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### **Great Milton Parish Council**

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Ward:	The Green from Priory Bank to Tara/Applewood	
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Ward:	Thame Road from Green Hitchings to A329	
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Ward:	Kings Head House/Red Roofs to Wheatley Boundary	
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Ward:	Milton Common	

**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Tim Darch – 01844 278347**  
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### **Parish Council Representatives**

Rec Ground Committee:	Michael Robinson, Michele Block
Old Field Charity:	Hazel Hand, Niki Patrick
Hard Surface Play Area:	Susan Read, Jon Devitt
Neighbourhood Watch:	Jola Miziniak
Kent & Couling Charity:	Cynthia D'Anger
Sheppard Trust:	Ann Price, Pat Cox

### **Front Cover**

Wonderful Spring flowers in St. Mary's Church. Photo: Clare Blakeway-Phillips.

## In My Opinion...

Recent changes at SODC have seen a new leader appointed, Jane Murphy. She has now selected her cabinet and I am pleased to say that our district councillor, Caroline Newton, has been appointed as cabinet member for Housing and Environment.



We have received 52 opt-in forms for paper copies of the Bulletin, which, in my opinion, seems rather low, based on anecdotal evidence of enthusiasm for continuation of full paper distribution. The deadline for response will be extended by another month and the form reprinted in the Bulletin to give a further opportunity to reply. Remember, if you would like to continue to receive paper copies of the Bulletin, please complete the response form and leave it at the shop or with Jonathan Dudley.

In other news, progress is being made in the war against plastic. There has been an 85 per cent reduction in the number of bags used in Britain, plus the manufacture of microbeads is banned, supermarkets are vowing to eliminate single-use packaging and plastic bottle cash-back schemes are being considered across the UK. From May 11 to 13 Keep Britain Tidy is encouraging communities, schools, families and individuals to clear rubbish from our streets, beaches and beauty spots: why not spare a little time that weekend to collect plastic, cans and general litter and dispose of it safely. Together we can make a difference...

See you at the Bull from 12h00 on Sunday 6 May to celebrate five years of community ownership!

Don't let apathy rule!

*Stephen Harrod, Chairman*

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## Draft Parish Notes

Present at the April meeting of the Parish Council were Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), P Allen, G Harris and G Bennet, plus Tim Darch (Clerk). Apologies were received from Cllrs W Fox, C Deacon and P Fewell. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th March were signed and approved as an accurate record.

### Planning Applications received

P18/S0792/A (Proposed signage, The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Road, Milton Common OX9 2JW). The Parish Council RESOLVED that it had NO 

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Great Milton Parish Council		
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Tim Darch (Clerk)	01844 278347	contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk
Report potholes, fly-tipping, vandalism, broken paving		Fixmystreet.com
OCC Family Information Service	08452 262636	fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
OCC Highways	0845 310 1111	highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
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Bulky Household Waste Collection	01235 422406	waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk
SODC Housing	01235 422422	housing@southandvale.gov.uk
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### Services

Emergency - Police, Fire, Ambulance	999	
Police non-emergency	101	thamesvalley.police.uk
GP Surgery, Morland House	01865 872448	morland-house.co.uk
NHS non-emergency	111	nhs.uk
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	nationalgrid.com/uk/safety/
Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
Floodline	0345 988 1188	gov.uk/check-flood-risk

### Local information

St. Mary's Church: Rev. Simon Cronk		simon.cronk@btinternet.com
Methodist Church: Rev. Adam Stevenson	01491 613223	
Neighbourhood Watch: Jola Miziniak	07917 676463	jolamiziniak7@gmail.com
Citizens Advice Oxfordshire	03444 111 444	caox.org.uk
The Maple Tree Children's Centre	01865 873916	mapletreecc@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Great Milton Neighbours Hall	01844 279474	
Great Milton Pavilion & Recreation Ground	01844 278116	
Great Milton Website		Carina.martin@gmail.com http://www.greatmilton.co.uk
Great Milton Bulletin	07554 516989	contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk gmbulletin@hotmail.co.uk
Great Milton Primary School	01844 279388	gmilton.org
Wheatley Park School	01865 872441	www.wheatleypark.org

### Transport

Comet - for people without access to suitable public transport	01865 323201	oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet
Arriva (280) Bus	0344 800 4411	arrivabus.co.uk
Oxford Tube (Buses to London)	01865 772250	oxfordtube.com
Park & Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

OBJECTIONS to this application.

P18/S0958/RM. 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 (Land on the South Side of London Road Adjacent to Great Expectations, Milton Common). The Parish Council RESOLVED that it had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

### **Planning decisions received**

P18/S0273/HH: New detached garage (as amended by plan received 3rd March 2018): 5-6 Priory Bank, Church Road, Great Milton, OX44 7PA. Planning permission is granted by SODC for the above works.

P16/S4256/LB (Hayesmoor Farm Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NL). Replace the roof, due to water ingress, rotten timbers, rotten windows and no insulation. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.

### **The following cheques were authorised for payment:**

Timothy Darch. Salary,Tax and Expenses. £416.49

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production, March and April. £240.40 and £269.20

Information Commissioner's Office subscription: £35

Recreation ground insurance premium: £939.45

SODC dog hygiene: £60.80

OCVA GDPR course: £85

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the final bank reconciliation and accounts for 2017-18. The final reconciled bank balance as of 31 March 2018 was £19,660.88.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Council's draft Standing Orders (April 2018).

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the Council's Financial Regulations (April 2018) based upon NALC's Model Financial Regulations but with a minor amendment to the value up to which 3 estimates will be sought (£1,000 amended to £3,000)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to approve the proposed dates for Great Milton Parish Council's internal/external audit activities:

Internal Audit (Commenced April 2018 and ongoing)

Date of meeting to approve AGAR return (18 June)

Exercise of public rights – start and end date (4 June to 13 July 2018)

Accounts must be approved and published/required info displayed on website by 2 July.

AGAR must be with External Auditor by 30 June (if submitting Part 2) or



10 July (if submitting Part 3).

A contribution of at least £500 was proposed at the February 2018 meeting (as minuted at Item 22/18) in response to the Maple Tree Children's Centre's request for funding for the 2018-19 financial year. It was RESOLVED to approve a contribution of £500, a cheque for which will be written at the May meeting of the Parish Council.

### **Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand**

Verge cutting for the 2018/19 growing season was scheduled to commence w/c 9 April.

OCC is formally considering the Parish Council's proposal for fencing off an area of highway land at Milton Common and will submit a costing in due course.

The village litter-pick was very well-attended, very successful and yielded a record amount of litter. Thanks to all who participated in some way. It has been suggested that a further litter-pick should take place in the Autumn. Additionally it was reported that a nationwide plastic picking initiative is planned for May 11-13: the Parish Council will publicise this as best it can.

The Clerk is attending a further General Data Protection Regulations course shortly. A data audit is under way and the Clerk will circulate a draft compliance strategy to the Parish Council shortly. The Parish Council is re-registering with the Information Commissioner's Office, its membership apparently having lapsed some time ago.

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The process of adoption of the telephone box has begun, though SODC must be consulted by BT, a process which takes up to 90 days. The Parish Council wishes to place on record its thanks to Bob Hutton for kindly offering to take on maintenance of the telephone box once ownership is taken.

Cllr Bill Fox reported in advance of the meeting that the Heads of Terms on the school classroom lease are all now agreed but the Parish Council is yet to hear that the County have formally instructed their in-house legal function to proceed.

### **Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting**

Present at the Annual Parish Meeting were Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), P Allen, G Harris and G Bennet, plus Tim Darch (Clerk) and 6 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs W Fox, C Deacon and P Fewell.

The annual report of the Parish Council was received from Cllr Steve Harrod, Chairman of the Parish Council.

In response to the Annual Report, a member of the public expressed concern that two significant potholes on the A329 hadn't been repaired, while two nearby had. Concerns about the route of the Expressway were reported: Cllr Harrod explained that consultation would take place on the precise route after a broad preferred corridor is identified, which is allowed by the current legislation. An announcement is expected towards the end of the summer.

A member of the public reported that The Green requires attention to prevent erosion by traffic mounting the edges to pass parked vehicles. Cllr Harrod suggested that one option would be to accept the issue and narrow the grassed area slightly to create more room for vehicles to pass. This would need input from OCC as the highway authority: the Parish Council is aware of the issue and will look at this in the coming months.

The Parish Council Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2018 were received from the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (Mr Tim Darch).

The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (Mr Tim Darch) presented a paper outlining the Parish Council's observations on its finances for the year 2017-18.

The annual report and financial statement were received from the Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee. The issue of rubbish left on the Recreation Ground after football matches was raised by a member of the public following the receipt of the report. This will be raised with the Recreation Ground Management Committee.

A financial statement was received from the Hard Surface Play Area Committee.

Two members of the HSPA Committee addressed the meeting. All committee members no longer have children at the school: as a result they are unlikely to be able to continue on the committee. New committee members will be sought, possibly via advertisement in the Bulletin. The committee members present also stated that the school governors should in fact be responsible for management of the hard surface: the changes to the school leases resulting from the planned new building also have a bearing on the situation. Cllr Steve Harrod suggested that the Committee writes to the school and discusses the matter of the leases with Cllr Bill Fox, who is handling the school lease issue on behalf of the Parish Council.

The annual report and financial statement were received from the Old Field Charity.

No representative of the Kent and Couling Charity was able to attend the meeting: however a brief statement was submitted outlining the activities of the Charity which is included at Appendix 66/18. No annual report or financial statement was received.

The annual report and financial statement were received from the Sheppard Charitable Trust.



The County Councillor's observations were largely covered in the Parish Council report. Cllr Steve Harrod further stressed that the Chalgrove and Harrington sites are likely to be significant local issues in the coming months. The current iteration of the Local Plan is likely to be rejected by the Planning Inspectorate if Chalgrove is included, as there is little clear evidence of sustainability and deliverability. The Plan is therefore likely to be revisited with revised sites included: this needs to happen quickly as it needs to be in place towards the end of the year. There is little support for Harrington, which has similar issues. Its location appears advantageous, but actually being next to the M40 will help to make it a dormitory town for London rather than a development to benefit Oxfordshire residents.

Cllr. Caroline Newton (District Councillor) submitted her observations as follows:

Jane Murphy has been elected as the new leader of the Conservative Group on SODC. At the Council meeting this week she will be elected as the new Leader of the Council succeeding John Cotton.

I think this is a Good Thing. Although she was Deputy under John Cotton until about a month ago, she does hold some distinctly different views from him - notably on Chalgrove - and I would expect her to work collaboratively with Council colleagues and other neighbouring councils (including OCC). All of which should be good for residents and employers in our patch.

One of the biggest - and most immediate - issues for Jane's new team is to sort out the Local Plan. I believe that both Chalgrove and Harrington would be poor sites for strategic development; and that the proposed developments at Grenoble Road and Wick Farm, for example, whilst having their own complexities, are far better locations given their proximity to Oxford and the lighter infrastructure needs associated with them. I will be making this case strongly to the new administration.

The meetings closed at 8.45pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st May 2018 starting at 7.45pm in The Pavilion, preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7.30pm.

*Tim Darch, Clerk/RFO to Great Milton Parish Council*

# Great Milton Bulletin to Go Paperless

As many of you may be aware, Council services have come under increasing financial pressure in recent years, and the Parish Council is no exception. As a result, we have to carefully plan how the local precept (our proportion of your Council Tax) is spent, whether to increase what you pay, and which services may have to be reduced.

Over the last couple of years we have seen that one of our biggest expenditures is the village bulletin. As advertising revenue is not what it used to be, and given the fact that the bulletin is also published monthly on the village website ([www.great-milton.co.uk](http://www.great-milton.co.uk)), printing and distributing a paper copy to each household is no longer financially viable. Therefore, as of June this year, the bulletin will go online only and will be available at <http://www.great-milton.co.uk/great-milton-bulletin/bulletins-2018/> .

We do however realise that there are some residents of the village who may not have access to the internet but who will still wish to receive the bulletin's information. Therefore, we will run limited print copies on an 'opt in' basis.

**If you wish to continue receiving a paper copy of the bulletin, please could you complete the form below and either drop it off at Shepherd Cottage or the post office by 25th May 2018.**

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## Village Bulletin paper copy Opt-in Form

I wish to continue to receive a paper copy of the  
Great Milton Bulletin after 1st June 2018

Name .....

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## Services in Our Benefice for May

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 6th <i>Easter 6</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service Fields Farm Rycote Lane 11:00am
Thursday 10th <i>Ascension Day</i>		Holy Communion 7:30pm	
Sunday 13th <i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 20th <i>Pentecost</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 27th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

## Services in Our Benefice for June

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 3rd <i>Trinity 1</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

## From the Rectory

I wrote about Spring Harvest this time last year, but it is really too good an opportunity to miss not to mention it again. At the very least it has got people talking, quite a few have said to me over the last few days. 'How was that thing you went to in Minehead? What was it about?'

That thing in Minehead is a christian conference. Spring Harvest in fact takes over Butlins in Minehead and Skegness and this year for the first time another venue in Harrogate. The whole spans two weeks but one attends for one or other of the weeks. I heard of a conversation when one of our number who went this year was asked whether there were any children? 'hundreds' was the reply. It apparently took some convincing that those children were not in fact attending Butlins for another event. Spring Harvest


takes over the whole site for the whole two weeks, you can't go to Butlins for those weeks unless you connect with Spring Harvest, and their work with children and young people is second to none. There will be several thousand people on site and many of those will be children. Fifteen of those thousands this year were from Great Milton and Little Milton, we were delighted to be joined by two of our methodist friends as well. The wonderful thing about Spring Harvest is that denominational lines disappear, we are all in this together.

We have been going for years and our children have grown up with it. Cath and I were delighted this year that one of our adult daughters came with us.

Is it all good? Well this year I did have a bit of a problem connecting with the main act of worship that takes place every evening, apart from anything it was overwhelmingly loud! I had been at a rock concert in the Albert Hall two weeks earlier and it was nothing on this! That aside though there really is so much to enrich, there is also a gentler evening celebration for those who prefer something quieter and more reflective. For me the main event is actually in the morning, the examination of a book of scripture. That possibly sounds very dry but over the years these have been anything but. This year we looked at the New testament letter of James. This was unpacked for us in the most engaging and thought provoking way by Simon Ponsonby who is the teaching Pastor down the Road in Oxford at St Aldate's. This is the second time Cath and I have had the thrill of hearing him at Spring Harvest. We have brought back three DVD's and we hope to play these over three weeks in May, please see separate piece for details. There are also seminars about a host of issues, or one can simply just spend some time relaxing and chilling - This was literal this year because the weather was not good! It did not however dampen our spirits.

The high spot though had to be encountering at one of the evening celebrations - loud music aside - a remarkable woman from North Korea. Hae Woo is probably not her real name and we were asked not to take photographs for security reasons. She had the most moving and remarkable story to tell, through a translator. The following is from the Spring Harvest website, the bits in brackets are mine, filling in a couple of details:

'Hea Woo came to faith after her husband, who was a believer, died a martyr in prison (in North Korea). She became a believer in China, became an evangelist and was arrested. After torture and almost dying in prison, she was sent to a labour camp (back in North Korea). There God used her to bring others to faith, despite horrific circumstances'.

Her story was remarkable and deeply challenging against the background of our own freedoms that we take for granted. It was also a wake up call to the reality 

of religious persecution, largely it has to be said (though not exclusively) of christians. There are more christians alive today who are suffering direct persecution as a result of following Jesus Christ than at any other time in christian history. What sustained Hae Woo was the use of the 23rd Psalm 'The Lord is my Shepherd' and a hymn that was taken to Korea by missionaries in the 19th century, 'Amazing Grace'. Hae Woo recited the 23rd Psalm in Korean, and led, also in Korean Amazing Grace, we sang in english! It was an extraordinary moment the impact of which I cannot possibly hope to convey in these words. It was also a challenge for us to pray for the persecuted church.

We are hoping to do it all over again next year. The theme will be unlimited, when you pray.... Speaking as someone who struggles to pray consistently, but who actually believes it is the most important activity we can engage with, and coming as it does a couple of weeks after Brexit, and with many other really challenging issues we face in the world today, this will be timely. The venue will be at Minehead, the dates will be 9-13 April, the cost will be for Adults £205—00 per person. This is still hot off the press and I hope to get some more information ready for June when we have to book.

Talking of prayer, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 launched a simple initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come.' which has now spread globally. They are asking for people to step up and commit to prayer specifically for ten days in May, 10th - 20th. Again this if from the website:

'Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer'.

There is an excellent website with very accessible resources. I will be encouraging as many people as we can in our churches to use these. There really is so much more going on than perhaps we realise from the perspective of our small villages and churches!

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

*Simon*

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## **Recording Monumental Inscriptions at St Mary the Virgin, Great Milton**

If you should happen to be in the churchyard on Wednesday mornings over the next few weeks, you may wonder about the strangers, who are peering intently at the gravestones. We are a group of volunteers from the Oxfordshire Family History Society, who are transcribing the inscriptions on the stones.

This is part of a national effort to record as much as possible from gravestones before the effects of the British climate make them unreadable. Such monumental inscriptions can be of enormous help to people who are researching their family history.

For every surviving monument within the church and the churchyard, we note the position of the stone on a plan, photograph it and record as much of the text as possible. The final result is produced as a CD-ROM, including both the text and the photographs of the stones. It will be available at local libraries and the CD-ROM can be supplied to researchers anywhere in the world. We will of course present copies to the church.

If you see us in the churchyard, do please come and say “Hello”. We are always happy to chat to parishioners and explain what we are doing. If you have knowledge about one or more of the graves, which can add to what is now readable on the stone, we would be delighted to hear it. In particular, we would especially like any information or photographs, relating to old grave stones which have now disintegrated or been removed.

If you have any spare time on Wednesday mornings and would like to come along and help, you would of course be welcomed with open arms.

If you have any questions about this work you are welcome to write to me, Alan Simpson, at Forest Farmhouse, Old Road, Shotover, Headington, Oxford OX3 8TA, to phone me on (01865) 769239, or to send me an email to [alan@shotover.org.uk](mailto:alan@shotover.org.uk)

*Alan Simpson*

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## Great Milton Methodist Church Services

**For further info. please contact Rev Adam Stevenson on 01491 613223**

May				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Detail
6th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
13th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	James Garnett	
20th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Lenton	
27th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jane Lusty	

## Christian Aid 13th–19th May

Christian Aid Week falls between the 13th and 19th May this year. The theme this year is ‘Together we’re stronger than the storms’. We have already collected £350 from the three Lent Lunches that were held in different villages and we will again be collecting house-to-house during Christian Aid Week.

*S.A. Dennis*

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## Spring Harvest and Simon Ponsonby's talks on Action!

We were all encouraged and entertained by Simon from St. Aldates who gave the lead teaching sessions this year at Spring Harvest in Minehead... so much so that we're showing all three of his talks on DVD on the following dates: May 2nd, May 9th and May 16th. Do come along and join us for supper followed by the DVD. We'd love to share Simon Ponsonby with you! Venues as follows: May 2nd and May 9th at Spring Cottage and May 16th at Briarwood, both on the Haseley Road, Little Milton. For further details phone Ian or Sally Ann on 278029.

Simon Ponsonby is not to be missed!!



GREAT MILTON  
HISTORY SOCIETY

*from the Great Milton Bulletin January 1981*

Many people in the Village will have noticed that the clock on Mr Bell's garage has been repainted, re-glazed and set in motion after a period of many years of idleness, going back well before the garage changed hands. The clock was installed by the Smith Brothers, Bert and Bill, somewhere around 1935, presumably for the purpose of timing their bus service, and so has a residential qualification as part of the village. We are very pleased to see it restored to life, for it's not every village that can boast of having two public clocks.



## Neighbours Club

Our Bring and Share Lunch on the 29th March was a huge success as always with lots of delicious food both savoury and sweet.

We had a very enjoyable afternoon on the 12th April when Trish brought along her very large collection of photographs taken on her holiday to India. We had a good laugh at her facial expression of horror when having a very uncomfortable ride on an elephant!

Tuesday the 17th April saw a group of members plus visitors set out on our outing to Salisbury where we spent time enjoying lunch, the shops and the Cathedral. We passed by the "poison bench" but were very careful not to touch anything at all and police were on guard to ensure that we didn't. In the afternoon we went on to Braemore Manor House, the home of the Hulse family for 250 years; also a countryside museum and the excellent tearoom. The 900-year old church was also well worth a visit.

The inhabitants of Great Milton are now becoming used to our beautiful new pub sign which was painted free for us by our very talented local artist Tony Simott. Tony also did the life-size painting on the gable end wall in the car park. It is wonderful to know that these paintings will be enjoyed by many generations for years to come.

*JCP*

### **Forthcoming Events - May**

Thurs 10th: The Invigilator Who Set Fire to His Trousers - Tales from the Exam Hall. Talk by Anne Borrowdale - 2:15pm

Wed 16th: Outing to Chedworth Roman Villa and Bourton-on-the-Water

Thurs 24th: Afternoon of quizzes - 2:15pm

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## **Bring Back The Bus Campaign**

It is almost a year since we collected all those signatures at the Village Fete and this is just to let you all know that we have not given up. We are in constant communication with the Councillors concerned and hope that one day the bus services will be reorganised in an efficient manner that will enable all villages and their residents to have a regular and time tabled service. We believe that it is not so much a question of the money involved but more an issue of efficiency and fairness. If anyone has any points they would like us to make or suggestions as to how our objective might be achieved please do get in touch – we would love to hear from you.

*Carol and Antony Ayton*

## Great Milton Church Fete – 2:00pm June 9th 2018

Dear Villagers

We hope you are looking forward to our annual Great Milton Church Fete (Royal Theme) which will be opened this year by Benoit Blin, Chef Patissier at Le Manoir and Bake Off: Creme de la Creme judge.

Due to popular demand, we will be having another cake competition so look out for further information or ask Laura Putt for details. The cakes will be judged by Benoit Blin, so no pressure! Entry categories are key stage1, key stage 2 (primary school), secondary school pupils and adults. Cakes will be judged at the beginning of the fete.

We have lots of stalls and activities planned. New this year will be a Medium, hot air balloon and pet sheep. Children from our school will be entertaining us. There will also be the opportunity to take part in games. Dog owners – start preparing your dog for showing off in the dog show again!

We need everyone to help make this a success so if you can help, or provide items for the stalls, please get in touch with the stall holders below.

Plants - Liz Moyses (279875) or Sally Orriss (279231)

Cakes and Jams - Laura Putt lauraputt89@outlook.com. If you are not a cook, she would love ingredient donations

Bric-a brac - Dee Nunan and Alan Pickett (happy to receive small sized donations at The Forge prior to the event but preferably on the day). Email: dee\_nunan@yahoo.co.uk

Toiletries and Gifts - Jane Jefferis (North End Cottage) and Lucinda Torabi

Tombola - tbc

Books - Sue Barratt (279214) Weaver Cottage.

Hoopla - the Block family (278233)

Teas - Mary Wakefield (mary@pwfca.co.uk)

Accessories - Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Braemar, 278475

Childrens toys - Toddlers Group (accept donations in advance or on day)

Our Grand Raffle has many amazing prizes so it would definitely be worth investing in tickets. Also, keep a look out for the programmes. As well as info about the day, the programme provides you with a chance to win a prize.

Most importantly, please can as many of you as possible come at 9.30 to help set up and help us clear up at the end. Many hands make light work. Mike Block is leading the putting up and down and would appreciate lots of help(mbblock@hwfisher.co.uk)

Thank you everyone for your help. If you would like to be involved in any way, do get in touch with any one of us: Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Alex Kirkman, Mary Wakefield, Celina Bernstrom , Rachel Hutton and Graham Orriss.

## Charity Dance – Neighbours Hall – Sat 12th May

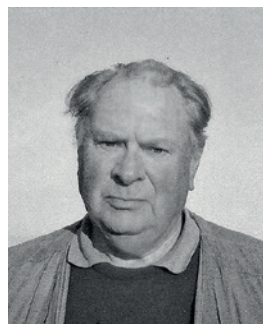
Tickets are still available for the CHARITY DANCE on Sat 12th May at the Neighbours Hall, tickets are priced at £10 & can be purchased at the village shop or from me on 01844 279205. Hippy Haze band will be performing & a bar will be available serving wine, beer & soft drinks. Remember this is a fund raising event for the renovations at the hall & your support would be much appreciated. Thank you.

*Vonnie*

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### View from Views

Well “March in like a Lamb and out like a Lion” not exactly correct, rather this year, “In with an Arctic blast and out on a Monsoon” is more like it and, still winter continues. At least it is a little warmer with things at last beginning to show a little growth. Hopefully by the time this is read it really will be spring or at least seem like it. Saw my first Swallow on the 7th only one but am reliably informed that they had been sighted in the Village on the 5th, certainly in this case one Swallow does not make a summer. Our Oil Seed Rape (OSR) is really suffering now mainly because of the weather, this is holding back its growth and allowing the pigeons a great feeding ground, usually by this time of year the crop will grow faster than the pigeons can eat it, thus allowing it to recover, this year I am not sure how it will survive as it is really looking very sick, it has not had a chance all year. On the subject of the OSR, where we are growing it on an area that we had not planted anything last season, to allow and area for ground nesting birds, we find that it has not thrived at all, something that is inexplicable, as one would expect on land that has been rested for 12 months, the following crop would be a good deal better than the rest. The other crop that will give us a problem this season will be our spring planted Barley, which as I write is still in the barn waiting for the land to dry up, once it does it will probably rain again before we can get the land ready. This is all very frustrating as we now, due to financial restraints, have to rely others to do the work for us and inevitably they cannot be everywhere at once, the problem is that the later the crop is planted results in yield loss, and this reduction increases as time goes on, late planted Barley is sometimes referred to as “Cuckoo Barley”.



It is good to read in the press that it is accepted that a lot of wild birds have



survived the winter this year due to the various feeding and conservation initiatives taken by farmers. I certainly feel that there are a lot more small birds around at the moment than I have noticed in the past at this time of year. I keep being told I have seen this or that being species that don't appear to have been around so much of late, or have been placed on an endangered, list so things are looking pretty positive on that front

When the floods receded after the early April Monsoon it left our fields covered in black silt, or something, I don't ever remember it being so bad before, what the cause, search me. Whatever it is I can only think it could be some sort of pollution, I would expect it to be much browner normally. Whilst on the subject of pollution I'll bet there are a lot of plant nutrients in the river at the moment, as a fair percentage of anything we will have applied to help the crops after the winter will have leached into the river. This especially applies to Nitrogen in whatever form, which will readily travel through the soil, and will have leached out of plants reach, before being taken up. This may well create even more financial problems for us farmers in the future, as the Government is thinking of making the polluter pay, not that I disagree with the philosophy behind this but when we cannot help it, as could be the case this year, it would face us with a double whammy in that we would be paying for fertiliser that is going down the drain, and be find for doing so. Or on the other hand it is suggested it could be in the form of a tax in which case it will put up our costs whether we pollute or not which seems a little unfair. On the subject of Rivers it is also suggested that land near to a river should be taken out of production, this will give us even less land to produce the food we need, meaning we will have to push the land even harder just to maintain our present rather meagre income, or rely on more imported food more on that subject later. Whilst on the subject of the rivers don't forget to keep yourselves up dated with what's going on the River Thames by looking at their web site/newsletter (<http://riverthame.org/rtct-march-2018-newsletter>) or (-April-).

I mention above the importation of food, as Brexit approaches our government, rightly, are looking to make as many trade deals, with favourable tariffs etc with other countries. In the past I have eluded to the fact that these other countries especially the US will say you must accept our produce that is produced to our standards, in fact the US has already suggested that this would be the case and now I read that Australia are saying we must accept there beef that has been produce using Hormones which the EU has banned. This is all very well as long as we consumers are given the choice and that the labelling is clear, again something the our Government say they are working towards we wait and see!

At this stage I must just make a plug for the forth coming Vintage Tractor Run that

I take part in every May as I am looking for sponsorship in aid of the “Thames Valley Air Ambulance” something that we never know when we may need it, I plan to put a sponsorship form in the Post Office in Great Milton or you can make contact with me direct by email [charles@viewsfarmbarns.co.uk](mailto:charles@viewsfarmbarns.co.uk) or my <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charles-peers1>

*Charles Peers*

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## **Update on the SODC Local Plan**

### **Our rural communities are under threat. Help us prevent irreparable damage.**

In the last month there have been some major developments on the South Oxfordshire Local Plan that we'd like to update you on.

For readers that aren't aware of the situation here, over the last four years, the South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) have been going through a tortuous process to prepare a Local Plan that will define the amount and distribution of housing that will be built over the next 15 years.

The latest issue to the plan, published on 11th October last year, was intended to be the final plan that would be submitted for approval in an independent examination by an Inspector appointed by Central Government.

This plan included a strategic development of 3,000 homes on Chalgrove airfield, despite serious deficiencies concerning sustainability, cost, impact on local communities and local heritage, and remoteness from the main centres of employment in the area.

The Martin Baker organisation, who own the lease for the use of the airfield land, have always been unhappy with the airfield proposal, and, following the release of the final plan, formally stated that it is unprepared to make the site available. This essentially means that the only way forward with the Chalgrove Airfield development would be to acquire the land through compulsory purchase order. This would not only significantly delay the plan but would be unlikely to succeed due to the strategic significance of the work carried out by Martin Baker.

Despite the shortcomings of Chalgrove as a proposed site, the Plan, including the Chalgrove development, was submitted to the full South Oxfordshire District Council for approval on 22nd March. The plan was not approved due to the concerns over the deliverability of the Chalgrove Airfield site.

The recognition by Councillors that the Chalgrove Airfield site is flawed means that a new town at Chalgrove is now highly unlikely to progress and SODC cannot now submit the Local Plan as it stands for Independent Inspection.



John Cotton, a strong advocate of the Chalgrove Development, has recently resigned as Leader of the Council and Leader of the Conservative Group. A new Leader of the Council will be selected in the coming weeks.

The impact of this is that SODC will now need to make significant modifications to the plan to make it deliverable. One option is for it to leave the Chalgrove Development as part of the plan alongside a reserve site that would be used in the likely event that the Independent Inspector rejects the Chalgrove proposal. Another option is to remove the Chalgrove site altogether and replace it with one or a number of other sites. The Cabinet of the Council will review the situation in the coming weeks to define the way forward but will almost certainly restart the process of considering alternative sites.

The good news is that the Chalgrove Airfield development is now very unlikely to go forward - good sense has prevailed - reflecting the lobbying and legal guidance provided by ourselves and others locally.

The logical alternative to Chalgrove would be sites closer to Oxford. A recent scheme put forward for Wicks Farm looks particularly appealing due to its proximity to the hospitals, specific provision of affordable housing for nursing staff, green space provision and excellent transport links. The Grenoble Road site also has significant advantages.

However, we must not be complacent as a major development at Harrington might still be considered. This would put a town the size of Didcot next to Junction 7 of the M40, right on our doorstep. This would be an utter disaster for Oxfordshire and, although any such proposal would be flawed and more than likely undeliverable, we must stay extremely vigilant.

### **Haseley Brook Action Group**

The Haseley Brook Action Group (HBAG) is a group of people that is deeply concerned that ill-considered developments in the SODC Local Plan may create irreparable damage to our part of rural Oxfordshire. Our efforts are supported by a QC and a Planning Agency who help us fight this cause in the most effective way.

How we work is that we have a core team that does all of the leg work, and then a wider Special Interest Group that have asked to be kept up-to-date with all new developments. There are currently some 160 local people registered with the SIG. If you'd like to join this group and receive regular updates, simply send an email to [haseleybrookactiongroup@gmail.com](mailto:haseleybrookactiongroup@gmail.com).

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## News from The Pine Lodge

On 19th May, we welcome back the guitarist, Elliott Morris, live in concert. He combines elements of folk, roots, jazz and country music. Embracing the traditional and the contemporary – this is folk music for the 21st century. Tickets available at the Village Shop and online at [www.wegotickets.com/event/429202](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/429202).

We're celebrating the Royal Wedding with a Village Party on Sunday 20th May. The Parish Council are funding a pig roast with buffet, children's activities, music and licensed bar. We'll also get to see the new playground - come along at 3.15pm for the Grand Opening. Tickets available at the Village Shop.

Regular activities this month include the WI on Thursday 10th May with a discussion of the WI resolutions followed by opera singing, Craft Club on 3rd Wednesday of the month (16th May), Games Evenings on 4th Thursday of the month (24th May) and the regular Yoga & Fitness on Mondays at 10.30am and Pilates on Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am.

We also have a new toddler club starting on Thursdays from 3rd May, which offer multi-sensory adventures for children from 13 months to 5 years. See [www.toddlersense.com/oxfordnorth](http://www.toddlersense.com/oxfordnorth) for more details.

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Details & news at [www.littlemiltonvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.littlemiltonvillagehall.org.uk)

*Kath Stacey 279438 / Linda Lovegrove 279535*

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## Little Milton WI

In April, we had a fascinating talk by local travel expert, Carol Turner. We learnt all about the many tribes in the Golden Triangle, their sometimes strange and ghoulish customs and their ornate headdresses and jewellery.

This month on Thursday 10th May at 7.30pm we'll be discussing the WI resolutions, micro-plastic pollution, combating loneliness and new for 2018, 

Mental Health Matters. This is followed, by our very own Amilia, singing Opera. It's not too late to join in, come and try us out, visitors welcome, only £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.

Catering & Waitressing Service also available: Light lunches, Afternoon teas and Children's parties. Looking for help with your party or meeting? Contact us for a quote

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## **Clean Water Quest**

### **Thame Water Blitz (1st – 31st May)**

500 sites, 31 days and 1 river catchment. This May the River Thame Conservation Trust are enlisting the help of residents, groups and communities across the River Thame Catchment to help find clean, unpolluted water, where wildlife can thrive.

New, quick and simple kits mean that everyone, from complete freshwater novices to professionals, now have the opportunity to take part in our first catchment wide survey of water quality. Volunteers will use these kits to measure the levels of two widespread nutrients, nitrate and phosphate, in the River Thame, and its many surrounding water bodies as it meanders its way past Aylesbury to join the River Thames at Dorchester-on-Thames.

The River Thame Catchment is an area where there is little information on the water quality of its freshwater landscape. Yet its freshwater habitats, from the biggest lakes to the tiniest trickles, pools and springs, are home to a vast array of plants and animals. It only takes a little pollution to cause the loss of much of this wildlife. With increasing pressures on the freshwater landscape, it is now more important than ever to find the clean water places, those that are free of pollution, where wildlife can thrive.

To sign up to take part in Clean Water Quest this May and for more information please visit:

[www.riverthame.org/cleanwaterquest](http://www.riverthame.org/cleanwaterquest)

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## Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society


What a difference a few days make; we have gone from winter to late spring with yesterday being the warmest April day since 1949. This has had unexpected consequences and resulted in the wilting of plants which would not normally do so. In my garden the most dramatic example being something I have never seen before, some Ballerina tulips which are in the ground which is still damp; I found them limp with their petals inside out and I can only assume this was a result of transpiration from the leaves being faster than the plants can take up water from the soil. I find that some Salvias go limp in the midday sun only to recover as the sun goes off them.

The greenhouse became very hot and I had not bargained on the extra heat on the top shelf which resulted in a lot of damage to some beautiful pale blue tender Plectranthus plants. Nothing to do, but cut them back, put them under the potting bench and hope for the best.

Now is a good time to get on with sowing seed and planting out now that the soil is warming up. While it is tempting to do things early, warmer soil and air temperatures mean that germination and development is faster and everything seems to happen at about the right time. A good example of that is Morning Glory, a floriferous annual, which, if sown in early June grows rapidly to make strong plants, whereas earlier sowings languish rather sadly. Therefore, don't think you have left everything too late.

The winter has been cold and long and I have lost a number of plants which survived the snows only to succumb to the long period of wet and cold. Never mind, death in the garden means a planting opportunity; perhaps I will try something new!

A further result of the warm weather and wet soil is the rapid growth of weeds which I am currently not keeping up with. Annual weeds are threatening to swamp other wanted plants so they are next on my list while they are not completely swamping the wanted plants; at least they pull out easily when they are strong and healthy! Dandelions are also a problem and I have usually resorted to spraying with glyphosate as it is impossible to get all the root out by hand and they grow back. Tamsin, my occasional gardener tells me she never sprays with weedkiller and simply removes what she can every time the weed appears and eventually she wins because, without green leaves the plant cannot photosynthesise and will die. This is my second year of doing this and I'm pleased with the result so far.

Gardens are looking at their very best now as, after weeks of cold, wet weather, spring has come very late and everything kaleidoscopes into a shorter period. The result is a spectacular display of bright green foliage and spring colour so don't forget to look. At the same time identify gaps which can be filled with either colour for 

now., or plants for later summer enjoyment. Perhaps we will not have any more frosts?

*Liz Moyses*

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

### **Gardens Open**

Saturday 12th May 2018, 1pm to 4pm in aid of St Mary's church, Great Milton, renovation fund. There will be a small charge of £3 or a donation with all proceeds going to the fund. All welcome.

Sally Orriss at The Old Stores, The Green, Great Milton.

Chris & Liz Moyses at The Old Barn, Lower End, Great Milton.

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## **John Howell MP writes...**

Last month I wrote about campaign emails on particular issues and the different ways in which I try to deal with them. Another type of circular I often receive are those asking me to attend a particular debate or meeting. Whether or not I can may depend as much on my other diary commitments as anything and sometimes it is just not possible. This month I thought it might be helpful if I set out the different demands on an MP's time within the House. It may also help to explain some emails that do the rounds suggesting that the attendance of MPs in the Chamber of the House is only high when debating issues relating to MPs themselves. Pictures are circulated which show an empty chamber when important topics such as welfare reforms or the child sex abuse enquiry are debated but a full chamber when MPs' expenses are being discussed! These emails are clearly put together to discredit MPs so perhaps the approach taken is no surprise but they do beg a question as to why the Chamber may be full or empty at different times. Every picture tells a story but not necessarily the whole story or the right one! Let me explain how it all works.

Firstly there are two main debating chambers in the House of Commons – the main Chamber which is most often shown on television and Westminster Hall. Debates in these two chambers take place at the same time so an MP cannot be at both. The main Chamber is where Government, back bench and opposition business is debated. In Westminster Hall there is a series of debates each day on issues put forward by individual MPs. These raise issues of special interest to an MP or a group of MPs. I try to speak in debates where I am able and feel that I have a contribution to make. Analysis assessing the contribution to debates by individual MPs indicates that I have spoken in around 100 debates in the last year which, it says, is above average.

So immediately you can see that an MP cannot be in all debates. Most debates last for several hours and the Chamber will be full at times and empty at times. People often come in at the start to hear the Minister's opening speech and then leave to attend other meetings whilst the debate continues. If an MP wishes to speak they have to be there for the opening remarks and must stay for at least the speech following their own. When a debate is drawing to an end MPs are required to stop what they are doing elsewhere and go to the main Chamber to vote. When a vote is near, the Chamber will fill again as the MPs have to come from across the Estate to be in the lobby at the right time. The Chamber will also be full when there are multiple votes on separate issues in a particular debate as there is often insufficient time to return to other business between votes. So in just about any debate it will be possible to show pictures of times when the Chamber is full and times when the Chamber is emptier. It depends on what time in the duration of the debate that the photo is taken.

However these debating Chambers are but a part of the other business going on in the Palace of Westminster at any one time. There will also be a series of committee meetings. There are Select Committees - one to scrutinise the work of every Government Department. There are Bill Committees - one to go line by line through every Bill before Parliament to review the detail. I am a member of the Justice Select Committee and take my turn as called on Bill Committees or committees to introduce Statutory Instruments.

There are also All Party Parliamentary Groups which are more informal, cross-party groups formed by MPs and Members of the House of Lords who share a common interest in a particular policy area, region or country. These can be helpful due to their cross-Party nature and the fact that they involve Members of both the House of Commons and House of Lords. These groups focus on quite specific issues and there are well over 600 of them. I chair the APPGs for Nuclear Fusion, the River Thames, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Design and Innovation and Digital Currencies.

There are many other meetings and events that take place and I cannot list them all here but I hope this gives you a flavour of the range of activities going on and why it is not always possible for an MP to attend a particular debate or meeting. The inability to do so does not reflect a lack of interest, simply conflicting demands on time. If you would like to know more about my work in Westminster, on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is [www.johnhowellmp.com](http://www.johnhowellmp.com). Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk). As always, I am interested to hear constituent's views on the proposals before the House. If you would like to share your thoughts on an issue with me you can email me at [howelljm@parliament.uk](mailto:howelljm@parliament.uk) or write to me at the House of Commons.

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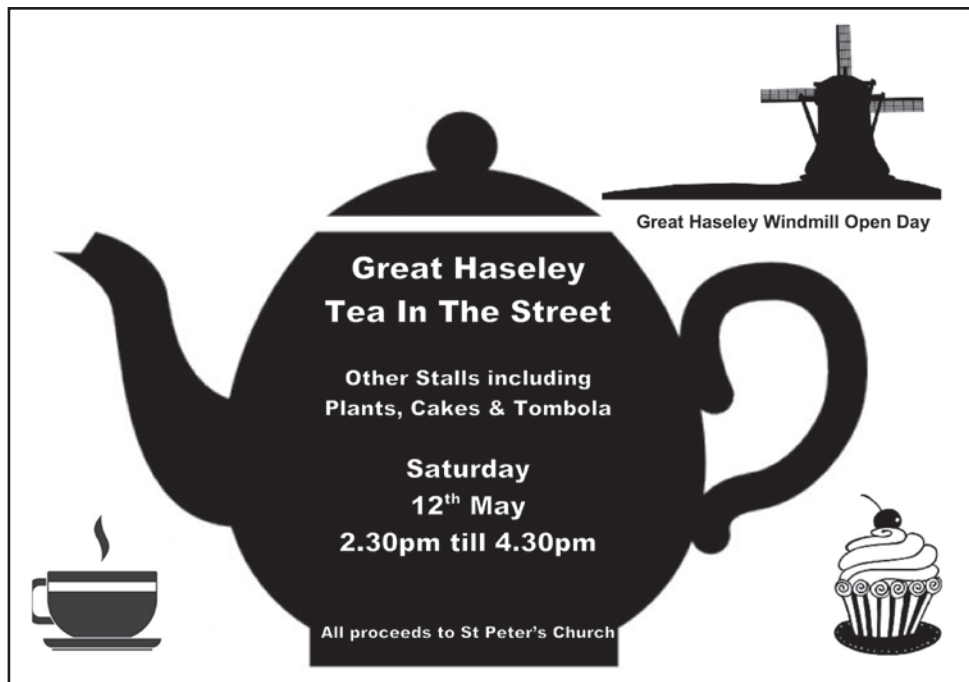
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## TENNIS COACHING SUMMER TERM 2018

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WED	5.30 – 6.30pm	10+	£30	02/05/18	11/07/18	30/05/18
WED	6.30 – 7.30pm	ADULT	£65	02/05/18	11/07/18	30/05/18

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To reserve your place, please complete the Application Form and send with your payment (cheques payable to **Great Milton HSPA**) to Nollag McGrath, 6 Colletts Cottages, Thame Road, Great Milton OX44 7NX. Queries? Please contact 01844 278663 / 07903 182668 or email [tennis.greatmilton@gmail.com](mailto:tennis.greatmilton@gmail.com)

### TENNIS COACHING APPLICATION FORM 2018

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## How you could benefit from taking part in the arts

Engagement in the arts can be hard to accomplish. The responsibilities and challenges of adult life can leave us with a never-ending to-do list. 'Take a poetry class' or 'try out acting' often end up sitting somewhere between the very last task we'll ever have to accomplish and the end of our life. In short, nowhere at all!

The benefits of creating, experimenting and playing however, are immense. The 2017 report of the government All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health and Wellbeing, gives some hefty support to this claim:

Participation in arts activities "can help people to stay well, recover faster, manage long-term conditions and experience a better quality of life... It can help with expressing difficult emotions and experiences... Help alleviate anxiety, depression and stress... Support healthy ageing and counteract loneliness at all ages... [and] improve the mental health of new mothers." Basically, it can enhance health, well-being and quality of life in so many ways.

As a freelance arts-practitioner and actress, I have witnessed the benefits of creative play and practice. The impulse to create, experiment and play is hard-wired into us, so vital to our growth and learning that it exists thoughtlessly and effortlessly in children. It's easy to lose these things in modern life but there's no reason why they shouldn't be rediscovered.

The Arts, practiced however "well" and for however long a time, are medicine for the soul. They are a place where "the self is rediscovered and allowed to flourish" (The Short Report, 2017).

Theatre Arts and Acting can increase our physical and vocal confidence, increase spontaneity and improve communication skills. They can improve fitness, co-ordination, expressivity and physical confidence. They can improve our observation skills and our ability to focus, as well as find interest and enjoyment in our every-day lives.

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My name is Leone White. For more information, a discussion about the classes and whether they're right for you, or to sign up, please contact me on 07445 059 001 or [leonejw@hotmail.com](mailto:leonejw@hotmail.com). You can also visit my website at [www.leonewhite.com](http://www.leonewhite.com). I will be delighted to hear from you.



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# Great Haseley Windmill Open Day

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1.00 to 4.00 pm

To celebrate "National Mills Day", we will be opening up Great Haseley's landmark windmill.

Weather permitting, we are also planning to get the sails turning between 2.00 and 3.00.

This is a great opportunity for you to bring the family to experience this wonderful piece of local heritage in action.

Teas (and cake) will be available in the centre of the village as part of the Great Haseley Tea in the Street event.

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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

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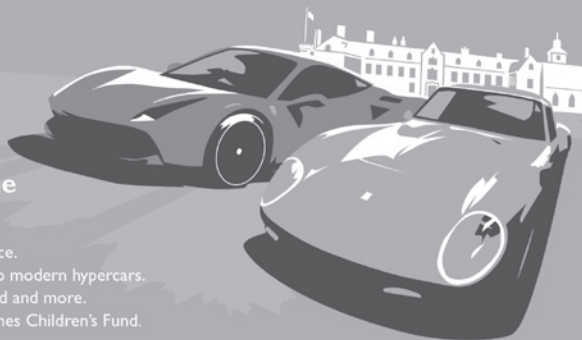
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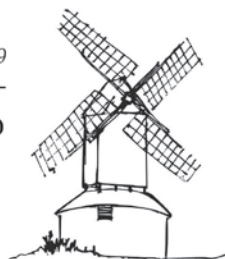
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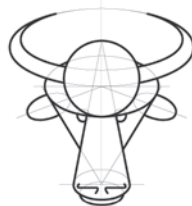
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 Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 7:30pm – 8:45pm  
*contact Yvonne Cartwright – 01844 279205*
- Tuesday Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
- Wednesday History Room Open at The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm  
 Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
 Athletics Club Training. Year 9-4. Evening. *enquiries.gmac@gmail.com*
- Thursday Power Vinyasa Yoga – The Neighbours Hall.  
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 The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays.  
*contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*  
 Sandy Lane Farm Market. 2:00pm – 6:30pm.  
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 Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
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 Bellringers – St. Mary's Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm  
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- Friday Toddler & Baby Group – The Neighbours Hall. 9:30am – 11:30am  
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- Saturday Athletics Club Training. Year 9-4. Morning. *enquiries.gmac@gmail.com*  
 Junior Sports – Recreation Ground. 5–11 years 10:00am – 12:00pm  
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 Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact David Spiers – 01844 218345*

## May

- 10th Thurs Neighbours Club: Tales from the Exam Hall 2:15pm
- 12th Sat Great Haseley Windmill Open Day 1:00pm
- Great Haseley Tea in the Street 2:30pm
- 60s & 70s Dance with Hippy Haze at The Neighbours Hall —
- 16th Wed Neighbours Club: Outing to Chedworth Roman Villa etc —
- 19th Sat Elliott Morris Concert at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton 7:00pm
- 21st Mon Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion 7:45pm
- 24th Thurs Neighbours Club: Afternoon of Quizzes 2:15pm

## June

- 9th Sat Great Milton Church Fete in The Recreation Ground 2:00pm

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