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## Great Milton Parish Council

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<b>Councillor:</b>	<b>David Harms</b>	
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Ward:	Thame Road from Green Hitchings to A329	
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Ward:	Kings Head House/Red Roofs to Wheatley Boundary	
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Ward:	Milton Common	

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## Parish Council Representatives

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Old Field Charity:	Adrian Buckmaster (Chair), David Mackrory (Treasurer)
Hard Surface Play Area:	Mark Nethercleft (Chair), Dan Bennett (Treasurer), Sarah MacMahon (Membership)
Neighbourhood Watch:	Rod Snowdon
Kent & Couling Charity:	Simon Cronk, Tricia Treanor, Sue Denham
Sheppard Trust:	Simon Cronk, Jane Willis
Neighbours' Hall:	Mike Robinson (Chair), Christine Donnelly

**Cover:** Tony D'Anger insisted on decorating the font as usual despite just coming out of hospital and being so poorly. **Photo:** Clare Blakeway-Phillips..

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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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Oxford Tube (Buses to London)	01865 772250	oxfordtube.com
Park & Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
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## Parish Council News

Minutes of the meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held at The Pavilion on Monday 18th September 2023 at 7:30 pm. Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), B Fox (Vice-chair), P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley, S MacMahon and S Illingworth. In Attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 3 members of the public. Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs F Van Mierlo (OCC) and G Heritage (SODC).

### **Variation of order of business**

94/23 C was discussed before 92/23

Mr Hutton attended the meeting and handed out his proposals for The Bull to the Councillors and members of the public in attendance.

Mr Hutton reassured Councillors that his plans would not involve any changes to the external appearance of the original building. The lean-to garage on the west elevation, which currently accommodates the History Society, will come down and be replaced by a new WC block. At the back of The Bull, the current flat-roof extensions will come down to be replaced by a new 2-storey pitched roof extension, which will be located more centrally, thus creating a buffer with the neighbours to the east. There will be a single-storey extension to the side of this, which will house the kitchen, an accessible WC, and a staircase to the first-floor flat. The plan also includes reducing the car park level as it is currently artificially high.

Mr Hutton confirmed that he held a consultation at The Bull on September 6th, 2023, with 10 people attending; 9 out of the 10 were supportive of the plans.

Cllr Horsley asked what the time frame to complete these works would be. Mr Hutton said it would be a phased process to keep the pub open as much as possible during the works. Subject to obtaining all necessary consents, Phase One would start on 2 January 2024 and would include the demolition of the lean-to garage, building the new WC block, demolishing the current WC block and restoring the original back wall of the pub. He would also aim to reduce the car park level and re-route overhead cables and BT cables. Phase Two, beginning January 2025, would involve the completion of all remaining works, including the demolition of the existing 2-storey flat-roof extension and the construction of its replacement.

Cllr Harms asked what the outside materials would consist of. Mr Hutton said it would be a slate roof and timber cladding.

Cllr Harrod asked about parking. Mr Hutton said that the planners were looking to increase the number of spaces to 15, but this would involve the loss of garden space, and he is hoping to get them to agree that there be no increase in the current parking provision.

Cllr Horsley asked whether the plans would mean an increase in capacity for restaurant dining. Mr Hutton said that there would be a minimal increase in the number of covers.

Cllr Illingworth asked about a baby change within the pub: this will be included in the accessible toilet. Mr Hutton reiterated his desire to make the pub fully accessible to all.

The Parish Council have asked the Parish Clerk to contact the planning officer to ask for an extension to the need for a reply, which was the 6th of October. This has since been granted, so the planning proposal will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in October.

### **Declarations of members' interest**

No declarations of members' interests were made.

### **Matters to report**

The County Councillor and District Councillor's reports were received, reviewed, and are available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Harrod noted about the EV charging consultation in Cllr F Van Mierlo's report the date for registering interest had passed, but the Clerk was asked to see if we could still apply. Potential places for the EV charging hubs were discussed, with Neighbours Hall being the most likely possible place.

### **Correspondence and public discussion**

There was no correspondence or public discussion.

### **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were received from SODC and discussed by the Council:

P23/S2616/FUL (Land adjacent to The Yard Thame Road Great Milton) Erection of a new dwelling. The Parish Council agreed to support this application once the neighbours had been spoken to.

P23/S2668/DIS (Byeways The Green Great Milton OX44 7NT) Related Applications:P23/S0214/LB

Discharge of condition 3 (Trial Area) under application reference number P23/S0214/LB.(Renovation works, to include removal of incompatible external masonry paint, re-render and associated repairs to right elevation, replacement floor slab, insulation upgrades. Provision of new utility room and cloakroom to include taking down modern internal wall to revise layout. Lowering path).

P23/S2902/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery Great Milton Oxford) Retention of single storey extension and its use for storage.

P23/S2905/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery Great Milton Oxford) Continued



use of single storey building as storage without compliance with condition 3 of P02/N0682.

P23/S2906/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery Milton Pools Fishery Great Milton Oxford) The retention of the existing building and continued use as offices (mail order company)

P23/S2907/FUL (Great Milton Fishery Great Milton Oxford) Retention of single storey building and continued use as two office units.

The Parish Council agreed to no strong views on the Milton Pools Fishery planning applications.

P23/S2384/O (Land east of Junction 8a, M40 Waterstock OX33 1HT) The demolition and clearance of existing buildings and structures to allow for the construction of up to 120,000sqm of Use Class E employment floorspace comprising Research and Development units, Light Industrial units, ancillary Offices, ancillary Amenity Buildings (up to 2,400sqm), Creche (up to 600sqm), Forest School (up to 150sqm), along with new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, surface and multi-storey car parking, open space, landscaping, biodiversity enhancements, drainage features including SUDs and other engineering operations, infrastructure and associated works. All matters of detail reserved.

The planning application P23/S2384/O was seen by all councillors via email, and a response was sent in before the closing date (1st September 2023). GMPC unanimously agreed to OBJECT to the proposal.

To review the following planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.

P21/S3915/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Milton Common) Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022, 21 December 2022, 28 February 2023, 28 April 2023 and 27 June 2023). South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is GRANTED.

P22/S2220/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Cuddesdon) Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation. South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is GRANTED.

P23/S1067/FUL (Double Tree by Hilton Oxford Belfry Milton Common) A temporary fixed period retention of the existing eight staff accommodation caravans in the same location within the hotel grounds (As amplified by information received 18 May 2023) South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning

permission is GRANTED.

To preview of plans for the Bull pub

Please see 90/23

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the July meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 17th July 2023, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

### **Financial resolutions**

The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses September: £562.72

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste July: £62.40

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McCracken and Sons (To carry out Cuts No. 4 to main Verges and Thame Road. To carry out Cut No. 4 to Recreation Ground. To carry out Cut to Chilworth Road): £567.60

J M Dudley Bulletin: £335.20

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

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Hugo Fox: web support: £23.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

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The bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statements for July and August were received, reviewed and approved.

### **Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand**

- With an agreed budget of £500, the Parish Clerk is continuing the search for a suitable laptop which will be efficient and future-proof for the next five-plus years. The Parish Clerk has listed four potential laptops listed below, with more details about the laptops sent to all Parish Councillors.
- Vostro 15 – 3520 Laptop - £474.00
- Inspiron 14 – 5406 2 in 1 laptop - £516.00
- Inspiron 16 – 5620 Laptop - £426.00
- Vostro 14 – 3420 Laptop - £516.00

The Parish Councillors agreed on the Vostro 14 – 3420 Laptop at £516.00. The Parish Clerk will purchase the laptop this week.

- The Parish Clerk is currently looking through and working out the best and most cost-effective way to get all the Parish Councillors onto Gov.uk email address. There is a pilot scheme run by SLCC over the summer, which, once completed, will give more guidance to Local Parish Councils about moving over to 

.GOV.UK email address.

The Parish agreed to review this again once the findings from the pilot scheme have been released.

- Precept remittance for the 2nd half of the Precept has been received.
- The bus service 275 will no longer serve Great Milton. The introduction of service 46 means that the diversion of the 275 is no longer necessary.

### **Security in the village**

Neighbourhood Watch Rod Snowdon joined the meeting and gave the Councillors an update on security in the village. He mentioned that the Village is quiet at the moment with only a few instances of note, one being a small amount of anti-social behaviour, which Neighbourhood Watch is aware of and involved with the parties and one other instance of someone being seen with a pen trying to get into the Pavilion building. All were reminded to never confront anyone in these situations and to get somewhere safe, then contact 101/999 or Neighbourhood Watch.

Signs for Neighbourhood Watch will be put up on the village gateway features, but at this time, Neighbourhood Watch is in the process of changing its logos.

### **Building work in the village and the impact**

There is lots of building work going on in the village at this time, and issues have been raised. The general encroachment of the projects into the road, and the other concern is about the build with increased traffic levels, kids, cars, speed, etc.

Cllr Harrod noted that the current builders working in the village have tidied up the messes left so far and are now in a better state than previously.

Cllr Harrod suggested to the Council that all future planning applications should also take into account the potential of any building work spreading into common areas. All Councillors agreed with this suggestion, and Cllr Harms raised the point that with this, everyone should be receiving the same information from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would draft a letter that would be sent to all approved planning applications in the village. This letter will be reviewed by all Councillors once completed.

### **Speeding in the Village – Speed indicator display update.**

Speeding has again been raised as an issue throughout the Village. The Speed indicator devices have been enquired about, and Cllr F Van Mierlo Councillor priority fund has been applied for and approved.

These signs can be permanently mounted on the poles.

These cannot be permanently mounted and therefore one unit could be regularly moved between the two poles

Another option which some villages are working towards is to have the VAS signs

permanently mounted near the entrances to the village and then support this with a mobile SID that moves around several poles within the village.

The Parish Clerk also did some research into the Community Speed Watch programme run by Thames Valley Police. This can be applied for and set up with the volunteer co-ordinator/s needing to complete online mandatory training.

Cllr Horsley has volunteered to undertake the online mandatory training to become the co-ordinator for the community speed watch programme.

The Parish Clerk will contact Jon Beale to arrange a date to meet on-site with Clerk and Councillors in the village to discuss places for SID poles to be erected.

### **Grass-cutting concerns**

There have been a few complaints raised about the recent quality of the grass cutting by McCracken and Sons in the Village, with areas missed during the cuts and excessive amounts of grass cuttings left. The Parish Clerk has contacted McCracken about this and will hopefully have a full response by the meeting on Monday, 18th September.

The Parish Clerk will contact Great Haseley Clerk to find out who undertakes their grass cutting as it was raised by multiple Councillors that the cutting in that Village is always of high quality.

The Parish Clerk will continue to try and make contact with McCracken regarding the collecting of grass cuttings in the village, and that they notify the Clerk in advance of the day they will attend to complete the grass cutting so local residents can be made aware. It was agreed that new providers will be looked into if McCracken doesn't improve or fail to respond.

### **Broadband in the Pavilion update**

The Recreation committee have given the go-ahead for the installation of mega-fast internet in the Pavilion.

Openreach has agreed to put all the cabling underground, and this will not cost the village a penny.

Here are a couple of things to consider now the installation has been given the go-ahead:

- Three years of free internet is being provided, but after three years, it will need to be paid for.
- We could join other Parish Councils in lobbying for a change in Parish Council legislation to allow some councillors to join remotely from time to time, and also the general public.

As the installation of broadband in the Pavilion will allow much more to be done at the Pavilion, Cllr Horsley would like to discuss the possibility of buying a large video screen with teleconferencing attachments for use in the Pavilion.



Cllr Horsley had a quick look into prices for a video screen, and they are not cheap but would allow a number of uses in the Pavilion, including allowing members of the public to join Parish Council meetings and, in the future, Councillors may be able to join virtually. Cllr Harms mentioned looking into the costings for a projector and projector screen as they can be more easily stored and are more secure.

Cllr Harrod would like a feature in the bulletin once the high-speed internet is up and running with things it could be used for, with this potentially coming from the Recreation Committee. Once the high-speed broadband is installed the Clerk will raise this with the Rec Committee.

### **Vacancy for Clerk/RFO**

Chris Ashworth, current Clerk/RFO to Great Milton Parish Council, has handed in his notice of resignation in advance of moving out of the area in May 2024. The post will be advertised shortly.

### **Approval of documentation for Clerk/RFO recruitment process**

The advertisement, application form and person and job specification for the Clerk/RFO vacancy were reviewed and approved.

The current Clerk will advertise the vacancy in the Village as well as online through places including Indeed and Facebook.

Cllr MacMahon will advertise the vacancy on 'Next Door'

Meeting ended 20:53. The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday, 16th October 2023, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

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## **The Rector's Pint**

At the beginning of September, I attended a small reunion of students from the sixth form College in Henley which I attended from 1976 - 1978. There were only ten of us, together with spouses and partners. I was very nervous about going, as I was rather on the fringe of things as a student, and I was rather thrown when a man I vividly remembered said to me "Simon Cronk, I have to confess I only half remember you". I was a bit flustered and attempted to remind him that we had in fact shared a group holiday together in Dawlish, where one of our number was then living. He had absolutely no memory of ever being in Dawlish! I really wish I had the presence of mind and been quick witted enough to ask "which half do you remember?" That was one of those golden opportunities which I think will probably never come again.

I did wince a bit at being told I was 'half remembered' but I went on to have a very happy afternoon, as we all did, with the hope that we will do it again. However,

## Benefice Services for October

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 1st		Holy Communion 9:00am	
	Great Haseley Harvest Pegg's Farm, Great Haseley 10:30am		
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 15th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Saturday 21st	Wedding: Ian Robinson & Clare Putt 12:30pm		
Sunday 22nd	Benefice Service 10:30am		Holy Communion BCP 9:00am
Sunday 29th	Benefice Service 10:30am		

## Benefice Services for November

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 5th	Service of Commemoration 4:00pm	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

this did make me reflect on the value we put on being known and remembered. For some, this is crucial to their lives as they strive to leave a legacy, for good or ill, that will never be forgotten. For most of us, the reality is that in a relatively short period after we die, within a generation or two, we will have been forgotten. But there is another dimension to this which we do not see. As a Christian I believe that one of the fundamental realities of our faith is that we are known by God. In Isaiah 49:16 we read “Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands”. And in John 10:28 we read “I gave them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand”. What is the true nature of our identity and security? Is it that we



are remembered after 45 years by someone we never really knew in the first place, or that we are known by God? I know which one gets my vote.

Remembering will be at the centre of a special service we are having at 4.00pm St Mary's Great Milton on Sunday 5th November a service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the Departed, so a bit of advance notice for people to put in their diaries. This will be for anyone who wants to remember family and friends 'whom we love but see no longer'. We will hear names read and there will be an opportunity to light a candle of remembrance. Also, as we reflect on our own mortality, we will remember that in God's eyes we are fully and completely remembered.

*Simon*

Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed.

St Mary's Church Great Milton

Sunday 5th November 4.00 pm

Refreshments will be served after the service.

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## Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

October 2023				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
1st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	
8th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Malcolm Dodds	
15th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
22nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
29th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Sue Barratt	

November 2023				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Paul Rosentall	
12th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Jean King	Holy Communion
19th	10:30am	Gt. Milton	Liz Spain	
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Andrew Jackson	

## Update from the Churchwardens

We are finally moving forward with our plans for the church. We realised that conserving and moving the Dormer Monument from the tower to where it was placed originally in the south aisle was not practical for us to achieve at this time, especially as we could not raise the funds (£177k required). We have come to a compromise and are now planning to conserve it as best we can, in situ while improving the space in front of it which will enhance the viewing of it. The reputable Clivedon Conservation are looking forward to carrying out this work and we have grants to cover this and an InfoPoint which will provide information on the monument and other interesting church history and information. Our kind donors are Oxford Historic Churches Trust- £6k , Francis Coales Charitable Foundation - £3k, Leche Trust -£4k , Morris Fund - £2k and the Benefact Trust-£3,900. We are adding £8,769 of our reserves. We are waiting for final approval from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) before we can go ahead.

DAC representatives are visiting us on October 12th to discuss our internal church plans. We are hoping to

- remove the first row pews This has been requested for a long time as cramped when we have performers and they are also very uncomfortable.
- remove the pews in the south aisle, replace with flexible seating and move the font forward into this space. This would enhance involvement in baptisms and create a safer entrance to the church. Currently, the font base is a trip hazard.
- remove the small pews at the rear of the church for flexible use of space, infopoint and to enhance the viewing of the monument.
- build a servery in the NW corner where the font currently is. This would mirror the vestry on the opposite side
- divide the current vestry to incorporate a disabled WC
- update the heating system to a more green sustainable system
- re-decorate the church

The new plans will be placed in the church for viewing after we have met with the DAC. Once the plans are finalised and costed, we will seek further grants and will be doing much fundraising. Our fundraising group has some lovely events planned. Our final phase for grant applications will be for the external tower stonework repairs. We are delighted that Bill Fox has joined us and he will be using his experience to liaise with our Chartered Surveyors - Historic Building Consultants. If anyone would like to help us take forward these projects, do let us know.

*Clare and Trudy*



Come and see us – one more time!! Check the village archive, research your ancestors, come and have a chat – et al. You could check out our publications and even buy a booklet as a Christmas present!!

All this on Saturday October 14th from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Open to all, of course!!

PS. the Pub is also open!

*GMH*

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## Senior Citizens Party Committee

### Quiz

Eight teams took part in the quiz on 18th August which turned out to be a very close encounter – only 3.5 points separating the four top teams. The ‘Magnificent 7’ (obviously living up to their name) came out on top with a total of 70 points followed closely by ‘Travellers’ with 68 points, ‘Hot Flush’ with 67 points and ‘No Idea’ with 66.5 points.

Grateful thanks to Malcolm Horsley for acting as Quiz Master at very short notice. Party funds benefitted to the tune of £347.16. Our thanks to everyone who took part.

### Harvest Festival

Wow! Your generosity never ceases to amaze us! I seem to start the report for this event each year with the same sentence! This year it has a big meaning with the proceeds of £743.25 being an all-time record. The cost of living crisis certainly ‘went out of the window’.

So many people to thank for this wonderful effort:

1. All those who donated produce; pickles, jams etc.
2. Simon Cronk for opening the evening with the usual Thanksgiving Service and then concluding the event by dealing with the raffle.
3. Les Preston for judging the produce.
4. Malcolm Horsley, our auctioneer.
5. All of you who joined the ‘bidding wars’.
6. Last, but not least, to Mick Hayes who has, for many years, transported tables and chairs for us. It might sound an insignificant task but it is an important one.

The trophy for most points gained in the produce exhibits was won by Val and Ray Plested. Our thanks again.

*Ann Price – Secretary*

## Harvest Festival

We had a joint service with our Methodist friends at St Mary's to celebrate Harvest Festival. The church had been beautifully decorated by the dedicated team of flower arrangers and gardeners.

Fresh local produce donated by Le Manoir and Sandy Lane Farm was given to the Porch for their continued support of the homeless in Oxford.

After our worship we gathered at the Pavilion for a celebratory lunch which was greatly enjoyed by all and which raised £198 for the Porch.

Many thanks are due to all who contributed food, supported the cause and came to share our Harvest Festival.

*Clare and Trudy*

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## Great Milton Athletic Club (GMAC)

As summer draws to a close, and the 2023 outdoor track and field season ends, Great Milton Athletic Club members can look back with pride at their notable successes with personal bests (pbs), club records, medals, and county selection.

The club delivered 97 training sessions to 31 children in different age groups, and members competed in 17 competitions including indoor events at Lee Valley in London, the winter cross-country (xc) season, and summer outdoor meetings. School events were in addition.

Winter highlights included participation medals in the Oxfordshire xc league for U11s Alice Mosley, Abby Kirkman and Tommy Wilson, whilst U13s Grace Mosley and Rufus Blanche also competed across the season. Those five were joined by Leo Harris and Leo Powell in the County xc championships held on Shotover in January.

The first summer track and field event took place at the start of April at Tilsey Park in Abingdon where 14 athletes represented the club at the Radley Open Meeting. These early outdoors events lead up to the county championships in May, held at Horspath Track. At these events, athletes in Year 6 and 7 compete together as Under-13s, whilst Y8 and Y9 are U15s.



A highlight at the county championships was seeing three of the 8 lanes in the U13 girls hurdles final occupied by Great Milton athletes (photo), with Fleur Wilson winning silver, and pbs for Abby Kirkman and Grace Mosley. Fleur also took silver in javelin, gold in long jump (3.84m), whilst Abby took silvers in shot and discus, and Gracie Wilson won bronze in the U15G hurdles.

Those performances saw Fleur and Abby invited to represent Oxfordshire in a Southern Inter-counties' competition at Walton-on-Thames. There Abby threw the shot 5.91m, and Fleur the 400gm javelin 23.07m – both were new club records.

Other club records broken over the summer included Leo Powell in U11B Vortex Howler throw (28.30m), Dora Twycross (U13G 300m 53.11s), Abby Kirkman (U13G discus 13.44m), and Gracie Wilson (U15G discus 17.59m, long jump 4.20m, 100m 14.02s, 500gm javelin 19.01m).

The end of season was marked with the club presenting medals to the boy and girl who attended most training sessions – Abby Kirkman (42) and Leo Harris (45), and to the athlete who entered most competitions – Abby (13).

The club are grateful to the parents and volunteers who give up their time to help the club function, to the older athletes and former athletes who help coach, including assistant coaches Phoebe Coleman and Jack Spencer when not at university, and head coach Pat Read. GMAC appreciate the support they receive from the Shepherd Trust, and from Le Manoir staff who once again cut a maze of paths in their field last winter making xc training a lot more interesting.

Club training has resumed with the new school year, and the club has space for new members. Please see the parish website for more details: <https://www.great-milton.co.uk/community/great-milton-parish-council-18553/athletics/>

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## Great Milton Neighbourhood Watch

Hello fellow residents, neighbours & friends of Great Milton.

As Autumn has now well and truly settled in, and the evenings are drawing in, now is a good time for all of us to review our security options for:

- Our homes
- Garden sheds/outbuildings
- Motor vehicles

What can we do? I hear you asking.

THE BEST DETERRENT IS FOR ALL OF US TO KEEP VIGILANT

With prevention in mind, here are some top tips:

- Outside lighting at the back and front of your property. Lights fitted with 'Dawn to Dusk' light bulbs. PIR lights and/or solar-powered lights
- Correct locks fitted to your exit doors and, where possible, fitted window locks.
- Locks or padlocks fitted to sheds/outbuildings and, if possible, keyless combination locks
- Keep your car keys away from your front door.
- Keep your car's keyless entry keys in a metal box to prevent them from being scanned.

In the event of any criminal activity or anti-social behaviour: please report it to Thames Valley Police using the 101-telephone number or online via the [police.co.uk](http://police.co.uk) website. You can also report any incidents or concerns to your Neighbourhood Watch representative, Rod Snowden via the village WhatsApp group, phone or email.

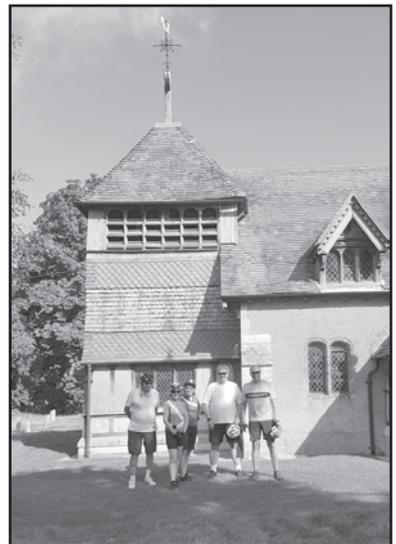
Details can be found on the Key Contacts page at the front of the Bulletin.

## Ride & Stride – Cyclists take the Heat

It's that time of year again when the County's Riders and Striders take to the roads to raise money to help preserve Oxfordshire's historic churches. Our village cycling group has always supported this important cause, and so it was that on Saturday, 9 September, a (sadly) depleted group – comprising Helga, Clare B-P, Malcolm, Bill, and our adopted Dentonite, Allan Smith – set out on a mission to visit as many churches as possible... in 32 degree heat!

Our day started unpromisingly. Allan has now taken to riding an e-bike which malfunctioned just as we were leaving the village, requiring Bill and Malcolm, who had raced ahead, to return from Gt Haseley to find out what the delay was. Vital minutes were lost. Next stop was St Mary's, Chalgrove, and we would advise anyone in that area to visit the church and admire the magnificent frescoes in the chancel.

On to the enchanting St Helen's at Berrick Salome, hidden away down a track behind the Chequers pub. Also well worth a visit, not least because of the wood and clay-tiled cladding on its tower (see photo).



We gamely battled on to Wallingford via St Helen's at Benson and St Mary Magdalene at Crowmarsh. Wallingford is always a good option on these rides as it has seven churches all within easy reach of one another. At the last of these, our picnic lunch was taken in the delightfully



peaceful, shaded and secluded back garden of the Quaker Meeting House. On leaving Wallingford, we happened upon a bronze statue of Agatha Christie (see photo) which had only been unveiled earlier that day. Apparently she had spent 40 years of her life in the town – who knew?

Brightwell-cum-Sotwell offered us the chance to visit the churches of St Agatha (appropriate!) and St James – and possibly even a glimpse of its most recent resident, Boris Johnson, jogging round the lanes. Alas, it wasn't to be...

After St Peter's at Lt Wittenham, we crossed the Thames at Days Lock and headed across the fields to Dorchester to visit St Birinus church and the Abbey. Then home via Drayton St Leonard, Stadhampton, and Lt Milton. The two Gt Milton churches completed an exhausting but thoroughly rewarding day – 31 miles and 22 churches... in that heat!

Between us, we raised a total of £641.25 (which included a significant sum that Allan managed to extort from his family!), and we offer our grateful thanks to all those who so generously sponsored us.

Hopefully, more of you can be persuaded to join the fun next year!

*Bill Fox*

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## Quiz at The Bull on 26th October

Please be advised that, because of the limited space available, coupled with the fact that it will not be possible to have seats outside at this time of year, numbers are limited to 32 for this quiz. Tickets are available at The Shop as usual so please purchase yours quickly to avoid disappointment. Look forward to seeing you there.

## School Governors' News Bites

Welcome to the 4th in the news bite series from the School Governors.

### Facts and Figures

At the start of the new school year we welcome all new staff & 27 new pupils. School remains a smaller than average primary school. Attendance is better than national attendance and the school has a low deprivation factor. Our catchment is Great Milton, Great Haseley, Milton Common and Tiddington. Other areas include Berinsfield, Chalgrove, Cuddesdon, Denton, Holton, Horspath, Kingston Blount, Little Milton, Littleworth, Newington, North Moreton, Stadhampton, Tetsworth, Thame, Waterperry, Wheatley and Worminghall.

### Food

#### Royal Academy of Culinary Arts & School Meals

We are delighted that school is participating in The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts 'Adopt a School' programme. Chef Bradley Cross at Le Manoir will be giving his time to Y4 for free in 3 sessions. These will be beneficial both to them in their future



lives and also for the school. Chef Bradley is particularly interested in helping children, and by default parents and carers, learn to cook using fresh ingredients so as not to rely on ready meals/ultra-processed foods (\*UPFs) which are contributors to childhood obesity and negatively affect children's locomotor skills.

In London all primary school children this academic year are having free school meals as a one off whilst in Oxfordshire all children in \*EYFS and \*KS1 also get free school meals as do \*KS2 children who qualify (those in \*FSM and \*PP categories) whilst others pay £2.41/day. Great Milton has a lower than average proportion of FSM pupils (17%). You can see the lunch menus for the school year on the school website, [www.gmilton.org](http://www.gmilton.org) under Information for Parents.

\*EYFS = Early Years Foundation Stage (ages 3-5, Nursery and Reception )

\*KS1 = ages 5-7, Years 1 & 2

\*KS2 = ages 7 -11, Years 3 - 6

\*FSM = Free School Meals (benefits-related)

\*PP = Pupil Premium (grant for disadvantaged pupils)

UPFs = Ultra-processed foods



## FOGMS

Monsters Disco, 2nd November

Christmas Fair, 1st December, 17.30

## Open Days 2023

The second School Open Day is on Thursday 12th October. Take the opportunity to listen to the Head talk and meet the team for a guided tour with a Q&A. Refreshments will be available. This is open to all, not just parents/carers of school age children. There will be at least one Governor there too to answer any questions about the role we play. Pay your local Primary School a visit between 1.30 and 3pm on Thursday, 12th October.



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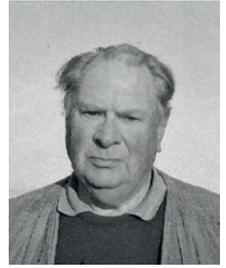
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## View from Views

Now with harvest done and dusted, except for our 2nd year of our current experiment into lupins that, will come to harvest about the time you read this, like all other crops this year they look promising, however the proof of the pudding is in the eating. As I have just mentioned crops looked better than they produced this year. The Winter Barley that looked so well all through the year I think was so good it could not hold it's self up by the time of cutting and about 10-20% had fallen over and were on the ground before the combine could cut it the result being that we cut off their heads. The Winter wheat was just disappointing it also looked so well through the whole growing season but just did not yield, I think in fact had I walked the whole field, on a regular basis, I would have realised that it was not all that good. However judging by the national crop we were about average most of our colleagues suffered in the same way with the fickle weather this season. However I have to crow about the Oil Seed Rape not an outstanding average crop but again very respectable yield. What I must crow about is that as I will have mentioned many times before, due to pigeon damage in the spring I estimated that a 1/3 of the area would yield ½ a crop, when I worked this out with the tonnage, we harvested I was within 2% on 100 tonnes. Looking on the bright side except for about ½ the Rape crop all our harvest came in without the need to dry a grain, we were so lucky in this what has proved to be a very tricky time, and with the contractor that we employ. At the time of writing next years Rape has been planted and eaten by Flee Beetle, we now have the tricky decision to take, do we re plant as it is now a little late, or hack it up and plant something else, if so what. I must add that we are by no means alone, it is reported as a nationwide problem, some crops have escaped, luckily for George Farrant he has at least 2 good crops.



After such a long explanation of our Harvest, which is the most important time of year on our farm I must make mention of wildlife which I guess most readers are interested in. Well not a lot to mention as most birds now this year are either sheltering from the rain or the blistering heat. Once the crops were off we a number of Hares, and Partridges until, they found their way out of sight, the numbers of both which have been very low of late, also perhaps not quite so welcome, but great to see the number of deer we are accommodating. What is good though is to see the amount that wildlife has increased of late.

On the subject of conservation the great news is that we have recently formed what is known agriculturally as a "Farm Cluster". For the last few years there we 2 clusters on the River Thame, which only achieved a talking shop status, which some of us did not feel good enough, as the Government was encouraging us to do something. As a result it was decided that these should amalgamate and, employ a facilitator. With the



help and mutual agreement with “River Thame Conservation Trust” (RTCT), the “Thame Catchment Farm Cluster” (TCFC) was formed with the “RTCT” allowing us the time of one of their senior project officers to be our facilitator. Already we have started a project called Landscape recovery which aims over the next few years enhancing the catchment of the Thame or extending the good works the “RTCT” is already doing, it is thought that there is substantial Government funding for this sort of initiative. This I think is all very exciting as it will give us farmers the finance to carry out works that we could not otherwise do. As an aside if it can be reproduced the picture is of a fish refuge, we dug only 4 years ago now it looks as if it has been there for ever, just shows how quickly nature takes over.

The big issue concerning us in this locality, is the threat of the development of Waterstock Golf Course. Firstly this was going to be a transport Hub, but now as did not seem to perhaps fit with the rural environment it is now to be a science Park, with residential, perhaps the developers thought this might be more acceptable. There are several questions we have to ask ourselves on the whole issue, is this area far too close to the “River Thame”, will we be able to enforce the necessary measures to stop any pollution reaching the river with the existing infrastructure? When it is already under pressure from sewage pollution. Surely a Science Park would be better nearer other like facilities (Culham, Harwell, & Sandford). When we consider the transport hub this would be warehousing for the likes online shopping, the head of John Lewis has already suggested that we need a royal commission to investigate the demise of the high street. Then it could be argued do we need so many houses built when there are many left vacant for no apparent reason, either second homes or just an investment, this is really criminal when we are destroying the environment just to build houses for human beings. Is it not time we stopped and took stock, made sure all precautions were taken to avoid pollution, (sewage, proper drainage and control of surface water) before anymore development is allowed, developers have been allowed to get away without taking proper control of these issues.

*Charles Peers*

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## **Tons Together (Little Milton) WI**

In September, we were entertained by detectorist, James Mather. He found the Watlington hoard treasure in 2015, which helped rewrite the history of King Alfred and can now be seen in the Ashmolean museum. He showed us many of his favourite finds from prehistoric stone tools to tiny gold coins. Fascinating hobby and wonderful speaker. Thank you to Sharon & Lucinda for doing the teas and Jane for providing the birthday posy.

We also went on a day trip to the National Trust's Waddesdon Manor and to Warwick to see the newly restored Lord Leicester Hospital and Mill gardens.

In October, local PCSO Claire Keogh will be talking about Fraud Prevention on Thursday 12 October at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome (men too) - Visitors £5 or join up for £23.

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.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pine Lodge OX44 7PZ at 7.30pm

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Kath Stacey 01844-279438 [tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

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## **Morland House Surgery**

**Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP**

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The surgery's in-house dispensary will close permanently on Friday 29th September 2023 WHEATLEY PHARMACY WILL REMAIN OPEN

There will be no change to the process of ordering your repeat prescription. If you already collect your medication from Wheatley Pharmacy, then you need not do anything. If you have not yet nominated a pharmacy to pick up your medication, then please do so by 29/9. Check or alter your nomination via your NHS login - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) or contact the surgery's dispensing team via [morland.dispensary@nhs.net](mailto:morland.dispensary@nhs.net) Tel 01865 872448 (option 3)

Flu and Covid Vaccines - All eligible patients who have been booked in for a flu vaccine from mid-September onwards will be offered a Covid vaccine at the same appointment. To find out if you are eligible, please visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and search for "Covid Vaccination". For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk).

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Location: home-based

Hours: 10.5 per week

Salary: NJC Scale LC1, scale points 7 to 17 (£10.60 to £12.92 per hour), depending upon experience, CiLCA qualification and transferable skills.

**Job Description**

The Clerk provides administrative and clerical support to the Council and, as the Responsible Finance Officer, is required to manage the Council's finances. Duties include:

- Managing parish council meetings, including agenda preparation, taking and distributing minutes and ensuring that outcomes are actioned.
- Managing the Parish Council's finances, including preparation of accounts and reconciliations, payroll and PAYE, payment of invoices, banking, end-of-year accounts, submission of accounts for external audit, VAT reclaim, preparing the annual budget and requesting the precept.
- Ensuring that planning applications are considered and responses submitted in timely fashion to the District Council
  - Dealing with correspondence and enquiries
  - Liaison with contractors and other service providers
- Arranging the maintenance of trees and other village assets routinely and as required
- Liaison with village representatives, including the allotment coordinator, Rec Committee, PCC and Neighbourhood Watch group
- Receiving, collating and sending copy and advertisements to the editor of the Great Milton Bulletin, and invoicing for and managing advertising.
- Updating the village website with meeting agendas and minutes, news and required financial and governance-related information.
  - Other duties as and when required.

**Essential criteria**

You will be required to attend the monthly parish council meeting, which usually takes place on the third Monday of each month. You must have some administrative experience and be able to maintain accurate financial records. Candidates must possess a high standard of oral and written communication skills, be computer literate and proficient in the use of Microsoft Office software (particularly Word and Excel), be capable of working independently and using their initiative, and be able to deal with a range of issues. Previous experience in local government at any level will be helpful but is by no means essential.

**For further information and an application form, please e-mail:  
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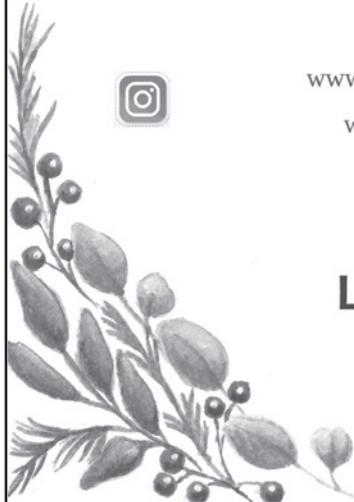
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- More information about The Maple Tree can be found at:

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General Manager





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## **Great Milton Post Office and Stores Opening Hours**

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Monday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
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Thursday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
Friday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
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GREAT MILTON

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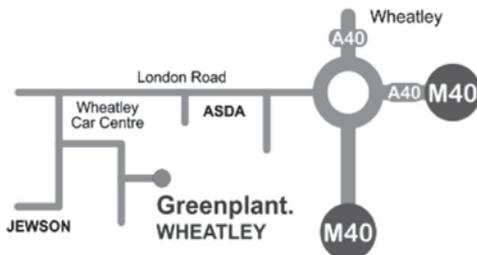
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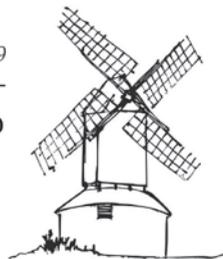
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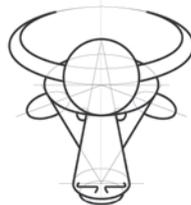
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Arts & Crafts Club – The Pavilion. 1st Monday of each month. 6:30 – 9:00pm  
*contact carina.martin@gmail.com*
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.  
*enquiries.gmac@gmail.com*
- Wednesday GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 10:30am – 12:00pm  
*or by appointment*  
2nd Wed: Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday  
Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
*contact Yvonne – y.cartwright@btinternet.com*
- Thursday The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*  
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm.  
*contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269 www.sandylanefarm.net*  
Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.  
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Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
*contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198*  
Bellringers – St. Mary’s Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm  
*contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300. www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com*
- Friday Vinyasa Flow Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am  
*contact Claire – sparkyoga1111@gmail.com to book or for more details*  
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. *contact: see Thursday*
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.  
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Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 2:00pm. *contact: see Thursday*

## October

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| 14th Sat   | freecycle Live at The Pavilion                   | 10:00am |
|            | Great Milton History: One More Time! at The Bull | 11:00pm |
| 16th Mon   | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion           | 7:30pm  |
| 26th Thurs | Quiz Night at The Bull                           | 7:30pm  |

## November

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| 3rd Fri  | Swing Jazz & Jive at The Neighbours’ Hall   | 7:30pm |
| 14th Tue | Christmas Fair at The Oxfordshire Golf Club | 9:30am |
| 25th Sat | Come and Sing at St. Mary’s Church          | 6:00pm |

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