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Raymond Blanc receiving the title of Honorary Freeman of Great Milton (see p7)
L to R: Bill Fox, Eveline Noort (GM Le Manoir), Steve Harrod, Raymond Blanc, Peter Fewell, Peter Allen

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Draft Parish Notes – December 2019

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th December were Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, G Bennet, P Fewell, C Deacon plus Tim Darch (Clerk), Malcolm Horsley (new Councillor), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and one member of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs S Harrod (Chairman).

Cllr Malcolm Horsley has volunteered his services as Parish Councillor for Lower End to the parish boundary at Wheatley, and has been duly co-opted in the absence of any other interest when the vacancy was advertised immediately following Gwen Harris's resignation. Cllr Horsley's Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed and his Register of Interests received: this will be sent to the District Council's Monitoring Officer as required.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th November 2019 and the Special Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th November were received, signed and agreed as a full and accurate record of proceedings. Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda: no reports from the County Councillor or District Councillor were received this month as a result of the purdah period in advance of the General Election.

Cllr Peter Fewell declared an interest in Item 167/19, and specifically Planning Application P19/S2605/FUL (Mount Pleasant Farm, Thame Road, Great Milton). The land upon which the proposed housing will be constructed is partly owned by Cllr Fewell.

Cllr Caroline Newton reported that Robert Jenrick (Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government) directed SODC not to discuss or proceed further with any potential changes to its Local Plan during the parliamentary election period. It is assumed that Robert Jenrick will remain in post in the new government Cabinet, and that he will instruct that the Local Plan is put forward for inspection without further changes or councillor involvement. An emergency SODC cabinet meeting is likely to decide next steps, but currently it appears that the Local Plan will remain and be considered for adoption in its current form.

Although there has been no announcement as yet due to the election, there are strong hints that the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway will be cancelled, in its current form at least. Financial pressures at Vale of White Horse District Council may lead to the merger of SODC's and VOWH's finances to improve the situation in the short term: this may also trigger a one-off council tax rise.

Correspondence and Public Discussion

A letter has been circulated by the 'No Expressway Group' to the approximately

400 communities which are within 5km of the preferred ‘Corridor B’. Essentially the purpose of this letter was to publicise the group’s activities, to seek support and to summarise the current position with the Expressway. Given the uncertainty over the Expressway described above it was agreed to not discuss the letter further and to await further developments.

A resident of Milton Common has informed the Parish Council that building contractors at the site currently under construction on London Road have been blocking the pavement with their vehicles and materials. The Clerk has reported this to SODC, who in turn advised that it was an OCC matter. It is understood that this has been dealt with, but the Parish Council is happy to respond to further similar reports.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P19/S2605/FUL (Mount Pleasant Farm, Thame Road, Great Milton). Erection of two 4- bedroom dwellings with double garages. Amendments detailed in additional information received 11 November 2019 (trees, flooding/drainage, ecology).

It was agreed that the amendments and additional information received had no bearing on the Parish Council’s original comments on this application (with particular reference to the size of the proposed dwellings and the garage gable ends facing Thame Road) or the concerns of residents that have been raised (one of which was that the site was in the Green Belt).

As a result it was agreed that the Council’s original position of NO OBJECTIONS to development at this location be reiterated, but with the suggestion that consideration be given to smaller houses for which there is a significant need in the village, a request that hedgerows are retained and proposal that the garage arrangement should be redesigned so that the gable ends do not present to the Thame Road frontage.

P19/S4092/HH and P19/S4093 LB (Creeper Cottage, Church Road, Great Milton, OX44 7PB). Remove existing bay window to rear elevation and replace with oak framed single storey extension with hipped tile roof. New single storey extension to extend existing entrance area and provide new WC facility - remove existing internal flat roof area.

No objections have been voiced by from neighbours with regard to this application to reconfigure access arrangements and the internal layout, which the Parish Council agreed to FULLY SUPPORT.

The following planning decisions received were reviewed:

P19/S0677/FUL (Coach House Milton Lodge Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NJ). Pedestrian pathway to the existing door to The Coach House. Reinstatement of parking space to grassed area. (Temporary low fence to allow the grass ↗

to establish to be erected around the seeded area). Description amended to remove reference to removal of condition as agreed by agent's email dated 28 November 2019. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

Financial Resolutions

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses December. £434.90

Green and Growing. Mowing November. £90

Castle Water. Allotment supply 1/10/19-31/3/20. £31.60

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production December. £278.50

Great Milton Recreation Ground Committee. Annual grant. £400.

Payment for village Christmas tree. £80.

The latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statements were received and signed. The bank balance as at 9 December was £29,093.07.

Budget for 2020-21.

The final draft budget was discussed in detail. Expenses totalled £22,440, an increase of 4.3% compared with the previous year. Income from sources other than the precept was £3,710 compared with £3,510 in the previous year, while the precept was forecast to rise 4% from £18,010 to £18,730. It was noted that the General Reserve stood at approximately £21,040. It was agreed that this level of reserves was reasonable and should be maintained. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the draft budget for 2020-21 be accepted and approved.

Precept for 2020-21.

In light of the agreed budget for 2020-21 and after discussion, it was RESOLVED that the precept for 2020-21 be set at £18,730. The precept request was approved and signed as required.

Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

Red Rose Travel has not yet confirmed whether it will be able to divert selected 275 service journeys through Great Milton.

Other matters

Progress on implementing the scheme to utilise spare driveway space has stalled pending contact from the school on final implementation.

Peter Challis of Sustrans is scheduled to meet with the Clerk and other interested parties to discuss the proposed path to Wheatley on Wednesday 18 December. The outcome will be reported to the January meeting.

It was agreed at a special meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 27 November that the title of Honorary Freeman of Great Milton should be conferred upon Raymond Blanc OBE, in recognition of his significant contribution to the economy of Great

Milton and village life in general over his 35 years at Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons. This took place in a presentation ceremony on Monday 2 December and a letter of thanks was subsequently received from M. Blanc.

It was agreed that Great Milton Parish Council's meetings in 2020 should take place on the following dates:

- 20th January
- 17th February
- 16th March
- 20th April
- 18th May
- 15th June
- 20th July (Revision/cover possible dependent on Clerk's holiday arrangements)
- No meeting in August
- 21st September
- 19th October
- 16th November
- 14th December

The meeting closed at 8pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th January starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Tim Darch. Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Honorary Freeman of Great Milton

It was a great privilege for me and fellow Parish Councillors to present Raymond Blanc with a certificate bestowing upon him the title of Honorary Freeman of Great Milton on behalf of all the residents of Great Milton. This followed shortly after Raymond's 70th birthday and the 35th anniversary of Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons, with some basic mathematics showing that he has spent half his life devoted to Le Manoir and to the village of Great Milton.

The award was granted in recognition of the years of support that Raymond has provided to the village, and the relentless pursuit of excellence that has firmly established Belmond Le Manoir Aux Quat'Saisons and Great Milton on the culinary world map.

The Parish Council trusts that all residents will join us in congratulating Raymond for this achievement and wishing him well for the future.

Steve Harrod, Chairman

Services in Our Benefice for January

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th <i>The Epiphany</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 12th <i>Epiphany 1</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 19th <i>Epiphany 2</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 26th <i>Epiphany 3</i>	Benefice Holy Communion CW 10:00am		

Services in Our Benefice for February

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

Great Milton History



Preserving the past is becoming more costly, and Great Milton History cannot always rely on gifts to assist us in our mission to collect, conserve and share evidence of the past. We sometimes need to sell stuff! Christmas is a great promoter of commerce (don't tell the Rector).

So GMHistory hosted a gathering on November 30th; mince pies and mulled wine, long forgotten but very well attended and enjoyed at the time. We sold many of our booklets and Ian's work on wells and pumps was much pored over – definitely our most successful investigation to date.

December 14th saw us at the brilliantly refurbished Neighbours Hall where the Christmas Fair was held. Inspired planning ensured a great afternoon, big attendance and gratifying takings, I think – the mulled wine may have dimmed the recollection. Overall a great time was had by one and all, good causes benefitted, what more could anyone want! A Happy New Year to all our supporters.

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev John Anderson on 01235 529563

January				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jennifer Thompson	
12th	3:00pm	Gt. Milton	John Anderson	Covenant Service
19th	11:00am	St. Mary's	Gillian Dodds	
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Lenton	

Great Milton Church Christmas Fair

Thank you all so much for your contributions and help at our Christmas Fair. We are also grateful to Mobbs for sponsoring the event. Thank you also for coming - it was a roaring success. There was a lovely, lively atmosphere, a good turnout of all ages and it looked attractive in our re-vamped Neighbours' Hall. Father Christmas was popular in his new grotto. Many people won generously given raffle prizes and the fabulous Belle Epoque Dining Experience donated by le Manoir was won by Cathy Penrose from Chalgrove. We raised £3142.85 for our Church Development Fund - a fantastic result. We have now raised £30,000 towards repairing our tower and internal facilities so at last we will be able to place out first mark on the funding thermometer board in the churchyard!

*With best wishes
for a great 2020
from Laura, Clare,
Rosamund, Evelyn,
Tricia (Christmas
Fair organising
committee) and
Simon*



Photo: Ian Melton

Christmas Cake Raffle Prizewinners

Prize	No.	Winner	Sold at
1. Cake	942p	Paige Tanner	The Bull
2. Gents Wristwatch	428p	Hilary Glenn	The Shop
3. White Wine	112y	M. Kimber	The Bull
4. Binoculars	824p	M. Bright	The Bull
5. Tin Shortbread	818p	M. Bright	The Bull
6. Rose Wine	756p	Julia	The Bull
7. Cup/Saucer & Teapot	778p	Julia	The Bull
8. Sparkling Wine	72y	Kevin Tanner	The Bull
9. Folding Shopping Bag	15y	Kevin Tanner	The Bull
10. Gents Watch & Sunglasses	254p	Pattinson	The Shop
11. Harveys Bristol Cream	111y	M. Kimber	The Bull
12. 3 Miniature Port	95p	I. Melton	The Shop
13. Jigsaw Puzzle	120y	M. Kimber	The Bull
14. 2 Glass Tumblers	520p	B. Hunt	Quiz Night
15. Plant Pot & Saucer	403p	John	The Shop

Tickets: p = pink, y = yellow

£112.00 Proceeds for Party Funds

Thank you for your support

Little Milton WI

We had a fun December, drinking mulled wine and stocking up on gifts at our Body Shop party and the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to Jane Willis for the festive buffet.

We're out for the next few months, on Thursday 9th January, we're at The Crown in Stadhampton for our New Year dinner. In February, we're joining Waterstock & Tiddington WI for their meeting on Donkeys, Dolphins, Foxes & Fish with Kevin Little. We'll be back in the Pine Lodge in March for our AGM and a brand new programme.

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

Too shy to come by yourself? Contact me & I'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 279438 or email littlemiltonwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Poppy Appeal

The “Grand Total” for Great Milton this year was £646.93.

A big thank you to Mr. Ayton and Laura Putt for helping with the door to door collection. Without these two people helping me we would not have the door to door collection so if there is anyone willing to give up approximately one hour of their time I would be most grateful.

Thank you,
Sue Denham.

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Quiz

A total of eight teams participated in the quiz which resulted in a very close finish with Quiz Quiztopherson totalling 163 points with runners-up Flag Hippo just three points behind on 160.

Party funds benefitted to the tune of £294.30.

Our thanks to everyone who supported this event, in particular Paul dennis for compiling the quiz and, once again, acting as Question Master.

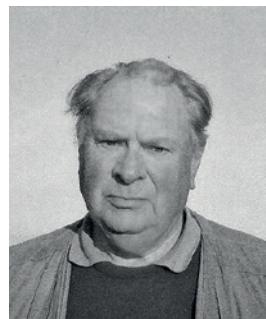
Ann Price, Secretary

View from Views

“A Happy New Year to One And All”

I hope everyone had a wonderful “Christmas”, and now that the festive season is over we can all look forward to a better “New Year”, now that we have a better idea where we are going, we hope! Perhaps I will have more to comment on next time.

Who would have thought the wet weather would have



continued for so long, again thank goodness we do not live in other areas, it must be devastating for those that do, and as for farming and getting the autumn planting done, let alone keeping all the livestock fed, watered, and dry. It took more than a month for our Winter Wheat to come through the ground making me wonder if it was ever going grow, then suddenly it came during the last week in November, what a relief looking quite respectable, this I think would indicate that the soil became so cold with all that rain. At the same time the ambient temperature on average was a degree or so colder, as up to the time of writing, we have used more wood for heating, than we did all last year. The same could be said for the Oil Seed Rape as although there is more plant than I thought last month, it is very backward making it extremely vulnerable to Pigeon damage once they start to get hungry.

I guess the continual colder than average weather must have had some effect on the small birds as it seems to me that there do not seem so many about as we are used to, maybe my imagination. Plenty of larger birds around ready to attack our crops, then that is the sort of hazard we get used to, always on the knife edge as to what pest or pestilence is about to attack our livelihood. We recently did a small bird survey and I am pleased to report that we sighted 33 species on a 1/3 of the farm.

It cannot have escaped anyone's notice how our river reacted to the November deluge, as normally a good 25mm rain (1 inch in English) would bring the river into flood. Not this year it was not until the middle of November that it flooded after some 2 weeks of rain but then suddenly out came the floods and stayed for some 2 weeks. I can only surmise this was because after 2 previous dry summers and winter, the ground was so dry it took so long to fill the aquifers and land drains to start running, now it looks as if it has never stopped raining everywhere is saturated.

This flooding around the country is becoming more of a problem, climate change or not, as I eluded to in last month's issue some of this could be alleviated. Our politicians seem happy to spend £80bn plus to get from London to Birmingham in 20 minutes less, but not £8bn (the figure that has been suggested) for flood alleviation. It was suggested that at one point during the extremes of weather this year Norfolk was short of water, at the same time they were pumping water from Lincolnshire into the sea. Is it not time to spend money on water infrastructure to stop the misery of homes flooding, and send water to where it might be needed, it will cost money as does HS2, which is more important? House building doesn't help the situation, planning as a whole must take all this into consideration, we just cannot go on like this. A letter recently in the "Oxford Times", (only one person's opinion) states that the 300,000 house demand in Oxfordshire in the next 30 years poses the question that we might need 120 square miles of land for the sand and gravel. This apart from other infrastructure how much

green land will there be left, a sobering thought, I suggest we need to give this serious attention before it is too late this just cannot be accommodated on our small island.

I expect a lot of readers will have seen the BBC programme on meat “Meat A Threat To Our Planet” depicting how bad eating red meat is, ones first reaction was how biased this was but in fact, as mentioned by a speaker at a Farmers Union meeting, “it was the best advert for British Farming”, the only problem was that it only mentioned once that this did not bear any resemblance to our farming system. We have to remember that most of our Farming systems are dictated by area, we produce Lamb and Beef in areas that are most suited to grass growing like the uplands on land not suitable for other crops. Our red meat production being produced mainly from these areas is not nearly such a problem for the environment as in the film. It also ignores the fact that Grass will sequester carbon in the same way as trees, except it will for 12 months a year, as I don’t think trees can do this when they have no leaves. The amazon forests are not being destroyed to produce meat, but to grow crops that are needed to produce a plant based diet, that we seem to be demanding. All the political parties are saying we will plant more trees, it will be years before these trees are big enough to sequester enough carbon anyway, by which time it is to be hoped large companies and Governments will have taken action to reduce the use of coal and flying. Other transport systems both public and private are already addressing this with more electric buses and cars. I personally do not think that covering the land with trees is what anyone really wants or would like, no views and everything looking the same, we could then face the problem of forest fires during the summer.

Charles Peers

The Maple Tree

Hayley Hayle - Coordinator

Happy New Year to you all from The Maple Tree. December was a busy month for us with lots of Christmas events and parties. Rev Nigel kindly came along to our Christmas Rhymetime session and shared the Christmas story with us. Thank you to everybody who supported us at our Family Christmas Craft afternoon at Holton Village Hall. A great afternoon was had by all, young and old with lots of festive fun.

The New Year brings another new partnership for The Maple Tree. We will be running bi-monthly Rhymetime sessions at Wheatley Library with the first session on Tuesday 7th January 10-11am. Everybody welcome – it would be lovely to see some new faces (as well as all of the old ones of course!) 

We have the Ambulance Service coming to visit our Stay and Play session on Thursday 9th January (9.15-11.30) – come and investigate the inside of an ambulance – we may even see the blue lights and hear the siren too.

Sling & Buggy walks are starting again on Wednesday lunchtimes (12-1.30) from 15th January. Come and meet other local parents (and our lovely Melanie) for a stroll in the fresh air – perhaps your new years' resolution is to get fit – what better way to start that this.

Sat 18th January (2.30-4.30pm) is Magic Peter's Magic Show at The New Club, Wheatley. Tickets start from £3 each and are available from The Maple Tree (info@mapletree.org.uk) .

Don't forget to visit the Baby & Toddler group at Forest Hill Village Hall on Wednesday afternoons (1-2.30pm).

Watch this space for our new regular 5 week Baby Massage courses. They will be starting very soon.

Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley> provides more information about our timetable. Alternatively, email hayley@mapletree.org.uk

News from The Pine Lodge

In December the hall had to be made available at very short notice to host the General Election vote, our apologies to Toddlers Sense for disrupting your scheduled gathering.

The next of the winter Quiz events will be held at the hall on 18th January with tickets as always available at the village Shop.

Regular activities at the hall:

- Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am
- Pilates with Lee on Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am
- Leone weekly acting and theatre sessions for adults Tuesday evenings 19:00-20:30.
- Toddler Sense Thursday mornings 09:45 – 11:55.
- Advanced Textile workshop every Wednesday 9:30 – 15:30
- WI on 2nd Thursday of the month (9th Jan) 19:30
- Craft Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 19.30 (15th Nov)

For more details about events or the hall please contact linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com
gilesdenby@yahoo.com

Wheatley Library 01865 875267

Dates to note:

Tuesday 7 January 10.00-11.00

Mapletree Children's centre hosts Rhymetime in the library

All children welcome and must be accompanied by an adult

Friday 24th January 10.30-11.30

Opera in an hour

Come along to create a story in song.

It's all in good fun.

Saturday 25th January 9.30-12.30

Book sale of withdrawn library stock

Regular Friends of Wheatley Library events:

On-going sale of donated books

Monday craft sessions weekly from 10-12, 2-4pm, and 7-9pm – there will be a break over Christmas.

First Friday of the month, Clarinet Players at 7.30pm

Book donations

We gratefully receive good quality “as-new” donations of adult fiction. If you buy books to read but don't want the clutter, please consider donating them to the library.

Thank you and happy holidays from staff and volunteers of Wheatley Library

Get Help with Home Repairs

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to get the help they need.

The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

Mrs K who lived in Cherwell District Council, who had a cardiovascular disease had her ageing heating system assessed as causing a danger to her health. The draughty doors and windows with rotten wooden frames were doing little to keep out the cold weather, making house freezing cold. She accepted a referral to an organisation who

helped with getting her heating system replaced along with new windows and doors. She says of the work done “I feel much warmer and happy to have a heating system that works and is safe”.

For more information or to make a referral visit

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs

Your home affects your health



Find out what support is available to help keep you safe and well in your home.

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs



Great Milton Website

Have you seen the website?

<http://www.great-milton.co.uk/>

It is important to keep it up to date
so please could you advise Carina Martin
of any updates that need to be made
(carina.martin@gmail.com)

Quiz Night

Saturday 18 January

7pm @ The Pine Lodge

*Everyone welcome!
Come on your own or with a team*

**Ticket includes 2-course dinner
Licensed bar
Corkage £2 per bottle**

**Tickets on sale at Little Milton shop
£12 in advance
£15 on the door**

News at www.littlemilton.org.uk



Small School, Big Heart, Great Start

Little Milton Church of
England Primary School

EXCITING NEW NURSERY PROVISION

Places available for 3-4 year olds from
January 2020

Wraparound care
Weekly French lessons for all children
Forest School

For further details please contact:

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- Full back page colour £35 or £350 per year •**

Adverts for community or fund-raising events can have quarter page free. Larger sizes are charged at half the normal rate.

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Email: contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk

All payments must be settled in advance. Please make cheques payable to "Great Milton Parish Council"

The Three Villages Car Service

The Three Villages Car service exists to help people who are having difficulty in getting to their doctors' appointments.

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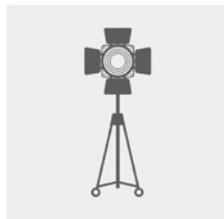
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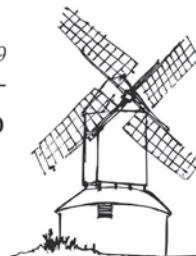
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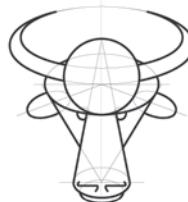
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Wednesday	Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm <i>contact Ann Price – 01844 279474</i> GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm <i>or by appointment</i>
Thursday	Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm Kids Yoga (4–12) – The Pavilion. 3:30pm <i>contact Hayley Bamford – 07825 794662, yogalizard.co.uk</i> The Neighbours Club, Alternate Thursdays. <i>contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432</i> Sandy Lane Farm Market. 2:00pm – 6:30pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269 www.sandylanefarm.net</i> Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>
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Saturday	Bellringers – St. Mary's Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm <i>contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300 www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com</i> Toddler & Baby Group – The Pavilion. 9:30am – 11:30am <i>For more information contact Molly Powell – 07958 396257</i> Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm. <i>Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090</i> Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm <i>contact David Spiers – 01844 281345</i>

January

18th Sat	Freecycle at The Pavilion	10:00am
	Quiz Night at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton	7:00pm
	Great Milton Dads and DJ Niv at The Neighbours Hall	7:30pm
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