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Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
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Draft Parish Notes

Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council, held at the Pavilion on Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chair), G Bennet, P Allen and D Harms. Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), C Deacon and M Horsley. Tim Darch (Clerk) was in attendance, along with 1 member of the public. No interests were declared, and business was conducted as prescribed by the agenda.

Matters to Report

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

Correspondence and public discussion

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting which is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Planning Applications

P21/S4645/HH (The Penn Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HX). Extension and conversion of roof to create habitable room within roof void. Local consultation by the ward councillor yielded no objections, and Cllr Bennet in reviewing the application raised no concerns. After brief discussion it was AGREED to support the application.

The following outstanding planning matter was reviewed.

Cllr Caroline Newton reports that SODC is changing its policy with regard to planning enforcement. In brief, assuming the policy is agreed by SODC's Cabinet, the administration is proposing to 'triage' enforcement cases so that the Council will only investigate those which are particularly egregious; the District Council will also no longer update parish councils or residents on the progress of an enforcement investigation. Cllr Newton feels that this change may be disappointing to residents and is also anxious that it will serve as a green light to people tempted to exploit the planning system.

The minutes of the November meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 15th November 2021, were reviewed, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Financial Resolutions

The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £498.65

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production November/December. £243.40/£229.80

Website hosting December (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99

Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying November. £62.40

Wheatley Park School annual prizegiving donation. £50

Green and Growing. Mole treatment. £30

Christmas tree purchase. Invoice not received in time for meeting.

The latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, approved and signed. The reconciled bank balance as of 6th December was £47,916.73.

Budget for 2022-23

The second draft of the budget was reviewed. Since the draft budget was discussed at the Council's November meeting, the forecast number of households in the village paying Council Tax in 2022/23 has been received. This forecast shows that the number will rise by about 3.5%, which means that in order to achieve the aim of keeping the Precept flat year-on-year, the total needs to be increased by £700. This amount has been added to Sundry Expenditure.

Forecast expenses for 2022-23 total £25,930, an increase of 11.1% relative to the current financial year. Income from sources other than the precept is anticipated to be £5,750 compared with £3,750 in the current year, while the precept is forecast to rise 3.6% from £19,480 to £20,180. It was noted that the General Reserve stood at approximately £33,567: reserves have increased from £29,664 in 2020-21, largely as a consequence of reduced expenditure due to the impact of the Covid pandemic.

After discussion it was RESOLVED that the draft budget for 2022-23 should be accepted, approved and adopted.

Precept for 2022-23

In the light of the agreed budget for 2022-23 and after discussion, it was RESOLVED that the precept for 2022-23 should be set at £20,180. The precept request form was approved and signed as required.

Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

The demolished sign at the junction of the A329 and Thame Road has been reinstated.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

There were no significant local developments to report with regard to the current pandemic, other than those which have been publicised nationally.

20mph zone

Results from a survey of village residents indicate around 80% support for a 20mph zone in the village centre. Messages of support have been received from Freddie Van Mierlo (County Councillor) and Alyson Frost, Head Teacher of Great Milton Primary School. After brief discussion it was AGREED that the Clerk would now formally submit an application for a 20mph zone to OCC.



School pick-up and drop-off parking

Issues surrounding school parking were discussed at a meeting on Wednesday 1st December involving representatives of the Parish Council, Great Milton Primary School and the Recreation Ground Management Committee. Various potential solutions were put forward including:

- Using the Recreation Ground for parent parking or staff parking (the latter potentially freeing up the school drive and parking area for drop-off purposes)
- Using some existing school land to create additional parking
- Using The Bull car park for parent parking
- Putting down lines on the narrowest section of road between the school and just beyond the shop to deter parking on both sides of the road
- Seeking improved transport
- Encouraging car sharing from Wheatley.

It is likely that a combination of measures will be required to improve the situation. All parties will investigate potential opportunities and continue to work together to find a long-term solution that works for the school, parents that drive and residents of the village. The note of the meeting is available on the Parish Council website.

Community Governance Review

South Oxfordshire District Council will be undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) during 2022 with any agreed changes implemented for the 2023 elections. The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will undertake the review and make the final decision on any alterations. The review will cover:

- Altering the existing boundary of a parish.
- Creating, merging or abolishing parishes.
- Changing the name of existing parishes.
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. how many parish councillors are required and parish warding).
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council, or de-grouping parishes.
- The "style" of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish).

SODC has agreed to undertake a community governance review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled parish elections – in this case 2023. The Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will meet in early February to consider any requests and agree the terms of reference for the review: any requests for matters to be considered should be submitted with supporting evidence by 21 January 2022.

Great Milton Parish Council wonders if Milton Common as a whole might be better

served by inclusion within a single parish, rather than three as at present, which for example can lead to those on London Road being ‘forgotten’ in SODC’s planning consultations. Any thoughts from residents on the south side of the A40 (who are currently residents of Great Milton parish) would be welcomed to help to inform a response to SODC’s consultation. It was AGREED to contact Tiddington with Albury Parish Council (in whose area much of the housing west of the A329 is already included) to seek their views, and to submit a brief response to SODC making the above point.

Proposed ‘3 Villages’ newsletter

The current producers of ‘The Haseleys’ magazine have announced that they will not continue beyond December 2022. They have suggested that Little Milton, Great Milton and the Haseleys might combine to produce a monthly magazine covering all three parishes. After discussion it was suggested that should ‘The Haseleys’ magazine fold, Great Milton Parish Council may consider offering a few pages for Haseley news, with material to be supplied, additional production costs met and delivery arranged by Great Haseley Parish Council or another representative body. Financial and logistical complexities coupled with the creation of a publication that may contain a significant amount of information that may not be of interest to many readers (for example three sets of parish council meeting notes) were considered the major deterrents to a joint magazine for all three communities.

Dates for Great Milton Parish Council meetings 2022

Proposed dates for the meetings of Great Milton Parish Council during 2022 were discussed and AGREED as follows:

- 17th January
- 21st February
- 21st March
- 18th April
- 16th May
- 20th June
- 18th July (Revision/cover possible dependent on Clerk’s holiday arrangements)
- No meeting in August
- 19th September
- 17th October
- 21st November
- 12th December (a week early given proximity to Christmas)

The meeting closed at 8pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th January 2022 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.

Benefice Services January 2022

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Service 10:30am
Thursday 6th			Compline for Epiphany 4:00pm
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Service 10:30am	
Sunday 16th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 23rd		Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am	Family Gathering 4:00pm
Wednesday 26th			Holy Communion BCP 12:00pm
Sunday 30th	Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am		

Notes from Near the Rectory

By Toby Garfitt

January and February are the traditional months for hedging and ditching, when plant growth has stopped for the winter. Before the mechanisation of agriculture, farmworkers had spare time at this season to get on with these routine maintenance tasks. Hedges needed to be kept not only tidy but stockproof, as any gaps would encourage livestock to stray and run the risk of injury or death.

These days hedges are appreciated more for their amenity value, and also for the cover they provide for wildlife. Most of our hedges are kept well-trimmed on the top and sides, but the base is often thin and bare. While it is no longer vital to keep a hedge stockproof (barbed or electrified wire serves that purpose), the traditional craft of hedge-laying, which ensures good, thick, even growth, is enjoying a revival. In the middle of Great Haseley you can see a fine hedge that was laid only last year. With a friend from the village, I recently spent a day at a hands-on course, in the sleet and snow. We learned how to clear unnecessary material from an old overgrown hedge, cut

and bend the live stems at an angle, and hold them together with vertical stakes and horizontal woven binders (both made of pliable hazel rods). Vigorous new shoots will quickly grow from the base and the angled stems.

Whether or not we make New Year's resolutions (I'm afraid I don't), the period after Christmas is a pretty good time to take stock. Think of our life as a hedge. There will certainly be untidy bits that need trimming (physically and psychologically), and there may well be broken, even dead bits that need clearing out. Then how about the ragged gaps that will have appeared? This may be the time to address broken relationships, failed aspirations, a sense of emptiness.

There will certainly be plenty of vigorous life in our hedge, but it may not all be in the right place. A little judicious cutting, bending, reshaping, may be all it takes to promote new growth in those barren areas. And there will be friends who can act as stakes and binders, helping us to hold together and thrive.

January is in any case a time for new beginnings. The Church celebrates the Sunday after Epiphany (January 9th this year) as Plough Sunday, the traditional start of the agricultural year; and the Collect for the following Sunday says this:

Almighty God,

in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,

and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory.

My daughter in Wiltshire has asked me to come over and lay a 50-metre hedge for her. It will be the first time I have tackled something like that on my own, and I'm sure I shall make mistakes. But new beginnings need courage! So as the French would say, "Bonne année, et bon courage (Happy New Year, and good courage)!"

The Rector, Simon Cronk, is away

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

January 2022				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
9th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	
16th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Communion Service
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	
30th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	

Great Milton Christmas Fayre

The annual Christmas Fayre in aid of St Mary's church took place on Saturday 4th December at the Neighbours' Hall beautifully decorated for the occasion.

We were blessed with a fine day and wonderful support from the community. (The vast majority were masked which was appreciated.)

A variety of stalls both inside and outside offered a range of goods from luxury gifts to stocking fillers to local produce and Christmas decorations. The children's Tombola and fantastic Raffle were busy all afternoon and resulted in many happy winners.

Shoppers were sustained by mulled wine, tasty sausage rolls, delicious cakes and tea and coffee. Those lucky enough to be in the hall when Archie White was singing, expertly accompanied by Bill Fox, were treated to a magical performance.

Father Christmas and his Elf were kept busy in the Grotto but made time to tour the hall. The donkey was a hit and was visited by eager fans.

This event could not happen without the hard work and enthusiasm of so many volunteers. Raising over £2,000 was an extraordinary amount and we are very grateful to all who supported us, ran a stall, used their talents and contributed to its success in any way. Thank you.

Fabulous Raffle Prizes, thanks to our generous donators.

WINNERS!!

Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons: Dinner for 2 – Nicky Farmer, Little Milton
Café Royal, Piccadilly Circus: Afternoon tea for 2 - Lorna Spaner c/o Jules Matthews
£150 voucher for Grant and Stone – Jules & Chris Matthews
Photographic portrait session – Jenny Wyatt c/o Rosamund Griffin
£85 voucher for Hollands Farm meat box- Jamie Morrison c/o Mike Block
Wicker hamper with goodies – Jane Jefferis
£40 voucher for the Half Moon, Cuxham – Caroline Smith
Brothers Salon: Bag of hair products – Eileen Siphthorp
Yoga with Claire Hickson – voucher – Julia Meekings c/o Malcolm Horsley
£25 voucher for Waterperry Farmshop – Emily Blackwood c/o Malcolm Horsley
Picture painted by Linda Webb – Carol Hill
Asda Toiletry set – Sarah and John Reynolds

We made over £2,000 so thank you to all who made it a success!

The Christmas Fayre Committee.



Photos: Nick Belcher

Neighbours' Hall Book Library

Lovely to see so many people coming along to November's Book and Jigsaw puzzle Library session – swapping books and puzzles as well sharing book and author suggestions. Anyone visiting the Neighbours' Hall at any time is welcome to make use of the Book Library – donate, borrow or keep a book or puzzle at any time.

Sorry we had to cancel our December open session due to increasing COVID numbers – we hope to be able to open again in January. Our next open session is planned for Friday 21st January from 11am – 12.30pm. We will be serving tea/coffee and cakes to enjoy whilst you browse.

Barbara and Hazel

Freecycle

Due to Covid-19 and the associated restrictions, we were only able to hold one event each in 2020 and 2021. Our October 2021 event saw 56 attendants and over 250 kg of unwanted items Freecycled and prevented from going to landfill. Your Freecycle volunteers carry on working after the event sorting, advertising left over items on our Facebook page and donating anything left over to Charity. It's a huge effort but nonetheless very rewarding.

Save the Dates!

For 2022 we are planning four events pandemic permitting:

Saturday 15 January

Saturday 30 April

Saturday 23 July

Saturday 15 October

They will all be held at Great Milton Pavilion. Wheatley Scouts will be back to run a community cafe and for the first time, we are going to Freecycle clean and unwanted items of clothing, shoes and accessories.

Look out for updates on our Facebook page about our events:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1893675294248295/?ref=share>

(Top tip: Our members often post details of Freecycle items on there too)

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to Freecycling with you in 2022

Kelly, Paula and Miranda

Great Milton Freecycle

20mph speed limit survey

The County Council has announced that parish councils can apply for 20mph speed limits. Please follow the link below to express your 'Yes/No' opinion, to add weight to Great Milton's submission should the majority be in favour:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KMS2T9B>

A direct link is also available in the 'news' section on the Parish Council website.

Poppy Appeal

The Total for Great Milton this year is £721.36.

Thank you once again to Laura Putt for her continued support in helping me.

I would like to thank Nollag McGrath and Caroline Smith who very kindly came to the rescue to help this year we were able to split the village into 4 sections.

Many thanks,

Sue Denham

Sheppard Trust

We are planning to hold a meeting of the Trustees towards the end of January 2022. Now that life seems to be settling into a new "normal", with clubs meeting, activities taking place etc, your organisations must be in need of some money!

Please send your applications to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or email to janewillis1@live.co.uk to arrive by Sunday 16th January 2022. As always, funds can only be allocated to organisations based in Great Milton, and which benefit the citizens of Great Milton.

The Trustees are looking forward to receiving your requests!

Little Milton WI

In December, we learnt all about Gin making with Jenny from Chalgrove Artisan Distillery (OX Gins). It was an inspiring story of their family business, starting from the kitchen, to the garden shed and now to a distillery with bar at Chalgrove business park.

Our next meeting on Thursday 13th January at 7.30pm is our New Year 

Dinner. We plan to order in some food to the Pine Lodge so we can have a socially distanced meal together. We will need to know numbers for catering, so please let me know if you'd like to come along by Friday 7 January. Everyone welcome.

Visitors £5 or join up for only £11 (for membership to end March 2022).

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton or The Haseleys, new to the area, 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. Please email us if you fancy joining WI or need a lift.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 730pm in The Pine Lodge, Little Milton OX44 7PZ

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

Like us at www.facebook.com/lmpinelodge

Details & news on the Pine Lodge page at www.littlemilton.org.uk

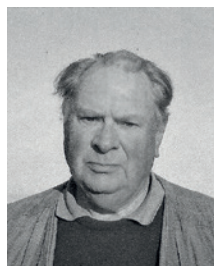
Kath Stacey 279438 or email littlemiltonwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

View from Views

Our late planted Wheat is just showing a nice neat row so let's hope this continues. All other crops seem to be fairing fairly well, a spot of disease in the Barley now looks to be recovering after a small dose of chemical. It is now evident that the pigeons have exhausted the food we left for them at harvest time and have just moved to feeding on our Rape; we would have preferred they had not however that's life. The resident Herons still seem to like us, as well as the Hares. Walking around there now appear to be many small birds everywhere. Also there seems to be more Starlings as they had reduced dramatically in the last year or two; we see small murmurations of 20-30 birds, maybe one day there will be thousands as of years ago.

It was good to see in the press some interesting figures which show 70% of the public trusted the UK food standards & 84% trust our assurance schemes, whereas trust in government regulation was 64% and the trust in other nations food standards were from Ireland and NZ the highest, followed by most EU countries, but only 28% trusted USA, 11% China, and other countries like Canada and Australia even less. This illustrates the need for the "Trade and Agriculture Commission" (TAC) which was set up to monitor and oversee any trade deals. Funny this was only officially inaugurated once the NZ deal had been struck.

The Badger cull figures show that TB cases are the lowest since 2007 and that 2020




was the third year in succession to have seen an overall fall. Currently more than 55% of infections in higher risk areas, and 48.9% in adjoining areas, can be attributed to Badgers. Now we learn Oxfordshire has become a Higher Risk Area this is a little worrying for those with livestock; luckily it does not affect us.

Recently Prince Charles wrote in the Country Life about his obvious concerns with reference to the planet & climate change, with agricultures' effect on all this, and rightly says we have to take these things seriously. I would like to assure him that most of us do, and certainly we do at Views Farm. However it is not as simple as it seems having to follow Government guidelines and public demand. He advocates a more balanced agriculture with the introduction of livestock. This is somewhat difficult when the public is suggesting we should eat less meat; we cannot satisfy both. We have to, and are doing, find other means of naturally creating the nutrients needed to grow our crops. We also have to produce food at an acceptable price for the consumer. All these issues are exercising our minds at the moment.

What I believe he is also saying, which I have advocated for some time, is that planting any old tree anywhere we please is not a good idea; the right trees in the right places, yes. Particularly he is advocating the planting of hedgerows; this is something I was especially pleased to read as I have always thought that a good idea. We have planted many meters over the last 20 years; in fact there are many more hedges on Views farm than are evident on maps I have of the 1700s.

We learn that the courts are to be stricter on Water companies over pollution. About time, as readers will be aware this is one of my pet concerns. However it is a little unfair. Many years ago, when the water companies were privatised, it occurred to me at the time that the then Government could foresee that the sewage systems would need a lot of expenditure; thus, this would be better to come out of private pockets, not the public purse, and any blame could be laid at their door. The planning rules to a certain extent don't help as, as far as I am aware, there is no legal necessity for developers to liaise with the water company concerned or, indeed, any other local service provider. In my humble opinion developers, who after all are the ones who gain the most out of any development, should be made to contribute to the local infrastructure. It is simply not financially fair to expect others to pick up the bill for their gain. I think I am right in saying that in Stadhampton something like 100 houses were built but with no expansion of the sewage system. Also most of these houses are built down wind of said sewage works; who is going to be responsible for the smells emitted?

PS

At the moment I personally am not satisfied with our new paper delivery service and just wondered if there are many others in our three parishes suffering the 

same as us here. We seldom get our delivery until 8:30 which is too late for me. I Have found a service based in Thame who, given enough support, would be interested, so if anyone else is interested please let me know. I have little or no contact in the Hasleys so if anyone has, please make them aware. I guess as I/we are at the end of the round. It may only be one or two of us with this problem and we will just have to put up with it. charles@viewsfarmbarns.co.uk

Hoping all readers had a good Christmas and that 2022 will prove more settled, though somehow I doubt it.

Morland House Surgery

Omicron/COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination Programme Update

The NHS in Oxfordshire and across the country is working fast to roll out the expanded COVID-19 booster vaccination programme.

All adults aged 18+ can book their booster appointment. Please contact the Morland House reception team on 01865 872448 to book an appointment. You may also book a vaccine at a mass vaccination centre via the NHS National Booking System <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

The need to make boosters available at speed will require some additional staff time and resources, so there is a need to clinically prioritise the ‘business as usual’ nursing services to support the vaccination programme. This could lead to some routine appointments and services being postponed. You will be updated if this is the case, or you could help us to help you by postponing routine appointments yourself – but please let the surgery know if you have booked an appointment with a nurse and are not coming.

Please be assured that GP services and clinically urgent services are open and all urgent appointments will go ahead as planned.

The aim of the NHS is to offer every adult the chance to book their booster jab by the end of 2021 to help protect against the Omicron variant. Vaccines continue to remain the best line of defence against the virus.

Thank you for your cooperation and continuing support during these very challenging times.

Visit Morland House Website

For up-to-date information about Morland House services including opening hours, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk

The Pine Lodge, Little Milton

A big thanks to everyone who helped and turned out to support the Village Fayre. It was really great to see so many families with their children in the Hall and around the village.

Each year the Hall sponsors a Christmas lunch for Senior Citizens in the village. We felt that we should postpone the lunch until the pandemic subsides and gatherings becomes safer. We have not set a new date but this is just to say we have not forgotten and we hope to reschedule early next year... watch this space.

The next Quiz Night at the Hall will be on 22nd January, Covid permitting. Tickets as always include dinner and will be on sale at the village Shop in the new year (see advert for more details).

Just a reminder that on the 24th January 6:15 – 7:45pm we will be running a course on CPR / DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS, and EMERGENCY ACTIONS IN CASE OF CHOKING. The course includes a session on emergency response on what to do in the case of an infant choking. The course is FREE for village residents (adults and children over 10). We still have a few places available. If you wish to book a place please contact steve.pinelodge@gmail.com. For more information on the course go to info@firstforsafetyoxfordshire.co.uk

Regular activities in the Hall include:

Mondays at 10:30am Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne (y.cartwright@btinternet.com)

Tuesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 18.30 Keep Fit on with Alyce (alycefwf@gmail.com)

Wednesday 9:30am Advanced Textile on workshop with Amargeet (amarjeetnandhra@virginmedia.com)

Friday 9:30am Yoga and Pilates with Lee (lee@grahamcaulfield.co.uk)

WI meet on 2nd Thursday of each month at 19:30 contact Kath Stacy (kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)

Crafts meet on 3rd Wednesday of the month at 19:00 contact Kath Stacy (kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)

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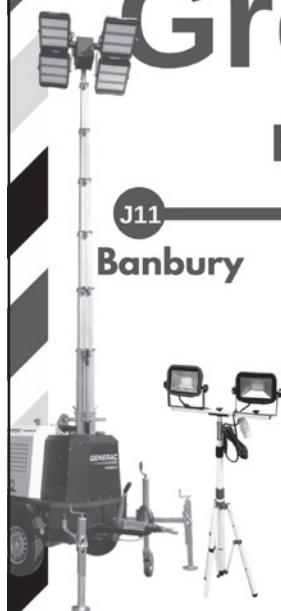
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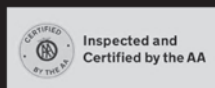
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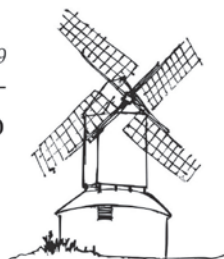
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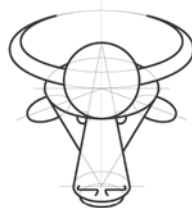
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	History Room open at The Bull	11:00am
17th Mon	Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion	7:30pm
21st Fri	Book Library at The Neighbours Hall	11:00am
22nd Sat	Quiz Night at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton	7:00pm

February

4th Fri	Quiz Night at The Bull	7:30pm
5th Sat	History Room open at The Bull	11:00am
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