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Harvest Festival in The Neighbours Hall.
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Draft Parish Notes

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th September were Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, C Deacon, and G Harris, plus Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and 9 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs S Harrod (Chairman), G Bennet and P Fewell.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th July were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

The County Councillor's monthly report was received by the meeting and is available via the Parish Council website. The County Councillor's monthly report for September was received by the meeting and can be viewed on the Parish Council website. Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) reported that a decision on adoption or otherwise of the SODC Local Plan had been deferred until next month. There are concerns about the loss of approaching £500m for infrastructure that would result from the adoption of the housing proposals that are included in the current iteration of the Plan. Failure to adopt a Local Plan may lead to increased 'speculative development' without appropriate transport and other infrastructure. A new SODC Climate Change Committee has been appointed following the declaration of a Climate Emergency in the district, and a new SODC Homeless Strategy is to be published later this year.

Planning applications

Cllr Peter Fewell declared an interest in his absence in 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.

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P19/S2358/HH (Brannock Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NL). Removal of the single-storey ground floor kitchen and bathroom. New build replacement ground floor kitchen with utility, with new bedroom and bathroom over. Additional door to west elevation. Internal alterations.

Consultation with neighbours revealed no issues or concerns. As a result, the Parish Council agreed to FULLY SUPPORT this application.

P19/S0677/FUL Coach House Milton Lodge Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NJ. Amendment dated 26th July 2019. Remove condition 6 from application ref P14/S2675/FUL and to create the new hard standing for the parking of cars (as amended by revised plan and letter from Agent received on 26 July 2019 altering the design of the parking area and including a pedestrian access).

This application was discussed at length, with the applicant's Planning Consultant, residents of the Coach House and Milton Lodge and neighbours with concerns all

present. The major areas of concern expressed were the fact that the application in its current form followed a breach of the initial application (which was granted on the basis of a parking area being created within the curtilage of the building) and the setting of a precedent both in terms of the use of verges to create formal parking spaces and resulting 'urbanisation'. The applicant's representatives stated that the space was created for convenience, to avoid the need for a circuitous walk while carrying shopping (for example), and that the parking space in the revised application was designed to resemble a rural track, with 'wheel tracks' either side of grass growing through a cellular grid. It was noted that some neighbours were supportive of the proposal, and that historical access to Chilworth Farm by large agricultural vehicles via Ives Gate Lane should not be obstructed.

After much deliberation the Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to this application, on the grounds that there has been no material change in circumstances to require additional, permanent parking on Ives Gate Lane, which was restricted by the original application and which this amendment seeks to overturn.

P19/S2462/FUL and P19/S2462/LB (1 Monckery Farm Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB)

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (EPS License), 5 (External Materials), 6 (Contamination Report) and 9 (Protected Species Mitigation Strategy) of planning permission P18/S3645/FUL for the conversion of a grade II listed barn into a dwelling

There has been an objection lodged by neighbours to proposed solar panels on the roof of the property. The Parish Council agreed that it had NO OBJECTIONS to the application subject to the agreement of the Countryside Officer into this aspect of it, along with the EPS licence and bat mitigation.

P19/S2605/FUL (Mount Pleasant Farm Thame Road Great Milton). Erection of two 4-bedroom dwellings with double garages.

This development is on the corner of Thame Road and Chilworth Road (Green Hitchings). Concerns were raised by neighbours regarding the Design and Access statement, which apparently contradicted the drawings as surrounding hedges were described as remaining, although the proposed houses will not physically fit within the space available without their removal. The removal of the hedges was also described as being detrimental to the setting of Mount Pleasant Farmhouse (a Grade 2 listed building). Some documents were also reported as not present on the SODC website. Additional comments received were that the site is within the Green Belt and in a conservation area, the proposed junction was a hazard to pedestrians, and that the rear gable ends of the garages would offer a visually unappealing frontage onto Thame Road. It was suggested that a Landscape Strategy should be requested as a 

condition of approval, and that smaller affordable houses might be more beneficial and desirable than further large, expensive houses.

The Parish Council agreed that it had NO OBJECTIONS to development at this location, but queried the position of the Chilworth Road boundary which includes a roadside ditch and substantial hedge, suggested that consideration be given to smaller houses for which there is a significant need in the village, requested that hedgerows are retained and proposed that the garage arrangement should be redesigned so that the gable ends do not present to the Thame Road frontage.

P19/S2612/HH (3 Brookside Cottages Church Road Great Milton). Demolition of small brick lean to. Erection of new single storey stone brick extension with slate roof. Replacement of windows and new French doors.

The Parish Council agreed that it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application subject to a condition that two windows which overlook a neighbouring property should be glazed with frosted glass.

P19/S2685/FUL (Lobb Farm, Access Road to Lobb Farm, Tetsworth South OX9 7BE) and P19/S2686/FUL (Lobb Farm, Access Road to Lobb Farm, Tetsworth North OX9 7BE) Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand.

Henry Venners, Planning Consultant for the applicant, outlined the current position with the power station application (which has been re-submitted with amendments following SODC's two previous objections), the justification for the application (to mitigate the supposed vulnerability of renewables for a period of 25 years while other technologies develop sufficiently) and the rationale behind the location (on a confluence of the national electricity and gas network).

A local resident argued that better, more sustainable technologies were available in the form of battery storage, which can come on stream more rapidly than the 5 minutes that gas-powered generation can take. The outage in August was reportedly not attributable to the vulnerability of renewables but to a software glitch, and was a freak event. Additionally it was felt that the views of Milton Common residents had not been sufficiently considered despite being among the closest to the proposed site, and that the visual screening suggested in the application could take 9 or 10 years to be effective given the size and number of the large structures associated with the sites. The resident noted that applying for two sites of 49.99MW each may be a means to circumvent planning law which prevents applications for sites of 50MW or greater, and that the pre-existence of noise from the M40 should not be used as

a justification for the noise that the proposed facilities may produce, which is likely to differ in nature to the noise produced by traffic and still be apparent as a result. The site would be burning fossil fuel and generating a significant increase in carbon emissions locally in a district that has declared a 'Climate Emergency: additionally, much of the information from the previous application had apparently been copied across, including the previous application numbers.

The Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to the application as it had to previous applications for power generation facilities in this location, agreeing with the views of local residents as conveyed above and with no additional evidence provided to suggest that this rural location is in any way suitable for the large-scale industrial development proposed.

The following planning decisions received were reviewed:

P19/S1864/HH (Midsummer Cottage, Church Road, Great Milton). Demolition of unused garage and erection of single storey garden room outbuilding.

Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

Financial Resolutions

The following payments were authorised:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses September. £444.80

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production August. £250.50

Green and Growing. Grass cutting June and July/August: £1,188/£546

Externiture (Milton Common bus shelter refresh): £920.04

SSL certification for Parish Council website: £47.99

Community Heartbeat Trust (Annual defibrillator maintenance contract): £162

The monthly reconciliations, accounts and bank statements for July and August were received and signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 4 September was £25,361.15.

Clerk's update of matters in hand

- The Clerk will seek an update from the school on progress with initiatives to improve the parking situation in the village, as proposed earlier this year. Although recent communications indicate that consideration has been given by the school to this matter the Parish Council agreed to invite the school's headteacher to a future meeting for further discussions.
- The bus shelter in Milton Common has received a much-needed refurbishment. The Perspex panels have been replaced, the roof cleared of vegetation and rubbish and all metalwork steam-cleaned.
- A site meeting has taken place at Sworford Lane involving the landowner, Parish Council, OCC and SODC to diagnose the cause of the flooding near the railway bridge after heavy rain, and to ascertain responsibilities for resolution. The various interested parties have agreed to address the various issues identified, with 

a view to resolving this issue as soon as is practical.

- The defibrillator is now fully functional after some initial technical issues which necessitated its return to the manufacturer.

Other matters

Two residents attended the meeting to express strong enthusiasm for the creation of a shared-use path to enable walking and cycling to Wheatley, and wished to seek the support of the Parish Council in advance of further investigations. The Parish Council fully supports the suggestion and is happy to provide whatever support it can.

The potential installation of CCTV in the village has been suggested by a resident considering recent instances of criminal activity. However, it was agreed that the lack of street lighting, GDPR and privacy issues, the likely high cost of installation and maintenance and the fact that individual domestic systems are widely available at relatively low cost meant that the Parish Council would not be pursuing this suggestion.

The Parish Council agreed that £5,096.21 of CIL contributions (and any further sums due) resulting from the housing development currently under construction in Milton Common should be held by SODC until a suitable use for them is identified.

A requested donation towards a prize for presentation at Wheatley Park's prizegiving event in October was discussed. As last year, a £50 donation was agreed.

There was an accident involving a motorcyclist at the junction of Windmill Hill and The Forties on Monday 2 September. Attempts to obtain more detailed information via official channels have been unsuccessful but it is understood that there may have been a fatality. A police investigation is ongoing. The Parish Council will respond appropriately once the exact circumstances surrounding the cause of the accident have been established, but it was agreed to ask the landowner to trim the hedges to the right of the junction of The Forties and Windmill Hill to improve visibility.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 October starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Tim Darch, Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Farewell and Thank You to Graham and Sally Orriss

As an appreciation for all the support that Graham and Sally have given to the village over the last 30 years or more, there will be an informal gathering on 1st November.

If you would like to receive further information about this event and haven't yet received a "Save the Date", please email me on mary@pwfca.co.uk or call 279045.

Mary Wakefield

Services in Our Benefice for October

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th <i>Trinity 16</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Harvest Festival Service 11:00am
Sunday 13th <i>Trinity 17</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 20th <i>Trinity 18</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 27th <i>Trinity 19</i>	Benefice Holy Communion CW 10:00am		

Services in Our Benefice for November

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 3rd <i>Trinity 20</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

From the Registers

RIP Carol Rosemary Ayton whose funeral was held at Oxford Crematorium followed by a memorial service at St Mary's on 23 August 2019 and also Graham Bernard Griffiths whose funeral was held at St Mary's on 30th August 2019.

Ramblings from the Rectory

The Inter Village Tug of War championship between Great Milton, Little Milton and Great Haseley held in Great Milton on 30th September was an astonishingly good occasion. I wasn't sure what to expect and how a full afternoon could be built on the event? I needn't have worried, apart from being roped in at the last minute to invigilate! The afternoon grew in fun and a spirit of healthy competitiveness developed between the women's and men's teams. The children had a couple of goes as 

well. Everyone enjoyed themselves, even I think those poor souls on the rope who entertained the rest of us, some of them had nine pulls!

The whole thing was thought up by Laura Putt in Great Milton who wanted to do something to pull the villages together and also to raise money for the church buildings, all are in desperate need of help for the fabric. Whichever village hosts the event, the profit from that goes to the church in that village towards help with the fabric. Our overall total was nearly two and a half thousand pounds which will go towards St Mary's in Great Milton. This was a remarkable result. It was also a wonderful way to bring all three villages together .

I have written at length about the issue with the buildings in all three villages. It is very serious and we have to raise serious amounts of money. At St Peter's and St James we have had to cordon off areas due to the danger of loose stone or falling tiles. We now find that on top of everything else the Chancel roof at St Peter's needs replacing and the condition at St James is worse than we had at first thought. We don't though just want this all to be just about Church stonework however. In Great Milton hopefully enough people took away our leaflet about the whole development project, which includes the repair to the Tower alongside what we want to do inside the Church to make the building a far better community space. We have already begun this in St Peter's in Great Haseley with the building of an excellent kitchen and loo and the development at the back of the church as a gathering space and an area for children. Whilst any money raised from local events will be enormously helpful, the greater sum has to be found from the application for grants. I have made it very clear that I do not believe that the burden for all of this can fall on the shoulders of the relative few who commit to worshipping in the Churches Sunday by Sunday. It is obvious that the grant bodies agree! One of the most important things we have to demonstrate to have any hope of gaining grant money is that there has been community engagement. Events such as the Tug of war therefore go far beyond their worth in purely monetary terms. The Tug of war in Great Milton was therefore a big tick for community involvement. We will need more such events. Hopefully, if it can be organised next year it will be the turn of Little Milton to host the Tug of war. There is much to fight for!

I wrote a letter to our MP John Howell about the action of Mr Johnson with his prorogation of parliament. It was a personal letter and so I will not reproduce it here in full. I will though reproduce a part of it. It was of course my personal view, I do not look for universal agreement! As I write the issue of whether the Prime Minister acted legally has been referred to the Supreme Court.

'As a member of the Clergy in the Church of England, I frequently take a service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer. At the beginning of that

service are two prayers for the monarch, the second contains this sentence. ‘We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of Elizabeth thy servant, our Queen and Governor, that in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to this charge, in wealth, peace and godliness.’

This prayer was written before the civil war was fought, and of course that bloody conflict rightly determined for ever that the monarchy itself does not have executive power. The Queen is the symbolic head of state, just as she maintains a role as the head of the Church. It must surely though continue to be the role of an elected parliament to meet this duty, to ‘preserve thy people committed to this charge, in wealth, peace and godliness.’ I pray that prayer, both for the monarch as the symbolic head of state, but also for her elected representatives in parliament, and that includes you! To have the role of that parliament threatened is a deeply worrying development’.

I will say that I had a very gracious reply. Understandably Mr Howell has had many emails! Whilst he sent back a general response forwarded to all who have communicated with him about the present situation he also took the time to offer a personal word to me for which I was grateful. Again I will not reprint in full but he did write this:

‘On the issue of Parliament and the Church, each day the sitting of the House of Commons begins with prayers led by the Speaker’s chaplain. In the prayers used there is a line which says:

“May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals....” I think this an important prayer and reminder of our role and whether MPs have a Christians faith or not I honestly do think that most come to Parliament believing that they are doing the right thing. The issue is, of course, that there are many different views on what is the right thing.’

I would like here to give advance notice about a new venture we want to try. It is a service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the departed. It will be a time to remember loved ones who have died, ‘Those whom we love but see no longer.’ We will sing four well known hymns, say some prayers, hear a brief (I promise!) address and read out names of our loved ones and light candles in their memory. The service will be on Sunday 17th November at 4.00pm at St Mary’s Great Milton. I am sure it will be followed by teas and cake!

This will a service for the whole benefice, the combined parishes of Great Milton, Little Milton and Great Haseley. I am sorry that I cannot do one of these at each of the Churches. However if it proves to be popular we will then look at rotating the service annually around each of the Churches in turn. In my last parish this service proved to be very popular and well attended. It won’t matter it the people we remember 

have never in fact lived in the villages, what matters is that we who have lost people we have loved have an opportunity to give thanks and commemorate them. I will be remembering my own mother and father. There will be more details next month but if this interests you please note the date.

Simon

Our Advent Activity Morning...

By popular request, we're putting on another Advent Activity and Storytelling Morning... Here are some details:

Who is it for?

Primary school aged children between five and eleven years old.

When is it?

Saturday morning November 30th, 2019.

Drop off at 10.00am.

Collection at 12.00 pm.

Where is it?

The Pine Lodge, Little Milton.

Is there a charge?

No.

Please book your place by contacting:

Sally Ann Dennis at iandennis1@btinternet.com or by phoning 01844 278029

When you book you will receive a Registration Form to complete and bring with you to the morning.

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

October				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
6th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Lenton/Afzal Gill	
10th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Joanne Tulloch	
17th	11:00am	St. Mary's		United Service
24th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Simeon Mitchell	

Graham Griffiths

Although Graham passed away on 21st July 2019 he is still very much with all his friends and especially the bell-ringers of Great Milton. I used to go across to the practice at Great Milton on a Thursday night and over the years became part of the team. Graham was always there with his Tower Captain's cap and liked being the leader. We all got used to Graham's ways and sayings but deep down he was a sensitive man. Although he was a very private man I managed to grow our relationship and we shared time together talking about his life. Graham was a self-made man who maximised his natural curiosity to adapt to new technology as well as fixing anything mechanical. Graham loved helping everyone with their computers if they had a problem or even if they did not!

Graham will live on with all who knew him and bell practice on a Thursday night at Great Milton will not be quite the same but I know he will be in our midst.

Raymond Fergusson

Great Milton History

The Oxford Times drops in on Great Milton

'A friendly village where they live for today' - these are the opening lines of a full page spread dated September 1961.

Found in the Great Milton History archive, it has recently been reconfigured into a small booklet with a few additional pictures to supplement the text.

The village is viewed by two strangers, nearly 60 years ago, and we can only wonder at what we have lost, or gained, with the passing years.

PORTRAIT OF A VILLAGE - available now from Great Milton History at the Community Room, price £2.0 - a bargain!

Wells

One last effort will see this popular project complete. We have had a very good response so far which has identified upwards of 73 wells & boreholes in the village and we are grateful for all the help we have had compiling this record for future generations.

The known sites missing from our records are Romenys Court, Red Lion Barn and Church Cottage, but there may well be more (excuse the pun).

If you can fill in these missing links please email Ian Melton on ian@jimelton.plus.com, Great Milton History on gmhistorysociety@outlook.com or visit us at the Community Room at The Bull any Wednesday 11:30am – 1:00pm.

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Harvest Festival

Another success story thanks, once again, to your generosity with Party Funds benefitting to the tune of £613.23. Our thanks to everyone who donated produce and raffle prizes. Thanks to Simon Cronk for conducting the Thanksgiving Service which opened up the evening's activities.

The downside of the evening was the news that this would be the last time Les Preston would be able to take on the role of auctioneer. This is a demanding task and we are sincerely thankful to Les for taking it on board in recent years.

The trophy for most points gained was once again won by the Noble family.

Last, but not least, thanks to our 'long-time' judges John and Eileen Newell. our thanks again to everyone who contributed to the evening.

Ann Price, Secretary

Do You Have Space on Your Drive around 8.30 and 3.30?

It's been suggested that residents living on The Green and Lower End could potentially offer up space on their drives if not in regular use at school pick-up and drop-off times, to alleviate pressure on the main road and hopefully reduce the risk of inconsiderate parking. This is one of a package of measures being explored by the Parish Council and Great Milton Primary School to improve safety and the village environment in general at these key times of day. If you feel able to offer up a space or spaces, please contact Tim Darch (Clerk to Great Milton Parish Council) on 07771 893191 for further information.

Sheppard Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees of the Sheppard Trust will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019. Funds are available for distribution and applications are welcomed.

If your group/organisation meets the criteria of being based in Great Milton, and benefitting the inhabitants of Great Milton, please do not hesitate to apply.

Grants were made to the following organisations during 2018:

Great Milton Senior Citizens Club - £750 to offset costs of outings and events.

Great Milton Neighbours Club - £800 to assist with running costs

Great Milton Hard Surface Play Area - £700.00. Help towards providing a coach for the summer tennis coaching sessions

Great Milton Charity Concert Choir - £250.00 to be used towards the purchase of an electronic piano for choir rehearsals

The following grants had been agreed in previous years, and funds transferred as follows:

Great Milton Methodist Church - £2000 to help with costs of installing kitchen/toilet facilities in the Chapel.

Great Milton Neighbours Hall - £3793.75 to assist with renovation costs.

Applications should be sent to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or emailed to janewillis1@live.co.uk and should arrive by Thursday 10th October 2019.

Great Milton FC

STATEMENT

As somebody who has been with the club for 12 years, as a player, manager, committee member and supporter, it saddens me to report that Great Milton Football Club are folding. Over the last year we have been struggling to maintain the numbers to keep the team running, to a point that it is just not possible now.

It was a very tough decision, but one we just had to make.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank committee members over the years, Peter Oakley, Jesse Matthews and Lesley Bush, your help was important and very much appreciated. To the team Managers, Mark Bell, Lee Smith, Darren Brown, Rob Oakley, Cameron Smith, Fraser Ilbury, Steve Oakley, Benny Smith, Jamie Surman, Ant Jones, Mark Winfield, Bradley Boodell and Josh Fox, your help on and off the pitch was immense. Obviously not forgetting to say cheers also to Paul Hardcastle (I'm so sorry we couldn't keep it running for you mate).

Thanks also to all the players who have played their part, many, many characters over the years, it's been great laugh and certainly been on the whole very enjoyable! Thank you to all the teams we played against, we have been involved in some titanic battles and made some fantastic memories.

Thank you to the Oxford City League and the Oxford FA for their guidance (and patience) over the seasons. The team sponsors should also get a special mention, they have helped us financially with vital fund raising, so thanks to them too.

Sadly, some individuals connected to, and even some committee members



of the Aylesbury and District League found it necessary to unfairly criticise our club and make up stories against some of us (including myself) last year. This had a negative effect on us and ultimately led to this situation.

Their behaviour will not take away the great times we had, although it is a really sad day and I am gutted, I have really enjoyed being part of the club's history.

#GMFC #COYM

Chris Turton, 18th September 2019

The First Annual Tug of War Event

What a success beyond all expectations!!! We could not have achieved this without all of your help. The feedback has been terrific regarding the whole day and I hope you saw the feature in the Oxford Mail. You can see it online too where there are more photos.

The teams representing the Haseleys and Miltons had trained well under the guidance of Dave Putt, who kindly trained all 3 village teams and bought the rope. We did not know we had such competitive people in our midst! After a gruelling final (especially the women's last pull) Great Milton men and women's team won the trophies (kindly donated by Ian Bingham). Once engraved, these will sit proudly in our pub.

Nearly as much energy was put into the cheering of the supporters, young and old. The children enjoyed their go, with some help of parents and siblings so there might be future team members in years to come.

The pig roast and prosecco bar were greatly enjoyed, especially to recover from the short mini 'tornado' which distracted us for a few minutes.

Once the Tug of War was over, the proceedings moved seamlessly to The Bull where we had a chilled evening enjoying the first performance ever of the Kids Band with No Name (yet) and our guest star, Edwina Hayes (sponsored by Tarncourt Group) .

We made a staggering £2392. Thank you to all of you who helped us achieve this - food providers, setting up and down, loaning equipment, sound and lighting, loan of gazebos, photographers, running stalls and the staff at the Bull. We are also appreciative of the very generous prizes given for our prize draw.

Prize Draw Results

One night stay with dinner for two people at The Five Alls. (Kindly donated by Tarncourt Group) - Caroline and Andrew Meynell

A three-night stay at Driftwood, Cornwall. (Kindly donated by Sally and Stefan D'Anger) - Maureen Webber c/o Malcolm Horsley

Tea for two at Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. (Kindly donated by Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons) - Angela and George Yannaghas

Edwina Hayes CD (kindly donated by Edwina Hayes) - Yvonne Barnard c/o Abi Adiri

The money raised is a small step towards raising the £400K we need to repair our church tower and develop inside for more flexible use.

It was lovely seeing all ages and the 3 villages coming together to enjoy themselves and supporting us in our fundraising. We had intended that this event would rotate around the 3 villages to support their church developments so we will be meeting with the other villages to discuss this.

Well done Great Milton Tug of War teams!!

Laura Putt, Dave Putt and Clare Blakeway-Phillips

The women in action



The girls give it their all

The victorious men's team



Tree Walk at The Old Vicarage - Saturday 9th November

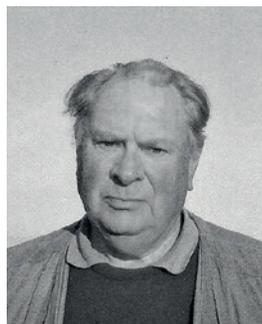
Tree Enthusiast Bruce Tremayne (ex-chair of the Oxford Tree Club) will be hosting a 'tree walk' round the specimen trees at the Old Vicarage, Great Milton on Saturday 9th November at 11.00am. We hope some autumn colours will still be on the trees! Tea and Coffee will be served after the walk and donations to the Church Tower Fund will be very welcome.

Please let Dictynna know if you would like to attend, on 07985 458407.

View from Views

Now all the speculation as to the outcome of our harvest is now in the barn, at about 7pm in the evening of Thursday 22 August the combine swooped in, and swooped out at 5pm on Saturday 24th. Now all is safely gathered in, and all straw either cleared and in a stack ready for sale. The Barley that I optimistically thought would be a great yield turned out somewhat disappointing, @ 2.5tonnes to the acre. This was because it had suffered little weather damage, which with Barley straw being rather weak means that with the heavy grain and the crop standing up, instead of falling over which barley usually does the heads of grain had fallen to the ground making it impossible to gather. The wheat however exceeded all my predictions by yielding a good average of 4.5tonnes to the acre. Years ago we always reckoned a good crop of Barley needed to lodge or fall over, this would cause problems with harvesting, but with the modern machines, if it is tangled and close to the ground the machines could get under it to sort of peel it off the ground. Now with modern methods and variety it seems to stand up better so now can to lose it, that's the gamble we have to take all the time. You may wonder why I make such a song and dance about harvest but it is the one and only form of income from our land so to us it is very important.

As I write the weather is still on the dry side which has enabled us to plant our next years crop of Oil Seed Rape and the cover crops to feed some sheep through the winter, this also means we have crop cover which in turns helps the environment by not left bare for any length of time. We are told this is very important in that it will like any growing thing capture carbon, and if we can do this without the plough so much the better. I feel that in defence of Agriculture I must just comment on the recent utterances or embellishments of the statement by the International Committee on Climate Change or



whatever it is called, the media particularly the BBC did not report the actual wording of the statement, “that we should eat less red meat when it comes from intensive farming”, no mention of the fact that grass fed meat as produced in the UK, was not a problem. It is interesting to note also that the Organic Certification body I am involved with (OF&G) has been approached to certify the fact that beef carrying a certificate will have been largely feed on grass and grass products, to give the consumer the knowledge that they are buying genuinely grass feed beef, that is not harmful to the environment. It is the intensively produce beef that causes the pollution and that is why there is such a song and dance about importing from the USA as that is how most of their beef is produced. The trouble is that Farming is a soft target for everyone to blame, there is little mention of Air travel (or the use of private jets that has hit the news lately) or the Cruises that are so popular nowadays, leave alone transport, MADE WORSE NOWADAYS FOR US IN THE COUNTRY BY THE LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT. It is all very well for those high and mighty living in towns and cities saying we should not use our cars, how on earth are we expected to get around without.

It would be wrong of me not to mention Brexit, even though I have not got a clue as to what is going to happen or what the affect will be when and if whatever does, if that makes sense! What does worry me is that since this new regime has taken over no mention has been made by all the nice words we had from Michael Gove about the environment do not seem to be mentioned of late. We have been gearing up in preparation for this great deal that would be good, but since this SLIGHT change in direction, and slightly dictatorial administration all seems quiet on that front. We were given to believe that DEFRA had spent a lot of time and effort (makes a change for a government department, but we have to believe it, if we wish to maintain our sanity), so let's just live in hopes that this is not also prorogued!

I have just read something interesting from research in Australia, in that Triticale, a hybrid cereal, (a cross between Wheat and Rye) used mainly for animal feed, and I understand is somewhat drought resistant can be used in making beer, if this is true and it is really drought resistant, and given we may have drier years in the future this may be ours and beer drinkers salvation.

Sadly I have to report that after all my/our efforts to get some sort of action from the County Council to calm the traffic both on our road and through Great Milton we have had a fatality, maybe now they will listen to our pleas

For this who have not yet got the message look at the latest River Thame newsletter you will get some idea of what has been going on at Views Farm, <https://riverthame.org/newsletter-summer-2019>

Charles Peers

Human Story Theatre present a new one hour play plus 20 mins post-show Q&A

Happy Even After

by Gaye Poole

Directed by Anna Tolputt

8th October 7.30pm at the Neighbours' Hall

Book your free ticket and 'pay what you can' after the show

(suggested donation £10)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/happy-even-after-tickets-65848948979?ref=eios>

Human Story Theatre tackle health and social care issues that affect local communities, and their latest play is about domestic abuse. They go behind closed doors in their inimitable, intimate style and bear witness to the joy and eventual carnage of two couples' relationships.

Ebullient Peter, a hard-working policeman and all round 'good egg' finds love a second time around with cautious Kate, an office worker who finds it hard to trust again. Ash a charming and ambitious history lecturer and caring Naomi a talented, aspiring dress designer marry on the same fateful day as Peter and Kate. We go inside their lives over several anniversaries, sharing happy and more difficult moments with them, 'for better for worse, to love and to cherish, 'til death us do part.'

Domestic abuse comes in too many forms and is hidden from too many people. Should I leave? Where will I go? What will they do to me? Who should I tell? Should I report my neighbour?

In the accompanying Q&A, people with lived experience and professionals who work in the area of domestic abuse help us all to be more alert to unhealthy relationships and know when and how to help so that more people can achieve a 'happy even after'.

For further information about the production please visit www.humanstorytheatre.com.

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

I have just read up my article submitted last year for October and discovered that most of my observations for last year could simply be repeated other than the fact that we did not go to the south of Spain in August (although we did spend a few days in the south of France!). Weather patterns repeat themselves.

I am loving the cooler weather with lots of sun; it allows me to get on with putting

the garden to bed for the winter. For most people this is too early, but for me I do need to keep clearing perennials as they fade or I end up with too much to do later on. If I am not at least partly on track, the spring comes and growth of everything, especially weeds, gets away from me and I never catch up.

We seem to have a new animal in the garden. One morning we noticed that there was a trail of lawn damage from the drive in a straight line down the track into the back garden where there was widespread lawn damage. I think it must be a badger which came in from the road. We have had rabbits wandering the garden for years so that doesn't fit and a flock of birds wouldn't have produced a single trail from the drive. We will wait and see.

The recent dry, warm conditions have resulted in our water supplies, in storage, running out. In past years we have carried water, but this time we have decided to let things be and see what happens. The forecast on my phone is for rain every day next week, but I will only believe it if it happens; recent weather forecasts have often promised rain which has mostly not arrived and when it has it has been in too small a quantity to make any difference.

Last winter my tender fuchsias stayed outside all winter and have been terrific this summer when I assumed they would have simply died. A mild attack of capsid bug resolved without intervention and they are still flowering strongly. My plan is to overwinter them in a sheltered place under the eaves where they will stay largely dry and we will see what happens next year. I haven't repotted or added new compost and have only occasionally fed them so they owe me nothing at all!

Enjoy the last of the summer and keep up with the weeding; you will find it much easier next year if you do (I know from bitter experience what happens if you don't – especially with spreading perennial weeds like nettles). When we do get rain, the weeds will take off and soon cover the dry parched earth!

Liz Moses

Little Milton WI

In September we learnt about Up-cycling with Adele and Minna who change old, scrap furniture and household items in to fresh, new, contemporary pieces for your home. You can see and buy their work at the Bloodwise Craft Market on Sunday 10th November or visit Minna's stall at the Tuesday Thame Market.

On Thursday 10th October, Mary and her guide dog, Piper will be showing us the work of Guide Dogs, who provide life-changing support for people who are blind and partially

sighted. Come and join us, everyone welcome. Visitors £5, or new members £10.50

On Tuesday 22nd October, four local WIs get-together for a group meeting. This time we're in Stadhampton Church where we will be hearing stories of Inspector Morse's Oxford with Alistair Lack. Everyone welcome, £3 each.

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

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News from The Pine Lodge

Looking a little bit ahead we hope to see another good crowd at this years Guy Fawkes Fireworks event on 2nd November with free entrance for under 12's. Lets keep our fingers crossed for a dry evening. You will be able to get a bite to eat and the bar will also be open.

Don't forget the Regular activities at the hall:

Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am

Leone weekly acting and theatre sessions for adults Tuesday evenings 19:00-20:30.

Pilates with Lee on Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am

Craft Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 19.30 (16th Oct)

Toddler Sense Thursday mornings 09:45 – 11:55.

WI on 2nd Thursday of the month (10th Oct) 19:30 - Guide dogs with Mary Piper

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The Maple Tree

We hope that everybody has now settled back into school/nursery after the long summer break. The Maple Tree programme continues to run as usual with some exciting new additions such as our new Under 5s cooking group on a Tuesday afternoon, Crafty Stay and Play on a Wednesday afternoon 3.15-4.30 and twice monthly visits from

Oxford Sling Library during our Well Baby Clinic on a Wednesday morning.

Have you recently had a baby or know somebody who is expecting? Join our baby group on a Thursday afternoon 1-2.30pm for babies up to 1 year. Come along, have a hot drink and meet some other local families.

We still have some spaces at our Parent and Carer First Aid courses on Thursday 26th September (1-3pm) OR Wednesday 2nd October (6.30-8.30pm) at the cost of £20 per person – a great course for peace of mind.

Don't forget our Silent Auction is on Saturday 5th October with some fantastic Lots. If you would like a copy of the catalogue, email auction@mapletree.org.uk.

The Maple Tree AGM is on Thursday 24th October from 7.30 – 9pm. A great chance to come along and meet the Maple Tree team, find out what the Trustees have planned for the year ahead and also enjoy a glass of prosecco and a few nibbles (adults only please). If you have spare time, why not consider joining us as a Trustee yourself?

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 7th December 2-5pm for some Christmas craft activities at Holton Village Hall.

Why not have a flutter on the SODC Lottery? – not only will you be supporting The Maple Tree, there is also the chance to win up to £25,000 <https://www.socharitable.co.uk/>

See our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley> or to volunteer, hire the MT or just for more information contact hayley@mapletree.org.uk

YOUR Wheatley Village Archive

Exciting times for the village as eagle-eyed people would have spotted the planning application notices for the Wheatley Village Archive Heritage Trail over the summer.

The five information boards will be installed in October around the village with accompanying leaflets. The Trail, made possible by a Lottery grant, will be launched by Tom Hassall OBE MA FSA Hon.MCIfA on Thursday 14th November at the Merry Bells at 8pm. Tom is an ex-resident of the Manor House, an eminent local historian, an archaeological consultant, and a trustee on the board of the Oxford Preservation Trust.

Everyone is welcome to the launch but for catering purposes (wine and 'finger food') entry will only be by (free) ticket available by e-mail from michael@wheatleyarchive.org.uk or 01865425909; the Parish Council office when open; or the archive room on any Thursday afternoon from 2-5pm and also on Saturday, 26th October between 10-12. Tickets are limited.

STOP PRESS: The 2020 calendar is now available, price £8 from the Archive.

12 months of then and now photos.

Wheatley Library – 01865 875267

Dates to note:

Thursday 3rd October 15.45 - 16.15

Poetry for children aged between 5 years and 8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 26th October 9.30-12.30

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

Wednesday 30th October 10.30

Book Trivia event

30 questions... How many can you answer?

Wednesday 6 November 10.30

Speaker event

Local boy turned author Tom Campbell comes back to Wheatley to tell us about his second novel "The Planner"

Book Description

Nick Hornby's High Fidelity for a new generation, The Planner is a brilliantly funny and provocative novel about dreams and ambitions and how they can rise and fall like the city skyline

Book review

Made me laugh more times than any book in recent times, while being in some ways colossally sad. Campbell treats the subject of modern London with an elegant, vicious wit that is hugely addictive, but also with a sort of compassion and even affection. A genuinely funny, scathing, intelligent book that manages to nail both the lunacy of modern urban living and the more general problem of being a human being (Mark Watson)

Saturday 9th November 9.30-12.30

Jigsaw swap

Saturday 30th November 9.30-12.30

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

Regular Friends of Wheatley Library events:

On-going sale of donated books

Monday craft sessions weekly from 10-12, 2-4pm, and 7-9pm

First Thursday of the month, Clarinet Players at 7.30pm

Thanks all, staff and volunteers of Wheatley Library

The Flu Vaccination

Who should have it and Why

Flu vaccination is available every year on the NHS to help protect adults and children who are most at risk from flu and its complications.

Flu can be unpleasant, but if you are otherwise healthy it will usually clear up on its own within a week.

However, flu can be more severe in certain people, such as:

- Anyone aged 65 and over
- Pregnant Women
- Children and adults with an underlying health condition (such as long term heart or respiratory disease)
- Children and adults with weakened immune systems

The flu vaccine is routinely given on the NHS each year to anyone in these risk groups. It is the best protection we have against an unpredictable virus that can cause unpleasant illness in children and severe illness and death among at risk groups, including older people, pregnant women and those with an underlying medical health condition.

Morland House are running Saturday flu clinics throughout the winter. Please contact our reception team on 01865 872448 to book an appointment.

John Howell MP writes...

The House of Commons Chamber is a lively place, where Members on all sides often feel passionately about the issues being discussed and there are longstanding procedures in place to ensure the chamber remains respectful. However the way in which some senior colleagues have behaved of late is not befitting of the high office that they hold. Some behaviour has been insulting to colleagues and is far from the usual respectful way in which the business of the House operates. I am also dismayed at the recent behaviour of the Speaker which again is unprecedented. The Speaker should be politically impartial, and a key task is to maintain orderly debate in the Chamber. The habit of the current Speaker of insulting MPs has not set a good example. Both in the House and outside I have always maintained that people should be able to disagree without resorting to personal insult and abuse. We are all human and none of us gets it right all of the time but I am pleased when I can have robust discussion with constituents where we disagree but find no need to be rude to one another.

One of the problems with recent debate is the way in which people of different sides of the argument have been labelled and stereotyped. This is true both inside and outside of the House. I know from letters and emails sent to me that there are many

complexities to views held and reasons for retaining or relinquishing our membership of the EU. There are many gracious people who seek to understand the view of others and indeed there are those who will only listen to voices which speak the same view as them. Even the Archbishop of Canterbury was caught up in a problem with language when he said “We have to take seriously the fact that the majority voted Leave. We may not like it, but that is democracy; and that means we have to stop whingeing about it and do something about reuniting the country.” When criticised for the words ‘stop whingeing’ he apologised and said “What I was aiming to say was that in this political situation, just talking in increasingly hostile language does us no good. Nor is it helpful to only look backwards.” I think this is a constructive reflection from the Archbishop.

Over the summer period I spent quite a bit of time knocking on doors in various communities across the constituency simply get a feel for the national, international and local issues that were on people’s minds. In this period of prorogation I will continue with this as well as pursuing a programme of local meetings which would normally happen in the conference recess which usually happens at this time. I look forward to the opportunity for many more conversations. My office remains open during this period and I am still able to raise issues with Ministers and government departments as appropriate. If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me please do email me at howelljm@parliament.uk, phone on 0207 219 6676 or 01491 613072 or write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD).

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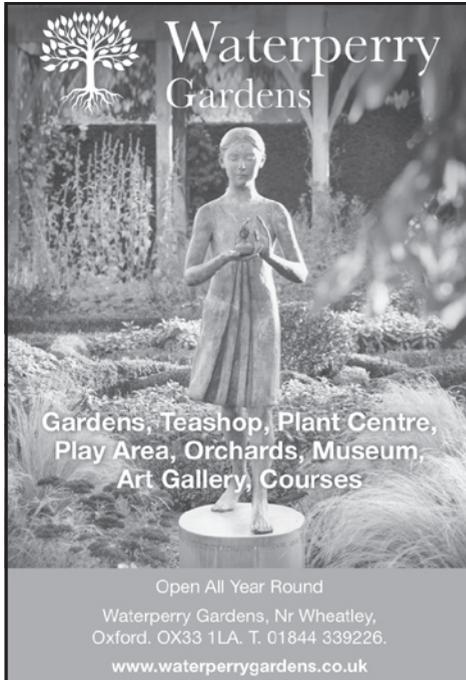
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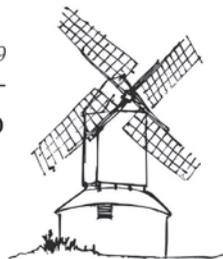
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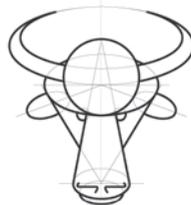
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contact Yvonne Cartwright – 01844 279205
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
enquiries.gmac@gmail.com
Vinyasa Flow Yoga – The Pavilion. 7:30pm
contact Hayley Bamford – 07825 794662. yogalizard.co.uk
Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
- Wednesday GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm
or by appointment
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- Thursday Kids Yoga (4–12) – The Pavilion. 3:30pm
contact Hayley Bamford – 07825 794662. yogalizard.co.uk
The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*
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contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198
Bellringers – St. Mary's Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm
contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300. www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com
- Friday Toddler & Baby Group – The Pavilion. 9:30am – 11:30am
For more information contact Molly Powell – 07958 396257
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.
Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090
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October

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| 4th Fri | Macmillan Coffee Morning at Red Roofs | 10:30am |
| 8th Tue | Happy ever After at The Neighbours Hall | 7:30pm |
| 21st Mon | Parish Coucil Meeting in The Pavilion | 7:30pm |

November

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| 2nd Sat | Fireworks at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton | 6:00pm |
| 9th Sat | Tree Walk at The Old Vicarage with Bruce Tremayne | 11:00am |
| 16th Sat | Great Milton Singers: Bach's Christmas Oratorio at St. Mary's, Thame | — |
| 30th Sat | Advent Acticity and Storytelling at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton | 10:00am |

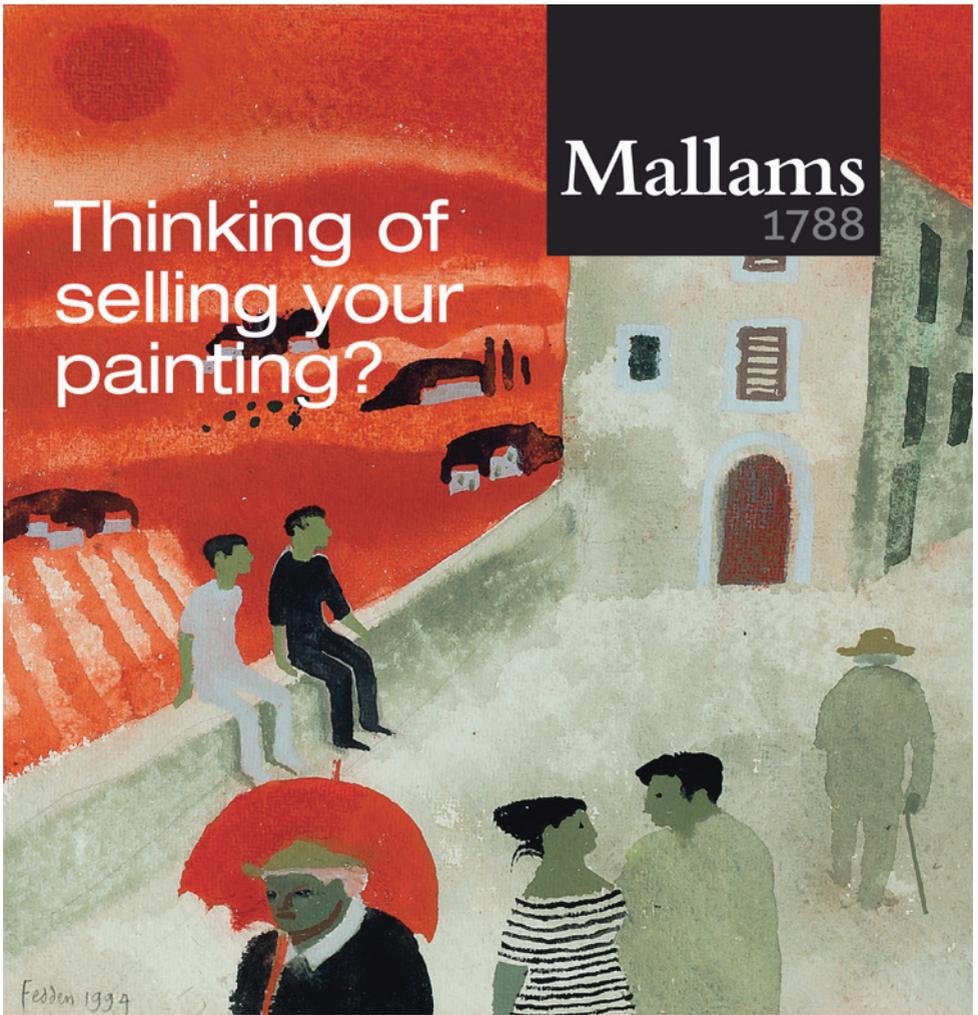
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