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Tree on Swerford Lane.
Photo: Manny Stone.

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Draft Parish Notes – May 2019

The annual meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 20th May, at which Cllrs Stephen Harrod and Bill Fox were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairmen respectively for a further year. Declarations of Office were signed by all previous councillors, who all continue to serve after an uncontested parish council election on Thursday 2nd May. Cllr Caroline Newton was re-elected as District Councillor for Haseley Brook ward in the SODC election.

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th May were Cllrs S Harrod (Chairman), W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, C Deacon, G Harris and P Fewell, plus Tim Darch (Clerk) and six members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr G Bennet.

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the monthly meeting of the Parish Council, both held on Monday 15th April 2019, were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

The County Councillor's monthly report was received by the meeting and is available via the Parish Council website. Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor) reported that following the elections SODC now comprised a 'rainbow coalition' chaired by Cllr Sue Cooper. Concerns were raised over the potential withdrawal of the Local Plan given differing political views on the housing targets within: this would mean that a 5-year land supply could not be demonstrated, and encourage more speculative development. It would also lead to the potential removal or reduction of significant funding available for infrastructure improvements.

Correspondence and Public Discussion

Two residents commented on the issue of speeding cars along Windmill Hill, and the lack of signage directing motorists to the M40 via the A329. Four 'slow' signs on road in specific locations on Windmill Hill also require repainting. The Parish Clerk will contact OCC Highways to suggest that the signs are repainted and signage for the M40 is improved to encourage motorists heading there to stay on the main road. The Clerk will also ask why other roads in area have a 50mph limit (specifically the A329), but not Windmill Lane.

A resident reinforced the suggestion that double yellow lines should be investigated at the corner at the bottom of Lower End to deter parking there. In response councillors suggested that there is limited potential for off-road parking for many village residents, that parked cars can perform a useful function as 'informal traffic calming', and that the construction of chicanes has been investigated in the past and would cost over £40,000. In addition street lighting is required when chicanes are present, to which

many residents will be opposed. The Parish Council agreed to request the County Council to investigate and suggest options for mitigating the road safety issue on the bend where Lower End meets Sworford Lane.

A resident commented on the suggested replacement/repair of stiles on the footpath between Pitts Green and Waterstock, which offers a useful link to the very frequent 280 bus service and avoids the hazardous walk along Sworford Lane. Cllr Harris offered to resume discussions with the landowner and Oxfordshire County Council in an attempt to progress the matter.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetsworth, Oxon OX9 7BE). Major Amendment : No. 3 - dated 26th April 2019

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.(As clarified by additional information about trees received 16 November 2018, ecology received 19 November 2018, archaeology received 30 November 2018, trees received 14 March, and supporting documents received 5 February 2019 and 19 February 2019. As amended by plans received 19 February 2019. As amplified by additional information received 26 April 2019).

After discussion it was agreed to reinforce the Parish Council's original objections to the proposal, and to add that existing noise from other sources in the area (specifically the M40) should not be used as mitigation for the creation of noise generated by the proposed power plant.

P19/S1365/FUL (Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NJ). Demolition of 2no. existing outbuildings and erection of a tennis pavilion.

A semi-sunken tennis pavilion proposed in the Green Belt area of the village. No objections have been received from neighbours, and the structure would be barely visible from roads, footpaths or other properties. It was therefore agreed to respond to the planning authority with No Strong Views.

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

Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/W/18/3215893 (The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Road, Milton Common, Thame OX9 2JW).

Application Ref P18/S2573/FUL, dated 25 July 2018, was refused by notice dated 3 October 2018. Development proposed: construction of 4 detached and 2 

semi-detached dwellings.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Notice of appeal

London Road, Tetsworth, Oxon OX9 7BB. Proposed development: Change of use from agricultural land to provide proposed traveller site with provision for twelve individual plots with individual parking, individual amenity, shared paddock / amenity space and bin storage areas.

This inquiry will be heard at a public inquiry on 18/19/20/21 & 25/26 June 2019 at Tetsworth Memorial Hall, High Street, Tetsworth, OX9 7AB for 6 days at 10.00 am.

You can attend the inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, speak if you wish. The written statements submitted by the council and the appellant for the hearing are now available on the council's website under the application reference P15/S3936/FUL. You can keep track of progress on this appeal on the Planning Portal website at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals. The decision will also be published here.

Financial Resolutions

The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £442.15

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production April/May. £264.15/£278.50

Oxfordshire County Council: speed recording on Sworford Lane/Windmill Hill.
£120

The internal audit report and signed Internal Audit Certificate was received from Matthew Hale, Internal Auditor. The report raised no issues or items of concern.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 for the year ending 31st March 2019.

Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and subsequently Section 2 (Accounting Statements) were received and approved by the Parish Council, and the documents signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk RFO as required.

The Council's Risk Management document (May 2019) was reviewed and approved unchanged.

The intention to submit an application for the refund of £952.63 VAT incurred between April 1 2018 and March 31 2019 was noted and approved.

The revised Fixed Asset Register including the defibrillator was approved in advance of the commencement of the new Parish Council insurance policy on 1 June.

The latest bank statement, monthly reconciliation and monthly accounts were received by the Council. The reconciled bank balance as at 7 May 2019 was £27,468.05.

Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

The defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box. It is reported that some

training would be very beneficial and would enable swift action should the machine be needed: a charity can offer this, it is understood at a cost of around £10 per head and a one-off fee to cover costs. On this basis, the Parish Council suggested covering the costs element if participants are happy to pay the £10 per head for the training: the Clerk will look into this in more detail and investigate possible times and dates, then advertise the event in the Bulletin once a time and venue is agreed.

Jenks Oxford tree surgeons has kindly donated a maple tree to replace the rowan 'whip' donated by OCC/The Woodland Trust to commemorate the Armistice centenary, which sadly failed to survive the winter months. The maple has been planted in the same location as the rowan, on The Green about halfway between the entrance to the Recreation Ground and the Village Stores.

Great Milton History Society requires insurance for the items stored in the History Room at The Bull. Neither The Bull's nor the Parish Council's insurance are able to cover these items: the History Society has sought quotes and is seeking a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of insurance, which is £125.20 for the first year. The council approved this contribution.

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

Tim Darch (Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer)

The Sheppard Trust

In 1906, Miss Ellen Sheppard's wish was that her legacy be used to provide support for charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Milton. The Trustees meet three times a year to discuss applications, and many local charities have benefited from her generosity.

The next meeting of the Trustees of the Sheppard Trust will be on Thursday 20th June 2019. Funds are available for distribution and applications are welcomed.

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

Mrs Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton,
Oxfordshire, OX44 7QE. Or emailed to janewillis1@live.co.uk.

Applications should be delivered by Monday 10th June 2019.

Services in Our Benefice for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd <i>Easter 7</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 9th <i>Whit Sunday</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 16th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Joint Service at Methodist Chapel 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 23rd <i>Trinity 1</i>	Benefice Communion CW 10:00am		
Sunday 30th <i>Trinity 2</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

Services in Our Benefice for July

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 7th <i>Trinity 3</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

From the Registers

We celebrate the wedding of John Wren and Jacqueline Cathedral at St Mary's on 18th May.

Ramblings from the Rectory

I am hesitant to write this lest I be accused of sensationalism but I will take the risk. Those who have been coming to our churches over the last few months will know the story of baby Molly. Molly developed as a healthy foetus but there were serious complications at birth leading to oxygen starvation. This resulted in Molly being born with a very bleak prognosis. She was not expected to survive and if she did survive Molly was then expected to suffer from serious and debilitating conditions. There was every indication that she had no sense of sight or of hearing and her life chances were

going to be very limited.

Molly is the granddaughter of a colleague of Cath, my wife and she simply asked for Cath to pray. Cath did this and passed this on to others. We prayed in the parishes, the word spread through her and through others who had also been told. I even discovered that a friend of mine had been on retreat to Mucknall Abbey in Worcestershire and the brothers at the Abbey were praying for Molly.

Against all expectation Molly's condition dramatically improved. It became clear that she was now seeing and hearing and she started to hit her crucial centiles. Those who had been looking after her in intensive care said that they had never experienced anything like this, she had not been expected to survive let alone dramatically recover from such a serious and apparently irreversible condition. We don't know to what degree Molly might now suffer disability associated with her birth but what is clear is that it will not be nearly as dramatic and debilitating as was first expected.

What happened? Did we all pray and so Molly got better? This is where I am very cautious. I am able to celebrate what happened to Molly, I am able to say that we prayed for Molly, I am not though able to offer a categorical statement that Molly has recovered to the degree she has because of our prayers, all I can say is that it was right to pray, whatever the outcome was to be. This is though where I face a mystery. I have known families who have suffered similar things and whose child has gone on to live life with very reduced physical and mental function. I have known many prayers to be said for people with life threatening illnesses, some have got better, others have died. We used to have a healing ministry team at Hughenden and shortly before we moved here two key and faithful members of that team both died of cancer.

The theme of this year's excellent Spring Harvest in Minehead (I have written about this in previous years) was all to do with prayer. The key note addresses (if I can call them that) were by a man called Pete Grieg. He started a movement that has become global called the 24/7 prayer movement. It does what it says on the tin, Christians coming together to commit to pray for their communities 24/7. We were involved in high Wycombe 24/7, Wycombe has large and well resourced churches so such a venture was possible. Our church took on the responsibility for one day a month, praying for 24 hours. We cannot do something as ambitious here but I am grateful that more people in our churches are seeing the value and importance of prayer and are coming together to pray more. Pete Grieg though has not had a troubled free, prayerfully victorious life. About ten years ago his wife, a young mother was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour. This was operated on and whilst she survived her life has changed dramatically and she has to live with a very debilitating condition. Pete feels compelled to pray, to encourage others and teach them to pray, but he has also 

had to wrestle with the hard questions that prayer inevitably raises, why does it seem that God acts in one way with one person and situation but not with another person or situation? The skeptic or non-believer will of course have a quick and dismissive answer. That is too easy though, there are many possibilities surrounding the activity of prayer and I believe that prayer is rather more than just a placebo. The subject is too big to deal with here. I am half way through an excellent book dealing with this issue, again by Pete Grieg, written about ten years ago provocatively called 'God on Mute'.

It happens every year, usually in jest but I am always asked to pray for good weather for our parish fetes and then chastised (again in jest) if it rains for not praying hard enough. Last year it bucketed down at the Great Haseley Street tea! This year we have two fetes in June, in Little Milton and Great Milton and a garden party three months later September in Great Haseley.

Should we be praying that the weather system of the North Atlantic should alter its pattern so that our parish fetes or weddings or planned outdoor parties should always enjoy good weather? I am rather uncomfortable with the idea actually. If God answered every prayer for good weather for a particular event on a particular day it would never in fact rain at all! Also, let's put this into perspective. There are people in our world today who have experienced years of drought and who long for rain simply to survive. The evidence is overwhelming that human activity is having an effect on climate change, our prayers should reflect that and should galvanise us into effective action to live and do things differently. So while I will be delighted and really do hope that the sun will shine at our various fetes and garden parties through the Summer and Autumn, I won't be earnestly praying that the weather system of the Northern Hemisphere is ordered so the sun will shine on the Miltons and the Haseleys on particular days. Anyway, in scripture rain is always a sign of God's blessing! If the sky looks inclement, bring an umbrella, we're British, we cope with such things!

Simon

Christian Aid

Once again, thank you to all the wonderful collectors, including the three new ones in Great Milton, who walked our roads delivering and collecting the red envelopes this year to raise money in Christian Aid Week. The bunting fluttered, the posters advertised and money was collected. As this goes to print before the counting the grand total raised will be printed in July's newsletters, but a huge thanks to everyone who gave money to Christian Aid this year – it is very much appreciated.

S.A. Dennis

Unleashed!... Spring Harvest April 13th–17th 2020

What would the Church of England look like unleashed!!!!?

Come along and find out... Ian and Sally Ann – with Simon's blessing – are getting a group together to go to next year's Spring Harvest at Minehead. Spring Harvest is an annual gathering of thousands of people from churches across the UK and Europe to explore God's Word, listen to his voice and respond in worship. This year the theme was 'Prayer' and next year's theme, underpinned by prayer, is 'Unleashed'. If you'd like to come along with us please do let us know as we're booking the accommodation (before it all runs out – and it does!!) in June 2019. Even if you're only thinking about it can you let us know by email iandennis1@btinternet.com or phone 01844 278029. You do not need to commit yourself to coming yet as we will book 'in faith'.... Ask us more and we can give you details of timing and cost. Don't hesitate a moment longer – be in contact now!

Ian and Sally Ann Dennis

Church Tower Fund

I have been asked to reproduce something that I said as I introduced the Great Milton singers at a concert in April the Church in aid of the Tower Fund. As it was unscripted and completely off the top of my head I will have a go here from memory to give the gist of what I said....

When I came to these parishes four years ago to be interviewed for the post of rector I was particularly excited by the Vision St Mary's had for making the Church a much better space for worship and community use alike with the inclusion of a kitchen and lavatory.

At the time however no one knew what was coming with an inspection of the Church revealing the need for extensive restoration and repair significantly to the Tower, hence the Tower fund was born. In truth this was a dispiriting development and somewhat hijacked the original vision with the dominance of church fabric over facilities, and the need to raise 'unfun money' as someone has put it to me since.

However, following changes to the Heritage Lottery grants we could apply for we have more recently decided that it is right to now organise for a far larger project, and so the Tower fund has become the Church Development fund, a working title I know but it will do for the moment. We hope to raise money to provide much needed facilities in the Church and do much needed repair and conservation work to the external fabric of the Church.



We know this is a big project and we estimate that we will need to raise by various means around half a million pounds! We also know that this will not happen overnight. The project will include the relocation and conservation of the Dormer monument, a monument of significant historic worth, back to where we believe it was originally location in the South Aisle of the Church. The space under the Tower will then accommodate the facilities we need. We will also be removing the Pews from the space immediately in front of the Tower. We will be able to put occasional seating in this space if the need arises.

This is a bold and exciting vision and so much more than raising money to simply re-point the Church tower. It will take time and energy and the involvement of those who might have had previous experience in this sort of project. We have also decided to employ the services of an external fundraiser who will help us with the necessary grant applications we will need to make. Our architect has said that it will be necessary for us to do this given the size of the project.

We are pulling together a team to make this happen. Much has already been done but there is still much more to do. We hope that we will have your support.

Simon Cronk

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

June				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Sue Barratt	
9th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Dr Alan Turner	
16th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev John Anderson	Holy Communion
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jane Lusty	
30th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	

The Neighbours Club

On the 25th April we had a visit from one of our favourite speakers Nick Brazil and this time his subject was "Albania in the Early 1990's". He went out to Albania on behalf of a children's charity with supplies of food, clothes etc. He was based in Tirana which has a population of over 3,000. It has been a communist area since 1984 but in

1991 Communism was pronounced "Dead".

On the 9th May our subject was "Curiosities in the Chilterns" which proved to be very interesting indeed. For instance in Harpsden there is a Marmoset's Grave. A lady owned a marmoset which she loved dearly and took for walks draped round her neck. One terrible day the marmoset died whilst round her neck and she buried it at the exact spot where it died. We were told of a brick drying kiln in Nettlebed and an aircraft crossing in Ewelme. I am sure many of you are familiar with the pointed lock-up in the corner of the recreation ground in Wheatley and the shark in the roof in Headington. Another familiar spot is the Maharajah's Well in Stoke Row. The series was so fascinating we are arranging to have them back later in the year.

On the 1st May the club hired the Comet Coach for 3 1/2 hours and went to Yarnton Garden Centre.

JCP

Forthcoming Events May/June

Thurs 6th June - School Games T.B.A

Thurs 20th June - Garden Tea in remembrance of John Davis

Our Annual Thank You!

Could I take a moment to thank the Senior Citizen's committee for another very good party under the guidance of Ann Price MBE. About sixty attended, the meal was excellent and drinks flowed – entertainment top notch!

A thank you to all who contribute throughout the year, raising money via quiz nights, rummage sales and the auction in September with veg, cakes, plants etc etc.

Let you into a secret, you nearly didn't get your meal!! The cooker would not go through the doors – so, quick thinking – a door was removed and all turned out to be happy ever after!

Les Preston

60's/70's Charity Dance – Thank You

On Saturday 18th May we held the charity dance at the Neighbours Hall. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to support. The funds raised are in aid of St. Mary's Church Tower Renovations & Methodist Church. The amount raised on the night was over £1,000. We all danced the night away and had such a fun evening!

Opportunity to Invest in the Great Milton Community Pub Limited **funds needed to finance planned improvements to the dining area and accommodation**

In 2013, over 150 villagers invested in The Great Milton Community Pub Limited, a society for the benefit of the community. Together we raised enough money to buy The Bull and to secure the pub for the community. In the last 6 years, the society has traded successfully and its draft accounts for the year ended 30 April 2019 show that it has generated reserves of around £55,000.

However maintaining and improving a pub is an expensive business. We're about to have the thatch re-ridged and have submitted a planning application for a new terrace and improved dining area, as well as a separate first floor entrance to the upstairs accommodation.

The dining area will open out to the rear of the pub onto a terrace, replacing the existing yard and sheds, and providing additional seating for diners for at least seven or eight months of the year.

We are still waiting for final quotes but it is likely that the work planned will cost in total over £70,000 – more than we have in reserves or available cash.

One of the ways we can raise fund is if we attract new shareholders or if those who have already invested are willing to add to their investment. If you have recently moved to the village or, for whatever reason, were not able to participate 6 years ago, please think about whether you would like to be part of the Bull's future and become a shareholder. If you are already a shareholder, please think about whether you could increase your investment.

There are two classes of share available – “A” shares and “B” shares. Each share costs £500 so the minimum amount anyone can invest is £500. The maximum investment permitted is £100,000. No matter how many shares are owned, each shareholder has one vote at shareholder meetings. Shares are not transferable (except on death).

“A” Shares are non-redeemable, non-interest bearing shares and are aimed at philanthropic investors who consider their contribution to be a donation. “A” shareholders will never get a return except on a solvent winding up.

“B” Shares are withdrawable and bear interest, both at the discretion of the committee.

If you are interested in investing and/or would like more information please contact the management committee via:

Steve Harrod, Chairman – 278 068 or stephen@wildhorn.co.uk

Hayley Bamford, Secretary - 07825 794662 or hayleybamford@me.com

Sue Barratt, Treasurer – 279 214 or sue.greatmilton@outlook.com

Interested in Defibrillator Training?

Villagers will be aware that a defibrillator now occupies the former telephone box, thanks to a generous donation from a local resident. The Parish Council is advised that some training will be vital in the event that the device has to be used: this is currently under investigation with a view to arranging a group session.

Please advise Tim Darch via the Parish Council email address (contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk) or on 01844 278347 if this would be of interest. Depending on who hosts the training there may be a small charge (possibly £10 per person): the Parish Council will also be making a financial contribution. Further details to follow in due course.

Great Milton History at the Fete

Brand new and well established booklets will be available – including a reprint of the Blakeston Study, only a slight increase to £7.50. The new Sports book will be highlighted at £3.50

The Wells project is an ongoing effort – the map and site photos of at least 60 wells in the Village will be there for perusal. In addition to all that, we will bring some albums from the archive for all to enjoy.

Please come and see us at the stall and remember that we can copy and return any documents you may have to add to the collection.

GMH

Senior Citizens Party Committee

Quiz

Our next Quiz has been arranged for Friday 7th June in the Neighbours Hall at 7:30pm, Teams of up to eight people – £5.00 per head, which includes a ploughman's supper. To enter, please ring me.

Rummage Sale

This will be held on Saturday 22nd June in the Neighbours Hall at 2:30pm. Rummage can be brought to the hall on the day after 10:00am. Anyone requiring rummage to be collected please ring me.

Ann Price, Secretary – 01844 279474

Spring Concert Review

Those of you not in the church for the Great Milton Spring Concert on April 27th missed a real treat. The Great Milton Singers were in great voice and treated us to a varied and entertaining programme.

To start and end with Zadok the Priest from Handel's Coronation Anthem was a masterstroke. The choir were striking in black with their trademark flame scarves, not the gentlemen!

We were fortunate to hear three excellent soloists; the elegant Zoë Mace in her silver evening gown entranced us with her soaring soprano. Her duets with the dashing Andrew Chim were fabulous especially the Don Giovanni.

Daniel Emlyn-Jones gave us a memorable O Sole Mio. Bagatelle played with their customary skill and Roger Simmonds ably provided the accompaniment.

All was led by Kate Billimore in her inimitable style, another triumph!

A fan

Great Milton Football Club Monthly Update

The season finished with us in fourth place in the league and with two semi-final appearances, which was a very good achievement in what turned out to be a difficult season.

Fundraising

We are holding a Race Night at the Snooker Club in Thame on 15th June (we had to change the date from the 1st due to the Champions League football final). If you would be interested in 'purchasing' a horse or a jockey for a small fee, or even sponsoring one of the 8 races, please contact us at greatmiltonfc@outlook.com.

Recruiting

We are looking for players for the new season, please get in touch if you or if you know anybody who would be interested in joining. We are also seeking new committee members, again if this is of interest please drop us a line.

On the web

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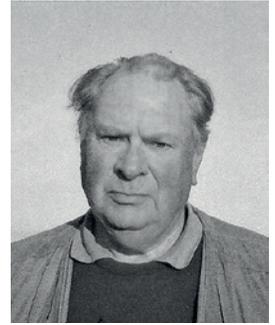
Heard the first Cuckoo 30th April

This month I write a little earlier than usual as I may not be able to write for the critical date so some points I make may be a little out of date or context, what will not alter is the fact that by the end of April we are getting desperate for rain having been such a dry mild winter all plants really need a good drink, more than a human on a Saturday evening.

We saw our first Swallow over the Easter week end, and although one does not make a summer it certainly felt like it meaning by the following weekend it seems like it is winter again English weather! We still seem to have a good collection and variety of small birds around all busily nesting although some of the young chicks seem to be appearing occasionally, however by the time this is read they will have fledged I guess.

It was extremely concerning to read a Headline in one of the Farming Newspapers recently and I quote as it says it all “I produce food that I cannot afford to buy myself” This poor chap is a north country sheep farmer and has to consider using a food bank to feed his family. Within the farming community there is a great void between this type of farmer who only has his land to make a living where in this area we have the ability to use some of our assets to create an income that has nothing to do with farming. I also expect that this chap only has a farm house and buildings he cannot afford to alter or replace, probably he is a tenant whose landlord does not see the income he gets from the land viable so nothing happens. This makes it all very difficult for those directly affected, we do have a charity which was set up for these sorts of people, (“The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute” “RABI”) which does dole out thousands of pounds a year helping these sorts of people. It is hard for us in the area, of relative prosperity, to visualise this sort of farmer, as we tend to think of farmers having large expensive machinery and driving “Range Rovers”, many of us in this area do not rely on our land for our income anymore, as we have diversified into offices, shops, houses for rent, and renting out space for other businesses etc. I personally think this is an extremely unsettling position that we have allowed to happen Agriculture & Horticulture provides all the food we eat, being essential to life, yet the industry that produces life is on it's knees financially, and no one seems to care all people want is cheap food produced in the most expensive way, i.e. without chemical intervention and the preservation of all wildlife, which cannot be done!

Now to add to all our problems, as it cannot have escaped anyone's knowledge that we are now not allowed to control vermin without a new form of licence, (talk about



one day we may need a licence to blow our nose not far off now) this is something that was imposed at almost a minutes notice. This is coursed by a group of green activists one who has just been installed as Chair of Natural England, Tony Jupiter, I mentioned him earlier, aided and abetted by Chris Packham, if these people had to make a living from the land they might have a different view, instead of doing it to promote a book they have just written. I quote from the farming press which I think puts the situation in perspective. "After a scorching Easter when some members of the public showed they had little understanding of the countryside by sparking wildfires with their disposable barbecues, our public officials showed they were equally oblivious to rural protocols by banning the shooting of pigeons and crows, to name just a couple. The backlash against the latter has been vociferous from farmers and countryside enthusiasts, with extra fuel added to the fire by the fact that Chris Packham, the poster boy of rural antagonism, is a champion of Wild Justice, the group that legally challenged the shooting of such bird species". It is not as though these species are in any way endangered and Crows, with Magpies also on the list, will predate the nests of other birds. This is just another example of the constraints that are continually imposed on the farming and countryside population, and will inevitably increase costs that the public are not prepared to pay for, as I have already mentioned.

With the sorts of measure I have mentioned above we do not have a hope of competing with the rest of the world, I hate to think what the countryside would be like if it is not managed in the way it is at the moment by us farmers. It will also alienate the agricultural world that is striving to conserve as much nature as they can whilst at the same time making a reasonable living. The result could be the urbanisation of the whole countryside if there is any left, after all the development of housing, reservoirs, sewage works, roads, and railways we are led to believe are needed.

As a post script an up to date comment is that things are a little clearer now but the law still stands it is hoped that Mr Gove is going to take into hand.

Great Milton Neighbours' Club Outings 2019

Wed 10th July

90 minute River Trip Runnymede to Windsor. Leave Windsor at 3:00pm for Queen's Farm Shop for shopping and tea. Cost boat and coach £30.

Wednesday 21st August

Severn Valley Railway Trip Kidderminster to Bridgnorth. Home via Stratford for tea. Cost train and coach £30.

Thurs 19th September

Stanway House and Water Garden near Stow. Beautiful Jacobean house and 18th century Water Garden with 300 foot single-jet fountain. Huge water wheel producing wholemeal flour. Cost incl. coach £28 – £30.

Wed 23rd October

Lunch and Entertainment at the Ferryman. 2 hour singing, comedy acts and dancers. Cost incl. coach £30.

Wed 13th November

W.I. Lunch at Ampney Crucis near Cirencester.

If interested please ring Celia Cope 279459. All Welcome.

Little Milton WI

Thank you to Tanya from The Henna Boutique for telling us all about Henna tattoos, maybe something new to try in the Summer.

We have a busy June, out and about. On Sunday 9th we have a cake stall at Great Haseley Summer Market, 10am-12.30pm. On Saturday 15th we're selling accessories and crafts at Little Milton Fete, 2-5pm. Any donations of cakes, bags, scarves, jewellery and crafts gratefully received.

On Thursday 13th June we are celebrating 100 years of Oxfordshire WI with a Party! There'll be music by local folk band, Three Pressed Men and a buffet. Come and join in - Everyone welcome, just Bring a Bottle. Visitors £5, or new members £31.50.

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

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Your Wheatley Village Archive

The new Wheatley Village Archive website is up and running and proving very popular with residents – both current and also previous from far and near. Have you checked it out lately? Just type your enquiry into the search facility (in quotes if more than one word) and see what there is. Go to www.wheatleyarchive.org.uk for past details of your house, your road, past residents, past industries, the railway etc. We have recently had correspondence from an ex-Wheatley resident living in the USA who is filling some gaps in the history of the village for us from his time, as a child, living in the High Street.

Perhaps you have photographs or something related to the village that we can scan and add to the archive for everyone to share. If so, then please contact the archives on wheatleyvillagearchive@gmail.com so it can be arranged to temporarily borrow, scan and then include these on the constantly expanding website. We're currently looking for a video/CD/DVD of the village production of Ruddigore – perhaps you have one?

The archive team are continuing the development of the Wheatley Heritage Trail for which we have received a Heritage Grant towards the cost of information boards to be placed at points in the village accompanied by a leaflet with over 20 stops of interest. Watch this space!

The Wheatley Village Archive History Group (WVAHG) is growing in numbers and our programme starts with a trip to Abingdon Merchant House on Monday 8th July and a talk about life in 19th century Oxford entitled 'Beer, Sausages and Marmalade' on 24th September. Do look out for details posted around the village especially for the trip to Abingdon at the beginning of July.

We're planning the 2020 calendar even before you've had your summer holidays! If you have any great photos of the village you'd like included then do get in touch.

Back to the archives, for those who'd rather see the real thing, all the archives are still accessible every Thursday in the Merry Bells 2-5pm and the last Saturday of the month 10-12. See you soon!

Steph Cox

Wheatley Library – 01865 875267

Dates to note:

New Tuesdays at 16.00pm

Digital development.

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New Friday 14th June 16.30pm

Library Quiz

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One-off event Friday 21st June 10.30am

Opera in an Hour

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Contact Roger on 01865 872009 if you would like to know more.

Saturday 29th June

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

Friday 12th July 16.30pm

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Saturday 13th July

Children's Summer Reading Challenge Launch

Space chase is the theme for this year. 4 visits to the library, 6 books to be read, crafts, characters, activities, prizes, and stickers! Come and join in the challenge.

Saturday 13th July

Jigsaw swap.

Bring and take jigsaw puzzles. 500 pieces or bigger.

Saturday 27th July

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

Regular Friends of Wheatley Library 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

First Thursday of the month, Clarinet Players at 7.30pm

Wheatley Reading Group

The Wheatley reading group has a few spaces available for anyone looking to join a group. The books they read cover a broad range of genres from thrillers to classics to non-fiction to light reads. There is always something to enjoy in each book and something to discuss at the meetings. If you are interested, please leave your details with a member of library staff and the group leader will get in contact with you.

Top Tip - Reference online

Under the general reference section of our Reference online service you will find a link to “Oxford Reference online”. There is a large menu of topics here but “Names Studies” provides information about personal given names, surnames and world-wide place names.

John Howell MP writes...

In recent weeks we have seen concern about climate change growing to unprecedented levels with it moving firmly into our national consciousness. It is an issue that I too take very seriously and am among those pleased that in Parliament we have declared a climate emergency – which now needs to be followed with action.

Last year, after the special report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was published, the Government asked the UK Committee on Climate Change for advice on setting a ‘net-zero’ emissions target. This committee published their findings on 2nd May and the Minister is now looking at this evidence-based advice to

determine just what actions we need to take. I look forward to some practical proposals with targets to which we can commit. Although historically in the UK we had indeed contributed to the problems our more recent track record of action on this is good and thus I am confident that we can rise to the challenge.

Whilst we cannot, and must not, be complacent, there is some good news. The UK passed the world's first Climate Change Act over a decade ago with cross-party support. This gave us both a framework to set statutory carbon budgets and set up the independent Committee on Climate Change. Since 2000, independent analysis shows that no other major industrialised country has done more than the UK to cut CO2 intensity (the measure of carbon for each pound of GDP). Overall the UK has cut emissions by more than 40% while growing the economy by more than two thirds, the best performance on a per person basis than any other G7 nation. We are on track to meet the 2050 target to reduce emissions of all greenhouse gases by 80 per cent - but now we may need to move the goalposts and set more ambitious targets.

Taking just one example, renewable electricity generation has quadrupled since 2010 and clean electricity now gives us over 50 per cent of our total. At the beginning of this month we had the news from the National Grid Electricity System Operator that we had reached a major milestone of 1000 hours without using coal to power our homes. I understand that this equates to a whole week, and is the first such week since the 1880s.

I am aware that there are differing views on the merits or otherwise of different measures, and rightly we should continue our research. But above all I would encourage positive action. We must all ask what we can do as our contribution to resolving this problem. I am pleased to see some of our local councils making their own Climate Emergency declarations and committing to work towards zero emissions in their operations. I am also pleased to see community groups getting together to see what each of us can do in our everyday lives and would be delighted to hear from the different groups about what you are doing. Often small changes replicated across the country can make a big difference. I was recently delighted to be introduced to 'Young Climate Warriors' an initiative of a Henley mum which encourages young people to take part in collective action to help tackle climate change through a weekly shared challenge.

However, climate change is too broad a challenge for us to tackle alone. It is a global problem which needs global commitment to the solution and this is why international

conferences on this are so important. We played an influential role in delivering the historic Paris Agreement in 2015 and only last year we helped create the first “rulebook” to bring the Paris Agreement to life at the latest round of UN talks in Poland. We also need to help developing countries where action is needed. In Paris it was collectively agreed to include \$100 billion of support for poorer nations to mitigate, and adapt to, the impact of climate change. For the UK this amounts to £5.8 billion in international climate finance from 2016 to 2020. The UK has also offered to host the 2020 UN climate change conference (COP26).

I welcome learning more about what our communities are doing on this. 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 be on the circulation list for my e-newsletters and briefings please email me at john.howell@oxfordshireconservatives.com. For more information about my work both in Westminster and in the constituency please do visit my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. You can also follow me on twitter [@johnhowellmp](https://twitter.com/johnhowellmp) or on Facebook www.facebook.com/john.howellmp

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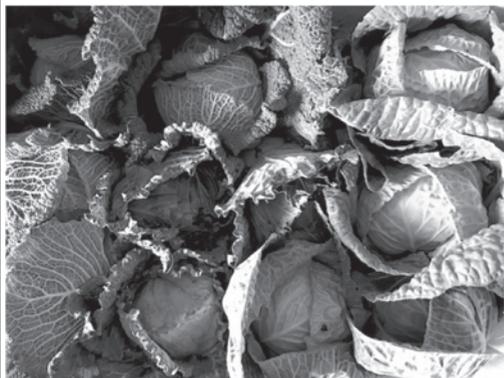
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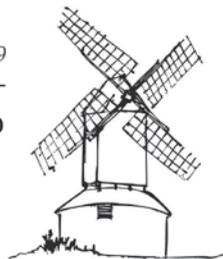
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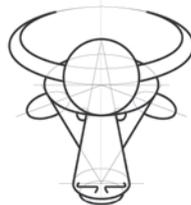
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- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
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 Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
- Wednesday GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm
or by appointment
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- Thursday Kids Yoga (4–12) – The Pavilion. 3:30pm
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 Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm
contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198
 Bellringers – St. Mary’s Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm
contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300. www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com
- Friday Toddler & Baby Group – The Neighbours Hall. 9:30am – 11:30am
For more information contact Olivia – oliviajhill@hotmail.com
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.
Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090
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June

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| 6th Thurs | Neighbours Club: School Games | — |
| 7th Fri | Quiz in The Neighbours Hall | 7:30pm |
| 8th Sat | Great Milton Church Fete in The Recreation Ground | 2:00pm |
| 15th Sat | Little Milton Church Fete at The Old Vicarage, Little Milton | 2:00pm |
| 17th Mon | Parish Council Meeting in The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| 20th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Garden Tea in remembrance of John Davis | — |
| 22nd Sat | Rummage Sale in The Neighbours Hall | 2:30pm |

July

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| 10th Wed | Neighbours Club Outing: River Trip to Windsor, shopping and tea | — |
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