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Sheppard Trust:	Ann Price, Pat Cox

Lawn roller.
Photo: Ian Melton.

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In My Opinion

I am about to mark fifty years living here in this special place. I am fortunate to have been shaped by family, friends, farming and faith.

It's easy to feel nostalgic about such a milestone; looking back on how life has changed, my own in particular, but also to consider what remains unchanged.

Coming as I did from London it all seemed very rural, quiet and peaceful. Who today would dream of popping to the shop leaving one's door unlocked, pushing a pram along the A329? Imagine the M40 deserted at night! Yes, that has all changed but the the most important things haven't; the wonderful sense of community of people looking out for one another, the many activities and groups still flourishing and the sense of pride in our village.

What makes Great Milton so special is the core of those keeping it all going, often unsung, certainly ageing but still enthusiastic.

We must sustain this for the future so go on, join in, volunteer, get involved, check the bulletin; you will be glad you have!

Trudy Timbs

Draft Parish Notes

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15th April were Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, C Deacon, G Harris, G Bennet and P Fewell, plus Tim Darch (Clerk) and three members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr S Harrod (Chairman).

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th March 2019 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

The County Councillor's monthly update was received by the meeting and is available on the Parish Council website. The District Councillor added that the OVO Women's Tour cycle race will be visiting South Oxfordshire on 12 June, though it will not pass in the immediate vicinity of Great Milton.

The Chairman (though absent from this meeting), Vice-Chairman and several councillors declared an interest in the planning application for works at The Bull public house, as either members of the Great Milton Community Pub Company management committee or as shareholders. To avoid any conflict of interest no discussion of this item took place: local residents are advised to comment directly to the planning authority.

A member of the public raised the issue of vehicles parking on the verge at the junction of the A40 and the A329 at Milton Common. The Parish Council has raised this with OCC (which as well as owning the land is the highway authority) but it appears unenthusiastic about taking enforcement action.


Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered.

P19/S0677/FUL (Coach House, Milton Lodge, Lower End, Great Milton).
Remove condition 6 from application ref P14/S2675/FUL and to create the new hard standing for the parking of cars.

Objections in person were made at the meeting highlighting the following issues:

- The area on which the parking space is proposed is not owned by the applicant
- The original planning application provides for vehicular access to the property within the existing curtilage of Milton Lodge, independent of the main Lodge forecourt. There has been no material change in circumstances to require additional parking on Ives Gate Lane, which was restricted by S6 of the original application, which this amendment seeks to overturn.
- Ives Gate Lane is a narrow, unsurfaced track leading to a handful of residences, as well as being a public footpath— as such, the concerns raised in the design & access statement as to safety of children in the garden of Milton Lodge as per the existing planning application are equally applicable to parking/vehicle movements in Ives Gate Lane.
- The design & access statement argues that the space may be needed to make the property more accessible for those with mobility issues in the future. The choice of proposed surface (hoggin) was questioned as to its suitability for such access (for example wheelchair use). It was suggested that an alternative surfacing, such as hexagonal matting which allows grass to grow whilst providing temporary parking space for vehicles, may be more palatable to residents, but that the main objections would still stand.
- Similar objections were also raised with Cllr Harris from additional residents.
- Informal advice provided by OCC Rights of Way identified that due to the width of Ives Gate Lane, the proposed parking would not be considered to materially affect public enjoyment of the right of way over the lane.

After consideration of both the arguments in the Design & Access Statement for the proposed amendment, and of the objections raised, the Parish Council agreed that as the proposed parking space is on land which does not belong to the applicant, that independent parking and vehicular access for the Coach House can be achieved within the existing curtilage of Milton Lodge, and that safety concerns for people in 

the grounds of Milton Lodge are also applicable to the public using Ives Gate Lane, it was RESOLVED to advise the planning authority of the Parish Council's objection to the application.

P19/S1035/FUL (The Bull, The Green, Great Milton). External stores and associated picket fence.

Given that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are also members of the Committee of The Great Milton Community Pub Company Limited, the Parish Council will not comment on these applications to avoid any potential conflict of interest. However local residents are encouraged to submit their own comments directly to SODC.

The following planning decisions received were reviewed.

P19/S0013/FUL (Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock, OX33 1LJ). Extension to existing HGV park and associated works. (As amplified by additional drainage information received 24 January 2019 and Swept Path Analysis drawing received 15 February 2019). Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

P19/S0629/FUL (6 Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HY). New detached dwelling on infill plot next to 6 Thame Road.

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is REFUSED for the carrying out of the development referred to above for the following reason(s): The Development Plan identifies appropriate locations for new development. New buildings within the Green Belt will not be allowed unless the development falls within strictly defined criteria. Great Milton is one of the villages within the District where infill development may be allowed. In this case, the site lies outside the built-up limits of Great Milton within the Green Belt where infill is not acceptable. As such, it would not be considered as an appropriate location for new residential development. The NPPF advises that inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the openness of the Green Belt unless there are very special circumstances which outweigh that harm. No very special circumstances exist in this instance. The provision of a new dwelling on this site would consolidate a row of houses outside the main body of the village and would have a greater impact on the openness than the current use. As such, the proposal is contrary to advice in the NPPF, policies CSR1 and CSEN 3 of the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy and saved policy GB4 of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan.

Caroline Newton expressed her regret that she had not been notified of this application coming to Planning Committee, resulting in her absence from the relevant meeting.

Financial Resolutions

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £461.88

Recreation ground insurance premium: £930.89

SODC dog hygiene: £65.48

Maple Tree Children's Centre annual grant (as agreed at minute 12/19). £500

Jenks Oxford (Tree maintenance): £768

Gillett and Johnstone (Church clock service): £206.40

The final reconciliation, bank statement and accounts for 2018-19 were received and APPROVED. The reconciled bank balance on 31 March 2019, and the closing balance for the 2018-19 financial year, was £21,041.50.

The Council's draft Standing Orders (April 2019) were reviewed and subsequently APPROVED.

The Council's Financial Regulations (April 2019) were reviewed and subsequently APPROVED.

Review of the Council's Risk Management document (April 2019) was further deferred until the May meeting.

The required insurance cover for the Parish Council's policy in advance of renewal was discussed, including consideration of coverage for various items belonging to the History Society in the Community Room at The Bull. Given that these items are not owned by the Parish Council or kept on Parish Council property, the Parish Council is unable to cover them to its own insurance. However, the Council is happy to discuss helping with improvements to security at the Community Room and/or a contribution towards any premium that may be necessary to ensure coverage of these items.

Given expenditure and income of less than £25,000 in the financial year 2018-19, it was RESOLVED to declare the Parish Council exempt from the requirement for a limited assurance review. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Clerk were duly authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption on behalf of the Council.

The proposed dates for Great Milton Parish Council's internal/external audit activities were reviewed and agreed as follows:

- Internal Audit (commenced April 2019)
- Signing of Certificate of Exemption (AGAR Part 2): Monday 15 April 2019
- Approval of AGAR Part 2 (including Internal Audit, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements): Monday 21 May 2019
- Exercise of public rights – Tuesday 18 June to Tuesday 30 July 2019
- All required information to be displayed on website by 1 July
- Exemption Certificate to be with Moore Stephens by 28 June.



Parish Clerk's update of matters in hand

The village litter-pick on Saturday 23 March was attended by 15 residents, to whom thanks are extended as well as to Ant Reeve of LASSCO for the use of his van for collection of bags from remote locations. Around 30 bags of rubbish were retrieved from the village's hedges and verges.

The speed monitoring device will shortly be returned to the police for use elsewhere but will return later in the year when an opportunity arises.

At the time of writing the defibrillator was being installed in the former telephone kiosk. The Parish Council again expresses its gratitude to the local resident who has kindly funded this provision and facilitated all necessary works.

Other matters

No further progress on the issue of stile replacement/repair on the path between Pitts Green and Waterstock was reported, although the path has been cleared and as a result is now considerably easier to navigate.

A lack of volunteers means that the proposed car scheme linking with the 280 at Wheatley unfortunately cannot go ahead at present: however residents have suggested that efforts are diverted towards lobbying for the Oxford Bus Company Pick Me Up demand-responsive bus service to include Great Milton in its area of coverage.

Radar devices have been erected by the County Council on Sworford Lane and Windmill Hill to assess speeds on these sections of road. The results have been received and are as follows:

Sworford Lane (Lower End-April Cottage)

4 days of data (battery failure)

TOTAL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS: 4118

Vehicles 51-60mph: 101

Vehicles 61mph+: 1

Windmill Hill (Views Farm-The Forties)

7 days of data

TOTAL VEHICLE MOVEMENTS: 13541

Vehicles 51-60mph: 1324

Vehicles 61-70 mph: 106

Vehicles 71+ mph: 5

In summary, although there are clearly instances of exceeding the speed limit (112 out of 17,659 movements) this is not sufficient to justify the many thousands of pounds it would cost to fund a reduction in the speed limit if not suggested by OCC on road safety grounds.

Parish and District Council elections are taking place on Thursday May 2nd. The Parish Council election will not be contested as no more nominees have come forward over and above the seven existing councillors. The Statement of Persons Nominated has been displayed on the village noticeboards: the Notice of Poll will be displayed in the week commencing 22 April. Please contact Tim Darch (Parish Clerk) if you need any further information on the election process.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 and associated documents have been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. The Local Plan and its supporting studies set out SODC's vision for South Oxfordshire and identify where housing, retail and employment land should be located, as well as the infrastructure required to support this growth, such as new roads, schools, health services and utilities. All documents, alongside other core supporting documents, are available for inspection at:

- SODC's offices 135 Eastern Avenue Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB weekdays from 8.30am until 5.00pm (4.30pm Fridays);
- www.southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan
- Public libraries in the district during normal opening hours.

The South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034 will now be subject to an independent examination to be conducted by the Planning Inspectorate. This is a continuous process which runs from the date of submission to the publishing of the Inspector's Report. This process will include hearing sessions which provide an opportunity for those invited to attend to respond to matters raised by the Planning Inspector. More details of this process can be found at www.southoxon.gov.uk/lp2034examination.

The bus shelter at Milton Common is in need of refurbishment. Quotes for replacement of the perspex windows have been received and Cllr Harrod in his role as County Councillor has offered to fund half the cost via his Community Fund, if the Parish Council can match fund the remaining cost. The cost of repainting the shelter via the shelter maintenance company is likely to be unaffordable, but options are being explored.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 May 2019 immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, which will start at 7.30pm.

Tim Darch

Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Notes of Great Milton Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday 15th April 2019

Present were Cllrs. W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, G Harris, P Fewell, C Deacon and G Bennet, along with Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and 4 members of the public. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr S Harrod (Chairman).

Cllr Steve Harrod's report in his capacity as Chairman of the Parish Council was relayed to the meeting by Cllr Bill Fox (Vice-Chairman).

Cllr Caroline Newton relayed her Annual Report to the meeting.

Cllr Steve Harrod's report in his capacity as County Councillor for Chalgrove and Watlington division was relayed to the meeting by Cllr Bill Fox (Vice-Chairman).

The Parish Council Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2019 were received from the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (Mr Tim Darch). Cllr Peter Allen presented headlines from a paper outlining the Parish Council's observations on its finances for the year 2018-19.

The following Annual Reports were received:

Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee

The annual report and financial statement were received from the Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee.

A member of the Committee once again reiterated that the Recreation Ground cannot be used for school pick-up and drop off: the Parish Council is understanding of this position and is working with the school to explore other options for improving arrangements for school parking. The issue of significant litter following football fixtures was also raised: it is hoped that the village football team can take responsibility for this going forward.

Old Field Charity

The Old Field Charity's annual report was received by the meeting.

Kent and Couling Charity

No representative of the Kent and Couling Charity was able to attend the meeting: however a brief statement was submitted on the activities of the Charity. No annual report or financial statement was received.

Sheppard Charitable Trust

An annual report and financial statement were received from the Sheppard Charitable Trust.

The Hard Surface Play Area Committee

An annual report and financial statement from the Great Milton Hard Surface Play Area Committee were relayed to the meeting by a member of the committee.

Neighbours Hall Committee

The Neighbours Hall Committee's annual report was relayed by Cllr Peter Allen to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm. All reports are available on the Parish Council website via the following link: <http://www.great-milton.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/APM-reports-combined-Appendix-58-19.pdf>

Tim Darch

Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Services in Our Benefice for May

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th <i>Easter 3</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 12th <i>Easter 4</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 19th <i>Easter 5</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 26th <i>Easter 6</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am		Rogation Benefice Family Service at Field Farm 10:00am
Thursday 30th <i>Ascension Day.</i>			Holy Communion 7:30pm

Services in Our Benefice for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd <i>Easter 7</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

Easter Activity and Storytelling Morning

Amongst the feedback were the following two emails...

'I just wanted to say a proper thank you for the Easter Story and Activities



Morning... A, B and C really enjoyed themselves and are rightly proud of what they've made! Their Golgotha hills and the stone covered tombs are amazing... it was a lovely atmosphere and we'll definitely sign them up for any other ones you may do in the future!

'I have just seen the absolutely lovely Easter gardens you made with the children. They are so very pleased with them. Thank you for spending time with them today

S.A. Dennis

Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May

Thank you to everyone who hosted a Lent lunch and to all those who came. We have already raised about £500 for Christian Aid! There will be a house to house collection... where there are collectors... again this year so watch out for the red envelope coming through your door and whatever – if anything – you give will be very gratefully received.

S.A. Dennis

Ramblings from the Rectory

I was booted out of the Rectory on the final afternoon of the Six Nations. I had already watched Wales win a very comprehensive victory and was settling down to watch another major clash between England and Scotland, the Calcutta Cup. When Cath exclaimed, 'Not another match' I thought it would be prudent to take off and so wandered up to the Bull.

I left when England were leading 7-0. I got to the Pub when England were leading 21-0. At half Time England were leading 21-7. At full time the score was 38 all. It was an excruciating second half!

The thing is though, I had bought my pint and was settling down to an interesting game of Rugby when the man I was sitting next to (if you are reading this, you know who you are!) turned to me and said something along the lines of, 'Can I say something? I think that religion is the cause of so much wrong in the world, the world would be a better place if we could get rid of all religion'.

These might not have been the exact words but I think you will get the gist. So there I was sitting down with my pint to enjoy a game of rugby only to be engaged with one of the most significant arguments that people have against religion. The fact that I was then in a very good natured way encouraged to engage with religion and pray for the English team in the second half (I refused, as far as supporting nations in sport I am pretty sure God is impartial!) added to the peculiar rather surreal direction

the afternoon was taking.

How do you watch rugby and at the same time deal with a deep question about the nature of religion? I had a go. Between grimaces about the way things were going for England my reply was along the lines of: 'Yes, religion has a great deal to answer for, that is perfectly true. But then again any human endeavour can start well and go wrong, it is not the idea that people believe in God that itself is the problem, it is what people are capable of doing with that idea, it is what lies in the human heart that is the real problem'. I also challenged the great 20th century experiments that had done away with God and asked where they had got us? Getting rid of God is not the easy answer that some think it is and in fact the human endeavours to do so have resulted in crushing the human spirit. What I didn't say but have reflected on since is that the issue was just as alive in Jesus' day as it is in ours. He was very ready to turn on the religious establishment of his day, most particularly the sect of the Pharisees, some of whom used religion in an extreme way to oppress those who were genuinely seeking God. This pharisaical spirit has manifested itself in many ways since and we have seen a particularly ugly and twisted example of it in recent years in the Middle East. I only single that out as a contemporary example, every religion is culpable. Should we then ditch the whole thing? In the 1960's in the Southern states of the USA 'christians' with deeply held religious views used them to justify racism and segregation. Dr Martin Luther King Jnr in response did not call people to abandon God, but return to God to hear again a truth that had been lost, 'Let justice roll like the river and justice like a never failing stream' he quoted from the Old Testament prophet Amos, pointing people back to the true heart of God.

Actually I love what happened. I have had some of the best conversations about God and faith with people who are not perhaps involved with the Church. In contrast I have found that with the institution of the Church most of my time, too much of our conversation has been spent with things that I really see as entirely secondary. At my most cynical I have wondered if, in the institution of the Church, we in fact removed God from the picture the whole thing would keep ploughing on regardless! I don't think that is true with those who habitually come to church and I think they will agree, we so easily get distracted by what ultimately will be inconsequential things.

I love it that I can go to the pub, have a couple of pints, and between watching England's humiliation on the Rugby Pitch have a deep honest to God conversation about how things are. There are some of course, who in my experience (not here), good religious people that they are might criticise me for even being in the pub in the first place...

Two more absolutely unrelated topics.

What a truly joyful time we had when Geraldine Latty came to St Peter's



in Great Haseley on 6th April. The 'Sing Gospel' event gathered a 'scratch' choir of about 50 people an afternoon rehearsal in preparation for an evening concert. It was a wonderful evening, singing songs of deep faith and hope paradoxically born from a time of deep pain, one of the most shameful times of human history, the slave trade. The trafficking of humans for economic gain scandalously continues in different forms today of course and these 'spirituals' have a contemporary edge to them. There has been much demand for a repeat performance. All the costs were covered and over £400-00 was raised for the work of Seesaw, the Oxfordshire child bereavement trust.

I will be away at the end of May to join in a family gathering in Devon to celebrate an uncle's 80th birthday. I am delighted to be able to do this but I will be missing probably what is my favourite service, a rogation at Field Farm, Colin and Suzanne Quartley's farm between Milton Common and Thame. Rogation is basically a sort of a blessing of the land. It is a lovely service, the last couple of years the Sun has shone and we have sat on straw bales in the yard with beautiful views out towards Brill Hill, cattle making their own music in the background, then a tramp across the fields for a symbolic 'beating of the bounds'. It is a family service and is great fun - Do come along, I'm sad that I will miss it.

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Canon Dr Martin Wellings on 01865 243216

May				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Paul Rosentall	
12th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Anderson	Holy Communion
19th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Mike Trinder	
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Martin Wellings	

60's & 70's Dance

Saturday 18th May in the Neighbours Hall. Live music from The Hippy Haze Band. Wine, beer & soft drinks, raffle. Tickets £10 from the shop or 01844 279205. In aid of Great Milton Methodist Church & St. Mary's Church.

The Neighbours Club

Isn't it nice to have lighter evenings now that the clocks have been altered although it is all very confusing for a few days we do not know what time it is and of course the mornings are that much darker for a while.

On the 3rd April members and friends set off on our outing which was quite a complicated one with several alternatives. "Outing to Reading Museum of English Rural Life, Town Museum Bayeaux Tapestry Replica, Oracle Shopping Centre, Sonning Common Herb Farm for shopping and tea".

On the 28th March we had a visit from Nichola who came to talk to us about "The Porch" charity. This was started in 1981 by the Convent in Leopold Street. It is estimated there are about 100 rough sleepers in Oxford and they have a life expectancy of 47. They are all welcome at the Porch and lunch is provided for £1 and dinner for £1.50. Nichola brought a selection of jams and pickles for sale, all made by herself and they are available for sale in our village shop.

Club on the 11th April was a selection of quizzes. We are now looking forward to a visit from Nick Brazil on the 25th April when his subject will be Albania in the early 1990's.

JCP

Forthcoming Events

Thurs 25th April: Nick Brazil - Albania in the early 1990's – 2:15pm

Wed 1st May: Hire of Comet Coach for visit to Bicester Avenue
for lunch and shopping.



GREAT MILTON
HISTORY SOCIETY

We hope to see everyone at our tent at the Fete in June! There will be albums to look at, booklets to buy and lots more to see! The Sports book (NEW) will be there and also our latest effort – a snapshot of the Village in 1961.

We held the launch of the Sports book in May. A small but select band of supporters came and shared a glass and checked out the Booklet. Our thanks to all of them.

Remember to bring us any family photos etc – we can copy them and return.

Come and see us at the Fete or in the Community Room.

GMH

Great Milton Church Fete

14.00 June 8th 2019, Recreation Ground

Dear Villagers

We hope you are looking forward to our annual Great Milton Church Fete which will be opened this year by Sarah Taylor of Rycote Park.

Due to popular demand, we will be having another cake competition, the theme being 'Fairy Tales' For more info, ask Laura Putt for details. The cakes will be judged by Benoit Blin, Chef Patissier at Le Manoir and Bake Off: Creme de la Creme judge.

Entry categories are key stage 1, key stage 2 (primary school), secondary school pupils and adults. Cakes will be judged at 2.45.

If anyone is spotted dressed up in the theme of Fairy Tales, there might be a prize for them if they are the best dressed.

We have lots of stalls and activities planned. The hot air balloon will be back again as well as the pet sheep. Children from our school will be entertaining us. There will also be the opportunity to take part in games. Dog owners – start preparing your dog for showing off in the dog show again!

Please bring your vintage car if you own one as there will be much interest in these.

We need everyone to help make this a success so if you can help, or provide items for the stalls, please get in touch with the stall holders below.

Plants - Liz Moyses (279875) or Sally Orriss (279231)

Cakes and jams - Laura Putt lauraputt89@outlook.com. If you are not a cook, she would love ingredient donations

Bric-a brac - Dee Nunan and Alan Pickett (happy to receive small sized donations at The Forge prior to the event but preferably on the day). Email: dee_nunan@yahoo.co.uk

Toiletries and gifts - Jane Jefferis (North End Cottage), Lucinda and Hiba Torabi

Tombola - Nollag McGrath

Books - Sue Barratt (279214) Weaver Cottage.

Hoopla - the Block family (278233)

Teas - Margaret Rogers, margtrogers@hotmail.com Please spare half an hour to serve teas or bake a cake.

Accessories - Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Braemar, 278475

Childrens toys - Toddlers Group (accept donations in advance or on day)

Our Grand Raffle has many amazing prizes so it would definitely be worth investing in tickets. Also, keep a look out for the programmes. As well as info about the day, the programme provides you with a chance to win a prize.

Most importantly, please can as many of you as possible come at 9.30 to help set up

and help us clear up at the end. Many hands make light work. Mike Block is leading the putting up and down and would appreciate lots of help(mblock@hwfisher.co.uk)

There will be a stallholders/helpers meeting in the pub on Monday May 20th at 7pm so please put the date in your diary.

Thank you everyone for your help. If you would like to be involved in any way, do get in touch with any one of us. Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Alex Kirkman, Mary Wakefield, Celina Bernstrom , Rachel Hutton and Graham Orriss.

Lifts-to-Bus Scheme

We have decided, with regret, that we cannot start the pilot for the lift-to-the-bus scheme as we have not been able to get enough volunteer drivers. Thank you to everyone who has supported me in the attempt: I believe all the current volunteers are happy to be kept on the list, so if you think you can help let me know and we may be able to try it at a later date.

In the meantime I suggest you lobby the bus company to try to get the Oxford Pick-me-up service to come out this far, or even start a new route for all the villages. Here are the details. If enough people contact them it might work!

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You can contact me on katepattinson@yahoo.co.uk or 279204.

Great Milton Football Club Monthly Update

Latest Results

23rd March

League, Oxford Leys (Away) 1-5 Jamie Buchanan

30th March

League, Summertown (Home) 1-2 Bradley Boodell

6th April

Cup, Chequers (Home) 2-8 (AET) OG, Jason Fletcher

13th April

League, Sporting 4-2 Dec Allen-Stokes 2,
Headington (Home) Jamie Ford, Jamie Buchanan



Fixtures

11th May – v Oxford Brookes Fourths (Home)

Sponsorship

We are currently looking for sponsorship to help with formalities for the end of this season and for preparation for the next one starting in September, please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in.

Fundraising

We are holding a Race Night at the Snooker Club in Thame on 1st June. If you would be interested in ‘purchasing’ a horse or a jockey for a small fee, or even sponsoring one of the 8 races, please contact us at greatmiltonfc@gmail.com.

Recruiting

We are also seeking new committee members, again if this is of interest please drop us a line.

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- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created an handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide 365alive.co.uk/fatalfour.

Great Milton Neighbours' Club Outings 2019

Wed 10th July

90 minute River Trip Runnymede to Windsor. Leave Windsor at 3:00pm for Queen's Farm Shop for shopping and tea. Cost boat and coach £30.

Wednesday 21st August

Severn Valley Railway Trip Kidderminster to Bridgnorth. Home via Stratford for tea. Cost train and coach £30.

Thurs 19th September

Stanway House and Water Garden near Stow. Beautiful Jacobean house and 18th century Water Garden with 300 foot single-jet fountain. Huge water wheel producing wholemeal flour. Cost incl. coach £28 – £30.

Wed 23rd October

Lunch and Entertainment at the Ferryman. 2 hour singing, comedy acts and dancers. Cost incl. coach £30.

Wed 13th November

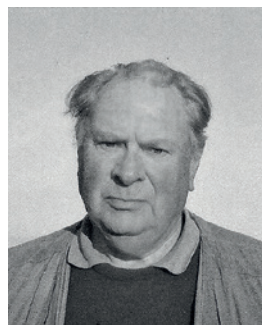
W.I. Lunch at Ampney Crucis near Cirencester.

If interested please ring Celia Cope 279459. All Welcome.

View from Views

A report from an informer: Swallows 1st seen 13th April, 4 days later than 2018.

At last I have had a comment on my previous Views, (Another opinion Gt Milton Bulletin April 2019) after all these years I had hoped to have some sort of comment on my views. I would just like to make the following points that have been made in the Great Milton Bulletin. Vegans, I merely made the point that everyone has a right to their opinion, but not so loud as to affect others opinion, or livelihoods, and certainly not lead to violence. On Glyphosate the point I make is that, although I cannot say if it is or not Carcinogenic, but that, as it is a total killer so if used to kill weeds then if dead they are not harvested, therefore cannot be eaten. Where I have to admit it's use is dubious, or could be a risk to human health, is where it is used to kill off any green growth before harvest. In this application the harvested crop could possibly have traces on chemical on it, but anyway there is a withdrawal period before we can harvest anyway. I also agree that we in the



past may have been guilty of affecting wildlife this is because we were unaware of that certain methods of control, of pests and disease, would have the effect it may or may not have had, as products were sold to us as being safe. Of course we humans think we are more important than the natural world and everything has to bow to us, the fact is there are too many of us on the planet, and soon it will not be able to cope. Whilst on the subject of in my opinion in the GM Bulletin mention has been made about Parking which is to my mind a joke in GM, not only does it slow the traffic but is more importantly downright dangerous and I cannot see why the authorities do not take any action, we seem to think we have the right to leave our cars where we like.

The weather has been very much a roller coaster of changes this year with hot and cold with many flowers having a longer or shorter period of flowering, we are although we are now desperate for rain, making the prospects for the coming season as unpredictable as the political situation. Having said all that at least the dawn chorus is becoming improving by the day. I have noticed a great increase in Skylarks amongst others species, this is very heartening as we have been accused of killing wildlife, also illustrates that some of the conservation initiatives we are taking are having an effect. We also have great flocks of small birds wheeling around, recent reports suggest House Sparrows are on the increase, whilst some of the very small species of birds decreased last year thought to have been the effect of the “Beat from the East” (RSPB report) not for once blaming Farmers. The one species that is worrying me is Hares, we used to have quite a few about years ago now we only very occasionally see them, my theory is that it is the red Kites taking Leverets when they are very small, as the decline seems to have happened since their release in the 90’s. It’s not all bad news on the natural front as the Butterfly Trust has announced that some species have increased by up to 58% since 1976, I have already seen some fluttering about this year. Another quirk this year the Rape, obviously due to the weather, has taken at least 6 weeks from the first time a flower was evident to full flowering.

Following on from my last month’s comments with reference to waste and recycling, we were feeling very pious in that we were using the council compost on the land to enhance its structure. As an aside, this is the sort of issue that our Environment minister was terming as public good, and would be supported, now he has said he is not going to support it! This is the product, I believe, of what the council collects from the brown bins, (garden/green waste) and what we take to the recycling depots. I was dismayed when walking the fields after its application to see evenly spread over the ground little bits of plastic, who’s to blame? Sadly I think we the public are to blame, for letting it get there in the first place, as once in the mix (or when the council get it) it is almost impossible to get it out, so it behoves us to make sure whenever we dispose of any green

waste we make sure there is no plastic in the mix.

Another “At Last” the authorities are admitting that if we go on expanding this country we are in real danger of running out of water, something I have been saying for ages, but also as I have been continually saying is that our little island will not be able to digest all our waste be it human or industrial as we are already polluting our water courses.

Having just seen the exhibitions regarding the village road improvements dependant of the Chalgrove Airfield development of 2,700 houses schools etc, I was very concerned that nothing was in any one plans for bypassing Little Milton arguably the most important stretch of the A329.


Again this year I am hoping to take part in the Chiltern Vintage Tractor Charity Run to raise funds for the Air Ambulance I plan to have a sponsorship form in the Great Milton Post office plus I also have Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Charles-Peers3> for anyone wishing to donate on line

Charles Peers

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

It is unusual to have such magnificent weather at Easter, but this time last year we had very similar weather so, in late April, this weather is not unusual. The difference is that Easter is very late this year. The date of Easter was determined in 325BC by the Council of Nicaea as being on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox; this is taken as being always on 21st March when in fact the equinox can fall anywhere between 19th and 22nd March. In fact, this year was complex as the equinox was on 20th March, but I think we will leave it there!

I love May as a month with everything clothed in fresh bright greens and growth galloping away. It is very hard to keep up at the best of times, but my inactivity over the winter period has meant that the problem is more acute than usual. Yesterday I was considering one border which has a large gap and I have no idea what is missing so am trying to decide what to put in there. Death is always an opportunity in a garden. I will probably split some plants and use something I already have; repetition in borders helps them hang together and it is the most cost effective way of filling a space.

Some years ago, we planted a long (about 100m) native hedge around our vegetable patch in flooded ground. Amazingly, the plants thrived and this winter the time came for my other half to lay it in the traditional way. This involves making a downward cut in the side of each stem and then bending down the stems as horizontal 

as possible always pointing uphill. Vertical posts are used to stabilise the hedge and long binding stems are used along the top to make everything tidy and keep it all in place. This hedge was planted alongside post and rail fencing which gives stability anyway. There was significant underestimation of the time it would take which turned out to be five man days! However, the effort has paid off and there was strong growth from the original stems, particularly from just below the cut. The whole hedge is now greening up beautifully and I am very proud of what my other half has achieved. Sadly, there is little of this craft practised now, but this example makes it obvious why; it is quite simply too labour intensive and costly to be part of everyday farming practice. Alongside other techniques such as dry stone walling, it survives through non-farming interest in rural crafts.

After a very mild winter we have had several heavy frosts in recent days which have caused a lot of damage to flowering plants. Magnolias in particular seem to have suffered which is always sad when they have such an intense and short period of flowering. We have a beautiful standard Wisteria trained from a seedling which arose under our original plant (in hot summers such as 2018 wisterias form large pods which hang down and can result in viable seed). We had positioned the pot so we could see it from indoors as it came into flower; this proved to be a big mistake as every single flower has been killed by the frost. Next year we will be more careful.

Another surprise has been a Camellia which we brought with us from Cheshire and which usually has about four flowers; it drops its buds as a result of inadequate summer water. I have no idea why, this year, when it would have had a particularly hot, dry summer in 2018, it is covered in blooms. Plants often surprise us! If anyone knows the answer I would love to hear.

Don't be tempted to put outside any of the summer bedding which you may have been tempted to buy over Easter; there will be more frosts...

Liz Moyses

News from The Pine Lodge

Elliott Morris is back in concert in Little Milton on 11th May, playing songs from his new album, combining elements of folk, roots, jazz and country. Embracing the traditional and the contemporary – this is folk music for the 21st century. Grab this opportunity to see live music on your doorstep. Tickets on sale, at www.wegotickets.com and Little Milton Shop.

The village hall AGM is on 11 June, please come along and help us to continue as a viable village hall by joining the committee or becoming an event volunteer? We need new committee members now or some services may disappear. No previous experience is needed. Contact us for more details

Regular activities include:

LMWI Resolutions & Henna demo at 7.30pm on Thurs 9 May

Craft Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (15 May)

Power Yoga with Hayley on Mondays at 9.15am
Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am
Pilates with Lee on Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am

Upcoming events:

Elliott Morris Concert - Saturday 11th May 7pm

Village Hall AGM - Tuesday 11 June 7.30pm

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Details & news at www.littlemilton.org.uk

Kath Stacey 279438 / Linda Lovegrove 279535 linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com

Little Milton WI

In April, we were entertained by funny stories of an invigilator and scary ghost stories at the Group meeting in Chalgrove Church.

This month on Thursday 9th May we will be discussing the new WI campaigns on saving the rural buses and encouraging cervical smear testing. This is followed by a Henna demonstration with Tanya from The Henna Boutique. Come and join in - Everyone welcome, visitors £5, or new members £31.50.

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton or The Haseleys, want to meet new people, get out the house, make new friends? Then join Little Milton WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Pine Lodge.

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

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Wheatley Library 01865 875267

As ever, we have lots coming up in our calendar and we would love to see familiar faces and new taking advantage of all our local library has to offer.

Dates to note:

Wednesday 1st May 10:30- 11:30

“Shotover, the life of an Oxfordshire Hill”

Ivan Wight will be here to talk about the wildlife found on Shotover Hill and he will be promoting the book he co-edited.

Refreshments will be provided. Donations gratefully received.

Saturday 11th May – 18th May

Display of craft and art by the Friends of Wheatley Craft and Art groups.

Saturday 25 May

Ex-library stock book sale 40p each or 3 for £1



Regular Friends of Wheatley Library events:

On-going sale of donated books

Monday morning craft sessions weekly from 10-12

Monday afternoon art sessions from 3-5

Monday evening craft sessions weekly from 7-9pm

New: Clarinet Players All levels welcome, contact friends@wheatleylibrary.org or look out for posters for details of dates and times.

We will see you all soon!

The Maple Tree

Did you know that The Maple Tree continues running as usual throughout school holidays (including the summer) closing only for Bank Holidays?

During the Easter holidays, not only did we have a visit from the Fire Brigade when families were able to explore a working Fire Engine, we also had a visit from some real Easter Bunnies during our Easter Bonnet Parade and Egg Raffle. Families enjoyed Easter activities such as making spring chickens, designing cards and headbands and decorating salt dough eggs and planting seeds.

If you have an interesting job, hobby or skill you would be prepared to share with us during a session, please let us know. Visitors always attract a lot of attention and it is lovely to learn about different people and professions. So far we have welcomed The Oxford Museum Service, Dentist, Children's Doctors, Milton (Pets as Therapy dog) and Rev Nigel.

Alternatively, we are looking for guest story-tellers/musicians to take part in our Once Upon a Rhymetime Session on Tuesday mornings.

The Maple Tree is holding a Grand Draw on the 23rd May 2019. We have fantastic prizes including £100 cash, Arbequina Restaurant voucher, tickets for football matches and family days out and many more prizes beside. If you would like to buy tickets (priced at £1 each), sell tickets or donate prizes, do get in touch – all offers of help are gratefully received.

Dads and other male carers – don't forget that we run a Saturdads session on the third Saturday of each month from 10-12 noon. Come along and meet our lovely Barb and spend some quality time with the children.

See our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/500731153419935/> or to volunteer, hire the MT, buy or sell raffle tickets or just for more information contact hayley@mapletree.org.uk

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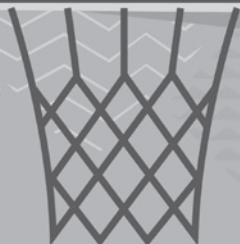
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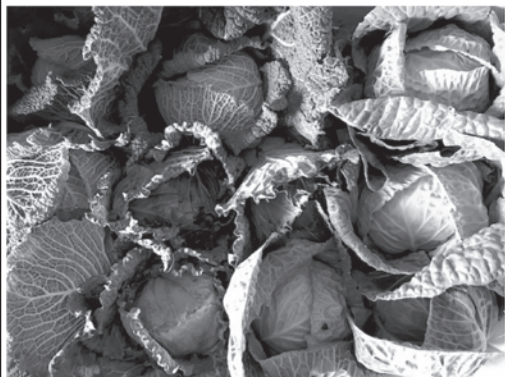
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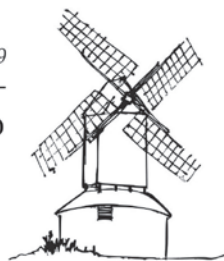
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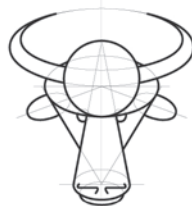
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- 1st Wed Neighbours Club: Outing to Bicester Avenue for lunch and shopping —
- 11th Sat Great Haseley Windmill Open Day 1:30pm
- Elliott Morris Live in Concert at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton 7:00pm
- 12th Sun Little Milton Primary School Boot Sale at the Little Milton Rec. 9:00am
- 18th Sat Great Milton School Spring Fair 11:30am
- 60s & 70s Dance with The Hippy Haze in The Neighbours Hall —
- 20th Mon Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion 7:30pm
- 25th Sat Garage Sale at The Old Stores 9:00am

June

- 8th Sat Great Milton Church Fete in The Recreation Ground 2:00pm
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