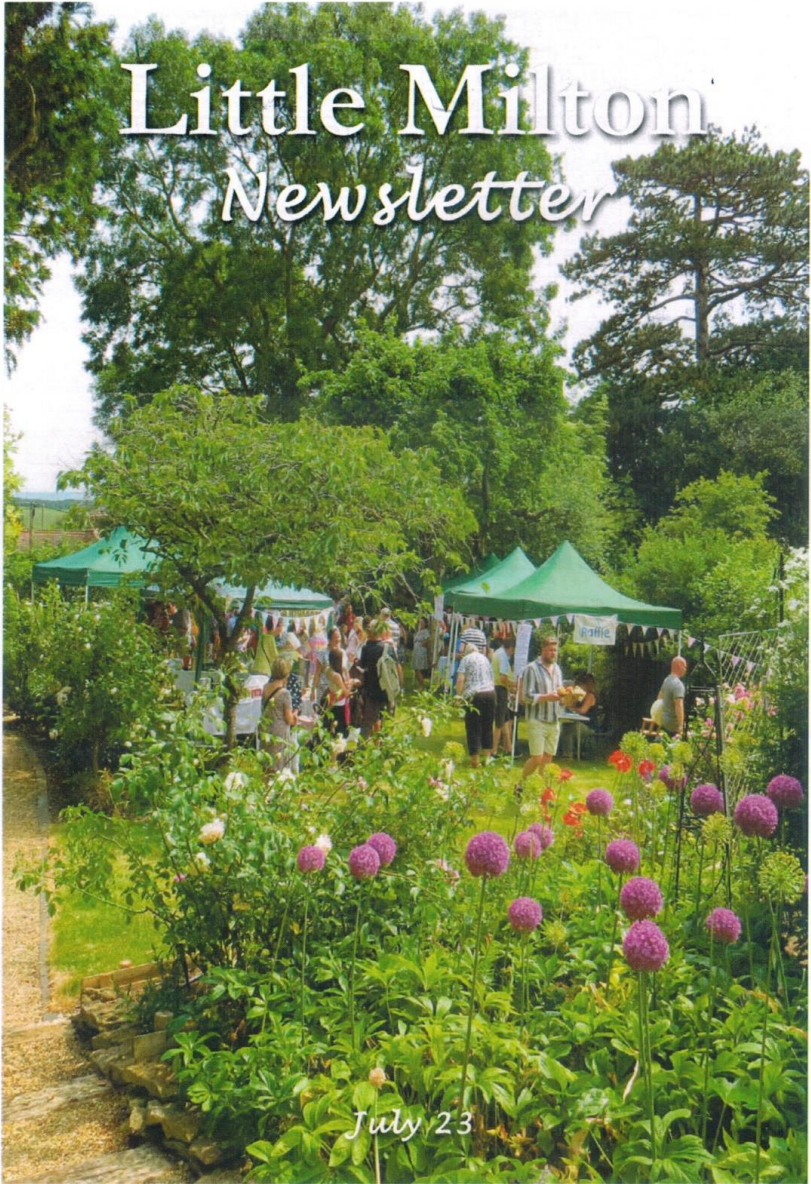


Little Milton *Newsletter*



July 23

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: JULY 2023

Sun	2nd	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion: St James'
Mon.	3rd	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues.	4th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	5th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge
Thurs	6th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
Frid.	7th	9.30 –10.30 a.m.	Pilates: Pine Lodge
Sun	9th	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship St James'
Mon	10th	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	11th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	12th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge
		7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting
Thurs	13th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
		7.30 p.m.	WI Meeting Pine Lodge
Frid	14th	9.30 – 10.30 a.m.	Pilates: Pine Lodge
Mon	17th	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	18th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	19th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge
		7.00 p.m.	Craft Evening - Pine Lodge
Thurs	20th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
Frid	21st	9.30 –10.30 a.m.	Pilates: Pine Lodge
Sun	23rd	9.00 a.m.	BCP Communion – St Peter's
		10.30 a.m.	Benefice Service- St James'
Mon	24th	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	25th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	26th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge
		11.00 a.m.	Sewing Group – Check with Sally Ann
Thurs	27th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine Lodge
Frid	28th	9.30 – 10..a.m.	Pilates – Pine Lodge
Sun	30th	10.30 a.m.	Benefice Communion – St James'

PLEASE NOTE If in doubt please check with the event organiser that the event is still taking place at the date and time stated.

SUMMARY FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023

Below is a summary of some of the topics and discussions which took place at the Parish Council meeting held in June,

Planning

P23/S1772/HH & P23/S1773/LB – The Plough, Stadhampton Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QD

Proposed two-storey rear extensions to The Plough House, proposed one and a half storey outbuilding, repairs to existing garage, alterations to site boundary walls and site access. **Resolved No Strong Views**

P23/S1799/HH – Hillview Cottage, High Street, Little Milton, OX44 7PU

Amendment to Approved Application Reference P22/S3964/HH - Front extension to existing detached garage/home office, to provide additional open bay covered parking/storage. **Resolved to Object** on the grounds of overdevelopment.

It was noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following application:

P23/S0554/LB - Spring & Well Cottage, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7PP
Installation of full fibre by BT.

P22/1241/FUL - The Site of Milton House, Gold Street, Little Milton

It was further noted at the District Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 the Committee voted unanimously to grant permission for the application.

Cllr Wakeling spoke on behalf of the parish council putting forward their views and suggested mitigations should the application be granted permission. Lucy Ireland spoke on behalf of residents opposed to the application and the developer's agent spoke in favour of the application. The formal 13 page Decision Notice was published on 9th June 2023. The Notice contains a lot of conditions attached to the granting of permission.

HIF1

Cllr van der Merwe's email to County Cllr van Mierlo regarding the HIF1 was noted. It could put incredible pressure on the A329 through Little Milton, since it will deposit A34 traffic at the Golden Balls roundabout, with no plans in sight on what to do with this traffic. The shortest route from the Golden Balls roundabout to the M40 means this traffic will undoubtable snake its way through Stadhampton and Little Milton. Related to this, the parish council is keen to re-engage with Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) freight plan and what the parish council can do to address the HGV issue through Little Milton.

Mr Barry Coward, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee circulated a report on planning related matters. The report included the impact of receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments related to the Milton House site equating to approximately £72k being paid to the parish council. It was agreed that it was important to consult with the village on how CIL receipts are spent. An item will be added to the next agenda.

The report looked forward and set out planning items to consider over the next four years; consultation on the next iteration of the District Local Plan, revised housing target and policy, Chalgrove, Harrington and the impact of the new Thames crossing on A329 traffic through the village.

Finance

The internal audit report for 2022/23 was received. There were no issues that needed to be reported and the Internal Auditor had completed and signed the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23 on page 4 of the Annual Government and Accountability Return 2022/23 – Part 2. The parish council extended its thanks to Mr Ian Dennis for carrying out the Internal Audit.

External Audit / Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2022/23 Part 2

Resolved that the Parish Council meets the requirements to certify itself as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

Resolved that Section 1, the Annual Governance Statement on page 5 of the AGAR be approved.

Resolved that Section 2, the Accounting Statements 2021-22 on page 6 of the AGAR be approved.

Recreation Ground / Open Spaces

Cllr Harrison circulated his monthly report and highlighted verges within the 20 / 30mph zones will be cut later this week. The cut had been delayed due to operational difficulties experienced by the contractor.

Haseley Road Green – A post needs to be re-fixed and a pane of glass repaired in the telephone box that has been damaged. The Millennium planters and flower beds have been reworked and replanted.

The laying of bark chipping on the pathway alongside the church has been delayed until the autumn. The pathway has been cut. Thanks to residents who are regularly watering the oak trees on the recreation ground.

Communications

Cllr Horwell reported he now has access to the parish council social media accounts. The MUGA refurbishment questionnaire will be published on all parish council digital platforms and a piece written for inclusion in the July newsletter. It was noted that the questionnaire can be included as a separate sheet in the newsletter. A consultation box will be available at the Church Fete this Saturday. A further questionnaire and feedback box will be available at the Church Fete as the start of a village consultation on what projects future CIL receipts should be spent.

Utilities and Highways

Cllr Sheppard reported he is still waiting for a response from Thames Water. Some potholes have been repaired on the High Street and outside the Lamb public house. Cllr Sheppard has asked OCC Highways if they can relocate the 20mph speed signs on the Haseley Road. Dragon's teeth have not yet been painted on some entrances to the village.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) – approximate cost £3k each, powered by solar, will need budget for ongoing maintenance. The Clerk has contacted the Clerk at Aston

Rowant Parish Council where SIDs have recently been installed. A meeting will be arranged in July to discuss further.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12th July 2023**, in Pine Lodge, commencing at 7.30pm.

Please visit the Parish Council website to read full minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Andrea Oughton Parish Clerk

Current Council members

Councillor Francois Van Der Merwe (Chairman)	07740438770
Councillor Howard Harrison	01844 279946
Councillor Adam Sheppard	01844 279217
Councillor Ed Horwell	tbc
Councillor Giles Denby	07484 187852
Councillor David Wakeling	01844 278014
Parish Clerk Andrea Oughton	clerk@littlemilton.org.uk
County Councillor: Freddie Van Mierlo	07944 492438 freddie.vanmierlo@oxfordshire.gov.uk
District Councillor Georgina Heritage	georgina.heritage@southoxon.gov.uk

SODC: WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

The minimum charge is £49.50 for up to 3 items and £9.50 for each additional item. There is a maximum of six items per collection day: if you have more than six, you'll need to book another collection day. Please note that a bed and mattress counts as 2 items and a three piece suite (consisting of 1 settee and 2 chairs) counts as 3 items.

Before you contact us to book your bulky waste collection, have a good think about whether you have any other big items to dispose of. Once we have processed your booking, we are unable to make any alterations or add any other items – even if you have only booked one or two items.

To arrange this service residents can call the Public Amenities Team on 01235 422406 or book on line from the Council's website www.southoxon.gov.uk

Give your furniture to a good home

Have you considered donating your furniture to charity or a good home? Emmaus is an Oxford based charity that will come out to all areas of the county and collect unwanted furniture free of charge. For legal or practical reasons this does not include soft furnishings without a fire label, safety items, or any item that is not in a saleable condition. Please [visit the Emmaus website](#) for more details.

BIFFA: WASTE COLLECTION DATES – JULY

	Brown	Grey	Green	Food
4th July	No	Yes	No	Yes
11th July	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
18th July	No	Yes	No	Yes
25th July	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT -GEORGINA HERITAGEE

Foreword

On a personal level, I'm still undertaking a thorough training programme with SODC, however I'm already enjoying engaging with residents and parish councils in Haseley Brook, and I'm looking forward to offering parish specific updates as I become more involved with each village in the ward.

On the date of writing this report (7th June) I'm preparing to speak at the Planning Committee this evening, regarding the proposed development of four dwellings in Gold Street. In line with the parish council, I have taken the view that mitigations should be in place to limit the impact of this development on Little Milton and its residents, should the application be approved. I appreciate Francois and David taking the time to answer my questions and speak with me about this matter recently.

2023/24 Administration

Shortly after the local elections which saw the Lib Dems take control of SODC, an agreement was reached that we would continue our successful partnership with the Green party - a progressive approach that we believe residents voted for.

Leader, Cabinet and Chair of SODC

At the Annual meeting of South Oxfordshire District Council on 18th May Cllr David Rouane was re-elected as leader. He confirmed his cabinet as follows:

- Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers – Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, and statutory Deputy Leader
- Cllr Robin Bennett – Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Regeneration, and Deputy Leader
- Cllr Pieter-Paul Barker – Cabinet Member for Finance and Property Assets
- Cllr Sue Cooper – Cabinet Member for Environment
- Cllr Andrea Powell – Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, Policy and Programmes
- Cllr Anne-Marie Simpson – Cabinet Member for Planning
- Cllr Freddie van Mierlo – Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Nature Recovery
- Cllr David Turner will remain as Chair of the Council with Cllr Kellie Hinton as Vice-Chair.

Great Big Green Week 10-18 June

This is a national celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. The idea is that we should all try to do something to make everyone's world a little greener.

From 12th June residents will be invited to take part in a waste satisfaction questionnaire. Questions will cover waste collections, street cleansing as well as contact made with the council waste team and Biffa. Please do provide your feedback on the current waste service. This will help when we come to designing what will follow when the Biffa contract ends.

Also from 12th June there will be a consultation on a recently produced Air Quality Action Plan. These plans have to be reviewed and updated every 5 years or so. The air quality in our AQMAs (Air Quality Management Areas) has improved greatly, probably because vehicles are less polluting, such that Wallingford and Watlington no longer

have to be declared as AQMAs. However, Henley is still so defined, mainly because of high levels of nitrogen oxides recorded in Duke Street.

Help develop our local food action plans

We're calling for all local businesses, community growers, voluntary and community groups, food businesses and producers, and more to help us provide fairer, healthier and more sustainable local food systems for our districts.

On Friday 9th June where we'll be raising awareness of the Oxfordshire Food Strategy at the District Community Centre in Didcot, which the councils adopted along with the other Oxfordshire councils and partners in December 2022. We'll also be discussing the development of the South and Vale Food Action Working Group, which will work with stakeholders and partners to shape new action plans.

Council grants now available for food banks and community larders

The voluntary food network – voluntary and community organisations such as food banks, food larders and community fridges for residents – plays a vital role supporting people, but demand for their help has surged as fuel and food costs escalate, particularly for everyday staples.* While demand continues to rise, voluntary food networks are seeing their supplies reduce due to a drop in donations from individuals and companies while also facing rising fuel and food costs themselves.

To help support the voluntary food network SODC is inviting community food groups to apply for a grant of £2,500 for essential supplies. The grants can be used to help pay for a variety of expenses including food, additional storage and energy bills.

BENEFICE SERVICES FOR JULY 2023

Sunday 2nd July

9.00	Holy Communion	St James' Little Milton
10.30	Family Worship	St Peter's Great Haseley

Sunday 9th July

9.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's Great Haseley
10.30	Family Worship	St James' Little Milton

Sunday 16th July

9.00	Holy Communion	St Peter's Great Haseley
10.30	Family Worship	St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 23rd July

9.00	BCP Holy Communion	St Peter's Great Haseley
10.30	Benefice Service	St James' Little Milton

Sunday 30th July

10.30	Benefice Communion	St James' Little Milton
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RECTOR'S PINT

This is the time of year when, if I can clear the morning fog from my brain, I really appreciate the explosion of nature on my morning dog walks, the abundant grasses, wildflowers and poppies. Entering the spirit of 'no mow' May, I left a significant part of our lawn unmown this year, and I'm holding my nerve (as I write, it's the second week of June). I'm waiting to see if anything other than a straggly mess will result, and the creeping buttercup, usually the scourge of the flower bed, together with the daisies, are already a pretty sight at the bottom of the garden!

It is so easy to be pessimistic about the state of the environment, from what we have done to our rivers to the serious challenge of the destruction of the rain forests for commercial gain, mineral extraction, and intensive farming. This is a catastrophe, and unless checked will have dire consequences. But nature has a way of filling a gap and regenerating itself, when left to do so, and in a small way we have a resource available to us that is evidence of that. I'm talking about churchyards.

Our churchyards have parts which are well-tended but also parts which have been left largely uncut, and I have delighted in the grasses and wildflowers that have resulted. In Great Milton there is a whole area filled with Oxeye daisies. I don't know if there has been a helping hand in this, or whether they have naturally seeded themselves, but they are wonderful.

I had this in mind when I opened the weekly email from the Diocese and read that, in March, the Diocesan Synod voted to begin embracing floral sustainability in all its 800+ churches. I am glad that we seem to be beginning to do that. When the Bishop of Dorchester, Gavin Collins, came to consecrate the new part of the Churchyard in Great Haseley in April, I was asked to provide some prayers. I provided three. The first was a prayer of hope we have in Christ, the second a prayer for those who mourn their loved ones in the Churchyard and the third, is a prayer from TEAR Fund which I slightly adapted and called a prayer for the wildlife of the Churchyard.

Creator God, we acknowledge that as your handiwork, we stand alongside all that you have made. Trees and rivers, mountains and valleys, soaring birds and scuttling creatures, all are held within your care. May we grow in our love and appreciation for the fabulous variety around us; and in this place may our awe and wonder draw us closer to the natural world, and through it to you, the God of all things. Amen.

I am so grateful for all those who tend our churchyards, and also for the vision they have to leave some parts untouched.

Simon

GREAT MILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES: JULY 2023

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

Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comment
2nd July	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Paul Rosentall	
9th July	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Local Arrangement	
16th July	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Rev Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
23rd July	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	David Harper	
30th July	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Local Arrangement	

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR JUNE

W/E 2nd July	–	Mrs M Davies & Mrs S A Dennis
W/E 9th July	–	Mrs L. Lovegrove & Mrs C Coward
W/E 16th July	–	Mrs A Jones & Mrs Sarah Holifield
W/E 23rd July	–	Mrs E. Summers & Mrs Wendy Newby
W/E 30th July	–	Mrs A Blagg & Mrs C D'Aeth

Sally Ann Dennis

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR JULY

W/E 2nd July	-	Jane Willis
W/E 9th July	-	Sally Ann Dennis
W/E 16th July	-	Sally Anne Dennis
W/E 23rd July	-	Chris Coward
W/E30th July	-	Chris Coward

THE 2023 CHURCH FETE

What a lovely day we had for this year's village Fete! The sun shone for us and the Pimm's flowed. There was a lovely atmosphere and one visitor told us it was the best fete they had ever been to! There was lots of entertainment for the children, with fun sports, pony riding, crafts and the school children ran 'splat the rat' and 'beat the goalie' games. The cake stall was heavenly, and the tom bolas and bric-a-brac stalls were as busy and as ever.

We had vintage cars, a fabulous raffle, a hamper raffle, lovely refreshments, a BBQ, books and entertainment, a beautiful plant stall, a coconut shy and live music from Thame Concert Band. All in all, a busy and happy event.

Thank you to the very many people who made the fete what it was; In particular, Joyce and George Inge who hosted us again in their amazing garden. We can't thank them enough for welcoming us into their beautiful grounds over the years. Next year we will be looking for a new location for the fete, so do let me know if you would be interested in having the fete in your garden!

A huge thank you to my fellow fete committee members, Paul Jeffrey, Teresa Quested, Alyce Hoban, Caroline Shiels, and Kath Stacey. They all do a fantastic job of planning, organising, cajoling, and then running the fete. Their commitment is wonderful, and they all bring different skills and ideas to the group. I'd especially like to thank Paul who manages all the signage round the villages, the car parking, the site safety and the setting up and clearing down of all the gazebo's, tables, chairs – a huge task every year. Paul has decided to step down, as have I, so we will be looking for new volunteers to help with the fete next year.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun!

Lindsay Heath

Thank you to Lindsay and Paul for their hard work and commitment over many years

Ed

LITTLE MILTON CHURCH FETE RAFFLE 2023

Thank you to Caroline Shiels for doing an amazing job of organising our raffle again this year. Thank you also to everyone who bought raffle tickets to support the village fete and to the wonderful sponsors who donated the prizes. This year's winners are;

Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons – Dinner for 2	Ella Regard
Dinner, bed and breakfast at the Oxford Belfry	Michelle - Chalgrove
Sunday Lunch at The Lamb for 4	The Anton family - LM
Blenheim Palace Family Pass	Mainon– Great Milton
Oxfordshire 4 Ball	Rob Dudge
Waterperry Family Pass	Rose Freeman -Oxford
Oldsmobile Ride	Hil Pennick
Madagascar The Musical Tickets	Dee Waldron
Case of wine	Bella
Little Milton Shop Hamper	Ken Harris
Le Salon Wheatley Voucher	Chris Luke
Beauty Room Voucher	Melinda
Fitness session	Val & Paul Connelly
Oxford Saints Shirt	Haenlein family

The winner of 'Guess the Mileage' on the vintage car was David Wakelin

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2023

Another successful Christian Aid week total was again raised this year by the three villages in the Benefice...

A total of £2,524.16 made up of:

Five Lent lunches	£731.00
House-to-house collections	£1,678.16
Church Collection	<u>£115.00</u>
	<u>£2,524.16</u>

£878.61 was Gift Aided so the above includes and extra £219.66.

THANKYOU everyone...Lent lunch Hosts, Collectors, Deliverers and above all for each of you who gave money this year. THANKYOU.

S.A. Dennis

FRIENDS OF LITTLE MILTON SCHOOL- 200 CLUB

May

1st	No 1	Diane Austin	£9.00
2nd	No 9	Dee Waldron	£7.00
3rd	No 32	Chris Coward	£5.00

June

1st	No 14	Raymond Fergusson	£9.00
2nd	No 31	Mrs Graham	£7.00
3rd	No 28	Bella Hobbs	£5.00

Diane Austin



RIDE AND STRIDE 9th SEPTEMBER

Do you enjoy cycling? Or walking? Horse-riding? Ride and Stride presents the perfect opportunity to get out and about by visiting our beautiful Oxfordshire Churches, whilst raising funds via sponsorship.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, an organisation that makes grants to churches across the county for everything from essential repairs to projects to make your local church a building that can be of use to the whole community, invites you to join in our Ride+Stride Event on 9th September.

Half the monies raised are used by the Trusts to make grants and half remains in each participating local community to be used to maintain these beautiful historic buildings that are so much part of our landscape. To find out more visit the website on www.ohct.org.uk

**To find out more, please contact
Jo Preston on jo@coopers-cottage.com**

SEWING GROUP

The date and venue of the next meeting is unavailable going to press and if you require information please contact Sally Ann on 01844 278029.

Sally Ann Dennis

PINS, NEEDLES and PIMMS
An Exhibition of 'Projects' ...
By Little Milton Sewing Group 2002 - 2023



WHEN ? July 29th 2-5pm

WHERE ? St. James' Church, Little Milton, OX44 7QB

WHAT ? An exhibition of 'Projects' created by the
Sewing Group between 2002 - 2023

WHY ? In celebration of the Sewing Group's 21st
Anniversary

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PINE LODGE

Following the Annual General Meeting for the village Hall last month we were very sorry to see the departure of Mark Willis and Graham Bibby from the Committee. If you would be interested in joining the Committee and being more involved in activities for the village please contact Steve Willis steve.pinelodge@gmail.com

Regular activities in the Hall include:

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

Tuesdays at 9:30 am, and **Thursdays** at 18.30 **Keep Fit** on
with Alyce (alycefwf@gmail.com)

Wednesday 9:30 am **Advanced Textile** on workshop
with Amargeet (amarjeetnandhra@virginmedia.com)
Friday 9:30 am Yoga and **Pilates** with Lee (lee@grahamcaulfield.co.uk)
WI 2nd Thursday of each month at 19:30 contact Kath Stacy
(kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)
Crafts **3rd Wednesday** of the month at 19:00 contact Kath Stacy
(kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)
Parish Council 2nd Wednesday

For details of, news, booking info and the online events calendar please view the Pine Lodge webpage at www.littlemilton.org.uk , or
contact Linda Lovegrove linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM LITTLE MILTON SCHOOL

Small School, Big Heart, Great Start

Our first full week back for our final term has been another busy one, with a variety of activities taking place across the school. Those of you who already follow us on twitter will have a good idea of what the children have been getting up to, and for those of you who are yet to follow us please do at @LittleMiltonPri or you can either link through from our website or view the latest twitter posts on our website too.

This week it was the Maples and the Willows who headed into the woods for our weekly Forest School session. The trees provided a very welcome respite from the scorching temperatures and unrelenting sunshine we've been experiencing over the past few days. The focus was on making Elderflower fritters this week, along with the much-loved den building and swing making too. We are so lucky to have access to our fantastic off-site natural woodland, when so many schools are limited to their sessions taking place on or around the immediate school site, which, we feel, is sadly a little less pioneering than the way we do things at Little Milton.

While we're on the subject of our facilities, it's interesting that we still encounter prospective parents who are unaware of our fantastic recreation ground where much of our high-quality PE takes place. Children in Y2-6 are focussing on hockey this term at the rec, and we are extremely lucky to have secured a professional coach from Oxford Hawks Hockey Club. The sessions have been a great success and the intention is to continue with this focus next academic year too. We are also looking towards our much celebrated Sports Day on Friday 30th June, also at the Recreation Ground.

Over the next couple of weeks many of the Rowan class will be participating in a variety of events including, 'Junior Citizen' for Year 6 on Friday 23rd June, Environment Day at Wheatley Park School for 4 of our 'Eco Council' children on 22nd June and, finally, on Wednesday 28th June our Y5 children will be offered the opportunity to participate in an Archery Festival at Hithercroft Park in Wallingford.

In the meantime, we hope you will have visited our stall at Little Milton Church Fete

Hannah Blest and James Bell Co-Headteachers

TONS TOGETHER (LITTLE MILTON) WI

In June, Janine Kilroe told us all about her job in the prison service, with some scary and fascinating stories about the dangerous men she encountered. A very entertaining speaker who took no prisoners! She offers talks and her fine art photography for sale at www.janinekilroe.com.

We also went on the first of our day trips, to National Trust house, Nuffield Place and then on for lunch at The Maker Space. Our next one is to **Reading Museum to see Britain's Bayeux tapestry on Wednesday 19 July**. Everyone welcome if you'd like to come along.

At our next meeting on **Thursday 13 July at 730pm**, we are going on a walking tour to find out **What's on our doorstep at BBOWT's Wells Farm reserve** with Paul Jeffery.

Everyone welcome - Visitors £5 or become a member for £34.50.

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

Too shy to come by yourself or need a lift? Contact us & we'll find you a WI buddy.

Like us at www.facebook.com/lmpinelodge

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

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

LITTLE MILTON SHOP AND POST OFFICE REVISED SATURDAY

Commencing in May and ending in September 2023 the Shop and Post Office **opening hours on a Saturday will be 10:00am until 2pm.**

Kevin Hunt Chairman

FRIENDS OF WELLS FARM

Tis July and a time for butterflies. Lots of them! If you like butterflies this is the month when most are on the wing. We might also get a few summer visitors too. Several "sightings" of the black veined white butterfly have been recorded and their presence made the news but it is highly likely they were an unofficial introduction. If the winters become milder they may well survive the winter in a few years and colonise.

Long meadow and Blenheim fields will be out in flower with vipers bugloss (snakes trumpets) in full swing, lots of vetch and brambles providing nectar for hopefully lots of insects. While out walking, stop for a bit to take in all that is around you. You will be amazed at how busy nature is right now.

The sheep have been suffering from sheep bot fly which is a problem at this time of year. Although our sheep have been treated the adult flies are still bother some and the sheep can hear them coming due to their buzzing. This makes them run around with their heads down to try and get away from them. These flies also affect deer but it is very unusual for dogs or humans to suffer from them. I won't go into details about the larval stage.... best read that up for yourself on Wikipedia.

Paul Jeffery (Tel: 278 424 Email: Paulj201@hotmail.com)

VIEW FROM VIEWS

Already it is midsummer once again we ask ourselves where the year has gone, I guess you could say that it was not until the end of May that the weather took any notice of the date. This was illustrated by the lateness of tree blossom at least 2 weeks, by now most birds will have fledged, I noticed the other day a couple of Sparrows making sure for the second time this year that, their species did not die out. It would not surprise me if many of the first broods would have suffered in the violent rain storms we had mid-May, so perhaps many more will be at it again, or will have been by the time you read this. One part of nature that seems more prevalent this year is the Ermine Moth, noticeable by the protective web it spins for its caterpillars as a deterrent to predators, mainly found on Spindle trees/bushes it will strip all the leaves but as far as I can remember these all recover over the summer, they already see to be on the move and you can see the green shoots appearing, by the time you read this I guess most bushes will have recovered, or be well on their way.

Welcome rain on the 10th June, I recorded 14mm, unfortunately being as heavy as it was some of our best Barley is now residing on the floor, it actually looks worse after the light rain 3mm the following day, hopefully we can recover most of it. After practically a month of dry weather this is heaven sent and will help the harvest no end. At the same time the first Lupins flowers appeared, which this year are a much better-looking crop, practically covering the ground, as most things were in our favour at time of planting, allowing us to plant earlier with a better seed bed, so they got off to a good start. Having said that we have some issues with the evenness of planting, leaving areas with poor germination, a problem I think we have now overcome. We have been warned that Lupins are very vulnerable to pigeon damage, last year that was not a problem as the crop was so thin the birds probably thought it is not worth the effort of landing and taking off. This year however, we have had many guns shooting many birds but, as yet, I have not seen any damage, save one small area that I can attribute to bird damage, very strange.

I am concerned that these violent storms about a month apart, just as some 1st & 2nd fledging would be about to take place will have affected many young birds but, have no evidence of any shortage of young birds, it must have made some difference to the numbers. Also, 14mm and the river is still within (as I write fingers crossed) it's banks.

We are forever being made aware of the lack certain foods on retail shelves, hardly the case for the small village, and Farm shops, who are prepared to pay a realistic price for their goods, if our producers do not get enough for their produce have decided not to plant, nothing to do with weather conditions in northern Africa. The Dam in Ukraine will of course now have a knock-on effect, with the unfortunate fact that food prices will have to rise. This will add to the difficulties for those on a low income. The government are talking of capping the price of some foods to help those with problems, I feel this is the wrong way to attack this problem, we should let all prices be at a sustainable level for all in the food chain, with other measures in place to help those with problems. Sometimes this could be just a matter of education which is now not I believe part of the curriculum, as a population we need to be taught the value of good nutritious food and economical ways to process/cook it. This suggested capping adds to some of the conundrums we have to face but, it does follow a high level meeting our leaders had with the PM where, he practically gave Agriculture his undeniable help and support. This was followed by a long text to all farmers saying, what wonderful people we are, looking after the food supplies to the nation. Now on top of this are the thinking

of a cap but also relax legislation on livestock worrying by domestic dogs. To add to this it is suggested that supermarkets be charged for the disposal of plastic wrappings etc., this will of course have to be passed on to everyone in the food chain. There is nothing wrong with plastic as such it is that we humans seem incapable of disposing of it properly which, actually is not that difficult. Plastic is a very useful medium, without which we would be the poorer, it is just that we are incapable of disposing of it or, paying for it to be disposed of, waste is the responsibility of all of us, it is one of those things we feel we should not have to pay for, we must, we should, and the sooner we start to pay the real value of things the better!

On top of all the above those of us that have taken the decision not to plough anymore, as this one way to lessen our carbon foot print, find we are facing another problem. Now we find we are beginning to be infested with another grass weed to combat “Sterile Brome”, which those of us that tried it in the 70’s will remember came up against and dropped the idea, this is just another hurdle we will have to jump, somehow without chemical aids, I would suggest.

Charles Peers



Over here in Henley we've had a heavy spate of thefts of vehicles with keyless entry. The Henley Neighbourhood Team asked me if I could message our local residents but I hope this will be of use to many across the South and Vale area so I'm spreading the message wider.

"Thames Valley Police is aware and incredibly concerned about the rise in thefts of vehicles in the Henley area recently. We have seen a number of vehicles that have 'stop/start' button ignitions stolen, whereby offenders have been able to relay the key signal from inside the house using a specially-made device. Because of this method offenders are often able to make their escape without disturbing owners.

The rise in this type of crime is something many forces nationwide are seeing, and something TVP is taking very seriously. We have coordinated a multi-disciplinary approach to tackling these offenders, and residents can expect to see a rise in police presence around Henley, especially in the early hours when these offences are typically taking place. Rest assured we are doing everything we can to prevent this type of crime, and to catch offenders responsible.

If residents own a vehicle that can be started without physically inserting a key into the ignition, there are a few things we can advise to help prevent this type of theft happening to you. Firstly keep keys as far from the car as is practicable, to help reduce the chance of the signal being relayed. Secondly 'Faraday' pouches or boxes are specifically designed to block the key signal. Keeping your keys in one of these will reduce the risk of the signal being relayed to start the ignition. More robust defences can also be applied, for example a steering lock or a bollard on a driveway will reduce the chances of offenders being able to drive the vehicle away, should they gain access.

TVP would encourage anyone to get in touch should they see anything they believe may be relevant. If it is an emergency please dial 999, for all other updates please call 101, and quote crime reference number 43230193606."



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WELLS FARM ALLOTMENTS

The problem with the well has been sorted. Strangely the pipe that runs from the pump into the well had worn through and this was allowing the pipe to drain back down so it had to be filled (primed) for it to work. There are quite a few plots that have not been very active this year and the site is a little overgrown but all this sun is great for squashes with a little soaking every week. New potatoes are ready and broad beans may be coming to an end but there is plenty of time to sow more beans early in July if we get a warm September like we have in the past few years. I have often tried to clear the plot to bare earth around my plants but apparently this is not a good idea as bare earth can be worse for the veg.

Paul. (paulj201@hotmail.com)

Walks Programme July 2023

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| Sunday 2nd | Meet at Benson Waterfront cafe (park in St Helens Road) for a leisurely 6 mile walk along Thames Path and Earth Trust Permissive Path. |
| Thursday 6th | Meet in Bradenham for an undulating 8½ mile walk via Downley and Hughendon. Bring a picnic. |
| Tuesday 11th | 2½ mile gentle social walk from Wheatley along local footpaths. Meet at 10:30am at the Harvester for coffee at the start. |
| Thursday 13th 11am | Leisurely 7 mile walk from Chalgrove stopping at the Half Moon pub in Cuxham for lunch (pizza/pasta). |
| Saturday 15th | Trip to Coaley Peak, Dursley (near Stroud) for 8 mile undulating walk with amazing views. See the website for full details. |
| Thursday 20th | Meet at Cookley Green for a 7½ mile scenic Chilterns walk. Bring a picnic. |
| Saturday 22nd | Meet in Tetsworth for a 7½ mile walk via Adwell and Stoke Talmage. |
| Tuesday 25th 6pm | Meet at the Clifden Arms PH, Worminghall, for a leisurely 3 mile evening walk, followed by optional supper at the pub. |
| Thursday 27th | Meet in Cuddington for a 9 mile walk via Eythrope and Nether Winchendon. Bring a picnic. |

All walks start at 10am unless otherwise stated.

Please check the website to confirm details as the programme is subject to change:

www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html

or phone 01844 213608

Leaders' contact details and suitability of walks for dogs can be found on the website.

GARDEN WASTE FLY TIP IS A COSTLY MISTAKE

A man has been ordered to pay more than £1,400 after garden waste was found dumped near Great Haseley in South Oxfordshire.

Karl Horwood, 60, of Bletchington, Oxfordshire, appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court on Friday 16 June when he admitted failing in his duty of care for waste disposal.

Mr Horwood had been arrested a week earlier on suspicion of breaching the Environment Act 1990 after he had failed to respond to requests from South Oxfordshire District Council Environmental Enforcement Officers for assistance with their enquiries about the incident.

Magistrates heard how, in January 2022, Mr Horwood had carried out work at a property in Great Haseley and had been paid £150 to remove four bulk bags full of garden waste. However, he failed to ensure that the waste was disposed of properly and it was then found dumped on the side of the road along the A329.

Mr Horwood claimed that he didn't have enough space in his vehicle to take the waste away himself and so had paid a scrap metal collector to do it for him. However, he didn't know who the person was and failed to provide any evidence of this arrangement.

Following his guilty plea, Mr Horwood was fined £200. He was also ordered to pay full prosecution costs of £1,247 and a £34 victim surcharge.

Cllr Sue Cooper, Cabinet Member for Environment at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: "If you are producing or transporting controlled waste, you must ensure it is disposed of legally and that you keep a record of what the waste is and where it's going".

"There is absolutely no excuse for dumping rubbish. Doing so puts a real blight on our local area and could have a significant impact on the environment, including wildlife."

If you see a fly-tip or suspect that someone is involved in fly-tipping, please report it by visiting [southoxon.gov.uk/fly tipping](https://southoxon.gov.uk/fly-tipping) or call 03000 610610.



John Howell MP writes

June 2023

In a month when the temperatures are rising, and many people are getting out and about more to enjoy the countryside it is good to see some recent announcements that will benefit the countryside and also support our farmers. Of course, this is not to suggest that these issues are of concern all year around!

In the middle of May the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) announced new funding for farmers and landowners to support projects to create new habitats for wildlife, help protected sites and boost efforts to reach net zero. It builds on the success of the first round of the scheme announced last year and will help with work to protect and enhance landscapes. It will deliver environmental benefits while also supporting farmers.

Also announced last month was a commitment to protect the interests of our farmers in future trade deals. I know that this has been a concern within the constituency and am delighted that the Prime Ministers has brought together representatives from the whole food supply chain for the 'UK Farm to Fork Summit.' This will include representations from the UK's farming, horticulture and agri-food sectors and is welcomed by the NFU.

Then at the beginning of this month DEFRA launched another initiative with the publication of 'Unleashing Rural Opportunity.' This is a policy paper setting out plans to grow the rural economy and communities. It involves some key planning proposals which will involve consultation in the near future. Details of this are yet to be published. I hope that anyone with an interest in the growth of our rural communities will take an interest in this paper which can be found on the GOV.UK website by searching the title of the document.

Perhaps with a focus on the rural economy it is worth also mentioning the Procurement Bill which has its final reading in the House in this week that I write. The Bill was introduced last year and, among other things, seeks to bring forward more effective Government procurement and to help smaller businesses (SMEs) win a greater share of government expenditure. I know from correspondence with constituents in business that some of the former complexities of the government procurement process has effectively ruled them out. I am pleased that this has been worked on to create easier access.

There is always much going on in parliament. If there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. My contact details are on my website - www.johnhowell.org.uk.

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