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## **Great Milton Parish Council**

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Hard Surface Play Area:	Susan Read, Jon Devitt
Neighbourhood Watch:	Jola Miziniak
Kent & Couling Charity:	Tricia Treanor, Simon Cronk
Sheppard Trust:	Ann Price, Pat Cox

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## Draft Parish Notes – April 2022

### Annual Parish Meeting

Held at the Pavilion on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30pm

The meeting was attended by Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), G Bennet, C Deacon, D Harms and M Horsley. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr P Allen and Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC). Tim Darch (Clerk) was in attendance, along with Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC) and one member of the public. No interests were declared. No resolutions were discussed at this meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held virtually via video conference on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7.30pm were received, reviewed, signed and approved as a complete and accurate record of proceedings.

The Chairman of the Parish Council's Annual Report was received and reviewed. No questions or comments were received.

The District Councillor did not submit an annual report and was not present.

The County Councillor's observations on the previous year were received and reviewed. No questions or comments were received. In addition to his written submission, Cllr Van Mierlo announced that Great Milton will be included in the first tranche of 20mph zones.

The Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 were received and reviewed. The accounts show that our receipts exceeded payments by £1,129. However this result includes two large one-off items: we installed speed mitigation measures in Milton Common at a cost of £17,375 for which we received a grant from CIL funds of £15,289. Excluding these items, our surplus for the year is £3,215. The Council sets a budget to break even each year and this year a number of items contributed to the surplus. The two principal items were the sales of advertising in The Bulletin (£1,500 over budget) and grass cutting costs (£1,296 under budget). Our reserves at the end of the year stood at £34,696 which is within the guidelines of twice annual expenditure and gives us a very healthy cushion against unexpected events.

The Parish Council's observations on its finances were received and reviewed. Cllr Allen and Tim Darch in his capacity as Responsible Finance Officer were congratulated on their role in the Parish Council's settled and positive financial position.

Annual Reports and Financial Statements were received from:

- Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee. Councillors observed that the report contained no mention of the potential for school-related parking, which the Parish Council had been advised would be considered by the Recreation Ground committee.

- Old Field Charity
- Kent and Couling Charity
- Sheppard Charitable Trust
- Neighbours Hall Committee
- The Hard Surface Play Area Committee
- Great Milton Neighbourhood Watch

No comments were received on any of the above unless stated.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm. A combined reports pack is available on the Great Milton Parish Council website at ‘Parish Council/Meetings/Meetings 2022/Meeting agendas and accompanying documents’.

## **April meeting of Great Milton Parish Council**

Attendees and apologies were as per the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **Matters to Report**

Monthly reports were received from Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (County Councillor, Chalgrove division) and Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor, Haseley Brook ward). Both are available on the Parish Council website.

### **Correspondence and public discussion**

No correspondence has been received this month other than that relating to matters dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

### **Planning Applications**

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered.

P22/S1189/HH (7 Thame Road, Great Milton). Replacement of existing single storey rear extension with single storey rear extension.

This application was reviewed by Cllr Bennet. Following local consultation, no issues were raised by neighbours, other than a remark on the location of an access gate. After brief discussion councillors agreed to SUPPORT the application.

The following planning decisions received and outstanding planning matters were reviewed.

P21/S4878/HH, for development work at the following location: The Old Stable Yard Thame Road Great Milton. Stable buildings and concrete apron to front comprising three stables, tack room and store. Application APPROVED.

LE MANOIR AUX QUAT’ SAISONS: RE-SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATION

P21/S0343/FUL & Listed Building Consent Ref. P21/S0428/LB

A revised application for development work at Le Manoir has been submitted

to SODC. Full details of timescales and consultation arrangements were yet to be agreed by SODC at the time of the meeting, but details of the application have been circulated to residents. Further information will be circulated via the usual channels when available.

The minutes of the March meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 21st March 2022, were received, reviewed and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

### **Financial Resolutions**

The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £557.72

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production April. £359

Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying March. £62.40

Maple Tree annual grant. £500

Three Villages car scheme insurance. £115 (cheque not written: payment deferred)  
SODC, Return of councillor Covid funding. £500.

Website support February. £19.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

BT Office/e-mail package. £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

The final bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement for the financial year 2021-22 were reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as at 31 March 2022 was £34,695.83.

To note that given income of more than £25,000 in the financial year 2021-22, the Parish Council will be required to submit accounts for a limited assurance review.

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

- Internal Audit (commenced April 2022)
- Parish Council to receive Internal Audit report (May 2022: TO BE CONFIRMED)
- AGAR return to be approved and signed (May 2022: TO BE CONFIRMED)
- AGAR return and associated information submitted to External Auditor by June 30th 2022
- Exercise of public rights – 30 working days in June and July: DATES TO BE CONFIRMED
- Accounts to be approved and published/required info displayed on website by June 30th 2022
- Receipt of External Auditor's response and Notice of Completion: August 2022

The submission of the Parish Council's VAT reclaim for the year 2021-22, for the sum of £4313.00, was noted.

The Parish Council's Fixed Asset Register has been updated to include litter-picking equipment purchased in May 2021.

Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- The vehicle-activated signs have now been installed and are in use in Milton Common.
- The recent tree inspection revealed no significant issues, but several trees require routine maintenance. This will be arranged to take place as soon as possible.

### **COVID-19: update on village response/impacts**

There are no significant issues to report other than those which are receiving national coverage.

### **20mph zone**

Great Milton will be included in the first round of 20mph zones, though exact dates are yet to be confirmed.

### **Security in the village**

A reminder that members of the Community Policing Team will be in attendance at the Pavilion on Saturday 23 April and Saturday 16 July (1000-1400) to meet residents, provide advice and respond to concerns. There will also be a Neighbourhood Watch gazebo at the Church Fete on Saturday 11th June. Initial discussions have taken place with Smartwater, a property marking system, regarding the potential for this to be adopted in the village.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations**

An update was received on the evolving plans for celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the long weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. A 'community picnic' is being planned on Sunday 5th June on the Recreation Ground, while The Bull will be open throughout the weekend, with live music planned on Saturday 4th, among other events. Further details will appear in the May Bulletin.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council, to be held on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion.

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## **Christian Aid 2012**

Thankyou to each host who opened up their home for Lent lunches and wonderful conversations in March this year. As well as enjoying ourselves we raised @£500 towards our Christian Aid total for this year.

There will, once again, be collections in each of the three villages thanks to the amazing work of distributors and collectors in each of our villages. Thankyou to each one of you who intends and/or will give to Christian Aid this year.

*S.A Dennis*

## Benefice Services May

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 1st		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 15th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Wednesday 18th	BCP Holy Communion 12:00noon		
Sunday 22nd			Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am Family Gathering 4:00pm
Wednesday 29th		Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am	BCP Holy Communion 12:00pm

## The Rector's Pint

It is very tempting to withdraw into a bucolic bubble. Against the backdrop of another glorious English spring, it is hard to conceive of the destruction, suffering, and pain, being meted out on cities and towns in Ukraine right now. Not only in Ukraine of course, how many of us have followed the terrible things that are ongoing in Yemen? And somehow the fallout from the withdrawal from Afghanistan seems to have slipped down the newsworthy ladder.

Nonetheless, it is Ukraine that dominates now and after only a few weeks of conflict we are hearing about shocking acts of brutality and depravity, such is the terrible nature of war.

So, it is tempting to turn away, and focus on the loveliness of an English village in spring. But I and others are, of course, wanting to do something practical. However, what might our Christian faith have to say in the face of yet another example of the human tendency to mess things up so badly?

My faith has, at its heart, an act of violence so shocking that as a form of execution

it was eventually banned by the very people who invented it. There is no comfortable escapism to be found in crucifixion. What do I see going on? I see an event in which the full horror of human failing, of evil and violence, falls upon a wholly innocent victim. But I am, or I try to be, a Christian, and that means that I declare that the pain, and loss, and broken hope, that the Cross represents was not, and is not, the last word. We are in the Easter season, the season of Resurrection and I believe we need to declare loudly and boldly, in the face of all the terrible things that we as human beings are capable of, that God sees in us creatures who can be redeemed, and who are loved, and that brings us hope.

I find it very significant that Jesus himself is reported as declaring that we should not be at all surprised that the world is the way it is. He promised that we would continue to hear of wars and rumours of wars. Nonetheless, against that bleak assessment of our world, Jesus still called those who would listen to follow him, and continue to work and pray for a better way. I believe that we do that in the light of both his death which declares that he knew and experienced the very worst, and the Resurrection, which declares that hope will not die - and ultimately, we will experience the very best.

*Simon*

God of Love, God of Peace, this fractured word  
Cries out in pain, burns deep into my soul,  
And challenges me, to make a difference.  
God of Love, God of Peace, God of this world,  
Scarred by grief and tears, ignorance and fear,  
Soften hearts of stone, and begin with mine.

God of Love, God of Peace, create within me  
A heart for people, a desire for change,  
For new beginnings to start this day.

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## **Great Milton Bellringers**

We will be ringing for Her Majesty on Friday June 3rd, at the same time as the Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's, (the exact time has still to be confirmed).

GMB

## **Great Milton Methodist Church Services**

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

<b>May 2022</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
8th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	
13th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
22nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Gillian Dodds	
29th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	

## **Great Milton Church Fete 2022**

**June 11th, 2pm-4pm.**

**The Recreation Ground and Green between Rec and Plant stall at the Old Barn.**

Dear villagers

We hope you are looking forward to our Church Fete. Here are some tips to prepare and get the most out of the day.

Bring lots of cash. Also bring a card if you wish to buy plants or garden tools as this stall will have a card reader.

Programmes with a map of stalls and activities will be available for 50p. The layout is a bit different this year with most stalls on the Recreation Ground but some along the Green leading to the magnificent plant sale at the Old Barn opposite the school.

### **Competitions**

Dog Show - show off your dog on the day and maybe win a prize. Categories are -

Most Fabulous fella

Most Loveliest lady

Best trick

Dog with waggiest tail.

Cake Competition with the theme Platinum Jubilee. Raymond Blanc will be judging the children and adult sections so get baking and impress him.

Raffle - We have great prizes with the top prize of a meal for two at Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons.

There will be stalls, the History Society displays, local entertainers, games, Philsters beer, the Pub and teas served in the Pavilion. If you wish to join the list of performers,

it is not too late - just let us know.

### **The following would really appreciate your donations**

#### **Stalls**

Books - Sue Barratt and Pippa Read (paperbacks and children's books but not hardbacks, to be delivered on the day only)

Bric a brac -Alan Pickett (on the morning of the day on the Green by the Old Garage)

Gifts and toiletries - Sarah MacMahon, The Limes

Accessories (jewellery, bags, scarves etc) - Yvonne Cartright and Dee Pickett

Jams and produce - Evelyn Joslin

Cakes -Clare Maclean, The Old Stores

Cakes and biscuits for teas - Margaret Rogers, Creeper Cottage

Hoopla - Bottles/Jars/Tins - Michele Block

Plants - Liz Moyses and Helga Dowie

Jam Jar Tombola - Celina Bernstrom

Any donations can be dropped off to Clare B-P or Alex Kirkman and we will deliver to the right stall.

Please help us set up in the morning or take down at the end of the day. Any help is greatly appreciated. There will be local live music to end the day too.

Let us hope the sun comes out and we look forward to seeing you.

*Alex Kirkman, Celina Bernstrom, Rachel Hutton and Clare B-P*

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### **Great Milton History**



At last we will be back at the Fete – our tent is to be on the Rec. as normal and we will have all the usual goodies! Albums, photos, maps, a selection of small booklets and anything else that we think might interest you!

There is an enlarged photo of the Home Guard – we think it is the 4 villages together – but it needs identifying so an opportunity to mark it up for future reference.

It is hoped that Ian Melton's book 'Great Milton Wells' will be the main attraction, but at present we are not certain if copies will be ready in time – all working hard to make the date.

Come and see us in our tent – you will be very welcome!

*GMH*

## **Great Milton Neighbours Club**

In June we will be celebrating our 61st Anniversary. The Club was started in 1961 and at that time we had about 60 members drawn from Great Milton and the surrounding villages. Now we have about 18 active members who are all very keen to keep the Club going. We are supported financially by the Sheppard Trust.

We have fortnightly meetings on Thursday afternoons with a varied programme including: speakers, quizzes, games etc. 'Go Active Gold', financed by Oxfordshire County Council (to keep us active), have given us a Curling set, Boccia Balls (Bowls) and Parachute games, occasional keep fit sessions with Yvonne Cartwright, Bring and Share and Fish and Chip lunches, For those interested there is a short session of Bingo ending the afternoon. We finish the year with a Christmas lunch. We also have coach and minibus outings (see below).

The club welcomes anyone over the age of 55 and widows and widowers of any age. Meetings start at 2:15pm on alternate Thursday afternoons in The Neighbours Hall, Great Milton. Doors open 1:45pm.

Visitors £2.00 including tea.

For any further information on what's happening, please don't hesitate to contact our Chairman, Tony D'Anger on 01844 279616, Janet Earl 01844 279432, Ann Price 01844 279474 or Celia Cope 01844 279459.

### **Future Club Outings**

Thursday 19th May

The Wildlife Hospital at Haddenham (Tiggiewinkles) is the busiest and most advanced in the world, started 40 years ago for the rescue and rehabilitation of British wildlife.

Lunch and shopping, Haddenham Garden Centre, rest Home for Horses at Speen in the afternoon. Cost £22.

Wednesday 13th July

Steam Train. Cheltenham to Broadway.

In Broadway there are a number of small shops and two recommended Museums, one the Gordon Russell Design Museum 'celebrates the life and work of the renowned furniture designer Sir Gordon Russell in the Arts and Crafts tradition.' The other recommended museum and art gallery of local history is 'just mind boggling; an unexpected gem'. Approx £25.00 (subsidised).

Wednesday 7th September

Salters Steamers River Trip. Marlow to Henley. Time for lunch in Marlow and tea in Henley. Approx £25.00 (subsidised).

## 'Not the January Party...'

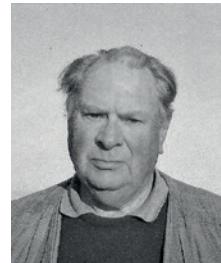
The Great Milton Dads/DJ Niv party night at the Neighbours Hall in Great Milton on Saturday April 23rd raised a stunning £1,200 for the Ukraine relief effort through ticket sales. Thanks to all who attended from the Miltons and Haseleys, and to all who were involved in the event in any way. See you at the next one!

*GMD, DJ Niv and Paul Px*

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### **View from Views**

My opening paragraph last month made no mention of other unbelievable happenings in this area, that is the changing hands at the "Lamb" and "Coach & Horses". I would like to add my best wishes to both Des & Ian, and David & Debbie in their well-earned retirement. Both of these establishments always supported their respective villages. I am sure we all appreciated what they have done, which embodied what a village pub should be, and however good their replacements may be, it will be different. David & Debbie and Des & Ian will whatever be sorely missed, at least until we get used to a new regime. In all honesty we have been very lucky to have 2 independents in our area.



The glorious and warm weather in the middle of March could not last and the subsequent rather cooler weather has held most of our crops back and, since I last wrote, have not moved or grown a great deal. Our Oil Seed Rape is still suffering from pigeon attack and looking very sorry for itself. In places it is a good crop but where these pests have decimated it I cannot see it being worth a great deal. It is a bit galling to look across the valley (in full view of our house) at a crop that looks picture perfect. Our Clover companion crop seems to have just about survived our attempts to kill it in order to control other weed problems; fingers crossed for its survival. The Lupin seed has been delivered which, soil conditions willing, will be planted towards the end of April early May; hopefully by the time you read this they will be flourishing. The one big problem we are now told is pigeons and, bearing in mind that they are in a field adjacent to the Rape, I think we will have to mount a 24 hour guard.

The wildlife around seems to be getting on with procreation at the moment, but it does concern me how little notice some of the public take of this fact and allow their dogs to run riot all over the place. Being involved with animals all my life I understand how having this sort of freedom appeals, but wildlife also need its freedom and



don't forget that dogs are a natural predator so, even if they are as gentle as we think, other animals only see them as a danger.

We are all concerned about what it is going to cost us to live; it is a real problem and we of all people understand what pressure some households are under. The problem is we all have to make a living and, in spite of all our protestations, it is the large retailers who, at the end of the day, control the price. The processors/middle men go along with that. However, in an interesting change of heart, I note that they are now saying to the retailers this has to stop and we need to pay the producers a realistic price otherwise the milk will not be there. Already we are seeing glass house producers not planting so much due to the cost of fuel. Maybe we will get a little more realism in the food market. We may well have to pay more than we would like, and be short of product but we may well understand the true value of food and how it is produced. We must remember that we are spending a lower percentage of our income on food than ever before. Whilst on this subject, why is it that we expect those in agriculture, producing the most important product of our life, to have a lower than average pay packet.

The Government has just announced its energy policy for 2030. That must be a good sign, although I am not happy about so much nuclear; on the other hand it has to come from somewhere. On nuclear it does say a mix of large and small modular plants which, in the light of what's happening in Ukraine, the thought of an irresponsible foreign power getting hold of them does not bear thinking about. On the solar front, we are told we need to produce 50gw from Solar. If 1 acre produces 1/4mw this means, if it takes 1000 mw to produce 1 mgw, we will need 200,000 acres which would, conservatively, equate to 800,000 tonnes of Wheat. Some is already in production but we have to understand the magnitude of the problem especially as most will be on good arable land, as this is the most cost effective way of achieving this aim. In my mind every south facing roof should have panels as long as it is aesthetically acceptable.

Our wonderful lacking in common sense County Council made the national press recently with their insistence to use plant based food as it was better for the planet, with pictures of food from all over the world (Kiwi Pomegranate Melons). These are supposed to be intelligent human beings that have made this decision; do they not read the reports that state animal production in this country is not the problem levelled at it, and that a balanced diet is in fact healthier, then take a balanced view. This sort of action by those that are supposed to set an example does not help the local agricultural industry who are trying many initiatives to help solve the problem, and if we do not have any support, what incentive is there for us to go that extra mile in helping the planet? It is rather like kicking us in the teeth.

Finally just a reminder it is only just a few days before Tom and I do the Tractor run

raising much needed money for the Air Ambulance. Please donate generously. I have put a sponsorship form in the Great Milton Post Office if anyone prefers that payment method, otherwise there is; <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/charles-peers5>

*Charles Peers*

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## **Morland House Surgery – 10th April 2022**

### **COVID-19 Spring Booster Vaccine - Update**

People aged 75 years and older, residents of care homes for older people, and those with weakened immune systems can obtain a Spring booster of coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine. You are eligible for a Spring booster if it has been six months since your last booster vaccination. Until then, anyone aged 12 and over should ensure that they have the full course of vaccines available to them. For more information, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

### **COVID Testing**

From April 1st the government withdrew free lateral flow test kits. Tests are only available for those who have a health condition, if you're going to hospital for surgery or a procedure, or if you work in the NHS or social care. For the Government's guidance on COVID see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/get-tested-for-coronavirus/>

### **NHS App**

If you own a smartphone, we strongly recommend you download the NHS App. To use it you should be aged 16 or over and registered with a GP Surgery in England. To find out more please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/> Use the NHS App to:

- Get your NHS COVID Pass
- Get advice about coronavirus
- Order repeat prescriptions
- Book appointments
- Get health advice
- View your health record
- Register your organ donation decision
- Find out how the NHS uses your data
- View your NHS number

After you download the app, you will need to set up an NHS login and prove who you are. The app then securely connects to information from your GP surgery.

## **Collecting Repeat Prescriptions from Wheatley Pharmacy and Car Parking**

Several of our patients are now collecting their repeat medication from Wheatley Pharmacy. You too can do the same. Order your repeat medication as you would normally and just let one of the dispensing team know that you wish to collect from the Pharmacy. Turnaround time for medication dispensing at the Pharmacy is currently three days from submission of your repeat medication request. You do not need to wait for a text message to confirm your medication is ready before going to collect.

Please note that our car park is quietest from 11am and 1pm, and you may wish to consider this when visiting the surgery to collect medication. Please park in marked bays rather than straddling bays.

Visit Morland House Website

For up-to-date information about services, the COVID-19 vaccine, and opening hours, please visit

[www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk)

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## **Haseley Open Gardens**

On Saturday July 9th we are organizing an Open Garden event in the Haseleys.

We hope that as many Haseley residents as possible will open their gardens to create a fun, social afternoon, where we can all satisfy our curiosity about our friends' gardens, and see some beautiful plants (and maybe the occasional wonderful weed). We will also be serving teas and delicious cakes in the Great Haseley Village Hall.

Entrance to the participating gardens will be by donation, with all money received for entrance to the gardens and teas going to St Peter's Church, Great Haseley. Residents and friends of Great Milton and Little Milton would be warmly welcomed to join us.

We really hope to see you there,

*Judy Alexander, Jane Cannon, Scilla Greenall, Fiona Heyward, Mary Isaac and Marylu Sheehan*

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## **Wheatley Library**

It is free to join and use the library!

Opening hours:

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Tuesday: 2-7pm

Wednesday 9.39-1pm and 2-5pm

Thursday 2-5pm

Friday 9.30-1pm and 2-6pm

Saturday 9.30-1pm

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You can also reach us via telephone 01865 875267 or email [wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.” – Andrew Carnegie

*Wendy Stanton (Wheatley library manager)*

The library is located on the upper level of the Merry Bells Village Hall in Wheatley High Street.

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## **Tons Together (Little Milton) WI**

In April, we had fun making many Easter crafts from embroidered eggs to rabbit gift boxes, complete with chocolate eggs.

At our next meeting on Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm Nollag McGrath, the Practice Manager of Morland House Surgery will be talking to us about her work at the practice. Everyone welcome. Visitors £5 or join up (2022/23 membership £44).

### **Other news:**

Inter village Tug of War - Saturday 28 May on Great Milton Rec.

We'll be running the tea & cake stall in the Pavillion – any helpers and/or cakes welcome. Also a good opportunity to promote our new WI.

We won a £150 Platinum Jubilee bursary to be spent on educational courses or events - everyone needs to get thinking what we'd like to spend it on! All ideas welcome.

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. Please email us if you fancy joining WI or need a lift.

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## **The Falklands War 1982: “a close run thing”**

- Online Talk and live Q&A available on the museum website from 7pm, Wednesday, 18th May 2022
- A talk by Brigadier David Chaundler, who led 2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, as a Lt-Colonel during the conflict
- Marking 40 years on from the conflict fought between British and Argentinian forces over the Falkland Islands
- Free to view on the museum's website, with donations welcome.

Video Link: <https://www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on/falklandswar1982/>

The next in Soldiers of Oxfordshire (SOFO) Museum's series of online talks, The Falklands War 1982 - A Close Run Thing will be streamed on the museum website from 7pm, 18 May 2022.

Nearly 40 years earlier, speaker Brigadier David Chaundler (then Lieutenant Colonel) was parachuted into the South Atlantic to take over command of the Second Battalion of the Parachute Regiment (2 PARA) following the death of his old friend, Lt-Col. ‘H’ Jones. Jones was killed in action during the Battle of Goose Green.

Arriving in Goose Green four days after the battle, he would see 2 PARA through to the end of the conflict and the surrender of the occupying Argentinian forces. While commanding 2 PARA, the battalion would open-up the southern flank, witness the air attack on the Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram, before moving up onto the northern flank and taking part in the Battle for Wireless Ridge.

He and 2 PARA would eventually take Port Stanley - against orders.

The talk will also be followed by a live Q&A, allowing viewers to ask further questions about his experiences during the conflict. No digital ticket, sign up or registration is required to view this talk - but the museum asks for donations to support their continued work caring for the county's military collections, and in bringing stories like David's to a wider audience through events like these.

SOFO Museum would also like to thank Lucy Group Ltd for sponsoring this event.

Those that miss the live event or are unable to join can still ‘catch up’ as an archived feed will be made available using the same link shortly after the live event ends.

# **GREAT MILTON** **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Hi, fellow residents, neighbours & friends of Great Milton.

## **Thames Valley Police Event**

The event held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Pavilion was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, for very useful help and advice on security matters with a large range of security items available and bicycle security tagging too. And for the kids, a chance to explore and play with the police vehicles, along with the fire engine, especially having the opportunity of having fun using the engine's hoses, and also to switch on the "Blues and Twos."

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to:

Sergeant Vicky Ball, Police Constables Natasha Davis, and Matt Davis  
Police Community Support Officers Claire Keogu and Tom Rogers.

Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, Wheatley Fire Station.

Crew Manager Craig Baldwin, & His Crew, Andrei Viscu, Tom Harper,  
Simon Turner, Roodson Barbosa and James Cunningham  
for their help and support at this event.

This event will be repeated at

**THE PAVILION ON SATURDAY 16th JULY**

## **Our Next Event** **Saturday 11th June**

**We will be having a stall at this year's Village Fete**

With various items of interest including :-

Help and advice on how to increase home and vehicle security  
and other crime prevention techniques.

All supported with leaflets and other items of interest.

And the return of the fire engine too!

## **To keep updated and to alert others**

**Our Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp Group is now in operation.**

**If you would like to be included in the group**  
please contact our two Neighbourhood Watch representatives

Jola Miziniak and Rod Snowdon

Contact Numbers on page 3 of the Bulletin

# **QUIZ NIGHT @ THE NEIGHBOURS' HALL**

**FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022  
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**All Proceeds are for the  
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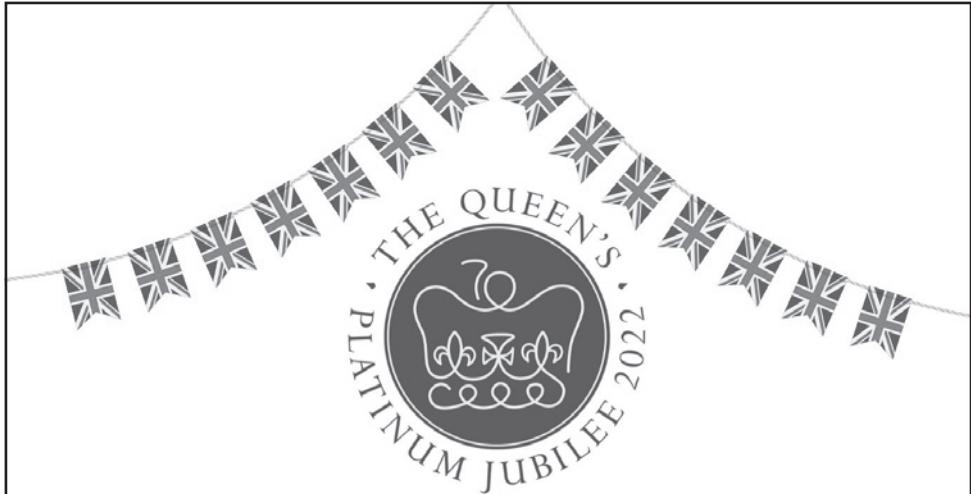
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### Sunday 5th June

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## **Great Milton Website**

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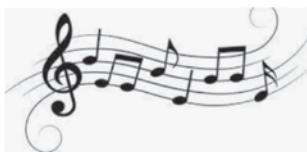
## **MUSIC AFTER THE FETE**

This year we are planning some live music after the fete at The Bull. We'll be hoping to add to the funds raised at the fete in the afternoon.

Saturday 11th June 5pm - 8pm.

If you are a local musician and would like to discuss taking part, please email [lucy.darch12@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.darch12@gmail.com)

Or just make a note of it in your calendar and come along and enjoy the evening!



## **Garden Assistant**

### **Required**

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Interested? If so please phone

**Peter on 01865 872 611**

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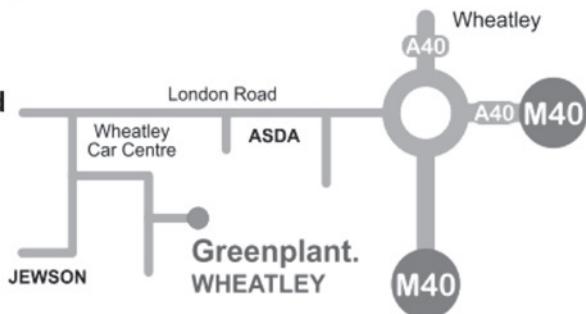
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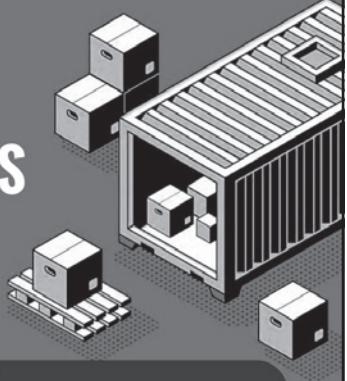
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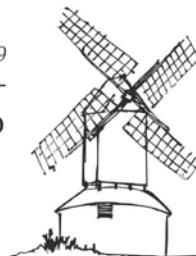
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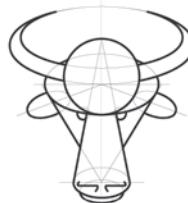
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	Arts & Crafts Club – The Pavilion. 1st Monday of each month. 6:30 – 9:00pm <i>contact carina.martin@gmail.com</i>
Tuesday	Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>
Wednesday	Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm <i>contact Ann Price – 01844 279474</i> GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 11:00am – 1:00pm <i>or by appointment</i>
Thursday	2nd Wed: Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. <i>contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432</i> Sandy Lane Farm Market. 2:00pm – 6:30pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269 www.sandylanefarm.net</i>
	Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>
	Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm <i>contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198</i>
	Bellringers – St. Mary's Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm <i>contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300. www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com</i>
Friday	Vinyasa Flow Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am <i>contact Claire – sparkyoga111@gmail.com to book or for more details</i>
Saturday	Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm. <i>Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090</i>

## May

Fri	13th Quiz Night at The Neighbour's Hall.	7:30pm
Mon	16th Parish Council Meeting in The Pavilion	7:30pm
Thurs	19th Neighbours Club: Outing to the Wildlife Hospital at Haddenham	—
Sat	28th Tug of War: 5 Villages! In The Recreation Ground Party at The Bull. Band and D.J.	11:30am 7:30pm

## June

Sat	4th Jubilee Events at The Bull. Lunch until late. Music and outside bar.	—
Sun	5th Jubilee Picnic on The Recreation Ground (weather allowing)	12:00pm
Sat	11th Church Fete at The Recreation Ground, along The Green and The Old Barn Live Music at The Bull	2:00pm 5:00pm

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