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Photo: Hazel Hand.

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Parish Council meetings: UPDATE

Due to restrictions currently imposed by UK Government on indoor gatherings of more than two people, Parish Council meetings are being held virtually until further notice. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month as usual, via a virtual meeting platform. The agenda is published on the Great Milton village website no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting, along with an access code for the meeting. Business is conducted broadly as per a standard meeting, with one or two small variations (cheques require two signatures so are approved at the meeting and signed the next day). All are welcome to participate in the virtual meetings: if you have any issues with access please contact Tim Darch (Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council) on 01844 278347.

The Clerk is always available should you have any queries or concerns, whether related to Coronavirus or other matters. Any necessary updates will be relayed via the Parish Council website (www.great-milton.co.uk) or via noticeboards.

Tim Darch, Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Draft Parish Notes

The meeting was conducted through a video conferencing facility. The new arrangements for the Parish Council are allowed under the following Regulation:

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

All parish councillors were present, with Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and Tim Darch (Clerk) in attendance, along with Raymond Blanc OBE (by telephone), Celia Geyer (Senior Vice-President for Design and Project Development, Belmond Group), Andrew Wall (Project Director), Daniel Lampard and Sarah Moorhouse (representing Lichfields, planning advisors for the project) and Niall Kingston (General Manager, Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons) and 45 members of the public.

Discussion of the planning application relating to Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons was advanced for the convenience of those present. Regarding this Item, the Chair advised that himself and Cllr Fox are Chair and Vice-Chair of the Great Milton Community Pub Limited respectively, as well as being shareholders in the pub along with the majority of councillors and Belmond Group and Raymond Blanc. Following advice from the District Monitoring Officer, a declaration of pecuniary interest was not required for councillors who hold shares in the pub, but this is mentioned here for

full transparency. Councillor Allen also reported that he is a neighbour of Cotswold House (which is also the subject of a planning application to be considered): despite there being no pecuniary interest, Cllr Allen wished this to be recorded.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Monday 15th January 2021 were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman on camera.

Matters to report

Regular updates are being received from OCC and SODC and continue to be communicated to residents via the available channels as appropriate Cllr Caroline Newton relayed the following additional information:

- £6k business restart grants will shortly be available, with up to £18k for hospitality and gyms.
- SODC is the second-best district in the country for recycling
- A joint Local Plan with Vale of White Horse District Council is being considered for the next iteration (2040).

A resident complimented the District Council waste team for collecting some refuse which was not picked up as scheduled, and was instead collected on a Sunday morning. Cllr Newton advised that she would pass compliments on to the Waste team.

Correspondence and Public Discussion


A resident of Milton Common has reported instances of large household items being left at the roadside for long periods for collection on a ‘help yourself’ basis. When items are not removed quickly, unfortunately this practice creates an unsightly visual impression. Residents are asked to dispose of unwanted items at household waste and recycling centres, or to request that items are collected by SODC, which can be arranged for a nominal fee.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P21/S0482/FUL (Lynday Thame Road Great Milton Oxford OX44 7NY). Change of use of existing dining room to a hair salon.

After review of this retrospective application, no issues were raised and there were no comments from neighbours. The Council agreed to SUPPORT the application.

P21/S0656/HH (Cotswold House Lower End Great Milton). Single storey extensions to side and rear. A single comment appears on the application pages of the District Council website from a resident supporting the scheme (Cllr Allen, who lives next door). Letters have been left by the Ward Councillor at neighbouring properties, which encouraged them to comment if necessary. Cllr Deacon had no issues with the proposal, and the Council subsequently agreed to SUPPORT the application. 

P21/S0343/FUL and P21/S0428/LB (Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons Church Road Great Milton). Full planning permission for the erection of a new Wellness Spa, Bistro, Raymond Blanc Academy, Garden Villas, Garden Rooms, Pavilions and Storage Barns, minor extensions and alterations to the existing Grade II* Manor House, former Stables building and Staff Facilities building, new highway access, internal road and car parking areas, limited demolition and associated works.

Cllr Harrod introduced the item by stating that the Manoir expansion scheme had been under development for many years and was of key importance to the future viability of Le Manoir. The Parish Council was briefed online in Nov 2020 on the proposal and plans to consult residents via an online presence in light of the Covid pandemic.

Representing Lichfields, Sarah Moorhouse stated that planners have been working on the Manoir scheme for 18 months. It was unfortunately not possible to hold consultation events 'in person', so consultation was necessarily conducted by remote means. Letters were sent to 700 households and a special website was created which received several hundred hits. Full information on the consultation process appears in the Statement of Community Involvement on the SODC website.

Raymond Blanc OBE joined the meeting by telephone from France. He stated that this was his vision for a future Manoir, and that he had been working on it for 7 years and will remain involved to see the project through and create a legacy. The LMQS business is vulnerable and cannot compete with the best without change. The aim is to create a place driven by responsible, sustainable luxury that will ensure the retention of their Michelin stars, which are key to Le Manoir's success and reputation when many more establishments have similar accreditation relative to ten years ago. The aim is to create a centre of excellence: the food, gardens, hotel and teaching are all to be the best. M. Blanc's aim both at the meeting and with the development is to resolve issues, not to create them, and to serve everyone including the community of Great Milton.

Celia Geyer representing Belmond Group stated that the consultation is on emerging proposals rather than a final scheme, and that it is still developing and will be subject to further consultation.

Questions and comments from attendees

Building sizes

It was asked why some buildings are larger in the planning application than in the original proposal. Had anyone asked for this? Celia Geyer replied that one or two buildings have increased in size to accommodate operational requirements. Sarah Moorhouse added that the original plan was hand-drawn, then drawn up by CAD which will have changed the sizing of some elements. Andrew Wall representing the planning team also added that the increased size of the Bistro will enable more local

residents to enjoy the facility.

Traffic volumes

The traffic implications of increasing numbers of day visitors were questioned. Celia Geyer replied saying that the aim is to make Le Manoir a destination to improve its viability, with 43 rooms instead of the current 32, but that it is not aiming to become a 'mass market' hotel, and huge amounts of additional traffic are not anticipated. The new access road has been located off the A329 to take traffic direct from the main road and hopefully reduce traffic movements on Church Road. Andrew Wall added that longer stays are being encouraged by the scheme, which will hopefully help to reduce vehicle movements.

Impact on Church Road

A resident questioned some new buildings on Church Road that appear in the planning documentation but which didn't appear on the consultation website, along with a potentially unsightly refuse/recycling area on the A329: he was happy to approve the initial consultation plan, but the second draft accompanying the planning application was very different. The noise from emptying bottle banks can also be very intrusive. Concerns were also expressed about property values nearby. Andrew Wall responded by stating that all refuse/recycling areas will be screened and are located to minimise visual impact on footpaths and the village in general as much as possible. Sarah Moorhouse added that the location of a refuse facility close to the A329 means that lorries can collect without impacting Church Road, minimising noise and visual disturbance. Niall Kingston added that noise can be dealt with by amending collection times if this would be helpful.

Building sizes: pre-application advice

A resident commented that contrary to pre-application advice some buildings would benefit from size reductions to reduce impact and 'massing', but instead they have apparently become larger. Sarah Moorhouse replied that there were extensive discussions and socially distanced onsite visits with the planning authority as part of the consultation process. Comments will be collated and reviewed and potential amendments considered when all consultation responses have been received (several are still outstanding, including from the Countryside Officer), which will then inform a response back to SODC.

Size of development

The size of the redevelopment was questioned, and specifically why it is necessary to be so large to be a viable business proposition, and why the quantum of proposed car parking is so large (160 guests, 90 staff) Celia Geyer responded that Le Manoir usually attracts one-night stays. 2-Star restaurants are no longer such an unusual proposition,

and as a result ancillary facilities are required to give a more diverse experience (for example a different restaurant and a spa) to encourage longer visits: these require additional capacity. The trend is also for ‘experiences’, hence the proposals for a cookery school/Centre of Excellence, all of which requires additional space. Guests will have priority on spa bookings, but there may be some day spaces subject to availability.

Car Parking

A resident suggested that a ratio of two to three day guests per one overnight guest was anticipated from the proposed parking provision, indicating a move towards more day visitors relative to overnight guests. Sarah Moorhouse confirmed that the figure of 160 guest parking spaces reflected an increase in the expected numbers of day visitors attracted by the new schools and bistro as well as the increased number of rooms. Andrew Wall added that the number of car parking spaces is based on a ‘worst-case scenario’ to minimise the risk of overspill using data provided by Oxfordshire County Council.

Drainage

Surface water drainage was flagged as a concern given the site’s location, and particularly the impact of heavy rain which is causing increasing problems in the area. Andrew Wall responded by stating that much of the surface water would be retained on site for use in garden areas, vineyards etc. and that reed beds would be created for sustainable drainage and recycling of ‘grey water’. Celia Geyer added that garden areas and vegetable gardens are to be considerably expanded and will require additional water as a result. Full information on drainage proposals is contained in the application’s Flood Risk Assessment/SUDS report, which can be found in the planning application documents on the SODC website. Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Water are drainage consultees, and their views will be considered and any conditions adhered to.

Size and legibility of plans

A comment was made on the legibility of plans, many of which were on the small side. Residents were advised that it should be possible to zoom in to view the plans in more detail with no loss of clarity, though it can take a few seconds to render the plans at the higher level of magnification.

Impact on wider village

A resident stated that residents love the village where they live, and are also proud of Le Manoir and M. Blanc’s achievements. However, it is necessary to consider seriously the future potential negative impact on this development, particularly on light, noise and traffic pollution. It should also be noted that Sat Nav directs traffic coming from the Oxford direction through the village, rather than via the A329.

Andrew Wall responded that Belmond and the planners are acutely aware of these issues, but that a successful Le Manoir would enhance the village too. It has taken two

years of design work to reach the right balance between an expanded luxury hotel and impact upon the environment. Additional EV charging points and a staff minibus are proposed, and the team will continue to engage with the village as the project moves forward into detailed design. If planning permission is granted, input from the community will be sought during the detailed design process. Celia Geyer added that the aspiration was to maintain today's ambience in the Manoir of tomorrow and retain its 'soul', and that there was no wish to light up the buildings and surrounding area like a Christmas tree.

Volume of water/scale

Concerns have been expressed by Thames Water in their consultation response about the volume of water that will be generated by the expansion. Additionally, although the professionalism of those involved is clear and the plan may make business sense, the problem is one of scale. This is a large development in a small village with a previous history of large developments being turned down (the Givenchy spa, in 1997). Historic England's opinion from their response is that the development will harm the current setting, the significance of the house and the village surroundings. Celia Geyer replied that as a resident of a village she was acutely aware of the need for protection of the surroundings, and that the process is still at consultation stage which may result in minor amendments when all responses are collated. Sarah Moorhouse added that she was aware of Thames Water's comments, which are part of a pre-application process and are being considered and addressed.


Application strategy

It was suggested that maybe the application was asking for a larger quantum of development than would be permitted, but in the expectation that permission would be given for a smaller amount which would actually suffice and be adequate for the expansion's objectives. No categorical response was received to this suggestion.

Notification of application

A Church Road resident advised that they had not received a letter about the planning application. Celia Geyer advised that if notice had not been served this was the responsibility of SODC rather than the applicant, and that this should be followed up with them.

3D modelling

Two residents suggested that 3D models would be helpful for residents (especially those without computers) to fully appreciate the potential size and impact of the development and impact on views, one expressing surprise that this had not been routinely pursued. There were also comments about landscape renders on the SODC planning application pages either being inaccessible or missing visual 

information, including proposed buildings. Sarah Moorhouse referred people to the Landscape and Visual Assessment, and advised that no 3D models had been produced. She would investigate the reported issues with the landscape representations on the SODC website with the case officer.

Timing of discussion

The timing of this discussion with the planners and other representatives of Belmond and Le Manoir was questioned. Sarah Moorhouse replied saying that it was difficult to do a full consultation online and when 'in person' contact is not possible, and that they wrote to 700 people, wrote to people without access to the internet, created a consultation website and appeared at the Parish Council meeting which considered the application. Celia Geyer added that face-to-face consultation would have been preferable to all concerned, especially M. Blanc.

Councillor debate

Cllr Fox was appreciative of the points made. He described Le Manoir as a huge asset to the village, and a world-renowned centre for culinary excellence, but fully understood the need for it to expand to compete and liked the plans as presented. The comments on the size of the development were appreciated but the Parish Council's role is to review the broad planning principles and to reflect the views of those directly impacted. Cllr Fox broadly supported the proposals in principle.

Cllr Bennet was in general very supportive of the scheme and expressed thanks to Belmond for their attendance. The scale was clearly of concern to some, and he felt that this should be reflected in the Parish Council's comments to the planning authority. Cllr Bennet was also supportive of the use of 3D modelling to convey the scale of the proposals and facilitate full accessibility and appreciation of the plan to all residents.

Cllr Allen was supportive of the principle and of Le Manoir, but felt that SODC should be allowed to determine upon issues with scale as the planning authority. He also expressed concern about the preservation of footpaths in the vicinity of the site and particularly in the adjacent fields, about which assurances were received regarding their preservation.

Cllr Horsley was broadly supportive, but also supportive of the use of modelling given the apparent discrepancies between the initial consultation plan and the drawings accompanying the planning application.

Cllrs Deacon and Fewell offered no additional comment.

Vote

Councillors voted unanimously to SUPPORT the application, but with caveats broadly aligning with residents' concerns largely regarding the size and scale of the proposals. The Chairman's casting vote was not required. As the applicant, the Chair

proposed that the recording should be shared with Raymond Blanc so that the feedback from the meeting could be fully and accurately transmitted.

Cllr Harrod stated that all comments received would be supplied to the District Council, and that any responses received during the week of the meeting would be considered by SODC. He concluded the discussion by commending M. Blanc, and the various representatives of Belmond and the planning team for attendance and their input. There has been a history of cooperation and support between the village and Le Manoir, and as a result of the hotel's success Great Milton is now known the world over. Cllr Harrod expressed confidence that M. Blanc would not endorse anything that would damage either the village, his legacy or Le Manoir's reputation. Le Manoir is a large employer of over 200 employees (rising to 300 after the expansion) whose staff and guests spend in the village shop and the pub and are thus vital to the local economy. Cllr Harrod felt that Belmond and Raymond Blanc will do the right thing for Great Milton, and expressed gratitude to all who had contributed to the meeting.

P21/S0072/LB (The Priory Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB). Removal of modern paint finish + Internal repairs to stone mullioned windows. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development outlined above.

P20/S3158/FUL (Bentley House London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU),

Demolition of existing car repair workshop and erection of replacement commercial building comprising 4 units, with associated works including access, parking and landscaping. (As amplified by Noise Impact Assessment received 26 November 2020). Planning permission is GRANTED for the development outlined above.

P21/S0086/HH (Clovell The Green Great Milton OX44 7NP). Ground floor extension to the existing property located to the side of the property and new rear lean-to extension to the rear of the property. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development outlined above.

P21/S0174/HH (Brook Bank, Church Road, Great Milton). Extension of existing out-building to provide studio, summer kitchen and store. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development outlined above.

Chalgrove Airfield update

The Airfield Advisory Team (AAT, part of the Civil Aviation Authority) has expressed significant concerns about the plans for the redevelopment of Chalgrove Airfield for housing, as follows:

- The site cannot accommodate both a housing development and Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited's specialised operation
- The proposed new runway and wider aerodrome site is inadequate for the flight operations requirements of Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited



- The proposed new aerodrome is inadequate in terms of space required for tests carried out by Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited
- Any reduction in the space currently available to Martin-Baker will directly impact their ability to carry out specialised testing and to service their customers effectively and efficiently

Officers now need to consider this representation and assess the suitability of the current proposals in light of the policy requirements. At this current time officers are still considering all representations and will be discussing the scheme with the applicant, Homes England. As it stands there are no definite timescales for a decision on this application. A full update from Cllr Newton on the latest developments is available on the Parish Council website here:

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Financial Resolutions

The following payments were authorised, and were physically signed along with associated invoices subsequent to the meeting:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £508.85

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production March. £216.20

Website hosting (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99

ALCC membership renewal. £40

OALC membership renewal. £155.49

ICO data protection fee. £40

The latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statements were received, signed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as at 3 February was £33,928.47.

Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

Residents are reminded that the national Census takes place on Sunday March 21st. Participation is a legal requirement. It is hoped that the Census will be conducted largely online but paper copies are available by request by calling the Census Helpline on 0800 141 2021 or at census.gov.uk. There are physical support centres, but the closest are likely to be in Oxford (Cowley and Rose Hill) or Aylesbury.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

No significant developments were reported in Great Milton with regard to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak.

Village mowing

McCracken and Son Ltd have signed an agreement to take over the village mowing from mid-March for two years.

Proposed move to new dog waste collection contractor

A private contractor will take over the emptying of dog waste bins from April.

Speeding and potential counter-measures in Milton Common

Police checks have been taking place in Milton Common to try and deal with the reported issue with excess speeds. Contact has been made with OCC Highways as regards recommended measures to deal with the problem in the long-term: various options have been suggested including speed indicator signs, road markings and roadside gates at the start of the built-up area. The Parish Council has access to funding from the new housing development in the area which it is hoping to use to try to address this issue.

Protocol for the death of a senior figure

The Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils has advised all councils to review their arrangements for the death of a senior figure. Following discussions the following draft procedure has been suggested:

- Request PCC to fly Union Flag at half-mast at St Mary's Church (if practical/permitted in light of Covid/other restrictions)
- Postpone any council meetings scheduled during a period of mourning (seek guidance from OALC if this coincides with either of the two Annual Meetings: the Annual Meeting of the PC has to take place in May)
- Chair to pen letter/message of condolence from the Parish Council
- Encourage local residents to sign any national online Book of Condolence: consider local Book of Condolence if practical/permitted in light of Covid/other restrictions
- Encourage people to donate to a charity that resonates with the deceased rather than buy/lay flowers
- Note condolences/proclamation at next meeting and minute.

The process outlined above was APPROVED by all councillors present.

Cllr Peter Fewell

Peter has unfortunately decided to step down from his role as Parish Councillor. The Parish Council wishes to express its sincere thanks to Peter for his many years of valuable and diligent service to the village. A casual vacancy will shortly be notified to SODC and advertised locally: if no proposals are received for an election it will be possible to fill the post by co-option, and volunteers will be sought.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held virtually on Monday 19th April 2021 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, which will start at 7.30pm and which all are welcome to attend via the published Zoom link.

Tim Darch. Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council.

GREAT MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY

Public notice is hereby given that due to the resignation of:

Councillor Peter Fewell

A vacancy exists in the office of Parish Councillor.

The vacancy will be filled by election if, within fourteen working days of the date of this notice, any ten local government electors for the said parish/town submit a written request to the Returning Officer, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

In computing these fourteen days mentioned above you disregard a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Good Friday or a bank holiday or a day appointed for Public Thanksgiving or Mourning.

If no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by Co-option by the Parish Council.

Dated 17 March 2021

Signed.....
(Parish Clerk)

Benefice Services April

	Live Service 9:00am	Virtual Zoom Service 11:00am
Thursday 1st <i>Maundy Thursday</i>		Communion 7:00pm
Friday 2nd <i>Good Friday</i>		Reflection 10:00am
Sunday 4th <i>Easter Day</i>	Easter Day Family Communion St. Peter's Churchyard Great Haseley 10:00am	
Sunday 11th <i>Easter 2</i>		Morning Prayer 11:00am
Sunday 18th <i>Easter 3</i>		Morning Prayer 11:00am
Sunday 25th <i>Easter 4</i>		Communion 11:00am

The Rector's Pint: April 2021

For the second Easter running we will not be in our churches. Technically we are allowed to gather in church, but I think it would be a dispiriting affair, socially distanced restrictions mumbling through our masks “Christ is risen, he is risen indeed Alleluia”, the latter of course uttered in hushed tones and not with the customary Easter shout that I encourage!

Instead, following the success of Harvest and Christmas, we will be hosting another outdoor service, at 10.00am on Easter morning, this time again at St Peter's in Great Haseley.

We are hoping to have a small number of singers to lead in an Easter Anthem or two, frustratingly we will not be allowed to sing. We will have to rely on appointed singers and once again, hum!

However, I really want to do it this way. Zoom has wonderfully kept us together. Last Sunday (7 March) I quoted from the New Testament letter, 1 Peter where the Church is described as ‘living stones’, the people who come together in the name of Christ to worship and serve. I was looking at everyone on the brick-like ‘Gallery view’, we were ‘living stones’! But on Easter Sunday, I want us to be physically together again in some way, not on Zoom.



This is the most important of all Christian festivals. It is the Resurrection that pulls everything else together, it is the epicentre of our faith, Christ is risen. What does this mean?

Shortly after I became a Christian, when I was a twenty-one year old student, I had a conversation with another young student. I had been a member of the campaign for nuclear disarmament, and this was important to me. I talked to this young man about this and he basically said, "I don't care about that or what happens to the world, I know where I am going when I die". That is what resurrection meant to him. It was, and remains, a shocking thing to say, that the Resurrection is simply about something happening in the next life, so we don't need to care what happens in this one. In the New Testament, the Resurrection of Jesus is talked about as the beginning of something wholly new, no less than what will eventually be a new creation, and we are offered a place in that. But what we do in this life, how we treat each other and the world is crucially important, it is the foundation for what will follow. The Resurrection of Jesus is a declaration that yes, for us there is far more to come, but that the beginning of this new creation began with an empty tomb and a risen Christ in a garden, here in our world. We are Easter people; the Resurrection hope begins now.

So please do come along to Great Haseley. If it's wet, bring an umbrella! We will be celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Happy Easter, Christ is risen, Alleluia.

Simon

Services for Holy Week Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Weds 31 March – 6.00pm Compline by zoom

Thurs 1 April – 7.00pm Maundy Thursday service by zoom

Good Friday – 10.00 am Good Friday service by zoom

Easter Sunday – 10.00 am Easter Day Family Communion, St Peter's Churchyard, Great Haseley.

To the Great Milton Community

I am writing to you to thank so many of you for attending the Parish Council meeting last week. It was a very positive thing to see so many of the people in the village showing an interest in their local community, their environment, and their neighbours and also, through this bulletin inform those that could not attend.

We have had a lot of creative and constructive feedback through the community consultation process, the planning application responses, and the Parish Council


meeting; I am very pleased that the majority of responses have been supportive and more importantly, that the local community has enthusiastically engaged through all the processes. We are aware of course of the issues raised by some members of the community, and I would like to personally assure you that both I, and Belmond, are listening and we are considering changes, updates, and adjustments to the scheme based on the responses we have had. We have instructed our design team to look at the volume and footprint of a number of buildings in the light of these responses and we will be discussing this with SODC Officers shortly.

The vision I have for Le Manoir is that it becomes sustainable beyond my 37 years of custodianship and goes on to deliver excellence in all of its facets for many years to come. I have worked closely with Belmond to create a truly unique and innovative ensemble hotel, Spa, Gardens and Restaurant, which will compete with the world's best, and be [both] ecologically and environmentally sustainable. The vision we have is about purity; not only to retain our standards but improve them. The Organic gardens, more than ever will become an integral part of Le Manoir experience.

As I noted at the Parish Council, the number of UK restaurants holding one and two Michelin stars has risen rapidly over the last three decades, – we need to improve and innovate to respond to our guest's wishes of the modern luxury that they expect. Today, there are now many new hotels across the country who offer much greater experiences, facilities and services than we do. If we are not able to compete at this level; we will not be sustainable long term.

Le Manoir has, in no short measure, been successful because of the open and honest relationship based on trust that the village and Le Manoir have built. As I noted in the meeting, we have supported the village and the village has supported us – whether it is in assisting the village pub financially, generating funds for St Mary's Church or contributing to numerous charity events. In turn, we also hugely appreciate the work and support that the village has provided us and our staff.

Belmond and myself have worked closely with the award-winning Architects Purcell to develop a design that is both sympathetic to the existing landscape and buildings, but also helps to ensure the long-term future of the hotel; we have coupled this with striving to achieve BREEAM Excellent and Outstanding on the site, representing the highest standards of sustainability, recycling, eco values, and building standards. We will do everything to reduce our impact on the environment by using reed bed drainage, heat pumps, solar energy, and recycling of surface water.

The Raymond Blanc Academy will be home to The Raymond Blanc Cookery School, Art School, and will host meetings for up and coming chefs, food writers, and not-for-profit organisations such as the RHS, Garden Organic, the Soil 

Association, academies and many more. The Bistro will be a hub of food innovation, accessible to everyone which will help redefine dining, with a carefully curated menu of locally sourced and relevant dishes for guests and locals alike.

As you will appreciate, we are in the early stages of the project; we are currently applying for planning (RIBA Design stage 2) and we have a considerable amount of detailed design and development ahead of us. We intend to provide updates to the local community when we can, and Niall, our Hotel Manager, will always be happy to speak to anyone who wishes to drop in and discuss any comments or concerns that people have.

My team are passionate about preserving and enhancing the soul of the property, which Belmond and myself have carefully crafted, curated, and nurtured over the years. Please be assured that we are listening, considering, and reacting to local feedback so that we can ensure that the hotel remains one of the best luxury hotels in both the UK and the world.

Yours Sincerely

Raymond Blanc OBE

Update from The Bull Management Committee

After many months of restrictions, we are delighted to announce that The Bull will be reopening its gardens this month on 12th April, brandishing a new garden menu! We are very proud of the pub gardens since the addition of the new patio and bifold doors from the dining room. This is a lovely outdoor space which will serve our patrons very well while pubs remain closed indoors, but also throughout the spring and summer months ahead. Now that the hard frosts are fading, we are pleased to see the fruits of the community's labours last year coming to life in the pub garden. Many thanks to all who helped out with this project -from designing to digging it was much appreciated.

For those who are new to the village we look forward to welcoming you to the community. Once restrictions are further eased, we will be holding a gathering at The Bull so you can meet more of our villagers over a drink or two! For those who wish to support the community pub, you can invest in shares which enable us to further improve and maintain the pub, which is a valuable asset to the village. All investors receive an official share certificate, with which you can proudly boast you own part of this village pub!

Great Milton Church Fete June 12th, 2-4pm – Socially Distanced

We are planning a Fete this year but it will be a bit different for obvious reasons. It will be spread out across the village between Pitts Green and the St Mary's Church. A quiz trail will lead you to the different offerings and games. We will not be having outside entertainers but instead, we will be showcasing Great Milton talent! If you can sing, play, juggle etc, let us know so we can include you. We hope to have the usual stalls so please save your good quality bric a brac, preserves, toiletries and unwanted gifts, accessories, books etc. The famous plant stall will also help you get stocked up on special plants.

Do let us know if you can help us with the running of this event.

You will hear more nearer the time but please put the date in your diary. We plan to do this as safely as possible.

Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Celina Bernstrom, Rachel Hutton and Alex Kirkman

Dogs

Sorry, it's not new - it's been going on for years - that's the reason I placed a dog bin at the footpath, at the bottom of Little Gales hill on behalf of the P.C. in October 2008 – 13 years ago! The pandemic has made the situation worse of course, and I must say that the bin is very well used, but when you get an 80% increase, that's the result – some days approximately 30 dogs a day TWICE – soon adds up. We find getting in the car when parked, you have to watch your step or it's in the car nicely spread on the pedals, and also gets in the mower when grass cutting!!

Les Preston

Time for a Return Match?

At the beginning of the cricket season, those who are planning this season's matches for the Great Milton team, may like to arrange a Return Match with the Oxford's Bullingdon Club, a club better known today for other things beyond the cricket pitch!

James Woodforde wrote in his diary on 9 June 1763: Took a ride this evening with Cotton to Bullington Green, to see a Match at Crickett, between some Milton Men and some Gownsmen, Eleven on a side. It was not decided this afternoon, but will be next Thursday. N.B. The Gownsmen had beat the Milton Men before at Milton.

Permanent Christmas Tree

I see several villagers have got wind of my idea that I've had for some time, about a permanent Christmas tree, probably not a Douglas Fir, but something of character and colour. It would have to be a container grown specimen; a bare root one would be too risky. It would not be a good idea to plant it where the temporary one goes, the reason being too near the road edge, and be under overhead wires – 10 years on you have a problem!! Many trees are planted too near to buildings, property and fences. No one seems to look up when planting and think about the height growth.

My daughter and I will select the best tree possible. It always grieves me to ever cut down trees, except where they have become a problem. Let's be a bit more environment friendly and let them keep working and stop the annual felling.

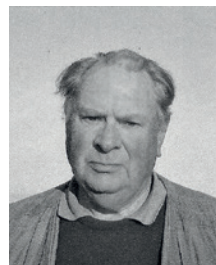
I have spoken to Chairman Stephen Harrod and Clerk Tim Darch to update them both. I will mark a spot to see if it's agreeable – waiting for your comments. It will be much nearer the hook up point, and will be much safer.

Les Preston

View from Views

In this time of uncertainty it is reassuring that at least nature is running as per normal, confirmed by array of the usual spring flowers, birds pairing up, and even the solitary Hare, that we have seen all winter now has a mate, or two, I hope they are both females. Also a number of Buzzards frequenting one of our copses, this is in opposition to the Red Kites that we all see every day, I guess they are planning to make us their home for their future offspring, there are good and bad sides to this, it is nature though. We still have a pair of Ravens usually heard and not seen, plus many unidentified small birds around our feeding areas.

As for our crops, at last they too seem to realise that is time they got their act together and start growing, although they will struggle with the land only just started to dry out at the beginning of March, since when, despite it has being dry with and a few good days the ground will hardly have warmed up as yet, this will need to happen before we see much growth. Then dare I say it some nice warm rain, having said that some areas will have quite a struggle to catch up. This year with an area that we were unable to plant in the autumn we are going experiment with a different approach to growing a crop. This will be to plant another crop at the same time, with the idea that



this will suppress the weeds, and being a trefoil and clover mix will enhance the fertility that will lead to the reduction of artificial fertiliser. This all sounds fine but of course it will present competition for the crop, and could present a few problems at harvest time, as there may well be a significant amount of green growth for the harvester to content with. However this is the way we need to be looking as a step towards sustainable farming, which the Government is wanting us to follow.


In the last month there have been a series of contradictions and about turns, and usual conundrums;

Views Farm has had its annual haircut, or should I say hedge trim. As we were unable last year, due to the wet conditions (ha ha), to give our hedges their routine cut (on 1/2 the farm) being worried about leaving them too long between cuts we just had to go ahead, this unfortunately meant the trimmer may have made a mockery of our floristically enhanced grass margins. Having made great play in the past that people should not walk off the paths so as to protect these margins we go ahead and do just that, out of necessity. Were these to be left too long between cuts, a hedge can soon get out of hand and require laying which is more than the farm can afford.

Another, when notified of this road being closed in May, with the forties being used as a diversion, when I pointed out that this was totally inappropriate, as did the Parish council, the County has now stated that they will not advise this diversion, so that is a great result and for once the council has taken notice of local opinion.

Then a letter from the “CAA” has intimated that the planned development of Chalgrove airfield should not be allowed to go ahead, can you believe this to be the case when so much effort, not to mention public money, has been spent by high ranking ministers of the realm, without finding out the basic facts first, and issuing dictates’ to “SODC” not to alter the local plan, as they had a mandate to do following the recent Council election, plus Homes England buying acres of adjacent land presumably to build on. Having said that, there has been no more news on the matter for some weeks, so who knows what deals are going on in the back ground, and is this a rouse to get other developments via the back door accepted by the locals?

Then finally Rabbits seem to have all but disappeared, early in the winter they seemed to be everywhere but now hardly ever do we see them, I cannot explain why. It would be foolish to even think they had disappeared completely, they haven’t as there is evidence of their existence.

Some supermarkets, who more or less control what and how their foods are produced, in order to be one step ahead of their competitors, are now adding to their assurance schemes. They are now requesting that producers are able to demonstrate if their animals are happy, and what steps are they taking to make sure they 

are. All I can say to that is how on earth do you quantify this, anyone who deals with animals will know by instinct, but how you quantify it on paper is another matter somehow, to me, this is going to be almost impossible and over the top. We all know that animals have to be content to preform, so consequently we make sure as far as possible this condition is maintained.

In Great Milton we now a planning issue for a massive expansion of “Le Manior” where the Parish Council seem to have ignored the wishes of the public by accepting the proposal. The outcome remains to be seen.

I don't think I will mention HS2 and the £100bn cost compared with the offer of 1% to the NHS!

Charles Peers

Wheatley Library

Pandemic Year Summary

We are in the business of books and words. Have you noticed how these new words have entered our frequent, if not daily, wordscape? Some have acquired an intensity of new meaning: social distancing, restrictions, face masks, rule of 6, working from home, must, support bubble, tiers, stay, protect, safe.... to name a few.

From the stressful period, for everyone, of those first few weeks the library leadership faced the magnitude of putting a library service of 44 libraries and over 250 staff ‘to bed’, branch staff suddenly found their purpose and roles put on ice, librarians switched much of their work to delivering an online library and many of us worked from home.

Since then, we have all got a story to tell about what we did last year and how we fared. While we are still working many things out as guidance changes and government information grows, we have kept the library service going. It remains meaningful to our residents and has evolved well in some surprising ways.

Jane Mason

Operations Manager for Library Leadership Team

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The Wheatley library staff hope that the rates of covid infections will stay low enough for us to be able to re-open our doors in April in line with government guidance but until we see you again, we hope you keep safe.


Wendy Stanton

Wheatley Library Manager

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

A year ago we were at the start of a long lockdown that resulted in an increasing general interest in gardening; unfortunately, this was thwarted by garden centres being closed. Now, the days are rapidly lengthening as we approach the spring equinox and hopefully we will be soon out of lockdown. This time the garden centres have remained open as essential retail businesses and what a relief that has been. Last year I was scrabbling around to find seed potatoes and onion sets whereas this year I was able to buy those easily and the potatoes are sprouted and ready for planting when the ground dries out enough.

I am behind on seed sowing and greenhouse jobs, but the garden is almost clear and we have even mulched some of the ground to add organic matter and help keep moisture in and the weeds a little under control. Weeding is a major problem as, even with the best intentions, I never keep up so annual weeds seed and reappear every year in abundance. They are even appearing through the mulch, but as a result are juicy and easy to remove, if time consuming. It feels bad to be aiding weed growth, but in starved compacted soil, weeds need to root much deeper and more widely in order to grow and as a consequence are much more difficult to remove. We have such free draining sandy soil that, without organic matter being regularly added, plants simply wilt and die without a lot of water. I am basically lazy so anything that reduces watering is worth the effort. While a watering system would be lovely, watering by hand makes you examine things closely and maybe spot problems before they take hold.

Yesterday I was watching a blue tit examining a hole in the top of the wall that runs between our garden and our neighbours'. Every year this ritual takes place, a nest is built and eggs are laid. The chicks usually hatch, but then the inevitable happens and the magpies come and remove the contents. We have not been able to find a solution, but I am always impressed that hope always triumphs over experience. Blue 

tits have a lifespan of 2.7 years on average so some of these birds are likely to have tried this nesting site before.

In the article I wrote last year at this time, I noted that I had unplanted *Anemone coronaria* in the shed and I am ashamed to admit that they are still there. I really will get them in this year as they still appear to be sound. We will see what happens when I soak them. I am such a procrastinator and always think I will do things tomorrow... I guess that's why I never get on top of the weeds!

If all goes well, we should start to be able to meet friends and family outdoors; I'm sure we are all looking forward to that! Enjoy the spring and get your garden looking good.

Liz Moyses

Morland House Surgery News Update – March 2021

PPG

Morland House Patient Participation Group, in discussion with the Morland House team, feel that updates, via the various parish bulletins and newsletters, would be a good way to keep our fellow patients notified of anything of note at the surgery. Welcome to the first instalment.

Covid-19 Vaccination Programme

Morland House has been busy vaccinating its patient population since 29th Dec 2020.

As of 10th March 2021, almost 3,500 Morland House patients have had their first Covid-19 vaccine and a further 600 will be vaccinated before Monday 15th March.

If you are aged 55 or over and you have not yet been contacted for yours, in the first instance you may book your vaccine online through this website www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or by phoning 119. You may also contact the Morland House reception team on 01865 872448 who will be happy to help.

Administration of second doses will start on 19th March.

The PPG would like to express its deep appreciation to the Surgery and NHS staff for what they have achieved during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially the extremely well-organised and effective vaccination programme.

Building Works and Pharmacy

Building work started on converting The Barn on the Morland House site in mid-February and is expected to be completed later this summer. The Wheatley Pharmacy, currently located on the High Street, will move in and operate alongside the dispensary. Thus patients will be able to collect their prescriptions as well as purchase their chemist

needs and we could encourage patients (and non-patients) to utilise the pharmacy.

Website

For more information on everything from surgery opening times to the new services (musculoskeletal (MSK) practitioner service), links to self-referral services, online access forms, and much more, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk

If you would like to contact the PPG, you may do so via the 'contact' page on the website. You may also write to the PPG care of the surgery at London Road, Wheatley Oxon OX33 1YJ or telephone the reception team on 01865 872448.

Little Milton WI

In March, we had a very successful AGM followed by some Easter Crafts making bunny toys and egg cosies. Some of our Narcissus bulbs given out in October also timed flowering perfectly.

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th April is with Alison Vallance's Dad, David Lee who will talk to us about his life on the British Antarctic Survey base.

Here's a brief overview: I spent three summers at Rothera, the British Antarctic Base on the Antarctic Peninsular, as a weather forecaster assisting in the deployment of scientists into remote areas of the Antarctic. I will describe this work as well as what general life was like. Did we have fresh food? Did we sleep in tents? Did we see penguins and whales? and many other questions will be answered.

We'll be online from 7pm, with the talk to start at 730pm. Contact me if you'd like to join us. Everyone welcome, the more the merrier!

A few of us will also be running a stall at the Little Milton Spring Fayre, planned for Easter Saturday 3rd April. Jane's on the cake stall, Maggie's selling her jewellery & pottery and I'll be selling Easter bunnies from our March meeting and Adele's up-cycling and crafts.

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.

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Happy Spring from The Maple Tree in Wheatley! How exciting – the sun is shining and the World is beginning to open up again, and so are we!

We are continuing with our online programme, but we will be able to hold sessions at the Centre from April 12th. Spaces are limited and must be pre-booked by emailing info@mapletree.org.uk. Covid measures remain in place and there is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family per session.

Messy Mondays: Play and Learn sensory/creative activities from 10:30-11:30

Tuesday: Play and Learn: Once Upon a Rhyme-Time from 10:00-11:00

Wednesday: Well-Baby Clinic (with Health Visitors) to be booked through the NHS and Maple Babies: Group support for new parents from 10:00-11:00

Thursday: Play and Learn: Little Scientists, activities for the under 5s from 10:00-11:00

Friday: Play and Learn: Solitary Bee to Social Butterflies: a new group for young children (from 12 months to 3 years) who have missed key socialising opportunities during this past year from 10:30-11:30

Saturdays: Family Fun on 3rd Saturday of each month, Dinosaurs (April 17th), Construction (15th May), Space (19th June) from 10:00- 12:00

Weekdays 1:1 Sessions

The Maple Tree is offering 1:1 sessions to parents needing a listening ear during these trying times; this can be by phone, online, in the Centre or on a walk.

Appeal for new Trustees, Advisors and Volunteers: We are looking for people from our local area to join our committed and friendly group of trustees. We are especially keen to recruit some trustees or volunteers who have a particular skill set in business, accounting, garden design or fundraising. We are also looking for volunteers to help with our sessions, working with young children alongside our dedicated staff team.

A big thank you to our local district councillors who kindly gave us some grants to buy new indoor and outdoor play equipment and a super new noticeboard that will soon be placed outside the Centre displaying all our activities. Thank you so much for supporting us during this difficult time!

We are here to help you, if you need help, advice or support: 01865 236700 or 07849 466249.

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Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

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Laura Spencer, The Maple Tree Centre Manager

John Howell MP writes...

I hope that the hint of Spring and the progress that we are making nationally to emerge from the restrictions that the pandemic has forced upon us bring a note of optimism to many. I say that knowing the wide range of difficulties that the prolonged lockdown has brought for many people which we will need to work through together in the coming months and years.

Last month I mentioned new legislation coming forward to help protect our communities from illegal encampments. Mindful of concerns to cut crime and build safer communities, the Government has now laid the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill before Parliament. This Bill seeks to ensure that the police have the powers and tools they need to protect themselves and the public. It also looks to overhaul sentencing laws.

I know that Climate Change is an issue dear to many hearts. Whilst there are many big things that Government can do and is doing, I have often said that there are also many things that we as individuals and households can do that will also make a significant difference. The recent Food Waste Action Week, led by the Waste and Resource Action Programme and supported by Defra, focussed on one such issue. Some of the data produced to support this campaign is very revealing as indeed is the impact that we can make if we all try to reduce our waste. For more information on this do go to the WRAP website. Also on the subject of the environment there is also good news from the Department of Transport on the planned introduction of a new blend of petrol for cars and motor bikes which will help reduce harmful emissions. This is not to discourage the move towards electric vehicles but E10 fuel will mean greener fuel available to help reduce emissions from millions of vehicles already on our roads.

Many of our communities have completed, or are working on, Neighbourhood Plans. I continue to lobby Government where there are concerns related to these. I know that there have been concerns over the work involved in producing a plan, especially in smaller communities. I was therefore pleased this month to see some new funding come forward to pilot a simpler approach. The aim of this pilot is to test a simpler approach which aims to overcome the perceived complexity of the process and lack of volunteer capacity that can often result in low uptake for producing a plan despite a strong appetite in the local community to shape their areas.

I hope that Parliament will soon return to a more normal pattern of working but in the meantime the work continues albeit largely remotely. 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 write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1 0AA or PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD

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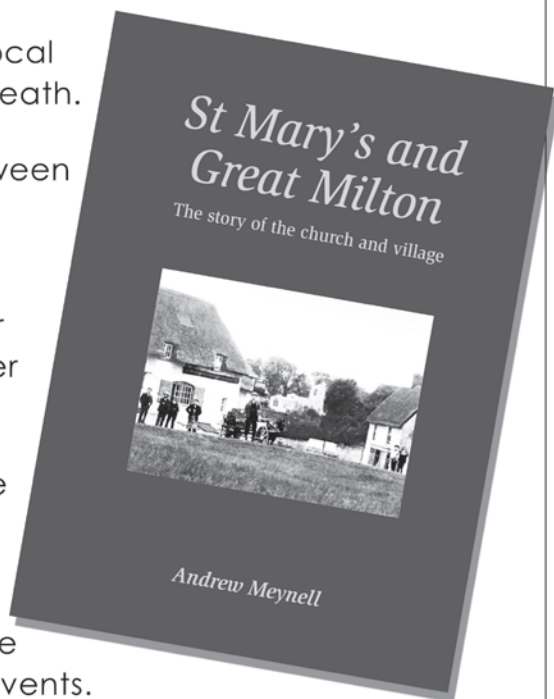
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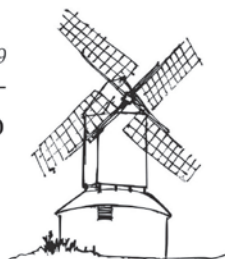
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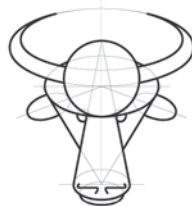
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