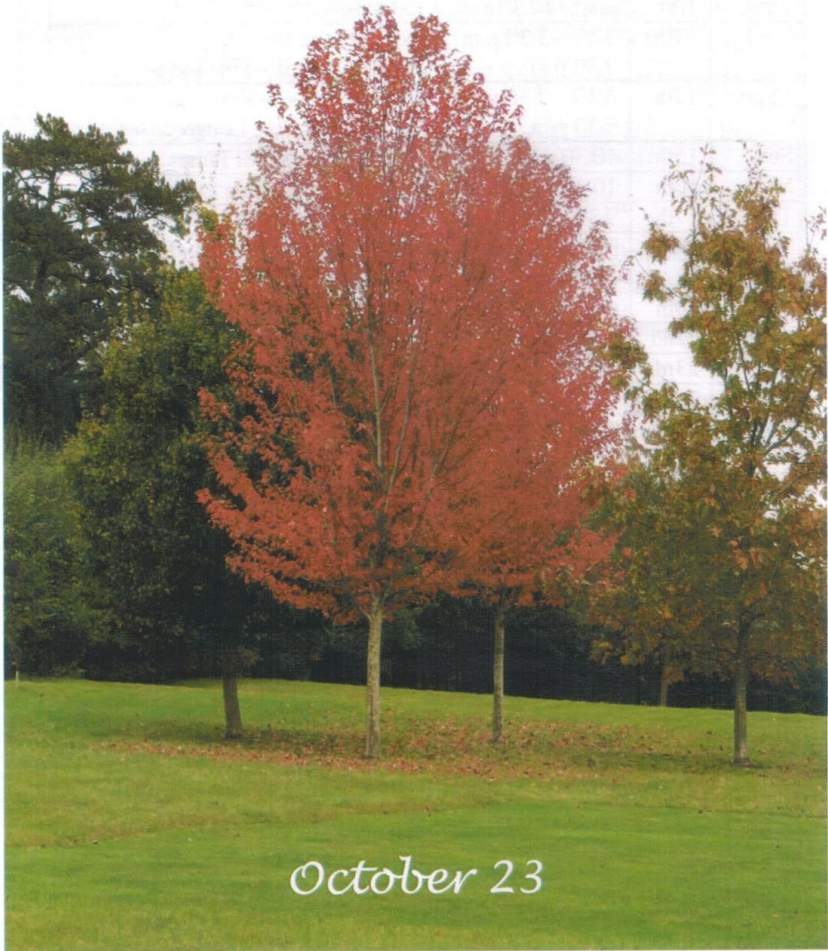


Little Milton

Newsletter



October 23

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: OCTOBER 2023

Sun	1st	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion St James'
Mon	2nd	10.30-11.30a.m	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	3rd	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	4th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge
Thurs	5th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
Sun	8th	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship: St James''
Mon.	9th	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues.	10th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	11th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge Parish Council – Pine lodge
Thurs	12th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge WI Meeting Pine Lodge
Sun	15th	10.30 a.m.	Family Worship St James'
Mon	16th	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	17th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	18th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge Craft Evening: Pine Lodge
Thurs	19th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
Sun	22nd	10.30 a.m.	Benefice St Mary's Great Milton
Mon	23rd	10.30-11.30a.m.	Fitness/Yoga – Pine Lodge
Tues	24th	9.30– 10.30 a.m.	Exercise Class- Pine Lodge
Wed	25th	9.30 – 3.30 p.m. 11.00 a.m.	Adv. Textile workshop – Pine Lodge Sewing Group- Spring Cottage
Thurs	26th	6.30 – 7.30 p.m.	Exercise Class – Pine :Lodge
Sun	29th	10.30 a.m.	Benefice Holy Communion St Mary's

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

There was no Council meeting in September.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11th October 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)	07740 438770
Councillor Howard Harrison	01844 279946
Councillor Adam Sheppard	01844 279217
Councillor Ed Horwell	07527 346187
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 – OCTOBER

	Brown	Grey	Green	Food
3rd October	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
10th October	No	Yes	No	Yes
17th October	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
24th October	No	Yes	No	Yes
31 st October	Yes	No	Yes	No

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Trial of longer lasting road surface

A West Oxfordshire road was resurfaced with a high performance material to test the product's suitability to increase the life of the highway.

New proposed rural bus services

OCC's 2023-24 budget included £800,000 for the provision of improved rural transport. For many communities this will herald the return of public transport coverage for the first time since 2016. Buses are likely to take the form of a minibus (16 seats, depending on demand and responses to tenders. OCC has reached out to Parish Councils for views on possible new services from Watlington to Thame and Reading.

HIFI Update

The government has intervened after Oxfordshire County Council's Planning and Regulation Committee resolved to refuse the County Council's planning application for four road and travel projects in and around Didcot, known as HIF1. The application will now be considered at a public enquiry by a government appointed Planning Inspector.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE LITTLE MILTON



Save the Date!

**The Fayre this year will be on
Saturday 9th December**

There will be a variety of stalls and activities and, as usual, all the profits will be shared equally between St James's Church, The Pine Lodge, The Orchard and Little Milton School.

If you would like to help or have donations of tombola, raffle prizes, etc. please contact any of these organisations.

Thank you
Teresa Qusted

BENEFICE SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 1st October

9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Harvest Festival

St James' Little Milton
Peggs Farm Great Haseley

Sunday 8th October

9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Worship

St Mary's Great Milton
St James' Little Milton

Sunday 15th October

9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Worship

St Peter's Great Haseley
St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 22nd October

9.00 BCP Holy Communion
10.30 Benefice Holy Communion

St Peter's Great Haseley
St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 29th October

10.30 Benefice Service

St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 5th November

9.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Family Worship
4.00 Service of Commemoration

St James Little Milton
St Peter's Great Haseley
St Mary's Great Milton

GREAT MILTON METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES: OCTOBER 2023

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

Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comment
1st October.	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	David Harper	
8th October	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Malcom Dodds	
15th October	10.30 a.m...	Great Milton	Local arrangement	
22nd October	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
29th October	11.00 a.m.	Great Milton	Sue Barratt	

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR OCTOBER

W/E 1st October	–	Mrs E. Summers & Mrs Wendy Newby
W/E 8th October	–	Mrs A Blagg & Mrs C D'Aeth
W/E 15th October	–	Mrs M Davies & Mrs S A Dennis
W/E 22nd October	–	Mrs L. Lovegrove & Mrs C Coward
W/E 29th October	–	Mrs A Jones & Mrs Sarah Holifield

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA FOR OCTOBER

W/E 1st October	-	Jane Willis
W/E 8th October	-	Jane Willis
W/E 15th October	-	Jane Willis
W/E 22nd October	-	Chris Coward
W/E 29th October	-	Chris Coward

OBITUARY- JAMES D'ALBIAC

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that James passed away on the 12th September. and our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. Ed

RECTOR'S PINT

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

I did wince a bit at being told I was 'half remembered' but I went on to have a very happy afternoon, as we all did, with the hope that we will do it again. However, this did make me reflect on the value we put on being known and remembered. For some, this is crucial to their lives as they strive to leave a legacy, for good or ill, that will never be forgotten. For most of us, the reality is that in a relatively short period after we die, within a generation or two, we will have been forgotten. But there is another dimension to this which we do not see. As a Christian I believe that one of the fundamental realities of our faith is that we are known by God. In Isaiah 49:16 we read "Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". And in John 10:28 we read "I gave them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand". What is the true nature of our identity and security? Is it that we are remembered after 45 years by someone we never really knew in the first place, or that we are known by God? I know which one gets my vote.

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

Simon

**Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving for the departed.
St Mary's Church Great Milton; Sunday 5th November 4.00 pm
Refreshments will be served after the service.**

CONGRATULATIONS ABI & SAM CANTERBURY

Congratulations to Abigail Jones and Samuel Canterbury on their wedding at Little Milton Church on 26th August 2023. Although Abi now lives in Bristol she spent her childhood in Little Milton and it was always her wish to be married in the church she knew as child. Sam and his family are from South Wales and it was lovely to welcome them into St James'

We'd like to thank those who went above and beyond making the church and the church yard look its very best for their special day and for the best bell ringers we could have asked for. Also to Jane Willis and Reverend Simon Cronk for a beautiful wedding service.

Angie & Nick

DATE OF NEXT SEWING GROUP

Thank you Maggie for making us all so welcome in September...lots of post 'Pins, Needles and Pimms' chat!! This month we're meeting on Wednesday 25th October from 11.00 onwards at Spring Cottage in the Haseley Road. Please telephone Sally Ann on 01844 278029 if you'd like to come along and join us. We'd love to see anyone new, especially if you've just moved into the village and want to meet a few locals!

Sally Ann Dennis

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE PINE LODGE

A date for the diary - Village Fireworks display Saturday 4th November.

Are you thinking of hosting an activity in the Hall that needs Wi-Fi - following requests from hirers we are installing a free Wi-Fi connection for users of the facility in the future.

We are always looking for new ideas for events we could host or organize for the village at the Hall and volunteers to help support them - if you have any ideas please send them to giles.pinelodge@gmail.com, or come to one of our monthly meetings to discuss it with our team.

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)

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 19:30. For further details contact clerk@littlemilton.org.uk

Village Hall committee 2nd Tuesday 19:30. For further details contact giles.pinelodge@gmail.com

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

SHADOW CLOCK AND TIME VAULT

After a long delay to get all the stones for the Shadow Clock engraved they are finally ready. We plan to lay out the clock beside the playground on the Recreation ground on a sunny day in October so that we can calibrate the time. We will then bury the Time Vault under the clocks platform at 12:00 on Sunday 28th October

Giles Denby

NEWS FROM LITTLE MILTON SCHOOL

Small School, Big Heart, Great Start

The new school year is well underway, and the weeks are flying by already!

We have been busy adding to the Worship Team to fill the gaps from last year's year 6 and have started singing our Harvest songs ready for our Harvest Festival service on 6th October 9-10am, at St James' Church. Please join us if you can.

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school to 'Meet the teacher'. This gives parents the opportunity to see their child's learning environment and to ask questions about the year ahead.

The children are thoroughly enjoying their new curriculum topics and it's fantastic to see the work and classroom displays emerging. There has also been a real 'buzz' of excitement as the children explore their new learning.

Music has been a particular focus this week. On Monday we welcomed Corinne back and the gazebo was once again 'alive' with the sound of keyboard lessons and singing. On Wednesday afternoon, the air was filled with music as KS2 had their first woodwind lesson of the year and Year 2 began their ocarina lessons. Year 3 are very excited to be starting their instruments and years 4, 5 and 6 have had the opportunity to choose whether to continue last year's instrument or start a different one. We are delighted to hear that some of last year's year 6 children are continuing their instruments in their new schools, in year 7.

The week concluded with our first Good Work Celebration assembly and it was fantastic to see so much impressive work already.

Hannah and James
Co-Headteachers



OPEN DAY
THE ORCHARD PRE SCHOOL
LITTLE MILTON

SATURDAY 14TH
OCTOBER 2023
10AM - 12NOON

- Come and meet us, come and play
- We offer childcare for 2-4 year olds, term time
- Accept funded hours
- Meet our friendly and experienced team
- Tea and cakes for all!

Ofsted 2022
Good Provider

Tel: 01844 279 989
enquiries@theorchardps.org.uk
www.theorchardps.org.uk

"Learning through play"

Little Milton Oktoberfest at the Pine Lodge



Friday 13th October

7 – 11pm, £20 ticket includes :
Bavarian platter, apple strudel +
first drink

Raising money for Little Milton School
Buy tickets using this QR code, at the village shop
or by emailing friends@littlemiltonpri.org



TONS TOGETHER (LITTLE MILTON) WI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIENDS OF WELLS FARM

October is a time of change for the reserve. The trees are beginning to prepare for winter and the leaves will start to change colour. They do this because they produce less green chlorophyll and draw down nutrients from their leaves back down into the trunk and roots ready for next spring. Two other main colours remain and these are produced by carotenes (yellow) and anthocyanins (reds and pinks). With shortening days a reduction in another chemical makes the joint between the leaf stem and the stalk change, producing fractures and eventually leading to the fall of the autumn leaves. Fallen leaves are then dragged underground by worms (surprisingly fast) or get consumed by various fungi, thus all of the remaining goodness gets recycled.

The remaining grey poplars towering over the pond at the bottom of Barn Field should have been removed by now. I was told by someone in the forestry industry many were planted in the late 70s to provide wood for matches that Bryant and May would use to make their matches. But smoking decreased and more people used lighters so demand plummeted. I think ours were planted between 1977 and 1981. SSEN also plan to do some more tree pruning to clear the lines around Blenheim and the allotments so be careful and don't get too close.

BBOWT plan to remove the asbestos sheeting from the side of the second barn as it is beginning to break off. At some point the barn will be improved. You will also notice that BBOWT cut some of the paths back last month to make it easier to walk around. As far as I am aware the livestock will not be returning yet but look out for the signs and keep your dogs on a lead to avoid worrying the livestock.

Activities planned for this month:

Thursday 5th October 5.30pm - walk around the reserve starting at the Oldfield Bridleway gate

Friday 6th October 7.30pm - walk around the reserve starting at the Oldfield Bridleway gate

Sunday 15th October 10am – 1pm – Work party should anybody wish to join me – look for the signs at the Oldfield and Barn Field Gates

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

VIEW FROM VIEWS

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

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

On the subject of conservation the great news is that we have recently formed what is known agriculturally as a "Farm Cluster". For the last few years there we 2 clusters on the River Thame, which only achieved a talking shop status, which some of us did not feel good enough, as the Government was encouraging us to do something. As a result it was decided that these should amalgamate and, employ a facilitator. With the help and mutual agreement with "River Thame Conservation Trust" (RTCT), the "Thame Catchment Farm Cluster" (TCFC) was formed with the "RTCT" allowing us the time of one of their senior project officers to be our facilitator. Already we have started

project called Landscape recovery which aims over the next few years enhancing the catchment of the Thame or extending the good works the “RTCT” is already doing, it is thought that there is substantial Government funding for this sort of initiative. This I think is all very exciting as it will give us farmers the finance to carry out works that we could not otherwise do. As an aside if it can be reproduced the picture is of a fish refuge, we dug only 4 years ago now it looks as if it has been there for ever, just shows how quickly nature takes over.

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

Charles Peers

WELLS FARM ALLOTMENTS

Squashes have done very well this year thanks to all of those rain showers! SSEN may be doing some work clearing trees from around the overhead power cables so please stay clear if you see them.

I plan to be on site Saturday to do some clearance work from 10am so if you would like any assistance in clearing your allotment I should have the brush cutter. Might even consider a barbeque on site if the weather looks ok. I will send an email out separately nearer the time.

Paul. (paulj201@hotmail.com)

FRIENDS OF LITTLE MILTON SCHOOL- 200 CLUB

August

1st	No 17	Ian McCulloch	£9.00
2nd	No 35	Louise Schembri	£7.00
3rd	No 42	Jane Willis	£5.00

September

1st	No 42	Gordon Smith	£9.00
2nd	No 22	James Bell	£7.00
3rd	No 42	Chris Skidmore	£5.00

Diane Austin



Saturday
4th November
@ The Pine Lodge, Little Milton

Hot Dogs & Soup

Bar opens 18:00

Fireworks begin 18:30

Tickets available at the Little Milton shop

Adults £5. Children over 12 - £3

Accompanied children under 12 FREE

The ticket price does not include food

FRIENDS OF LITTLE MILTON SCHOOL

200 CLUB

Treasurer
Mrs. Diane Austin
C/O School

200 Club Organiser
Mrs. Diane Austin
C/O School

Dear Parents/Villagers/Friends,

LITTLE MILTON 200 CLUB

Many thanks to all of you who registered with the 200 club last year. This letter is to remind you that we are now renewing our 200 club for the year 2023/24 and our first draw will be held on 17th November and thereafter on the 3rd Friday of every month. For those of you who are unaware of the 200 club, it is a scheme that raises funds for the school, with an equal amount being paid out in prizes.

To become a member costs as little as £12.00 per year.

Each month, a draw takes place with a minimum of two prizes. The number of members determines the value of the prizes. Fifty percent is given to the school. As membership increases, so does the prize money increase. As previously, we will be requesting annual payments. Everyone needs to re-register in order to be entered into the monthly draw. New numbers will be allocated to all members on a first come first serve basis.

We hope you will be able to support, or continue to support our village school by joining the 200 club. Please complete the attached form and return with payment to either the Post Office or Little Milton School by 15th November please.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

Mrs Diane Austin The Friends of Little Milton School, 200 Club Organiser.
Registered Charity 1004016

LITTLE MILTON 200 CLUB

Rules

1. Name "Little Milton 200 Club"
2. Cost: £1 per number per month paid annually
3. Purpose: To raise funds for Little Milton School.
4. No more than 200 numbers allocated.
5. Every participant is allocated a ticket number that will remain constant throughout the year.
6. The total value of prizes will be 50% of the annual ticket sales.
7. There will be at least 2 prizes per month.
8. Payments will be asked for annually on the 1st November each year
9. The draw will be held each month at Little Milton School. During School holidays the draw will be held at a committee member's house in the presence of at least two committee members of the Friends of Little Milton School or alternatively consecutive months will be drawn at the same time at the school prior to school holidays.
10. Any persons may purchase more than one number.
11. Prize winners will be announced each month in the village newsletter and will also be advised individually by a committee member.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LITTLE MILTON 200 CLUB

I wish to become a member of Little Milton 200 Club for a minimum of 12 months from 1st November 2023.

NAME

ADDRESS

Tel No:

Number of tickets at £1 each month.....x £12 = £

Method of payment CASH or CHEQUE (made payable to Little Milton 200 Club)

Or BACS to Santander, account number 83882283, sort code 09-01-54
Please state 200 Club

I understand and accept the rules of the Little Milton 200 Club

Signed.....Dated.....

**Please return to the Post Office or Little Milton School by
15th November 2023**

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARD

This year we will, again, be compiling a “Village Christmas Card”. Last year 50% of the households in Little Milton participated- that is stunning!

For those of you new to the village, or for those who may have forgotten, this is something we have been doing for many years – we produce a collective Christmas card (no need for individual cards!) and raise money for a very good cause.

All contributions are donated to Sobell House, a hospice in Oxford that many people will be aware of. In 2021 our card won an award from Sobell House as one of the Community Fundraising Projects of the year. This year we have beautiful images that were collected over the last festive period, so you never know, you might find your home on the card.

Every year I am contacted by many people who were disappointed to miss out or who didn’t appreciate how lovely the idea is. PLEASE don’t let that be you this year!!!! The form will be in the November Newsletter and as always, the deadline for contributions will be the first Sunday in December.

How does it work?

Every village household has the opportunity to write a short greeting that will be printed in a large single Christmas card and distributed to each home in the village AND (this is the important bit) make a donation to Sobell House at the same time.

How do we join in?

A form will be published in the November Newsletter. Please complete this and either return it to me or to the Village Shop **before Sunday 3rd December**.

We will then prepare the card, print it, and distribute in time for Christmas.

How much does it cost?

There is no minimum donation amount, but every pound raised will go to Sobell House

Who pays for this?

We are grateful to Juliette Langlais of Morgan & Associates for once again generously sponsoring the printing. The artwork and design are kindly provided Baseline Arts in Oxford and all the incidental costs are picked up by a benefactor.

How are the cards distributed?

A wonderful team of volunteers will deliver the cards to every household in the village in time for Christmas.

How much is raised?

Last year we raised just over £2,350 with this simple and fun initiative (and we have raised over £14,000 since starting this venture).

Can I see an example?

Of course, please give me a call.

You REALLY do not want to be one of the people who say, “Oh, I really wish we had done that...”

Roger Longshaw (279777)



**MORLAND HOUSE SURGERY, MORLAND CLOSE,
WHEATLEY, OX33 1DP**

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm
Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to
10.30am, for ***pre-booked*** consultations only

Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to
one of the reception team on 01865 872448 for more information.

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by
phoning 111

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

There will be no change to the process of ordering your repeat
prescription. If you already collect your medication from Wheatley
Pharmacy, then you need not do anything. If you have not yet
nominated a pharmacy to pick up your medication, then please do so by
29/9.

Check or alter your nomination via your NHS login - NHS
(www.nhs.uk) or contact the surgery's dispensing team via
morland.dispensary@nhs.net Tel 01865 872448 (option 3)

Flu and Covid Vaccines - All eligible patients who have been booked in
for a flu vaccine from mid-September onwards will be offered a Covid
vaccine at the same appointment. To find out if you are eligible, please
visit www.nhs.uk and search for "Covid Vaccination".

For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number
of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit
www.morland-house.co.uk



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**Thame &
Wheatley**

Walks Programme October 2023

- Sunday 1st** Meet at Stokenchurch for a 6¼ mile circular walk into the Wormsley estate and up to Ibstone.
- Thursday 5th** Undulating 8 mile walk from Ibstone Common visiting the villages of Turville and Fingest. Bring a picnic.
- Tuesday 10th** Leisurely, social 2½ mile walk from Priest End, Thame, via Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve, finishing with coffee at the Thatch.
- Saturday 14th** Meet in Tetsworth for a 7½ mile walk via Adwell and Stoke Talmage.
- Wednesday 25th** Meet at Moulsoford recreation ground car park for an 8 mile walk via Lowbury Hill. Bring a picnic.
- Tuesday 31st** Moderate 5½ mile walk from Queens Lane Coffee House, Oxford, visiting parks and river on eastern side of Oxford.

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

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John Howell MP writes

September 2023

Just as school were due to return, and the sunshine that many had been longing for came, we hit the problem of the safety of school buildings due to concerns over reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC). The potential disruption to education and the timing of the problem caused inevitable and understandable frustration. The Department for Education had been working to identify buildings which may have RAAC over the last year but the problem escalated with cases that came to light over the summer and at the end of all establishments with buildings with RAAC confirmed by a surveyor were advised to take the affected space out of use until suitable mitigations have been put in place. I think that this was a sensible precautionary step to protect the safety of everyone whilst adequate mitigations are being put in place. Whilst the concern was widespread thankfully once the list of affected places was published I was relieved to see that no schools in this constituency were affected.

Following the media coverage of the introduction of Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ) I received a number of emails from constituents raising concerns on what is being seen by some as a war on motorists. I appreciate that a number of residents in this area do travel to London on a regular basis. The ULEZ in London means that for those who do not have a compatible vehicle there is now a charge of £12.50 a day to drive in these zones. As we have seen in the High Court challenge the size of the zone and the unavoidable negative economic impact on some residents makes the scheme contentious. The decision to introduce the scheme was entirely that of the Mayor of London and media reports of him seeking to hide research from Imperial College that questioned the beneficial environmental impact of the scheme simply led to the claims that it is nothing more than an anti-motorist cash cow.

From early days as an MP I have been very clear that in a rural area such as the Henley Constituency a car is not a luxury; it is an essential means of transport both locally and indeed for longer journeys where practical alternatives do not exist. Whilst we can argue for more public transport the geography and nature of people movement will always make it a challenge to provide an efficient and economic system that meets the diverse travel needs. We need, as always, to find a balance and do our best to bring people with us on change. Sadly when measures are introduced that seem to be excessive it leads to other more genuine measures being challenged too. Tackling air pollution is nothing new. The most recent Government Clean Air Strategy 2019 complements the Industrial Strategy, the Clean Growth strategy and the 25 Year Environment Plan. However the whole strategy is not just aimed at motorists, it is much wider.

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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