we were thinking that we would not plant our Oil Seed Rape (OSR) later than 10th September. In the event it was just suitable to plant on the 8th and after a great deal of pros & cons, ifs & buts, it was decided to go ahead, then it rained in the afternoon stopping the process and, of course the 10th was getting closer, with many nails bitten, however after slight rain over night the ground dried off enabling the planting to be completed on the 9th. Had we not decided to leave the straw on the ground, done to increase the soils capability to sequester carbon, we could have drilled (planted) direct into the previous Barley stubble but, as Barley straw is difficult to chop there were places where the straw was laying too thick to allow a growing crop to survive, so a light cultivation was needed this then meant that the ground became wetter than if we had left well alone, these are the things we have to weigh up all the time, should we shouldn't we?. Having just cut the Lupins I have spoken so much about, we reaped about a 1/3 of an average crop, this will not necessarily put us off as the weather has had most effect on his crop and we have to start somewhere with a new crop.

Regular readers will know I am a great advocate of having solar panels on the roofs of buildings, not great arrays on land. Recently we looked into a prospects of



some panels on roofs of our apartments, only to discover that it is only worth doing when you can actually use the electricity when the panels are producing, as this is residential most of the time when we are producing everyone is out so not using the power we are generating, for anything produced that is not consumed at the time, the payment is 7p a unit (some difference to the 27p we are charged as consumers), this means we would earn something in the region of £210 per annum, so not much encouragement to spend £10,000 on the installation.

In the last month or so we received a news sheet from our South Oxfordshire County Councillors stating their aspirations and achievements, my views on are slightly different, just to point out the reality of the facts. Firstly, needless not mentioned in their newssheet, they are still advocating that all CC functions should only use plant based foods with no accounting where these plants are grown or their carbon footprint, ignoring the fact that meat products produced in this county do not necessarily have an environmental impact, a fine example of supporting local produce!! They seem to be saying they are curbing development I must say I hadn't noticed the evidence. They do need to take note of this factor as we cannot, as I have said many times before, continue to allow so many bodies in this small island of ours as all our rivers are polluted. No one seems to be prepared to get this corrected or to manage all this waste, it is getting to a critical stage and we the public will have to foot the bill as the developers will not I doubt.

I cannot get my head round the public's attitude to litter, I recently did a pick on about ¼ mile from our house towards Little Milton and collected 12 feed bags of rubbish. Walking around the nature reserve at Lt Milton where BBOWT and volunteers keep it beautifully maintained for the use of walkers I counted 39 instances of dog fouling. What are we thinking about there has been enough publicity about litter and dog fouling, that we must all be aware of what we are doing we just don't care if we are not directly affected. Then an aerial picture of the Reading Festival site after the public had left, there was hardly a site that did not have a tent and a load of detritus, no doubt these are the hard up that cannot manage to live with the increase in the cost of energy. Is it only us that care about everything, if so why do we bother?

Charles Peers.

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

Our September trip to Albion Barn & Fields Sculpture Park had to be postponed due to the sad passing of the Queen. Thank you to Lucinda for the impromptu tea

and cake.

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake stall at the horticultural show; we made over £200!

Congratulations to Charmaine on the birth of a baby girl, Lyra Robin, on 19 August, 6lb6oz. Hope to meet her soon.

At our next meeting on Thursday 13th October at 7.30 pm, we have a talk by LPA made simple to tell us all about the lasting power of attorney process. If anyone wishes to discuss their services prior to the talk, they can be contacted at 0845 0573286 or at www.lpamadesimple.co.uk, which contains full information.

Everyone welcome - Visitors £5 or join up (2022/23 membership £22).

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 in the Pine Lodge at 7.30 pm

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

Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Are you happy with your paper delivery?

Those of us who had the wonderful service from Pat & Christine until they decided to retire will have had deliveries from The Newsteam Group (whatever they call themselves) and like us will have had a very unreliable service or on occasions none at all. Being fed up with this lack of service, I have been in touch with the Chocolate Box in Thame who, already deliver to a few in Haseley and "le Manoir", to see if they would be prepared to take over our round. Their reaction was not was reasonably positive saying anyone interested should get in touch by emailing them at adam@chearsley.com after about the 3rd October, with your address and contact details so they can locate you, expressing an interest and, they would see if we could be fitted in. I get the impression that he is in charge of this round and, would see how to reorganise the round or if they would need to employ a another person, not being a favoured option as it would be difficult to find anyone reliable, which I guess is Newsteam's problem. They also have a land line 01844212715 but I was advised to make contact with Adam 1st let's hope for the best!

Morland House Surgery

22/23 Winter Covid and Flu Vaccination Programme

Morland House Surgery is pleased to be offering both the Covid-19 Autumn Booster vaccine and the annual flu vaccine. We are now taking bookings for our Saturday clinics in October. If you have not yet been contacted, please visit www.nhs.uk to find out if you are eligible for either or both vaccines and then contact our reception team on 018656 872448 to book yours.

Electronic Prescribing Service (EPS)

On 29th September 2022 Morland House will move to electronic prescribing. Most prescriptions are now prepared this way. You have two choices for how this works:

- You can choose a pharmacy or dispenser to dispense all your prescriptions. When you are issued a prescription, it will be sent electronically to the pharmacy you have chosen. You can collect your medicines or appliances without having to hand in a paper prescription.
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Paper prescriptions will continue to be available in special circumstances, but almost all prescriptions will be processed electronically.

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Dispensary Update

From 5th September our dispensary moved its opening time from 8am to 8.30am, both on weekdays and Saturdays. Surgery hours remain as before.

Please also note that dispensers are no longer able to send a reminder text message notifying patients that their medication is ready to collect, instead, please allow three working days from the date of submission of your prescription request to when you arrive to collect your medication. Thank you for supporting us with these changes.

Enhanced Access

From October 2022, Morland House will be offering additional Enhanced Access hours to our patients at various times during the week. Appointments offered will

include GP appointments, blood test appointments, travel clinics, NHS health checks and more. Please speak to a receptionist or book your appointment online via your NHS log in.

Visit Morland House Website

For up-to-date information about services, the COVID-19 vaccine, a link to the NHS App and opening hours, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk. In addition, the website provides access to a large amount of information and advice on managing your health and wellbeing, including a large range of conditions, symptoms, treatments, and medicines.

Wheatley Library

Following on from the success of our Summer Reading Challenge, we have numerous upcoming events at Wheatley Library over the coming months.

As well as one-off talks, we're also delighted to begin offering some regular activities! A big thank you to everyone who followed up on our call for volunteers, it's great to see so much interest in helping the community.

Please see our list of events below:

- Rhymetime. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. Starts September 23rd.
- Storytime. Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. Starts September 17th.
- Digital Helper Sessions (one-to-one support with technology). Available by appointment on alternate Wednesday afternoons.
- A History of Palestine in Twelve Photographs
- Author Talk with Roger Hardy on his new book 'The Bride: An illustrated History of Palestine 1850-1948'. Wednesday 26th October at 10:30 a.m.
- Talk by Gareth Morris, volunteer presenter for the RNLI, to discuss the history and lifesaving work undertaken by the charity, and how to stay safe in and around water. Wednesday 23rd November at 10:30 a.m.

Please note that as we're only in the early stages of starting up our communal activities again, there may be unforeseen changes to times and dates, so follow us on www.facebook.com/FriendsofWheatleyLibraryOxfordshire for updates. For any other queries, please contact us by calling 01865 875267, or message us at wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Best wishes,

Charlie Boddington (Wheatley library manager)

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Harvest Festival

Wow! Your generosity never ceases to amaze us.

Bearing in mind the weather we had experienced, we were fearing a shortage of produce and, although this was the case, we finished with the unbelievable total of £606.76. When I counted the money I couldn't believe the total, so counted it again to confirm!

So many people to thank for this wonderful effort: firstly, of course, to those who donated produce – pickles, jams, cakes etc. Also raffle prizes.

Special thanks to Sue Barratt for conducting a very enjoyable Thanksgiving Service, ably supported by Bill Fox and Trudy Timbs. Our auctioneer Malcolm Horsley was making his debut and did an admirable job. I have booked him for next year!

Finally, 'thank you' to Les Preston who kindly took on the job of judging the produce – our long-time judges John and Eileen Newell having retired.

Obviously the biggest 'thank you' is to all of you who spent so generously and created a wonderful atmosphere with the 'bidding wars'. The cost of living crisis certainly 'went out of the window' during the auction. Our thanks again.

Ann Price – Secretary

Great Milton Website

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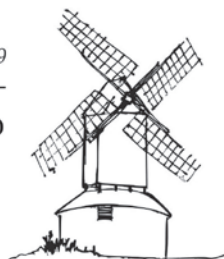
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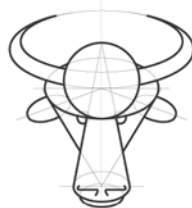
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