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Sunset over poppies.

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In My Opinion...

Good news from our pub, which seems to be doing pretty well – please keep the support going, especially on weekdays/nights!

The planting of our Remembrance Tree was well attended on 11 November, as was the following service, with an interesting take on war from Simon Cronk – thanks to all who attended and supported these gatherings.

With Christmas just around the corner, events will be hotting up:

- Saturday 8th December sees the Christmas Fair in the Pavilion from 1300h;
- This is followed that evening from 1730h by the Winter Wonderland in St Mary's with the school choir and the GM singers;
- Carols round the tree will be at the usual spot at 1800h on Wednesday 19th December.

Should the weather take a turn towards the Arctic, salt is still stored in the yard between the Old Garage and the Rec Ground and is available for use in any public place, with further supplies in the various salt bins around the village.

It strikes me that many people do a lot for the community, often out of the limelight and with little recognition, so I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to my fellow members of the Parish Council and the Great Milton Community Pub management committee for their tireless support and contributions, without which, in my opinion, this would not be the thriving and successful community that we know and love.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the Parish Council, to wish everyone a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas!

And remember, don't let apathy rule!

Steve Harrod, Chairman



GREAT MILTON
HISTORY SOCIETY

Do you have a well or borehole on your property? We are compiling a record of all the wells and boreholes in Great Milton. Until 1957 wells and boreholes were the only source of water in the village so there were many locations that had a well.

We are recording these on a map of the village. Let us know what you know!

Contact us at the history room or call **01844 279300 or 279489**.

Draft Parish Notes

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19 November were Cllrs. W Fox (Vice Chairman), P Allen, G Harris, G Bennet and P Fewell, plus Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and 16 members of the public. Apologies were received in advance from Cllr S Harrod (Chairman).

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th October 2018 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

Cllr Bill Fox declared an interest in the Stonefield planning application as a neighbour, and Cllr Harris in the Growth Board item given her professional involvement as an employee of Oxfordshire County Council. Although the Parish Clerk lives opposite Monkery Farm (a planning application for which was under consideration) he took no part in discussions or in the decision.


The County Councillor's and District Councillor's monthly reports were received and can be downloaded from the Parish Council website.

Planning applications

The following planning applications were considered:

P18/S3076/HH (Stonefield, Lower End, Great Milton OX44 7NF). The removal of a conservatory and the construction of a single storey flat roof rear extension and a small single storey pitched roof front extension and amendments to some rear window openings. After consultation with neighbours and subsequent discussion it was decided that the Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

P18/S3555/FUL (Hughendon Motors, London Road, Milton Common). Erection of 10 dwellings with access, parking, amenity space, and landscaping following the demolition of the existing buildings. The applicant and his planning consultant attended the meeting to make a further representation, having made an initial presentation to the Parish Council prior to the submission of the planning application. The initial application for 5 larger houses in a 'linear' format has been amended to ten smaller ones in a 'close'. The applicant reported that the amended National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires 40% of houses in a development of 10 or more dwellings to be 'affordable': however in developments of 9 or less there is no affordable housing quota. The developer will await comments from the consultation and planning authority then amend as necessary. The concerns of local residents appeared largely allayed, and the Parish Council decided that it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

P18/S3645/FUL and P18/S3646/LB (Monkery Farm, Church Road, Great Milton). Barn Conversion. This application was considered by the remaining 

members of the Parish Council in the absence of the ward councillor (Chairman). Some concerns have been received from neighbours about the re-opening of a window overlooking a neighbouring property and the possible encouragement of bats with bat boxes. After scrutiny of the plans it was apparent that the window was located such that it could not be seen out of, and that the provision of bat boxes is necessary ecological mitigation. The Parish Council agreed that it FULLY SUPPORTED this application.

P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetsworth, Oxon OX9 7BE). The proposed development is for a 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.

The location of this site was clarified as within the Great Haseley Parish Council area. District Councillor Caroline Newton outlined the principle behind the application (rapid generation of electricity using gas turbines to cover peak times and to supply the grid, rather than to benefit local residents). Many objections from residents were detailed (some found out about it by accident, there are no planning notices on site, 12m chimneys are proposed in the middle of the countryside, the location is inappropriate for such a facility, visual blight, and noise pollution day or night). After discussion Caroline Newton offered to seek an extension to the consultation period to enable residents of Milton Common to submit their objections for consideration by the planning authority. It was agreed that Great Milton PC was opposed to the application and that it too would submit a letter of objection.

The following planning decisions were considered:

P18/S2911/FUL (Land adjacent to Great Expectations Milton Common). Approval for Reserved matters (Access, Layout, Scale, Appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline application (P17/S4227/O) for the erection of up to eight dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space (as amended by additional plans submitted on 31 May 2018 and 19 July 2018). Application proposal, including any amendments: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning permission P18/S0958/RM. In order to process with the appropriate plan revisions. (Remove carports, increase parking spaces, alter external materials, and modify hedging).

P18/S2744/FUL (Milton Farm, The Green, Great Milton OX44 7NT). To erect a small shed on agricultural land. Planning permission has been granted for this proposed development.

Financial Resolutions

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £436.87

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production October and November. £269.20/£254.80
Green and Growing. Grass cutting. £594
SODC dog hygiene. £65.48
Castle Water (allotments). £25.06
Recreation Ground maintenance grant. £400

A full bank reconciliation was received and the latest bank statement signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 5 November was £30,677.85.

Parish Clerk's update of matters in hand

A survey of the condition of the trees growing on common land will shortly be carried out.

Estimates have been requested for the provision of verge mowing for 2019 and 2020.

The village has been offered a 'deep cleanse' by SODC in mid-January. Pavements will be swept and weeds sprayed, and a request has been made to litter-pick the verges on Sworford Lane, The Forties and Wheatley Road (Forties to April Cottage). The Parish Council has also requested that London Road in Milton Common is covered by this work.

Other matters

Councillor Fox has been in touch with the school to ascertain if there are any changes proposed that may affect access to the tennis court and is awaiting a response.

Two draft budgets for the financial year 2019-20 were considered: one with a 6% increase absorbing the potential cost of the forthcoming parish council elections if uncontested, the other accounting for a higher election cost if contested by increasing the precept request by 16%. The latter precept increase was deemed unacceptably high, and it was decided that a final budget with a 6% precept increase would be formally submitted for approval by the Parish Council at December's meeting, with any significant election costs to be met from reserves if necessary.

Parish councils have been offered training and the use of a speed monitoring device by Thames Valley Police. This offer has been accepted and training is awaited.

Carols will be sung around the Christmas tree on Wednesday 19th December at 6.30pm. The Bull will provide mulled wine and mince pies.

An article has been sent to the Parish Council (and others) by a group of Garsington residents for suggested inclusion in the Bulletin. Essentially the article suggests that the OGB is promoting enhanced growth in Oxfordshire and recommends that those against this should request that their local representatives withdraw their support. The Garsington residents' Growth Board article and a response from the County Council (which the Parish Council has been advised is being drafted) will both be published in the Bulletin as and when the latter is available.



An initial survey by the County Council has concluded that repairs are necessary to the stiles and that they should be made more accessible. It is understood that the stiles are located on private land and that as such repairs should be funded by the landowner(s). Further discussions will be needed with all parties as this matter progresses: potential contributions from other funding sources towards any required work will be investigated.

A rowan tree has been donated to the Parish Council by the Woodland Trust and Oxfordshire County Council to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The tree has been planted on the green outside Mike Robinson's house (about halfway between the Old Garage and the Village Stores).

The meeting closed at 8.45pm. The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th December starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Tim Darch, Clerk/RFO, Great Milton Parish Council

Oxfordshire County Council: November update

In All Types of Weather Our Crews are Out Repairing The Roads

Earlier this year OCC put an extra £10m into fixing the roads – effectively doubling the amount of money invested in repairs – and crews are out and about every day in all types of weather doing the job. Their work has already resulted in £1.6m worth of surface dressing with around 33km of roads being surfaced. Work is also under way on a £700,000 programme of surfacing sealing projects around the county. As well as the extra cash which is going into some larger projects, the county council has also increased the amount of relatively small-scale work it does to put right local roads that are suffering from potholes, cracks and worn out tarmac. The number of completed defect repairs between January and September this year is 35,127.

Salting, Gritting And Snow Clearance

OCC is committed to keeping the network of major roads free from ice to minimise the risk of accidents and ensure the smooth flow of traffic. Precautionary salting (sometimes called 'gritting') helps achieve this aim. OCC usually salts between 2 November and 5 April. Live updates can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salting-and-snow-clearance> Details about how community groups can request salt bins can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/street-maintenance-z/salt-and-grit-bins>

Council to Invest in Technology to Improve & Reduce Running Costs


Plans to completely overhaul the county council were given the go-ahead by the

county council's Cabinet on 16 October. They agreed a major investment in digital technology to improve customer service and reduce council running costs. The redesigned council will enable residents to report faults or book appointments online, freeing up staff time to help to service users who cannot go online or have complex care needs. Staff will be given the tools they need to do a better job and spend more time on delivering services to residents. Outdated ICT systems make it hard to join up services and will be replaced, with admin tasks automated to save money and make the council run more smoothly. The changes will support the county council's long-term vision of 'thriving communities for everyone in Oxfordshire'. The redesign is also needed to secure the council's long-term financial stability as demand for services continues to rise – particularly for children and adult social care.

OCC Trading Standards & Police Conduct Operation Rogue Trader

Rogue traders and aggressive doorstep sellers were targeted during October by OCC Trading Standards as part of ongoing work to protect residents and business people. Working in collaboration with Thames Valley Police, Operation Rogue Trader aims to stop rogue business practices and raise awareness of the dangers linked to hiring cold-callers. Fourteen Trading Standards staff and around 30 police travelled around the county when 67 traders were approached and checked; ten warning letters were issued; five waste offenders were fined by district councils; and an overloaded vehicle was investigated along with seven doorstep crime offences and two police offences. In Henley four traders were checked; three warning letters were issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents; and there were three offences for carrying waste without a licence. In Witney 11 traders were checked; and two warning letters issued to traders for not providing 'cancellation rights' to residents. Those who suspect someone of being a rogue trader, or find themselves accosted by uninvited doorstep sellers should contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506.

Boost for a 'Full Fibre' Future in Oxfordshire

Hundreds of businesses and homes across Oxfordshire are set to benefit from faster internet connections, following the launch of the UK Government's nationwide Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme (GBVS). The £67m investment is in addition to the £200m allocated to the Local Full Fibre Networks (LFFN) programme, and will provide future-proof full fibre connections for businesses and the residential communities around them. It follows a successful pilot scheme launched in four areas around the country late last year, which has already seen nearly 1,000 vouchers used up to date. ThinkBroadband statistics show that 8% of homes and businesses in Oxfordshire already have a full fibre internet connection. Superfast broadband reaches almost 97% of premises, and even-quicker ultrafast broadband covers 

51.3% of the county. The vouchers, worth up to £3,000 for a SME and £500 for a resident, provide a one-off contribution to subsidise the installation cost of gigabit-capable infrastructure. In addition to providing a boost to the 95% of the UK that can already get superfast speeds (24Mbps or faster), the vouchers could also help those not yet able to do so, helping to narrow the diminishing digital divide even further. The scheme launched at the end of March 2018 and will run until March 2021 or until all available funding has been allocated. For more information visit [HYPERLINK "https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/" https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/](https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/).

Carers Can Show Badge for a Free Jab

Flu season is coming and the army of front line carers across Oxfordshire are being urged to make having a free jab a key priority. More than 8,500 staff employed in residential care, nursing homes or with registered domiciliary care providers, who are directly involved in the care of vulnerable people, are entitled to a free flu jab. Keeping this valuable workforce fit and well is essential to easing winter pressures across the county's health and social care system. Being immunised not only reduces the chances of carers themselves and their families becoming unwell, it also means that the health of the most vulnerable people in Oxfordshire's communities is not compromised. The flu is not the same as getting a cold. It can seriously affect an individual's health and the risks of developing complications are greater for people within the 'at-risk' groups – for example the over 65s and those with medical conditions like heart, lung and kidney diseases, diabetes, asthma and multiple sclerosis. Healthy individuals usually recover within two to seven days, but for some influenza can lead to a stay in hospital, permanent disability or even death. All workers across the NHS will get flu jabs – meaning the immunisation of the whole health and social care workforce will make the system more resilient. As well as workers in social care settings, anyone who receives a carers allowance, or is the main carer for an elderly or disabled person, is eligible for a free vaccination; all they have to do is present their ID badge to a pharmacist or GP surgery.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards

Steve Harrod

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Services in Our Benefice for December


	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd <i>Advent 1</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 9th <i>Advent 2</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 16th <i>Advent 3</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Lessons & Carols 4:00pm
Monday 17th	Lessons & Carols at Rycote Chapel – 8:00pm By invitation of Mr & Mrs Taylor		
Sunday 23rd <i>Advent 4</i>	Lessons & Carols 6:00pm	Lessons & Carols 4:00pm	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Monday 24th	Benefice Crib Service 4:00pm	Midnight Communion 11:15pm	
Tuesday 25th <i>Christmas Day</i>			Christmas Day Family Communion 9:30am
Sunday 30th <i>Christmas 1</i>	Benefice Communion CW 10:00am		

Services in Our Benefice for January 2019

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th <i>Christmas 2</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

Ramblings from the Rectory

‘And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory’. (John 1: 14)

I was alerted by one of my daughters to an advert for the phone network 3. ‘Phones are bad’ it starts off, moving of course to the message at the end; ‘Phones are good’. But wait a minute, just for a split second, in the blink of an eye before those words phones are good are splashed across the screen it actually says phones are God. 

This is a deliberate case of subliminal advertising. Such methods have been used many time by advertising companies of course. There is nothing subliminal or hidden about the central Christian message, Jesus is God, that is the extraordinary claim being made once again at our celebrations for Christmas, nothing less than that. I love the words printed above, from the famous prologue in John's Gospel 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory.' It is the great message of the incarnation. God, that the source and reason for the whole of existence, the creative intelligence behind the whole universe has become a part of creation, in and as a vulnerable human being, born in a real place at a real time in human history and continues to be worshipped two thousand years later as Lord and God. That is what christians claim, proclaim and believe If you what to know what God is truly like then look at Jesus. if you want to know God, come to Jesus.

The prologue of John's gospel paints for us a most beautiful idea 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life and the life was the light of all people'.

C.S Lewis in his well-known apologetic 'Mere Christianity' grapples with this in his famous Lord or Lunatic quote which I quote in full here:

"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to." (C.S. Lewis: Mere Christianity.)

At the heart of Christmas is Jesus Christ, I believe the question 'who is he?' and how we answer it is of supreme importance.

Smart phones have revolutionised our lives, but they are not God! We have to look elsewhere to find not a thing, but a real human being who uniquely fits that claim.

And so I would invite you to come and hear again that great story that fires our imaginations, yes wrapped up in all the trappings we have become used to but still there, two thousand years later, 'And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and

we have seen his glory.’

Our December service times are printed elsewhere in our village publications, but here I can say that our carol services will be:

St Peter’s Great Haseley - 4.00pm Sunday 16th December,

St James’ Little Milton - 4.00pm Sunday 23rd December

St Mary’s Great Milton - 6.00pm Sunday 23rd December

Our other Christmas services will be:

Christmas Eve:

St Mary’s Great Milton - 4.00pm - Crib Service

St James’ Little Milton - 11.15pm - Midnight Holy Communion with carols

Christmas day:

St Peter’s Great Haseley - 9.30am - Christmas day Family Communion.

I hope to see many of you at these services.

There will not be a ramblings from me for January so can I also take this occasion to wish all readers of this a very happy new year.

Simon, December 2018

St Mary’s Tower Christmas Card

You will all have seen the piece by the Rector and Churchwardens in the November Bulletin and be aware that our church tower is in need of some tlc. A resident expert has photographed and designed a Christmas card that reflects the beauty and history of our church building. These cards can be bought at the Shop, or by putting a note through the door of The Old Saddlery. Cost: £4.00 for a pack of five, or 80p for a single card. Cash or cheques (made out to St Mary’s Gt Milton P.C.C.) only, please.

All proceeds will go to the church tower fund. If you want to look before leaping, the card is reproduced in a poster in the shop window. When you have one in your hand, open the card and look at the front and back together!

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Canon Dr Martin Wellings on 01865 243216
Services at Gt. Milton during the Chapel renovation will be held in the Common Room, Rullers Field

December				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	
9th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jennifer Thompson	
16th	3:00pm	Gt. Milton	Martin Wellings	Carols
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
25th	9:30am	Gt. Milton	Martin Wellings	

Great Milton Methodist Church

Following a major development of the Methodist Church in Great Milton, you are invited to come and see what has been achieved.

It is a small church with a reputation for its warm welcome and has been the place to meet and worship since its foundation in 1842. You are warmly invited to come and join us and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Our normal service times are 11am every Sunday morning except on Sunday 16th December when we have a Carol service at 3:00pm and Christmas Day when the service is at 9:30am.

The church is located in the main street in Great Milton village and directly opposite the telephone box and post office.

The Methodist style of worship is bible based with a variety of music and worship which is led by Methodist ministers and authorised Local Preachers.

Now that the building has the benefit of a kitchen area and toilet facilities, we hope that in addition to be a place of worship, that the building will be used by other organisations as a place for meetings, activities and celebrations.

The Methodist Church was founded by John Wesley and others, who regularly met as a group in Oxford University, where they focused on the methodical study of the Bible and on living a holy life.

John Wesley was an Anglican priest who adopted unconventional and controversial practices, such as open-air preaching, in order to reach factory labourers and newly urbanised masses uprooted from their traditional village culture at the start of the

Industrial Revolution.

The Methodist way continues today by reaching out personally and inviting friends, neighbours and colleagues to come and share in a simpler form of Christian worship.

The Methodist Church of Great Britain is the fourth-largest Christian denomination in Britain, and has a substantial international presence, reported to be a worldwide Protestant movement with an estimated 80 million worshippers.

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Presentation to Ann Price of the British Empire Medal by the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mr. Tim Stevenson



Armistice Commemoration Tree

Oxfordshire County Council generously provided saplings to Parish Councils across the County to be planted to mark the Centenary of the cessation of hostilities at the end of the Great War. Our tree has been planted on the Green between the Post Office and the Old Garage and will be extremely vulnerable for some time until it properly takes root and grows to a more robust proportion, so please be careful of it when out walking!

It was my pleasure to join Len Hill, Bill Fox and Les Preston on this memorable occasion and we all look forward to a healthy rowan tree establishing itself for future generations to recall those gone before us in securing our freedom from tyranny.

Steve



Len Hill plants the tree



Steve Harrod, Bill Fox and Les Preston watch as Len Hill does all the work



A splendid village turn-out for the planting ceremony

The Neighbours Club

We had a very interesting afternoon on the 25th October when we welcomed Graham Kirby who came to talk to us and show slides about "Coins and Christianity" when we were asked to bring along our own coins. It was fascinating to trace our history right back to pre BC times and to see the coins which were used to trade in those days – not at all like the shiny round coins we are used to these days.

On the 8th November we enjoyed (?) another Keep Fit session with Yvonne when she put us all through our paces once more. I am sure the next day we were experiencing a few aches and pains in muscles we never knew we had!

Our next meeting on the 22nd November will be devoted to quizzes so we hope Lin will find us some easy ones and on the 28th November it is our outing to Christmas Lights and Market at Kew Gardens.

JCP

Forthcoming Events

Thurs 6th December: Christmas Lunch

Wed 23rd January 2019: Pantomime Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves at the Corn Exchange, Wallingford

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Quiz Night

To be held on Friday 7th December at 7:30pm in the Neighbours Hall. Teams of up to 8 people, £5 per head, which includes a ploughman's supper.

To enter, please contact me on 279474.

Ann Price, Secretary

Recreation Ground Volunteers

The Recreation Ground Committee are looking for volunteers. The Rec and the Pavillion are much loved and much used village amenities, so please volunteer and help us to keep them up to this way.

We meet up three or four times a year for an hour or so to discuss the business of managing the rec. so it is not an onerous task. It is a friendly and relaxed meeting and often ends with a bit of chat or gossip.

We are particularly looking for young people or parents of young children who would represent a large proportion of the people who use the Rec regularly. We want to know how we could improve things for children and young people in Great Milton. Please come and join us and help to bring down the average age of the committee!

If you are interested in coming along then please contact emilyajohns@hotmail.com. Our next meeting will be on 9th April 2019.

From the Archives



December 1901

The heating of the Church – As the days are short and the replacement of the furnace would occupy many weeks in this month and the following, the Vicar and Church Wardens decided to place two large stoves temporarily, which will be capable of keeping the church dry and warm during the severe cold weather which we may shortly expect.

A word for the Ringers. Great pains have been taken by one and all of the Ringers who have attended the practices, and rung very creditably a peal on Sunday mornings and evenings; The vicar hopes the residents will appreciate their merits and contribute to “the Ringers’ Box” at Christmas, as they deserve every encouragement.

High Sheriff Awards

Applications are invited for nominations for the High Sheriff Awards for the year 2018/2019.

Every year the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire invites nominations for approximately 20 High Sheriff Awards in recognition of individuals in Oxfordshire who have made outstanding contributions to the communities in which they live and work. Nominees will usually have had a high impact on the lives of others over a sustained period of time and will be recognised by other people working in the nominee’s area as inspirational and as setting an example for others to follow.

Nominations can be made by anyone who lives or works in Oxfordshire or who is representing an organisation in the public, voluntary and charitable or private sectors. All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence and nominees should not

be informed that they have been nominated as it can be very disappointing to raise expectations which are then not met.

Contributions to Community Life

Nominations will be welcome for people who have made outstanding contributions to any aspect of community life but in the current year nominations in the following area will be particularly welcome from individuals who are, or have been, involved in:-

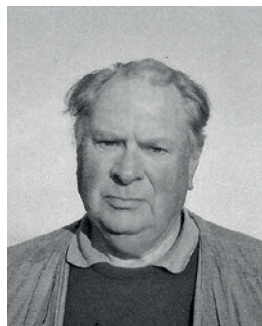
- Coaching or volunteering in Youth Sport and Youth Leadership organisations.
- Youth projects associated with the Arts and Education.
- Mental health work in the community.
- Communication initiatives in communities.

The High Sheriff Awards will not normally be made to people whose work and commitment has already been recognised by the award of a National Honour or by bodies such as the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service and Oxfordshire Charity and Voluntary Action.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 10th January 2019: should you wish to make a nomination please contact the Parish Clerk for further information and a nomination form. Successful nominees will be contacted in early February and the High Sheriff Awards will be conferred at a ceremony in central Oxford on a date to be confirmed to which nominators, families and friends will also be invited.

View from Views

The year rumbles on and soon it will be next year this means that although as I write it is still November but by the time you read this Christmas will be firmly in our minds so I must wish all who waste their time reading my words a happy Christmas and, a useful and more than anything else a peaceful “New Year”. I suppose I could say the weather has been kind to us this Autumn everything that needed doing has been done on time for a change instead of having to do things in a rush at the last minute, with the results being disappointing. We got our Oil Seed Rape planted, as I have previously mentioned by planting straight into the stubble without disturbing the top soil and thus preserving what moisture there was, the result has been very encouraging especially as others who planted it in more conventional methods have had to abandon the crop and, plant something else. You could almost hear me saying that the weather since it changed in September, has been perfect, this of course



cannot be the case but, it has been almost as good as it can get, everything growing well, with the right amount of rain with dry warm periods. The other bonus is that it has grown so well that the pigeons not, having their usual landing strips, have hardly touched it, having said that there is plenty of time, when all other food gets short. The Winter Wheat that we planted late on purpose to as a defense against our very pernicious weed Black Grass (sounds Like the Black Death, in many ways it is as bad) at the time of writing is also looking extremely good. If Winter Wheat, or any other cereal for that matter, gets too forward, (grows too well) it can become very susceptible to various diseases through the winter which will severely reduce its yield potential.

I suppose it is too early to expect to see evidence of our winter visiting wildlife, with the weather on the whole being so mild I guess the incentive to migrate may not be very high. Apart from that we seem to have an abundance of small farmland birds, not quite sure what they are but the top of my expected list would be Gold, Green, and Chaffinches, plus I would like to think Corn Bunting, Yellow Hammers, and possibly Linnets, hopefully one day I will be able to identify them. Once we get some hard weather then the picture will change I suspect, not that I really look forward to that. All I do know we have an awful lot of Squirrels I am doing a patrol of traps each day, in the hopes I might find another, I have caught 5 though in the last month or so. They really annoyed me when for the first time we have a good crop of sweet chestnuts and, if I had not been out every day to pick the ones they had missed, I would have had none. That is when the war started!

After harvest everyone was worried that food was going to be very short for both animals and humans, however the very open autumn especially in the West Country, has allowed grass to grow which to a certain extent has alleviated this scenario. This has had a dramatic effect on the grain market firstly by creating very high prices early on in the marketing year and, now falling away, so once again the selling of grain becomes a gamble. On the subject of grain I recently saw some figures illustrating the worldwide average yields, apparently we lead the world with the highest yields (8.2 tons per Hectare) the EU 3 tons less, the US 4.5 tons less, but the Ukraine between the two, which being an eastern European country we might find hard to believe, except that it was always thought to have been the bread basket of Europe. With this all in mind we have to remind ourselves that there is still a world deficit, which we ignore at our peril, when we talk about things like rewilding or the introduction of some extinct species that, could have a dramatic effect on our livestock or crops. On the other hand we have to conserve what we have and not push nature to far back.

A recent so called official investigation on the results of the badger cull says, that the cull has only had a moderate effect on the incidence of Bovine TB in cattle. This

was announced on the morning Radio news, but on the same day within a couple of hours of that report, the Daily Telegraph stated that the cull had spread the disease, and that it was more likely to be spread by cattle to cattle, anyone with an ounce of sense will know that an infectious disease will spread within the species. It also stated that farms should be more careful to keep animals off their land, actually that is what we do, and how we feed these animals, so how are supposed to feed them. All these conflicting reports and misinformation do not help us in anyway. There have been several such reports all making different statements as to what is happening but, in each case not providing any concrete evidence, except the ones that whatever a particular organization wants to be reported. What I do know anecdotally is that since badgers were protected the incidence of Bovine TB has increased, as has the decline in Hedgehogs and Bumble Bees, both being predated by badgers. It is widely accepted within the industry that in the areas where the cull has taken place there has been a dramatic reduction in the disease.


On a lighter note I read that the National Trust have been warned against ditching the terms AD and BC when dating items, in case it offends non-Christians, I thought this was a Christian Country! Tolerant of all creeds, is this not taking PC too far?

Happy Christmas!

Charles Peers

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

I have been unable to get outside in the garden since September due an unfortunate ankle injury sustained on a walking holiday. This has been frustrating, particularly in view of the glorious autumn weather we have been enjoying. This has been the most beautiful November I can remember which has cheered me while enjoying the sunshine from indoors, but I would rather be outside with the earth running through my fingers.

In recent days I have managed to get to the greenhouse to tidy up plants which I am overwintering with the help of my better half. It is important to clear up dead leaves and trim away dead, diseased or damaged stems as the temperature drops, and the greenhouse inevitably becomes more damp, or you run the risk of encouraging moulds; these are likely to increase plant losses, particularly more tender plants. Watering must be carefully controlled with pots being kept on the dry side. Plants are much more likely to die if they are sitting in wet, cold compost. I also keep the shoots of tender plants long over winter as this growth helps protect the centre of the plant (this applies in the garden too if you are caring for plants of borderline hardiness). Of course 

this has to be balanced against space considerations in a cramped greenhouse.

Despite the shortening daylight hours there are already signs of spring with shoots of some perennials already visible at ground level and flower buds of spring flowering shrubs are already swollen. You will also be able to see bulb growth just peeking out of the soil. We have a lot of snowdrops in some areas of the garden and I try to clear the old perennial growth early from those areas so the flowers can be enjoyed and not broken off accidentally while cutting back in the early spring which so often happens.

Looking from the kitchen door I can see some very healthy looking Cosmos seedlings which are a bit of a surprise - due to the mild autumn I presume. My other half tells me that there are masses of Nicotiana seedlings on the compost heaps. We have also enjoyed, over late summer and autumn, a mature Nicotiana plant significantly bigger than me which has loved germinating and growing undisturbed on the compost heap and has flowered magnificently. This is an example of how much better plants grow when they sow themselves where they want to grow; we have other much smaller examples around the garden, but none so happy. We also have a lone example of a dark pink Nerine. There are normally lots of flowers and I am a bit surprised they haven't done well given that we have had the summer heat they love. I think it must be that I have not cleared away enough of the Nicotiana plants growing around them and so they haven't been baked enough by the summer sun.

We have been very fortunate to have long lasting magnificent autumn colour this year. We have a large ornamental pear and our neighbours have an old edible pear and these two trees have been glorious shades of gold and red. I wonder if I have never spared the time to watch them before; one thing I have had this autumn is time.

Liz Moses

For membership details (cost only £5 per family per year), please contact the membership secretary, Carys Lindsay – caryselindsay@gmail.com – 07984250752

Little Milton WI

In November we had fun evening of card making with Leanne Gee from Occasionally Paper. We also did our first fundraising event of the year at Headington Quarry Craft Market and, thanks to all our members and friends who supplied the cakes, we made an impressive £194 for our funds. Thank you to Leanne for inviting us and to Cathy and Adele for helping me run the stall on the day.

This month on Thursday December 13th we have 'ART from A to Tea' with Eirian Griffiths. Eirian will be talking about different kinds of art-making (watercolour/

acrylic/oil/drawing/linocut) and show the effects of using different materials. Then we'll all be making a folded paper Christmas Star, followed by mulled wine & festive treats. Everyone welcome, visitors £4.

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton or The Haseleys, want to meet new people, 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 at the Pine Lodge.

Too shy to come by yourself? Contact me & I'll find you a WI buddy.

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Details & news at www.littlemiltonvillagehall.org.uk

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All It Takes is One Distraction

Did you know that 1 in 3 people rescued from house fires in Oxfordshire are rescued from cooking fires? Or that distraction is the main cause of cooking fires?

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- turn down the heat
- set the timer
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Or could find that Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service firefighters join you for dinner! Find out more at: www.365alive.co.uk/cooking

Wheatley Library 01865 875267

At the end of October we passed the 1,000 hour mark of volunteer time this year. Thanks everyone! The library couldn't offer the service it does without you.

Dates to note:

Saturday 22nd December: Mince Pies in the library.

Month of December: Ex-library stock book sale. 40p for a book or 3 for £1. Children's books are 20p each.

Our opening hours over the festive season are as follows:

Saturday 22nd December 9.30-13.00

Thursday 27th December 14.00-17.00



Friday 28th December 9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00

Saturday 29th December 9.30-13.00

Wednesday 2nd January 9.30-13.00 and 14.00-17.00

Wednesday 6th February

Join us for a morning with Imogen Matthews, local Headington author, who will introduce her latest novel, *The Hidden Village*, set in World War 2 Holland.

Imogen will discuss her career in writing, her Dutch background and frequent visits to Holland that led to her discovery of a real hidden village, the inspiration for her fiction novel. Refreshments will be provided.

Regular FOWL events:

On-going sale of donated books

Monday morning craft sessions weekly from 10-12

Monday afternoon art sessions from 3-5

Monday evening craft sessions weekly from 7-9pm

There is a small charge for refreshments

Search for Friends of Wheatley Library on Facebook to know what is happening and when.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from the extended Wheatley team.

News from The Pine Lodge

A Big Thank You to everyone for helping us put on an action packed November. Special thanks to Jim, Roger and team for the spectacular fireworks and Kay and helpers for feeding us all!

Regular activities include:

WI 'ART from A to Tea' with Eirian Griffiths on 13 December at 7.30pm

Craft Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (19 December)

Power Yoga with Hayley on Mondays at 9.15am

Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am

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

Toddlersense, multi-sensory adventures for children on Thursdays 1015-1415

Upcoming events:

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 1st December 11am-2pm

Quiz Night - 19 January at 7pm

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Local Expansion

Do you want 100,000 new houses and a new motorway in our Oxfordshire landscape?

Your District Councillors think you do

Our local authorities want to build 100,000 new homes in Oxfordshire by 2031 – there are currently 268,000. This represents a massive 40% increase.

The Sept 18 report by the Office of National Statistics shows we only need 23,000 new homes in the county by 2031 to support anticipated organic population growth.

A plan to substantially increase the population of Oxfordshire is being developed by a committee called The Oxfordshire Growth Board, which comprises all District Councils and the City Council, with the aim of delivering enhanced economic growth. This is a choice and is NOT necessary for the residents of Oxfordshire to continue to prosper within the boundaries of the existing landscape and organic population growth. We already have a successful local economy.

The impact of this plan will be :

- Replacement of our countryside with an urban sprawl of houses, business parks and new roads.
- Increased traffic congestion, associated air pollution and noise.
- Further pressure on already stretched public services including schools, hospitals, GP's & social care.
- Loss of wildlife habitats.
- Increased flood risks.
- Potential for Infrastructure to fail - eg, water supplies, sewage systems, roads.
- Constant building disruption for years.

The impacts will be even greater if the government plan to transform the Oxford to Cambridge corridor goes ahead as it has the aspiration for a million new homes.

If, like us, you don't want this, please sign this petition

<https://www.change.org/p/oxfordshire-growth-board-rethink-oxfordshire-s-economic-growth-plan>

...and write to your District and County Councillors asking them to withdraw their support from The Oxfordshire Growth Board.

Please share the above information urgently with your network to garner as much support as possible.



To learn more:

Visit the Oxfordshire Growth Board website <https://www.oxfordshiregrowthboard.org/>

Read this article <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/aug/22/project-britain-debate-oxford-cambridge-expressway>

If you want to get involved please contact us at ROEGP@outlook.com

Ian Ashley, Martin Kelly, Adrian Townsend,

Residents of Garsington, Oxfordshire, October 2018

Do You Have a Spare Room in Your House?

Share your home and make a difference

Do you feel that you could offer support to someone in order to make a difference to their life? If so, you could be just the person we are looking for!!

The Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme supports carers to provide paid care and support in their own home to vulnerable adults.

People who use the service need practical and emotional support in order to live their lives more fully and independently and feel part of a family household. They may have a learning disability, physical disability or mental health need or they could be an older person or someone with dementia.

Here in Oxfordshire we are keen to recruit people from all walks of life who feel they can offer this type of paid support in their own home. It could be anything from occasional short breaks or day time support through to a longer term full time arrangement. The support that our carers give makes a huge difference to the lives of people using the service, often enabling them to experience new opportunities and reach new goals.

No matter what type of arrangement our carers provide, they all receive on-going support and training from a team of qualified social workers to ensure delivery of high quality, person centred care. They could also be paid up to just over £400 per week for each person they support.

There are also regular opportunities to meet up with other carers and people who

use the service at social and information events so a wider support network is also available.

If you have a spare room to offer and would like to play a key part in making a positive difference to someone's life, then we really want to hear from you!

Call the Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme on 01865 897971 or visit our website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives .

We are also holding a drop-in session for people to come and find out more about the service by chatting to other carers, social workers from the Shared Lives Team and people using the service. This will be held on Thursday 6th December between 1.00 pm and 2.30 pm at Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3JD. We look forward to meeting you!!

John Howell MP writes...

In my newsletter for Parish Magazines I try to avoid Party political comment and simply report on my work or comment on particular issues that I hope will be of interest to constituents. This month will be no different. However I do want to comment on Brexit!! Not on the deal, not on the views of those on either side of the argument, but on the process and reactions to the process.

As I write I have just taken part in a discussion on BBC Radio Oxford on the draft Brexit deal that the Prime Minister tabled mid-November. The BBC had been out and about asking for people's views on Brexit and there was a strong feeling that people are thoroughly fed up with the issue and just want it resolved. This is coming from people on both sides of the debate. This reflects many comments to me as I go out and about in the constituency. I too am dismayed at the way in which some leading politicians seem to be using this as an opportunity for self-promotion and are jockeying for position to be in the best place to put themselves forward if the Prime Minister is toppled. It is a side of politics which I deplore.

The voices of those in the street probably represent the silent majority. There have been vociferous and persistent campaigns over many months from both sides of the debate. I have been bombarded by emails demanding support from people on both

sides of the debate – which of course is impossible.

As I have said many times I voted to remain in the EU but I respect the outcome of the referendum vote and accept that I was not on the winning side. The arguments about the campaign have been long rehearsed especially questioning whether people know what they were voting for. Now that we have a draft deal on the table many have been quick to condemn it. Too quick. Many have condemned a deal the detail of which they have not even read. It is an important issue and on such an issue the original source material, albeit of 585 pages, is surely not too much to bother with. This is so given the very mixed picture that the press and media have presented.

A recent opinion poll of over 2,000 people has shown that if Parliament rejects the deal only one in four of us (26%) want us to leave with no deal. The majority want to continue with the current negotiations to finalise the draft.

One media comment made in this same week suggested that there are many other things that MPs need to focus on and suggested that Brexit has been the only issue for debate in the last 18 months. Let me reassure you that Brexit may have been the key issue for the media but the work of Parliament on a wider range of important issues has carried on. Brexit has been one important issue among many as I have reported in my publications over recent months. But I have spoken almost 180 times in the past year and overall have concentrated on the issues that really matter to people.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do let me know. you can email me at howelljm@parliament.uk 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). If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at www.parliament.uk. As always, I am interested to hear constituent's views on the proposals before the House.

If you would like to receive my periodic electronic newsletters and briefings on specific issues, please email me at asking to be subscribed. You can also follow me on Facebook www.facebook.com/JohnHowellOxfordshire or on twitter @JHowellUK

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Great Milton Website

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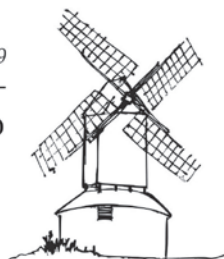
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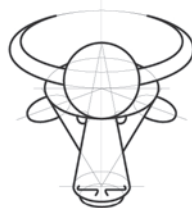
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December

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| 1st Sat | Mens Breakfast at Furlong Cottage, Lower End | 8:30am |
| | Christmas Fayre at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton | 6:00pm |
| 6th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Christmas Lunch | — |
| 7th Fri | Quiz Night in The Neighbours Hall | 7:30pm |
| 8th Sat | Christmas Fair in The Pavilion | 1:00pm |
| | Winter Wonderland at St. Mary's. GM Singers & GM Primary School | 5:30pm |
| 15th Sat | Decorating St. Mary's for Christmas. Refreshments served. | 10:00am |
| 17th Mon | Parish Council Meeting in The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| 19th Wed | Carols around the Christmas Tree on The Green. Mince Pies & Mulled Wine | 6:30pm |
| 25th Tue | Merry Bloomin' Christmas!:-) | |

January 2019

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| 23rd Wed | Neighbours Club Outing: Ali Baba at The Corn Exchange, Wallingford | — |
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