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Cover: Improving the footpaths in Old Field. See page 7.

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Benefice Services for March

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Wednesday 8th		Compline 6:00pm	
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Wednesday 15th		Compline 6:00pm	
Sunday 19th Mothering Sunday	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Wednesday 22nd	Compline 6:00pm		
Sunday 26th	BCP 9:00am	Family Gathering 4:00pm	Benefice Service 10:30am
Wednesday 29th			Compline 6:00pm

From the Rectory

I have been here for over seven years as the Rector, and I admit to having been cautious about being drawn into debate about the marriage of people of the same sex.

Some of you will be aware that the Bishops of the Church of England have finally recommended that there should be prayers of blessing for same sex couples following a civil marriage. The proposal was accepted by the February General Synod meeting of the Church of England after a long debate.

I am aware in our churches of a range of opinions. There are those who really don't see this as an issue at all, who are increasingly frustrated by the church's position which they view as unjust and out of step with society. There are others though, who are troubled by this as something dear to them, the traditional view of marriage, is being tampered with. Locally, I have heard both views expressed.

I have tried to understand both sides. For all Christians, the Bible must be a serious and central part of the debate, and I have heard Christians of differing persuasions use the Bible to justify their own positions! There is no doubt that overall, the Church

has much to reflect upon. Unquestionably, same sex couples have felt excluded and hurt. On the other hand, I do not believe it is right to automatically brand everyone who continues to hold to a traditional view of marriage as homophobic, and that has certainly happened. This debate has resulted in painful polarities.

I have really wrestled with this. A recent conversation with a clergy friend helped me, as we both realised that we wanted to emphasise the grace of God, open to all, rather than persist with increasing discomfort in a view that continues to perpetuate what will only be seen as a cruel judgement.

This has taken me a long time, but I now believe the way forward should be along the lines of what happened with the marriage of divorced people. It must be left to the individual clergy concerned, whether he or she, with integrity and in good conscience, can take a full and proper marriage ceremony. The present solution is simply kicking the can down the road, leaving just about everyone upset. It is too far for some, while for others, it legitimises a first and second-class status of marriage in the Church. I believe that it is inevitable that a ceremony celebrating the marriage of people of the same sex will eventually be offered. It is complicated, and people will have to decide what their relationship with the Church will be when that happens, but trying to find a halfway solution, with the offering of prayers of blessing is simply prolonging the pain. If I were a member of the General Synod of the Church of England, I now know that I would vote for change.

Simon

Come for lunch in Lent!

St Mary's Little Milton, St James' Little Milton and St Peter's Great Haseley are happy to announce that we're hosting our annual series of lunches across the Benefice once again, in the weeks leading up to Easter.

We'll be getting together to share a light lunch – complete with some truly excellent bread supplied, as ever, by the team from Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons, to enjoy each other's company, and raise some money for Christian Aid.

There's no charge, but we really appreciate it if you can make a donation.

The lunches this year are:

Thursday 2nd March

Trudy Timbs - Orpswood Cottage, Great Milton

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Wednesday 8th March

Sally Ann Dennis and Jane Willis - Spring Cottage, Great Milton

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Wednesday 15th March

Jane Jefferis - North End Cottage, Great Milton

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Monday 20th March

Anne Maloney - The School House, Great Haseley

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Wednesday 29th March

Scilla Burgess and Jane Cannon – Delafield, Little Haseley

07799738829 sepburgess@yahoo.com

01844279457 jane_r_cannon@yahoo.com

These events are always extremely popular, and a great way to celebrate good food and good company. Please let us know as soon as possible, if you'd like to join us for lunch!

Great Milton In Conversation

Reflections on the Covid Vaccination Programme

with Professor Anthony Harnden

Thursday, 20th April 2023, 6.30 pm,

St Mary's Church, Great Milton

Writer, broadcaster, academic and Great Milton resident, Dr Charlie Lee-Potter, will be in conversation with Professor Harnden from 7 to 8 pm, followed by questions from the audience.

Professor Harnden is Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), a GMC Council member, Fellow of St Hugh's College Oxford, and General Practitioner at Morland House Surgery, Wheatley.

Tickets will not be required for this event.

Donations will be collected towards the new kitchen and toilet facilities in St Mary's Church. Do join us for Drinks at 6.30 pm.



Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

March 2023				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
12th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Sue Barratt	
19th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion/MS
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Andrew Maisey	

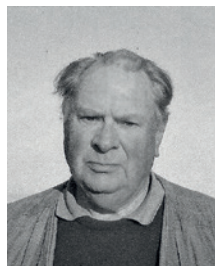
Old Field Footpath Improvements

A team of volunteers carried out work at Old Field in February to improve the footpath which has been regularly waterlogged over the past few winters. Funds to enable us to start this work were raised at a recent Quiz evening - thanks to our village quizmaster Alan Pickett.



View from Views

Spring is well and truly on it's way, in fact from about the middle of January the birds were making themselves heard, presumably starting to find a mate. What it is to be young! These birds by the middle of February are frantically getting their nests ready for their forthcoming activities/nuptials. A few days ago a small flock of "Peewits" or to be correct "Lapwings" were seen foraging on a neighbours Wheat, a sight not seen for many years. Seen them fly over on occasion but, never on the ground. I believe they frequent some of the wetlands further up stream from here. These are one of species that are noticeably depleted due of course to modern farming. In mitigation to that fact I remember at a tender age when first allowed to drive a tractor on my own, one of the first jobs I was allowed to do was Harrow a field of corn for weed control, no sprays then. I was instructed to lookout for "Peewit's" nests some of which my father will have marked. I think this indicates that we were concerned about nature in those days, I guess it was the mid 40's. I noticed a month or so ago a few birds I could not identify, possibly Golden Plover, Stone Curlew. More recently I saw a pair in the same place. This is very interesting, as we have not seen either for some time.



I don't know if it is me or not – perhaps someone else has the same opinion that the second bout of frosty weather seems to have had more affect on plants then the first.

Anyone travelling along our road, (known as Windmill Hill) may have noticed a dead deer on the road verge, presumably hit by a vehicle. We speculated as to its type. We are reliably informed that it was a Chinese Water Deer. A similar deer had been seen on the farm some days earlier. These deer are not that common around here although, as another has been seen since the demise of this one, obviously there were two. Add to this a lonesome Buck was resident on the farm for several months a few years ago. Strange what some of these wild animals do.

The president of the NFU was recently invited to no 10 by the PM who, she reports, seems to understand the importance of food security, a very reassuring fact. It would now be good to see how this affects future discussions but I won't hold my breath. It seems also he understands the problems within the food chain; in other words the power of the large supermarket chains who actually dictate future direction of agriculture. This to us is a big issue, so it is important that it is well understood within Government.

Since I last wrote we learn of more land being turned over to nature reserve with the release of Beavers amongst, no doubt, other species. This release is not a million

miles from here which, if they can be kept under control, will not present a problem. I find this difficult to comprehend, as they are an animal that thrives on chewing wood so, how on earth do we think they can be properly restricted to their designated area? Their supposed benefit is to hold back water. Great, in the right places. Here we have, for some time now, suffered from fallen trees just downstream where our neighbouring landowner needs to agree to remove them. This causes extra flooding on our flood meadows which now are not even suitable for grazing animals.

There are moves within parliament to open up the countryside to give more public access. This is fine except it potentially will create real problems for us. Whereas most of us welcome the public on our land, we are lucky in this area as those that use our footpaths etc, do not in any way cause us a problem but, in some areas, this is not the case, as we learn of real concerns. These are the increase of livestock worrying from dogs, due to greater dog ownership, litter, gates left open. Add to this, where paths cross land that is wet walkers, understandably, taking alternative routes, destroying even more crop than the designated width of a footpath. This also applies to Wild Camping where visitors have been known to leave equipment, with areas desecrated by fires, and other misuse that may seem innocuous. All these issues are extra pressure on nature (wildlife) from not only agriculture but development of all kinds which seems to abound whatever. I make these points so that people can perhaps understand where farmers are coming from when they object to this sort of legislation and perhaps the whole population of this small under pressure island, this “Emerald Isle” of ours.

As we enter another year the prospects appear challenging as our nation is facing real problems in eastern Europe, where indirectly we are fighting a war for democracy and freedom that we simply must win. This of course means we must continue the supply of military funding, depleting our financial resources even further after the effects of Covid. Perhaps we need to adopt a bit of Dunkirk spirit and tighten our belts for the good of our way of life.

Charles Peers

Inter Village Meeting Notice

Monday 3 April 2023 14:00 – 15:00 “Have your Say” Come and meet to share your insights, observations and concerns with our local Police Community Support Officer (Thames Valley Police). This is a multi village gathering to be held at Little Milton Village Hall with invitations to participate extended to Great Milton, the Haseleys, and Stadhampton. All welcome.

A.G.M – Neighbours' Hall

The Neighbours' Hall Management committee would like to invite you to the A.G.M. on Tuesday 14th March at 7pm. Everyone will be most welcome.

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

We had a fun, seated Paracise class to music with Lee Caulfield in February. It was great to see everyone have a go and get moving. Lee runs Pilates classes in Little Milton on Fridays at 930am, Paracise on Mondays and Wobble (seated) on Wednesdays in Thame - see her website for details; www.leecaulfieldpilates.co.uk.

Our next meeting is our AGM on Thursday 9th March at 730pm. Come and hear all about the year and activities in your local WI. We're busy making the 2023/24 programme, so come along, find out all about it and join us. Everyone welcome - Visitors £5 or free if you join on the night.

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 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

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Morland House Surgery News

Visit Morland House Website

In addition to providing a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit the Morland House Surgery website www.morland-house.co.uk for:


- Up-to-date information about surgery opening hours and the wide range of services provided.
- A link to the electronic consulting service eConsult. Use eConsult to ask about your health symptoms, conditions, or treatment. You can even request things like sick notes

- and GP letters. From the home page click on 'Contact your GP practice Online'.
- A link to the NHS App. Download the App, or open the NHS website in a web browser, to set up and log in to your NHS Account. Owned and run by the NHS, your NHS Account is a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services online.
 - Up to date information on current news items including:
 - Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre – X-Rays, blood tests, ultrasounds, CTs and more
 - Information on the NHS 111 online service which is available 24/7
 - Advice on how to stay healthy and well this winter
 - COVID-19 and flu vaccine updates
 - Looking after your mental health
 - Electronic Prescribing Service (EPS)
 - Group A strep and scarlet fever, advice for parents and guardians
 - 24/7 breastfeeding support
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John Howell MP writes...

As readers may know I lead the UK Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe on behalf of the Government. Whilst this does take me away some of the time it also enables me to steer a positive contribution for the UK as well as all other Member countries. For example at the January meeting of the international delegation I put forward a paper for the introduction of a new International Convention or Treaty on the protection of the environment in times of armed conflict. Whilst this could seem remote what would mean is that we would have something with which to prosecute a crime such as deliberately exposing a community to chemical weapons. I have been working too with the UN on this. Something long needed.

Whilst on the subject of Europe there has been talk of the UK leaving the European Court of Human Rights. I am a firm believer that we should stay a member of the Court and of the Convention on Human Rights. The Court is not a foreign court but is an international body in which we share responsibility with the other countries who are members. I believe that leaving the Court would be disastrous for the UK. I am sure we will hear more on this in the coming months.

Much more locally I have been pursuing issues relating to our GPs. I fully appreciate that some constituents have been frustrated at issues around access and face to face appointments. At the same time many of our GPs are feeling under huge pressure. Towards the end of last year I met with some of our GPs to listen to their 

concerns and this month I called together a meeting with other Oxfordshire MPs and the Chief Executive of the local Integrated Care Board (ICB) which oversees primary care provision. Among the issues raised was that of some GP practices closing their books to new patients. My view is that this is an unfair move for other Practices and for residents who cannot register locally. Further it does not solve the problem. The senior ICB team agreed to meet with local GP teams and pursue the this and other issues with them. I will be following up on this in due course.

Also working with other Oxfordshire MPs, I have been looking into the issue raised with me by a number of parents of the decision by the County Council to withdraw its 'spare seat scheme' for school transport on some services. This is essentially a scheme where any unallocated seats on school buses could be offered to parents of children not eligible for free school transport for a fee. Removal of this scheme inevitably leads to a negative impact for working parents, but it also puts many more cars on the road. The latter flies in the face of the County Councils own environmental ambitions where they have promised to reduce car journeys by 1-4. There are also safety implications for those children who would have to walk along busy roads not served by footpaths to get to school. The County Council said that as it did not have a statutory duty to deliver such a scheme it did not need to involve parents in the decision making. We have urged them to reconsider this decision as a matter of urgency as it is causing huge stress to many families.

I have long supported the part that apprenticeships play in the transition from full time education to work as a robust alternative to a university or college course for some people. I am therefore delighted to see that for young people seeking apprenticeships as an alternative to university there is good news. Plans have been launched to allow young people to use the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service, more commonly referred to as UCAS, to search and apply for apprenticeships alongside degrees. This will give them a better understanding of all the options available to them so they can get the best possible start in life. This will take time to get up and running and will be available from next year.

There are, of course, many big issues which affect us all which are will rehearsed in the national media and which the government is already working to address. If there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government, and in the Constituency, please do look at my website. The address is www.johnhowell.org.uk. My contact details are also on the website.

QUIZ

Friday 24th March
NEIGHBOURS HALL
7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Quizmaster: Alan Pickett

£5 per person

Teams of 6

BYO drinks and snacks

(glasses available)

Proceeds to
Disasters Emergency Committee
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Tickets on sale in The Shop



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The **dispensary** is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm (closing 1 – 2pm every day) Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8.30am to 10.30am

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111 For further information, please see our website www.morland-house.co.uk
Or contact our Reception team on 01865 872448

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Haydn's Creation

7.30 pm Saturday 18 March at St Mary's Thame

Director of Music: Kate Billimore

Guest appearance by Bruce Alexander

Tickets £10 from bagels2011@gmail.com or on the door subject to availability

All proceeds to charity: Asylum Welcome <https://www.asylum-welcome.org/>

Supported by The Book House, Thame <https://www.thebookhousethame.co.uk/>

WALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

JANUARY

- Thursday 5th** Meet at Christmas Common, layby side of road to Northend, for a 5½ mile walk via Pishill and Northend.
- Sunday 8th** Meet at Kingston Blount Village Hall for a leisurely 6½ mile walk via Crowell, Aston Rowant and Sydenham. Shorter 3 mile option available.
- Tuesday 10th 1pm** Meet at Wheatley, car park off Church Road, behind King and Queen PH, for a leisurely 5 mile railway-themed walk to visit both ends of the tunnel on the former Oxford to Princes Risborough line.
- Friday 20th** Meet at Wheatley, car park off Church Road, behind King and Queen PH, for a 7 mile relatively easy walk to Holton, Forest Hill and Shotover Country Park.
- Thursday 26th** Meet at Christmas Common, layby side of road to Northend, for a 6 mile ramble through some of the woods above Watlington.

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 2nd** Meet at Aston Rowant, Lambert Hotel, for a 7½ mile walk via Aston Rowant Nature Reserve and Lewknor.
- Sunday 12th 2pm** Meet at Stokenchurch for a 5½ mile walk to Radnage church for Snowdrop tea. Hot drinks and cakes available to buy. Usual Chilterns fields, woods and views to enjoy.
- Sunday 19th** Meet at Wheatley, car park off Church Road, behind King and Queen PH, for a 6 mile walk via Shotover park.
- Wednesday 22nd 11am** Meet at Chalgrove, village car park, for a leisurely 7 mile walk via Cuxham. Lunch (pizza/pasta) at the Half Moon PH. Option to return by bus.
- Sunday 26th** Meet at Ewelme (Cow Common car park) for a 7 mile walk via Brightwell Baldwin.

MARCH

- Thursday 2nd** Meet at Ewelme (Cow Common car park) for an undulating 5½ mile walk via Swyncombe Church and Swyncombe Downs.
- Tuesday 14th** Meet by the church, Bledlow, for a leisurely 4 mile level walk across fields and along quiet country lanes, with coffee stop at the Peacock Country Inn.
- Saturday 18th** Meet at the Lions PH Bledlow for an 8½ mile walk via Rout's Green, and Radnage. Bring a picnic.
- Sunday 26th** Meet at Garsington, The Green opposite the Three Horseshoes PH, for a 6 mile walk through the villages of Garsington, Denton and Cuddesdon.
- Wednesday 29th** Meet at Hailey (near Wallingford), King William IV PH, for a leisurely 4 mile walk with classic Chilterns scenery. Optional pub for coffee or lunch afterwards.

All walks start at 10am unless otherwise stated.

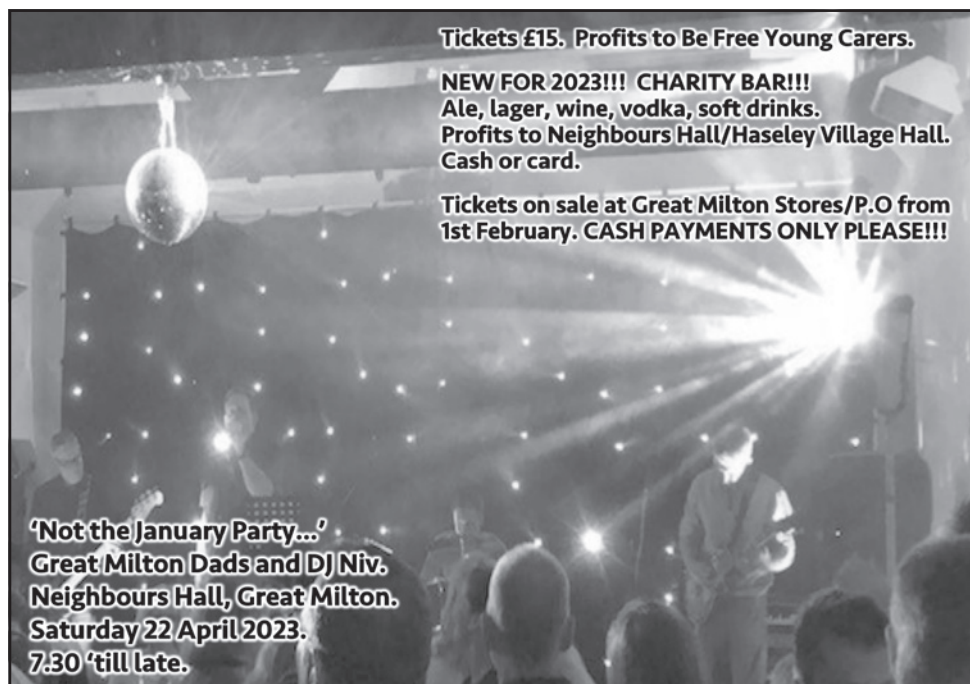
Please check the website to confirm details as programme subject to change:

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

or phone 01844 213608

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

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Profits to Neighbours Hall/Haseley Village Hall.
Cash or card.

**Tickets on sale at Great Milton Stores/P.O from
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'Not the January Party...'
Great Milton Dads and DJ Niv.
Neighbours Hall, Great Milton.
Saturday 22 April 2023.
7.30 'till late.

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 Chris Ashworth
of any updates that need to be made
(contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk)

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01844 278233**

Neighbours' Hall

A large recently refurbished community Hall with central heating, new lighting and well-equipped kitchen. The Hall benefits from a bar, stage and smaller room opening on to an enclosed patio garden area overlooking Le Manoir orchard. The Hall has good car parking facilities. It is ideal for community groups, children's parties, family get togethers, company functions, weddings and special celebrations.

Available for hire by the hour or the day.

Cost for hiring
£15 per hour, £120 for the full day

Please contact our booking secretary

Janet Smith 01844 278415 for further details

www.great-milton.co.uk/community/great-milton-parish-council-18553/community-halls/

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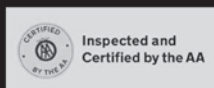
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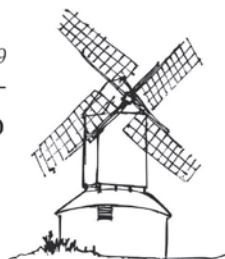
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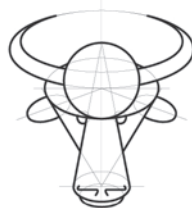
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 Arts & Crafts Club – The Pavilion. 1st Monday of each month. 6:30 – 9:00pm
contact carina.martin@gmail.com
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
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 Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
 GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 10:30am – 12:00pm
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 2nd Wed: Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday
 Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm
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- Thursday The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*
 Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm.
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 Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. *contact: see Thursday*
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| 8th | Wed | Lent Lunch at Spring Cottage | — |
| 14th | Tue | A.G.M. at The Neighbours' Hall | 7:00pm |
| 15th | Wed | Lent Lunch at North End Cottage | — |
| 18th | Sat | Haydn's Creation at St. Mary's, Thame | 7:30pm |
| 20th | Mon | Lent Lunch at The School House, Great Haseley | — |
| | | Parish Council Meeting at the Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| 24th | Fri | Quiz at The Neighbours' Hall | 7:00pm |
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