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## Great Milton Parish Council

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Ward:	Thame Road, inc Fullers Field and Green Hitchings	
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<b>Councillor:</b>	<b>Gwen Harris</b>	
Ward:	Kings Head House/Red Roofs to Wheatley Boundary	
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Ward:	Milton Common	

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### Parish Council Representatives

Rec Ground Committee:	Michael Robinson, Michele Block
Old Field Charity:	Hazel Hand, Niki Patrick
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Kent & Couling Charity:	Cynthia D'Anger
Sheppard Trust:	Ann Price, Pat Cox

### Parish Council Publication Scheme (*Freedom of Information Act*)

Residents of the Parish can see the records of the Council held by the Parish Clerk or learn where they may be accessed. These records include minutes, financial information, and responses to planning consultations. Applications can be made to the Parish Clerk and documents viewed by appointment. Any copies required will be charged at 10p per page.

### Front Cover

The chickens enjoy a treat, courtesy of Alan the bus driver.

Photo: Charles Peers.


**If you have any photos of the village or events, we would love to include them!**

# In My Opinion...



The new timetable for the buses has come into force and some people have been taken by surprise that fares have increased as well, with a return to Oxford up from £5 to £6.50, so be prepared! Please remember that we also have a car share service to get to Morland House Surgery and this can be arranged by contacting Jane Jefferies (278 743) or Wendy Richardson (278 479). The new bus timetable is as follows:

To Oxford	Monday to Friday				
Great Milton, nr The Bull PH	07:00	08:44	12:14	15:28	17:59
Wheatley, adj Ambrose Rise	07:05	08:49	12:19	15:33	18:04
Wheatley, opp St Marys Church	07:08	08:53	12:23	15:37	18:06
Littleworth, o/s Business Centre	07:11	08:58	12:28	15:42	18:11
Horspath Gidley Way Top (SW-bound)	07:13	09:00	12:30	15:44	18:13
Horspath, o/s The Green	07:16	09:03	12:33	15:47	18:15
Cowley, opp Horspath Road Industrial Estate	07:16	09:06	12:36	15:50	18:15
Cowley Templars Square (Stop A)		09:11	12:41	15:55	
Oxford Carfax (Stop I3)	07:30	09:25	12:56	16:10	18:28
From Oxford	Monday to Friday				
Oxford Turl Street (Stop L1)	07:50	11:00	14:30	17:00	18:30
Cowley Templars Square (Stop B)		11:15	14:45	17:15	18:45
Cowley, o/s Horspath Road Industrial Estate	08:08	11:21	14:51	17:21	18:51
Horspath, opp The Green	08:10	11:23	14:53	17:23	18:53
Horspath Gidley Way Top (NE-bound)	08:11	11:25	14:55	17:25	18:55
Littleworth, opp Business Centre	08:13	11:26	14:58	17:28	18:58
Wheatley, o/s St Marys Church	08:16	11:29	15:01	17:31	19:01
Wheatley, opp Ambrose Rise	0.345139	11:31	15:03	17:33	0.79375
Great Milton, opp The Bull PH	08:22	11:35	15:07	17:37	19:07

In other news, you have probably heard that SODC is proposing to build 3,500 houses at Chalgrove Airfield, or failing that at “Harrington” aka Stone Bassett. 

There is a surge of opposition towards this from most people I speak to and there will have been a number of public meetings locally by the time you read this – I hope you were able to attend one of them. It is very important that SODC are made aware of local residents' opinions on this and the consultation is open until 19 August on the SODC website at this link:

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2032>

In my opinion, the selection of this site is contrary to a number of the stated objectives in SODC's own document, and completely unsuitable for the purpose of making housing available for overflow from Oxford City. Please express your views freely, and remember, to have the most impact, responses should be factual, unemotional, evidence-based, and offer alternatives! Good luck...

Time to banish apathy!

*Steve Harrod, Chairman*

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## **Draft Notes from the Parish Clerk**

The July meeting of Great Milton Parish Council was chaired by Cllr Bill Fox, with Cllrs Peter Fewell, Peter Allen, Gwen Harris in attendance. Cllr Steve Harrod did attend the meeting but arrived later. Also present were Helen Cherry (Clerk) and two members of the public. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday 19th September starting at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

### **Planning Applications**

It was RESOLVED to recommend approval of P16/S2272/HH planning application received from SODC:

P16/S2272/HH – Garden Close (Monkey Puzzle Farm) Lower End Great Milton

Proposed two-storey rear extension, insertion of dormer windows and replacement front windows following demolition of modern rear extension, conservatory and two-storey side extension.

There were no planning decisions to review.

### **Correspondence and Public Discussion**

The police received several complaints about speeding motorbikes travelling along the A329 towards Stadhampton on Sunday afternoons and have confirmed that they will be patrolling this area.

### **Financial resolutions**

Annual Return for the Year-ending 31st March 2016

It was RESOLVED to approve sections one and two of the annual return –Year-ending 31st March 2016 of which both the chair and clerk signed.

### **Chalgrove Airfield Proposal**

Several public meetings are scheduled to discuss the proposed housing development on Chalgrove Airfield. Great Milton will be holding a public meeting on 3rd August 7:30pm

Please note that confirmed minutes will be uploaded to Great Milton Parish website <http://www.great-milton.co.uk/>

*Helen Cherry, Clerk to Great Milton Parish Council*

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## **Bus Service**

Thank you Heyfordian for offering a bus service but unfortunately it is going to be a nightmare for many of us. Our local authority has let us down by failing to support the senior citizens of our local village communities.

If I board a bus in Wheatley then I am able to use my bus pass and move freely about. To take a taxi to Wheatley costs between £8 to £10. The other day I tried three times in one day to order a taxi but none available. In an emergency ordering a city taxi you have to pay for them to come to your home before you embark on your journey.

It is not only the senior citizens that suffer it is all ages. Our young people attending college or going to work or trying to have a social life limits them. On our bus route many mothers with push chairs and toddlers board, wheel chair users, disabled people.

You may as well lock us all up in our homes as we are feeling isolated already. Not everyone owns a car and we get preached at to use public transport. Car owners use the bus as the city does not provide adequate parking and too costly. In the recent budget cuts who really cared about the senior citizens as we are the ones subsidised. We are being discriminated against by age and not owning a car.

The only alternative is to grin and bear it and remain more housebound and isolated or up stakes and move.

I may be a pensioner yet continue to work and I do pay taxes as I am even taxed on my pension. I feel let down by those in power who gave no thought or consideration to any of us young and old alike.

*Christine Kitashima, Senior Citizen*



## Services in Our Benefice for August

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James' Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 7th <i>Trinity 11</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Sunday 14th <i>Trinity 12</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Sunday 21st <i>Trinity 13</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 28th <i>Trinity 14</i>	Benefice Service at Rycote Chapel 10:00am		

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Sunday 18th <i>Trinity 17</i>	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am
Sunday 25th <i>Trinity 18</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Harvest Festival BCP 5:00pm	


## Dear Prime Minister

I am sure that we all wish you well following your appointment as leader of the Conservative Party, and with it the elevation to the role of Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

That you have taken on this role at a difficult and crucial time in the life of the United Kingdom is not beyond doubt. One of your challenges is that you now face the real possibility that this will no longer be a kingdom that is united. You have taken over following the seismic decision to leave the EU when it is predicted that we now have a very hard road ahead as we negotiate what leaving will look like. You have taken over at a time when politics has once again shown itself to be positively machiavellian. Self interest, double betrayal and political coups have abounded. Your predecessor had to fall on his political sword because things didn't go the way he had anticipated. As you will be well aware the issue of Europe has derailed three of your conservative predecessors, I really hope that the same thing won't now happen to you.

Prime Minister, You take over at a time when people have shown that there is a huge disconnect between politics and the 'real world'; a situation that you state you appreciate. Large numbers of people seem to have voted as a protest against the way things are, without fully realising the implications of their vote. This is going to be monumentally hard for you and your government. How will you now move forward primarily in the interests of the whole nation as you have said you will, and not in the interests of your own political party, as many are suspicious you will? So much depends on what you will now do Prime Minister, and a whole nation is watching.

One of the hardest tightropes you will have to walk will of course be your negotiations with the EU. You have declared that Brexit will happen, the EU have declared that it will be on their terms, that if the UK wants to have free movement of trade and services, we will have to accept free movement of populations from the EU.

How will you now approach those who voted to leave and who saw immigration as one of the main issues? Prime Minister, will you please now go on record as confirming the status of those EU immigrants who are already in this country? Might using people as bargaining chips to guarantee a better negotiated deal in Europe in fact be morally repugnant? I truly hope that you have decided not to do this. Many of us have been appalled, as I am sure you have been, at the way some of these people have been treated and how unwelcome they have been made to feel since this vote to leave Europe. Even though I did not vote to leave, I felt ashamed. Is this to be one of the legacies of leaving the EU, that we become such a small mean minded nation? Our outgoing Prime Minister at his last question time suggested that it would be otherwise, 

that guarantees would be given. Please honour that pledge Prime Minister. This brings to mind a text in the Old Testament, one that I suspect your father would have known well and that you probably know as well, Leviticus 19:34:

"The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

Many in this land have ancestors who were once foreigners and strangers here, we should be proud of that heritage, it is truly a part of being British. It will be a hard task for you dealing with this particular issue, but as you do so Prime Minister, please remember before all else that these are people, not bargaining chips.

Your speech outside Downing Street after your audience with Her Majesty the Queen talked of a vision of social justice, a unified nation. Two days before that you talked of a new accountability to curb the excessive levels of payments in the boardrooms of our nation. The two are closely linked. Your predecessor, as we faced years of austerity made the claim that we were all in this together. From the increasing levels of inequality our nation has been experiencing it has become apparent that we are not all in it together and that it has been the poorest, the most vulnerable and the least able to pay who have had to carry the burden of decisions that were not their responsibility. Meanwhile, those at the top of the boardroom enjoyed hugely inflated rewards. From what you have said, you seem to understand this. It was a bold vision that you gave us before you entered Downing Street for the first time as our Prime Minister, and one that will now test you and demand every ounce of your ability as a leader. I am sure that you will be remembered in the prayers of Christians throughout our nation and the prayers of many people of other faiths too, as you take up this mantle of leading our nation through this very troubled time.

Yours sincerely

*Simon Cronk (Rev'd)*

Advance notice: I am delighted that The Christian writer, poet, thinker and humourist Adrian Plass will be coming with his wife Bridget and some members of Searchlight theatre company to St Mary's in Great Milton on Thursday 22 September. This is the last night of a nationwide tour and we will be very privileged to host them. Whilst many reading this might not have come across them Adrian and Bridget are well worth coming to hear, and the Searchlight theatre company will be very good value. Below is how the evening is advertised and at the bottom is a link to one of Adrian's by now well known pieces, Anglican notices. For anyone (like me) who has ever had to grapple with giving out the notices in church this has an uncomfortable



ring of truth. I found it very funny. Frightened and Fearless, Resolute and Reluctant, Known and Unknown, In Every Age They Step Up!

An evening of theatre, humour, music and story telling celebrating Heroes and unsung Heroes - in the Bible, history and today. It will give you the chance to explore what made these people's words and actions so special, as well as looking and laughing at our own attempts to follow in their footsteps.

With Adrian & Bridget Plass as well as Anna & Andreas Andersen from Scargill House, the first half will feature a mixture of sketches, monologues, poems and songs and after the interval we will be honouring some local unsung Heroes in your community.

Tickets will cost £10-00. These can be booked in advance. For more details please contact Cath Cronk 01844278349.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1K\\_YTzKefw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1K_YTzKefw)

*Simon*

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## Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

August				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Detail
7th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jennifer Thompson	
14th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Bull	Holy Communion
21st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Simon Pillinger	
28th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	

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## The Neighbours Club

On the 23rd June we held a flower arranging competition when the winner was Trish Harris. On the 7th July we had a delightful group of 6 - 7 year olds from our local school to entertain us. They sang songs all about honey bees. Each little person had drawn a picture with a honey bee theme which they brought round and presented to us. They were then given tea which consisted of a cake, orange squash and a packet of crisps – not exactly healthy so they were told next time they would be given carrots and lettuce!! They were NOT impressed but didn't believe us anyway.

On the 13th July it was time for another club outing. This time we went



to Sevenoaks in Kent in the morning where we had lunch. Several of us went into the beautiful St Nicholas Church for coffee and we were intrigued by the unusual tombstones in the churchyard. We were told that they were typical of the County of Kent in the 1800 s. From Sevenoaks we went on to Chartwell – the family home of Sir Winston Churchill from 1924 until the end of his life. The rooms and gardens remain much as they were when he lived here and the studio in the garden contains 150 of his paintings.

We are now looking forward to afternoon tea at our next meeting on the 21st July.

### **Forthcoming Events - August**

Thurs 4th - Keep fit with Yvonne - 2.15 p.m.

Thurs 18th - Reminiscence - 2.15 p.m.

(There is no outing in August)

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## **Great Milton Bellringers**

On Sunday July 31st, we rang for the Benefice, and we dedicated the ringing to the memory of Harold Tame. He was a soldier in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry who died at the battles of the Somme on July 30th 1916 – he was 19 years old.

Harold grew up in the Kings Head and worked in the Bakery across the road from the pub. He was a bellringer, and looked after the bells and the Church. He is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial in France – the memorial for those with no known grave.



GREAT MILTON  
HISTORY SOCIETY

Les Preston is giving his final history talk on Thursday September 29th. There will be pictures and stories of 5 village personalities, with their voices on tape and village photos in support. We are looking forward to a memorable evening with this special friend of the Village, and of the Society.

Early in July, the nephew of Alex Sears came to the village, mostly to visit the Churchyard and family graves, followed by lunch at the Bull. Matt Sears (son of Alex's

brother) and his family will be coming here in the Autumn to look through the History records, and to show us their own albums of the time in the war when they lived at Priory Cottage, and in the Old Vicarage.

Unfortunately we lost the History computer in one of the 'summer deluges'. We are in the process of purchasing a replacement, but until that is in place (and the roof fixed) please use either of the following emails:- [ian@jimelton.plus.com](mailto:ian@jimelton.plus.com) [cox.pippins@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.pippins@btinternet.com)

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## **Great Milton Cricket Club**

Since the report in the July Bulletin, we have played one game only – in fact, the whole season has been a disaster because of shortage of players.

Out of nine scheduled fixtures we have played three games only – four being cancelled by us because we were unable to raise a team and two by opponents for the same reason.

If there is anyone out there who would like to play, please contact myself (279474) or the Captain, Steve Webb (279679).

We have one game only in August, this being a T20 match with Great Haseley on Bank Holiday Sunday (28th). With favourable weather we hope to have a BBQ and Bar to see the season out on a happy note!

### **Result of Fixture**

Headington Quarry 155 all out (C. Bates 3 for 34)

Great Milton 63 all out

*Ann Price, Secretary*

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## **Tombola**

My sincere thanks to all the generous people who donated so many prizes for the Tombola at the June Fete and to those on the day who purchased the tickets. The total raised was fantastic and even the weather was kind to us.

A special thank you on the day to my helpers: Kim, Damien, Chakotay. Liam and Jamie. Best Wishes

*Christine Kitashima*

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## Senior Citizens Party Committee

### Rummage Sale

Our thanks to all who supported this event by donating goods or coming along to buy. To the gentleman who donated the garden furniture – it was in and out of the hall in ten minutes! Sold as soon as you had delivered it. Thank you.

A total of £165.16 was realized for party funds – down by £60.00 from 2015 but unfortunately we have to accept that, in tis day and age, the good old rummage sale has competition from things such as charity shops and boot sales.

Our thanks again.

### Harvest Festival

This is scheduled for Saturday 3rd September at The Bull. Produce will be accepted from mid-day, with judging taking place at approx. 2:00pm.

The evening's activities will start at 6:30pm with a short Thanksgiving Service followed by the auction of produce.

*Ann Price, Treasurer*

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## Old Field Barbecue

Judging from this photo, a fine time was had by all! (photo: Mannie Stone)



## Dates for Your Diaries from The Neighbours' Hall

We are holding some fund-raising events to help support the planned refurbishment of the Neighbours' Hall.

These include:

- A Quiz Night on Friday 30th September
- A New Year's Eve party with dancing on Saturday, 31st December
- Open Gardens in Great Milton early summer 2017

If anyone would like to help with the organisation for New Year's Eve Party and the Open Gardens or indeed has any ideas for them both please contact any member of the Neighbours' Hall Committee (Ann Price, Christine Donnelly, Amanda Garrett, Hazel Hand, Paul Lawrence, Simon Cronk, Peter Allen and Tony Jefferis)

Please put the dates for the Quiz and the Party in your diaries and book those baby-sitters! (No need for expensive taxis this year!).

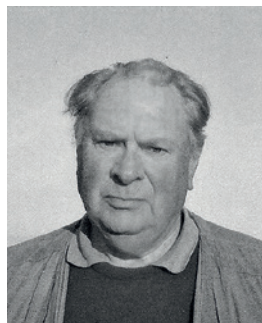
*The Neighbours' Hall Committee*

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## View from Views

It has been a political roller-coaster since I last wrote these notes and that's is putting it mildly, in out! Stab me in the back, politicians now know who their friends are, whatever in or out for better or worse we are out and at least we know, and as our new PM says lets go for it and pull together and make it work. A new cabinet has been formed and some of the names we know, so far it all looks positive or at least that is what we are being lead to believe, so let's hope that is the case. I haven't a clue if Adrea Leadsom has any idea about the countryside but again let's hope the environment does not suffer, as I have yet to learn of an MP who cares two hoots for it. The worrying thing to me still is housing and the number of people on our Island, as I understand we are now more densely populated than Holland, I have said many times before I don't think we can cope with this number of people. The flooding is made worse by all the building, congestion on the roads, that will only get worse, and now the buses are being cut, which will inevitably increase traffic. Interesting one of the conditions when we developed the Offices was that we should be on a bus route!

I keep batting on about the destruction of the countryside with the relentless so called demand for more housing, Roads, Runways, HS2 and so on, well! there



is another sector of our community (cyclists) demanding access to Farm land. This was reported in the Farming press recently with a very apt comment “The Countryside will soon be a giant leisure park and the working countryside obsolete” the pressures on the countryside are becoming more of a problem all the time, still we read of dogs killing and maiming farm animals not to mention wildlife, all part of the same problem we all have to do our bit for nature, otherwise we will all suffer.

The weather is a little better than last month but still not really like summer I recorded 116mm rain in May (last year 54mm) and 96 in June (last year 9mm) on the very wet days we had 30mm two days running. In spite of this everything is still look pretty good and quite promising with very little of the cereals being lodged, (this is where the weather beats the crop flat on the ground making harvesting difficult, also tend to increase the moisture content), which shows quite plainly at this time of year.

It is at the end of June and beginning of July a period when we can all relax before the rush of harvest, the grass does not grow so fast, in spite of the rainfall this year, (never grows much in July and August irrespective of the weather). Also it is at this time of year the birds having done most of their breeding so seem quieter. We have families of many species in the bird sector, visiting our garden from Blue tits on the bird feeders, to Magpies and Crows picking up leftovers underneath, plus Woodpeckers feeding their young in our Apple tree right in view of the house, then occasionally the odd deer pays us a visit. Recently there has been evidence of Hedgehogs around which is good news, not having seen them for some time now, whether this is due to the fact that in the immediate vicinity the Badger activity seems to have reduced somewhat.

The debate around Glyphosate is not really resolved, just that it's licence has been extend for 2 years (I think) this is, it seems to me, to give EU Governments more time to agree, no wonder we did a Brexit. This is a chemical we all believed was extra safe which we, like every gardener, have come to rely on so much, as a very useful tool. It is also part of defence against climate change as it saves cultivations, which increase the release of carbon, but fuel as well. An interesting factor I learnt the other day visiting an Organic farm, where the Farmer was talking about the weeds on his farm, mentioning that his main weed problem was Charlock, but since the ban on the use of Neonicotinoids his Charlock has more or less disappeared, Charlock is closely related to Rape where this chemical is used, to control stem beetles, up one down the other!

I recently was lucky enough to organise a tour round the new incinerator at Ardley, I cannot say how impressed I was, nothing is wasted all rubbish is burned to generate enough electricity to power a small town. It was good to hear that Oxfordshire recycles or reuses 95% of all our household waste. I still have a problem with what will recycle and what won't, so now if in doubt I am happy for the undecided rubbish to go in the



grey bin as they can burn everything, anything that does not burn comes out with the ash and is reused somewhere. Even the heat generated is used in some way and the ash and chimney deposits go into road making. I strongly recommend a visit if you ever get the chance, the contact is; Sylvie Verinder 08450093327 or 07788311926, or we could get a local group together I think we need about 20 but it is really worth it.

Next time I write it will all be over I hope and we shall know the results of our years labour and the effect this seasons weather has had. So until then have a good break think of us in the thick of dust heat and machinery fumes.

*Charles Peers*

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## **Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society**

Ally and Mike's wedding, the preparation for which I wrote about in the June issue, was a lovely, if very wet, occasion. However, despite all our hard work, very few people actually saw the garden as it was too wet and cold for most people to leave the marquee, but the bell ringers took a walk under an umbrella! The service in St Mary's Church was absolutely beautiful and Ally told me that she enjoyed every second of it. In spite of the rain she and Mike walked back home from St Mary's church under a white umbrella through the rain with their guests following behind. Many thanks especially to Simon who, on this solemn occasion, injected just the right amount of humour. Thanks also to Kate and Great Milton Singers and the Bell Ringers.

I had planned the planting in the garden to be looking good on the day and the garden was the best it has ever been, but the weather scuppered the flowering. However, we have since enjoyed some beautiful flowers in between the heavy rain and cold snaps. The rain badly damaged the peonies, but they are now growing into sizeable plants and I hope for better results next year.

It has been astonishing how fast endless rain and cold gave way to hot dry weather and the ground in the wetter areas started to crack, the water butts are almost empty and it is simply too hot to work in the garden for much of the day. As a result, I am sadly now getting behind with keeping the garden under control; we are never satisfied with what we get!

The warmth and previous heavy rain has led to luxuriant growth everywhere which is now starting to look very wilted as our soil is very sandy and free-draining and is falling over because I don't stake most things. I am starting to wish I had done the 'Chelsea Chop' on a lot of plants. The Chelsea Chop is a gardening practice whereby herbaceous plants which flower later in the summer are shortened during the



week of the Chelsea flower show. The chopped stems bear more, but smaller, flowers later and on a shorter plant. If only some of the stems in a clump are shortened the flowering season can be extended with larger flowers appearing first on the uncut stems. I think that the shorter plants would have been more resistant to the dry conditions we are experiencing.

In the greenhouse tomato and cucumber plants are starting to exhibit heat stress despite having received enough water. This is a lesson in the need to adequately shade a greenhouse which I don't, unless you count accumulated grime. I know I should apply shade paint to the glass and scrub every inch clean every year, but I don't; this is largely because I can't reach a lot of the glass. My better half has had great success with sweet peas in his man greenhouse. He sowed these in an old, deep cattle trough in early spring and flowers have been in the kitchen since May. He has had similar success with climbing French beans in an old dustbin. The sweet peas suffered from the heat and the beans developed extensive red spider mite while we were away for a few days so both are sadly now finished. It is certainly lovely to have home grown produce out of season.

*Liz Moyses, Membership secretary • liz@moyses.org • 01844 279875*

Please contact me for further details of membership which costs only £5 per family per year. The Annual Show this year is being held at Belchers Farm in Little Milton by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Hue-Williams on the afternoon of Saturday 27th August. There are still a few of you who have not yet paid your membership subscription and, although you will have received a show schedule, you will not be permitted to enter classes unless you are in good standing with the society.

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## Neighbours Club 2016 outings Programme

- September 7th **Brighton.** Cost of coach about £16.
- October 5th **Tower of London** in morning, **Museum of London** (free) in afternoon. Cost Tower and coach about £30.
- November 16th **Coventry** (cathedral, car museum, art gallery and museum, shops). Cost coach £15.
- January 2017 Pantomime at the Corn Exchange, Wallingford. Cost ticket and coach about £20.

Please ring me and let me know a.s.a.p. of any in which you are interested.

Mrs. Celia Cope, Woodbine Cottage, High Street, Great Milton OX44 7NF.

Tel: 01844 279459. All welcome. Thank you.

**Go Active Gold**  
**Yoga for the over 60's**



**Yoga** will be taking place in **Holton Village Hall**. The class is suitable for all ability levels with the benefits including improving flexibility, muscle strength, posture, bone health and drains your lymphs whilst boosting immunity.

**Starts:** Tuesday 13 September 2016

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**Price:** £5

**Where:** Holton Village Hall

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**Time**, 2pm – 3pm

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**Where**, Great Milton Pavilion

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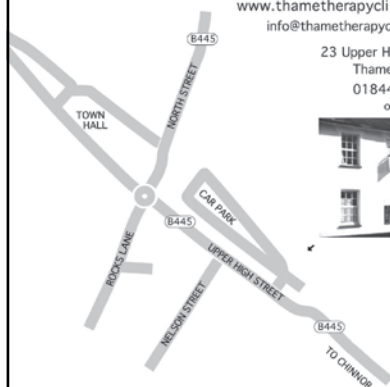
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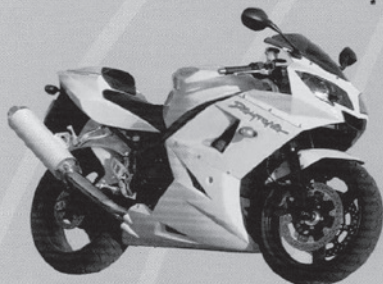
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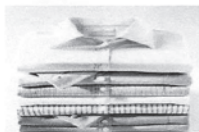
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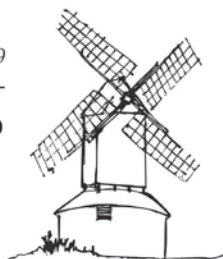
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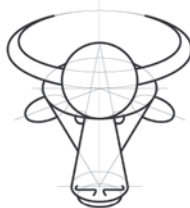
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- Tuesday Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
- Wednesday History Room Open at The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm  
 Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
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|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 4th Thurs  | Neighbours Club: Keep Fit with Yvonne                      | 2:15pm |
| 17th Wed   | Craft Club at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton                | 7:30pm |
| 18th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Reminiscence                              | 2:15pm |
| 19th Mon   | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion                     | 7:30pm |
| 27th Sat   | Horticultural Annual Show at Belcher's Farm, Little Milton | 2:00pm |

## September

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|------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 3rd Sat    | Harvest Festival at The Bull                    | 12:00pm |
| 7th Wed    | Neighbours Club: Outing to Brighton             | —       |
| 17th Sat   | Quiz Night at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton     | 7:00pm  |
| 29th Thurs | Les Preston's Last Stand at The Neighbours Hall | 7:30pm  |

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