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Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
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Draft Parish Notes - November 2021

Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council, held at the Pavilion on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Steve Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, D Harms and C Deacon. Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs G Bennet and M Horsley. Tim Darch (Clerk) was in attendance, along with Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (County Councillor, Chalgrove division) and 2 members 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. Cllr Van Mierlo additionally reported the following:

- OCC's 20mph policy has been launched, with a website now live for applications.
 The parish council will take the required steps to seek the required support from
 residents, along with the primary school with a view to submitting an application
 by early 2022.
- A bid for £56m for expanded bus services, including a semi-flexible route from Wallingford to Thame via the Miltons and Haseleys, has been submitted to the DfT.
- OCC's Local Transport and Connectivity Plan is currently under development.
- Civil parking enforcement is now overseen by OCC.

Correspondence and public discussion

The Chairman has received a request from the chair of Little Milton Parish Council to join a meeting of the respective chairs for Great & Little Milton, Haseleys and Stadhampton Parish Councils to share views and experiences, with the first meeting likely in December.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P21/S3915/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm: Land north of the A40 near Milton Common). Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

This application was reviewed by Cllr Allen. One of three in the area for solar farms, this is by far the biggest: the three applications cover an area equivalent to a third of the entire parish, and all are reported to generate exactly 49.9 megawatts, to avoid the need for a more complex planning process required for generation facilities

producing 50 megawatts or more. Cllr Allen also reported concerns over the size of the application site and its effect on the countryside and rural views, and its proximity to nearby properties, and expressed a note of caution regarding SODC's objectives for a 'net zero' district, which could possibly lead to approval from the planning authority.

The residents in attendance relayed concerns over the sheer size of the site and the and impact on the countryside, along with the magnitude of the necessary works, unsightly fencing in advance of the growth of screening vegetation and the presence of protected Great Crested Newts nearby. They also questioned a lack of clarity over the connection to the National Grid (reportedly at Cowley and therefore requiring approximately 10km of underground cabling), queried whether the application if approved represents a 'green light' for Harrington, and expressed worries over additional noise on top of that from the M40 close to homes in Milton Common. After brief discussion councillors agreed unanimously to OBJECT to the application and recommend to the planning authority that permission should not be granted for the development, on the basis of the issues outlined above and in solidarity with other parish councils in the vicinity of the application site and other concerned residents of Milton Common.

P21/S4437/HH (Hampden House Church Road Great Milton). Replace existing timber framed glazed entrance to heritage profile aluminium. New door to North facing gable end. Replace South facing door with similar (vertical timber plank door with ledges), stable door opening. Replace West facing gable end window with painted timber frame, size and profile to match existing but with additional pane added to lower section. 3 new conservation grade roof lights to North facing roof slope New solid fuel stove and flue. Remove electric space fan heating with new Under floor heating and air source heat pump located at south-east corner of barn

Replace metal spiral staircase with new traditional timber staircase. Replace current stained timber balustrades and handrail with new glazed option. Improve current roof insulation (from underside only) Increase size of existing WC to offer space for small shower enclosure.

Councillor Harrod advised that no objections had been received from local consultation with neighbours, and councillors agreed to recommend SUPPORT of the application.

P21/S4389/T28 (Hanks Yard Holloway Farm Milton Common Oxfordshire). Removal of 3No. existing antennas and their replacement with 3No. new antennas along with the addition of 2No. 0.6m transmission dishes, a GPS module and the addition of ancillary equipment thereto. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: NO COMMENTS REQUESTED FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The following outstanding planning matters were reviewed.

Premises Licence pending decision. Chilworth Court London Road Milton Common Thame Oxfordshire OX9 2JY. To note the application for a premises licence for Blue Faw's Distillery at the above address, which has been advertised locally as required by the licensing authority.

An amendment to the Manoir planning application details the results of an archaeological survey, largely based on findings in trenches dug in the field adjacent to Le Manoir. The Parish Council does not have the knowledge to comment on this amendment, but it is assumed that the County Council will respond as the authority responsible for archaeology.

The minutes of the September meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 20th September 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. Invoice not received in time for meeting.

Website hosting November (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99

Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying October. £62.40

Recreation Ground insurance reimbursement. £1,105.70

Neighbours' Hall booking for October Parish Council meeting. £25.

The latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, approved and signed. The reconciled bank balance as of 8th November was £49,650.07.

Parish Clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- The demolished sign on the A329 at the Thame Road junction is due to be replaced on Nov 29th.
- The '50' roundels on the A329 have been repainted along with the turn-in arrows on the approach to Thame Road junction (with an additional arrow also added).
- Exposed barbed wire in the ground at the entrances to the 'Manoir Field' opposite
 Ariens and at the Neighbours Hall (which may prove hazardous to dogs) has been
 removed by Le Manoir.
- Detailed information on potential options for dealing with the school parking issue (which largely revolves around liaison between the school and parents but may include reinstatement of the zig-zag markings) is awaited from the community policing team.

• Drainage issues at Lower End close to the school have been flagged up to the County Council and have been added to their program for investigation and action.

Budget 2022-23 first draft

The first draft of the Parish Council's budget for 2022-23 was reviewed and discussed. The first draft of the budget has been based upon a 0% precept increase given healthy reserves, reduced expenditure in various areas (including grass cutting and dog hygiene) and increasing revenues from advertising. Cllr Harrod suggested that it may be worth considering a small increase in line with advice both locally and nationally, but after discussion the budget for 2022-23 was AGREED as drafted, to be formally approved at the December meeting.

COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

No significant local developments were raised with regard to the current pandemic.

'Carols around the Christmas tree'

The suggested date of Wednesday 15th December at 6pm for the annual 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' event was agreed. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at The Bull afterwards.

20mph zones

A new policy making it much easier to get 20mph zones was passed by Oxfordshire County Council on 19 October. Full details of the policy can be found here:

 $https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.\\ aspx?CId=115\&MId=6381$

Applications are not judged on a 'first-come-first served' basis: this will be done according to the criteria outlined in the policy document. There is therefore no need to rush to complete an online application. A successful application will demonstrate alignment with the policy, and local support (beyond the parish council) for a 20mph zone. The county does not want to put in 20mph zones only to get push back from residents necessitating their withdrawal. Cllr Deacon suggested that a 20mph limit may only serve to reduce the speeds of those who routinely drive over the limit to something more like the 30mph that they should be driving at currently, but after brief discussion it was AGREED that the Parish Council would look to take the first steps towards applying for a 20mph limit, starting with an online and paper-based survey and liaison with the primary school.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th December 2021 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.

Benefice Services December

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Service 10:30am
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Service 10:30am	Carol Service 4:00pm
Sunday 19th	Nine Lessons and Carols 4:00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols 6:00pm	Holy Communion 9:00am
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	Crib Service 4:00pm	Holy Communion (Midnight Mass) 11:15pm	
Saturday 25th Christmas day			Family Service followed by Holy Communion 10:30am
Sunday 26th	Said Morning Prayer 10:30am		

Notes from Somewhere Near the Rectory

By Tony Jefferis

What does the Advent Season mean to you? A calendar filled with daily treats? Keen anticipation of the coming of Christmas? Distaste for all the tawdriness associated with Christmas? The winter festive season incorporating Black Friday, Christmas, and the New Year?

Whatever you feel, we are now in Advent. It varies in length and begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day (between November 27 and December 3), ending on Christmas Eve. In the church it is a time of preparation for Christmas, celebrating the birth of Jesus and anticipating his second coming. It is a time of tradition: carol singing, services of nine lessons and carols, mince pies, mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, Christmas trees, charitable giving, and Santa Claus.

The name Santa Claus is an American modification of the Dutch "Sinterklaas", itself a contraction of Sint Nikolaas. Saint Nicholas was born in what is modern-day

Turkey, about 270 AD. His parents raised him as a Christian but they died when he was still a child. Tradition has it that he sold his inheritance to give to the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He was dedicated to serving God, and he became Bishop of Myra whilst still a young man. Then he was persecuted by the Emperor Diocletian, who imprisoned him with so many other believers that there was no room in the prison for "straightforward" criminals! Eventually he was released, and it is believed he helped write the defining (Nicene) creed of the Christian faith in 325 AD, before dying in 343 AD on December 6th, which is now observed as his saint's day.

He is a very popular saint, the patron of children, sailors, debtors, pawnbrokers, wronged women, etc. In some European countries his day is observed with gifts for children and general celebration. In Holland, for example, I still warmly remember as a small boy visiting my grandparents in the Hague and being given chocolate letters and presents, three weeks before Christmas Day!

This made me appreciate the culture of others, which in turn, has helped me understand my own. So, whether or not you are familiar with the traditions of the British Christmas, please join us this Advent Season in singing carols at our carol services (one in each village) and enjoying mince pies and hot punch (with or without alcohol). We will do our best to make you feel welcome!

The Rector, Simon Cronk, is away.

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

December					
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments	
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement		
12th	3:00pm	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Carol Service	
19th	11:00am	St. Mary's	Sue Barrett		
25th	09:30am	Gt. Milton	Revd Stephen Spain	Christmas Morning Service	

Great Milton Athletics Club

The club managed to provide the training they could during the pandemic. Thank you to Alex Kirkman, our Covid-19 Coordinator who worked hard to get us back to training. Once restrictions ended, the club's athletes were able to enjoy participation in several competitions.

In the U13 girls, Maya Roach and Gracie Wilson took it in turns to break and swop club records in seven events. They both cleared 4m in long jump and were the only two U13 girls in Oxfordshire to do so this summer. The season ended with Maya setting club records in long jump (4.16m), high-jump (1.25m), 70m hurdles (12.80secs), and javelin (20.19m). Gracie set club records in 100m (14.40secs) and 200m (30.88secs), and temporarily held the hurdles and long jump records mid-season. Maya tops



U11 athlete, Abby Kirkman and her mum, Alex

the Oxfordshire U13G rankings in long jump, hurdles and javelin.

In the U17 ladies, Paris Jane set a club record of 14.00 secs in the 100m, and pbs in 100m and 200m. Lili Roach also achieved pbs in 100m, 200m and long jump.

The under-11s were also in action, with a collection of personal bests in Quadkid competitions for Livi Wilson, Abby Kirkman, Grace Mosely, Fleur Wilson and William Kirkman. Fleur was top girl overall in at least one competition.

The results, as ever, show the talent of athletes and coaches we have within our village club. The club is ever grateful to our Head Coach, Pat Read, who is at the centre of these fantastic results. This year, the club and Pat have hugely benefitted by the addition of our newly qualified coaching assistants, Phoebe Coleman and Jack Spencer. Phoebe has been a great help with the juniors and is embracing the challenge of training up our middle-distance runners to break her own long-standing club records!

With the new school year starting in September, training has reverted to normal, and new members have joined. We are back training three times a week and looking forward to the cross-country season and the club AGM on 8 November.

For more information about our club, please see our page on the village website: https://www.great-milton.co.uk/community/great-milton-parish-council-18553/athletics/

Great Milton History



New Year - New Projects

Many new publications are planned, the first concerns Great Milton's part in the last (2nd) World War.

We want this to be positive and cheerful. We have a wonderful photo – recently donated – of the Home Guard. So we are hoping for more photos, more memories and the usual fullblooded support of the Village!

We wish you all a very happy Christmas, and an even happier New Year! *GMH*

PS. We are open on the following SATURDAY mornings, December 4th and 18th, in January the 15th, and February 5th and 19th.

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!

View from Views

The supply chain problems have hit Views Farm. The Drill (machine for planting our crops) which had been ordered for delivery in September has not arrived yet, delaying Wheat drilling. The Companion crop of Clover, destined to be planted with Barley, will now have to wait until the spring. This is annoying



as it is all part of an experiment towards saving the planet. The Rape and Barley are still looking promising, some of this can be down to less cultivations, allowing the soil organic matter in the top layer of soil to increase, which in turn, as we are told, will sequester more carbon. It is early days but certainly this layer of soil is

already much more friable, which will aid early plant growth. The spinoff of all this is the fuel saving. It is said that in normal cultivations diesel usage is approx. 36lt's per hectare, whereas this system it is estimated to be 9lt's, so in saving money we are also saving the planet. Of course as with everything there is a down side, this system does rely on greater use of Glyphosate; not in itself a problem but it is adding to the use of chemicals, which may in the long run not be a good thing. The reason in my mentioning this is just to point out that we in the farming world are trying to do our bit. It does though take time, as we are not sure until we try things if they will work.

As mentioned before with all crops now off the fields wildlife is more visible, especially the Hares, which is great news. If only I knew the reason, we could perhaps do something about it. There are almost too many deer as, however nice to see, they are doing a little damage which needs monitoring. Still a lot of Heron about and I actually saw a Cormorant taking off from the River sounding like a swan until I saw what is was. Occasionally one gets a sight that only happens to professional photographers, then only once in a Blue moon, who lie in wait for something to happen. I sadly don't have time for that. The other day, I just caught sight of 3 Kites crossing a gap in a hedge after having taken off when the lead one dropped whatever it was carrying and the one behind caught it mid-flight; brilliant to see. So far so good. Pigeons seem to be finding enough food left by the combine at harvest time, and seem quite content feeding off the stubbles, a food source they are very welcome to as it would otherwise go to waste and, if it was not there, they would be decimating our Rape which, as yet, they don't seem interested in. Hopefully by the time they get fed-up with the stubbles, the Rape will have outgrown their interest. Wishful thinking however; the longer they spend elsewhere the better.

COP26 ("Committee Of Parties", should really be "Cop Out for Politicians") I guess readers would expect me to make some cynical comment in which case I will not let you down. Our PM has said all the right things, but now who can believe him? We all have to realise that it is trade that will ultimately decide what happens. Politicians only issue words; it is action that we need. I think there is enough groundswell of public opinion for those who really matter to take note. Gradually we learn of more and more companies doing this or that. Of course it is all very well for us to say we must do this or that, but how about us playing our part? What wonderful news that we can now fly to the US "AT LAST", but should we be traveling less by air, and questioning our carbon footprint? In spite of the fact, our wonderful Government have done deals with countries with dubious records. On welfare both human and animals, plus carbon commitment. We should be taking care when shopping to check where our purchases come from and question; is it from somewhere doing enough? Then, if we boycotted

that product, they would soon change their ideas. Just because our country has made a trade deal with this or that country, does not mean that we should buy their products. It is all very well for us to protest about flying, or food sustainability, if we continue to fly and buy these goods ourselves. Isn't it strange that, as soon as a trade deal was struck with New Zealand, the "Trade and Agriculture Commission", to monitor just this sort of issue, was formed after all the government advisors had been advocating it ever since Brexit.

Now we know the outcome of COP26 which I guess, for those that are concerned about the outcome, is somewhat better than was hoped for. I think we should have some sympathy for still-developing countries. We in the developed world have been able to emit coal fumes for centuries and are in a better position and better able to mitigate the pollution, if that makes sense.

Charles Peers

Little Milton WI

In November, we learnt all about the remote region of Zanskar in the Himalayas. Incredible scenery but harsh living conditions. Carol had spent many years travelling there, helping set up schools and an orphanage. We also welcomed two new members, Julie & Jane.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm is a Talk & Gin Tasting with Chalgrove Artisan Distillery. Learn about their multi award winning Gins and creative processes. Plus a chance to do some Christmas shopping! Everyone welcome. Visitors £5 or join up for only £22 (for membership to end March 2022).

Future LMWI dates for your diary:

13 January: New Year dinner

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 likeminded, 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

What's happening at The Pine Lodge – Little Milton

It was great to see such a large turnout of families for this years village fireworks display - thank you all for your support. Also a really big thanks to Jim Lovegrove and Roger Spence for the show and to all the helpers that evening.

Do not miss the walking village Christmas Fayre on Sunday 12th December from 2-4 pm. There will be a stall with mulled something and hot drinks at the Hall to warm chilled bones.

On the 24th January 6:15 -7:45 PM we plan to run a course on CPR / DEFIBRILLATOR AWARENESS, and EMERGENCY ACTIONS IN CASE OF CHOKING. The course is being delivered by First For Safety Oxfordshire, covering CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the use of defibrillators (of which we have 4 in the village – one at the Hall). 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 have 40 places that are being funded from a Village Hall grant received from the government during Covid lockdowns. 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

The next Quiz Night at the Hall will be in January (date to be confirmed). activities in the Hall include:

Mondays at 10.30 am Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne (y.cartwright@btinternet.com) Tuesdays at 9:30 am and Thursdays at 18.30 Keep Fit on with Alyce (alycefwf@gmail.com)

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

Friday 9:30 am 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)

Parish Council meet on 2nd Wednesday of the month. For further details contact clerk@littlemilton.org.uk

We are very happy to welcome another new member to the Village Hall Committee, Wendy Newby.

For details, news, and booking info for the Pine Lodge go to http://www.littlemilton.org.uk

or contact Linda Lovegrove llinda.pinelodge@yahoo.com.

Maple Tree Nursery

A great place to grow

Merry Christmas from The Maple Tree!

Christmas Trees for sale: This year we are again joining with the Wheatley Scouts to buy Christmas trees in bulk from Scotland and to sell them in aid of the Scouts and The Maple Tree. All of our trees are grown on sustainable plantations in Scotland and are premium quality fir. Deadline for orders: Wed. 1st December at 5pm for delivery Sat. 11th Dec. To order call 01865 236700 or email: xmastrees@mapletree.org.uk and ask for a leaflet and order form as soon as possible.

Christmas Gifts: On the Christmas tree collection day, Sat 11th Dec., we will have refreshments and mince pies at The Maple Tree and a sale of Christmas gifts from $9.30 \, \text{am} - 2.00 \, \text{pm}$. All welcome!

Magic Show: We are pleased to announce the return of our New Year Magic Show with Magic Pete on Sat. 15th January. A family afternoon with 2 performances, one for 2-5's and a second for 6-10-year-olds. Please contact The Maple Tree for further information and tickets: 01865 236700 and info@mapletree.org.uk

We are here to help you, if you need help, advice or support: 01865 236700 or 07849 466249. Our sessions are bookable through Eventbrite; bit.ly/mapletreeeb. There is a suggested donation of £2.50 per family per session. We welcome everyone!

Monday: Messy Mondays at 10:00-11:30am

Tuesday: Story and Rhyme Time at 10:00-11:30am

Wednesday: Maple Babies at 10:30-11:30am and 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday: Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Twinnies at 2:00-3:30pm

Social Butterflies at 10:00-11:30am (drop in)

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am 3rd Saturday in month

Village Outreach: The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall on Thursdays from 11:00am-12:00pm (drop in)

Ways to volunteer: Become a trustee, help in one of our sessions, or fundraising.

Check out our Website and Facebook pages for our online sessions, special events and helpful information!

Email:info@mapletree.org.uk Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley

Laura Spencer

The Maple Tree Centre Manager

Christmas Fayre at Little Milton

This annual village event is different again this year with a Walking Christmas Market round the village on

Sunday 12th December from 2-4pm.

There will be stalls inside at The Pine Lodge and outside The Orchard, Chiltern View and Haseley Road. A full map will be available at the Pine Lodge on the day.

So far, we have mulled wine, spiced apple juice and mince pies, jams and chutneys, tombola, bulbs and plants, a Xmas stall, children's activities, food and cakes, wooden crafts and jewellery and pottery.

All the profits will be shared equally between St James's Church, The Orchard and Little Milton School.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Morland House Surgery

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update

The Surgery continues to administer second dose and booster COVID-19 vaccines to eligible patients. You may also receive your booster at the Kassam Stadium in Oxford or one of the mass vaccinations sites. Please visit 111.nhs.uk for up-to-date information.

2021/22 Flu Vaccinations

The Surgery's flu clinics are fully booked. If you are eligible for a free vaccine, you can contact any pharmacy that provides the NHS service. If you receive a reminder text and you already have an appointment booked with us, you do not need to contact us again to confirm.

Community Meetings

In early November Dr Copping and Nollag McGrath, the Practice Manager, spent an hour at the Wheatley Society discussing aspects of the surgery's work and answering a wide range of questions. The meeting proved very successful. If other communities would like to organise a talk (through their neighbourhood group, Parish Council or Women's Institute) then please do not hesitate to contact Nollag via reception on 01865 872448 or by email at morland.medical@nhs.net

Morland House Dispensary and Wheatley Pharmacy

The Wheatley Pharmacy has now fully moved into their new premises on the Morland House site. The Dispensary and the Pharmacy are running side-by-side with

the Surgery's non-dispensing patients now able to pick up their medication at the on-site Pharmacy. Dispensing patients should continue to collect their medication from the dispensary as before. There is no change to how patients should order their repeat medication. The Pharmacy is a joint venture between the Surgery's Partners and Pharmacist Jagtar Gill.

Doctor Consultations

The Surgery offers a mix of face-to-face and telephone consultations with GPs. If you would prefer your initial consultation to be face-to-face then please let the reception team know when you are making the booking and they will find you the next available appointment. If you would prefer a telephone consultation then the Surgery is happy to accommodate this too.

Personal Medical Information

Patients can view their medical care records including blood tests and COVID-19 vaccination record through the "Patient Access" section on the Surgery's website. In addition, this information can be viewed on your smart phone by downloading the Patient Access app. The clinicians are very supportive of patients using their phones to access these data.

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Seasonal Greetings and a healthy and happy 2022 from the Surgery staff and the Patient Participation Group!

Wheatley Library

Lateral Flow tests

As we all know, the covid pandemic is not over. We offer lateral flow tests packs at the library for customers to take away. Each household is entitled to 2 packs per week from the library supplies. Please feel free to come in to collect yours. Regular testing is an excellent means to prevent the spread of coronavirus and the lateral flow

tests have been proven to be highly effective in detecting coronavirus. Even if you are vaccinated, it is recommended to test at home.

New Books

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Reservations

The library service also offers free reservations to anyone under the age of 18 and there is a small charge of £1.30 for anyone over the age of 18. If we do not have a desired book on our shelves, you can request for it to be brought to the library. Using your library card, you can ask a member of staff to make the reservation or you can place it yourself on the online catalogue https://libcat.oxfordshire.gov.uk/web/arena or using the downloadable app Oxfordshire Libraries available from your app provider.

Best Regards

Wendy Stanton (Wheatley library manager)

01865 875267

The library is located on the upper level of the Merry Bells Village Hall.

Christmas Wishes from John Howell MP

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all constituents a peaceful Christmas and to send my best wishes for the year ahead. I am sure that we all hope it will be a happier and easier one that this year has been. I know that for some the pandemic and bereavement have left life forever changed. No words can ease that and I offer my deepest sympathies to all of you who face such loss. For others the struggles have been different with livelihoods and mental health challenged. I cannot list all of the difficulties that people have faced but for all I do sincerely hope that the peace of the Christmas season may bring some comfort.

Whilst next year will bring its own concerns I am optimistic that the tide is turning. May I take this opportunity to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all who have worked in these times to ease the problems of others - those in our health services and many beyond in our communities who have worked supporting others. Thank you all.

Whatever your beliefs may I wish you the peace and joy of the season. *John*

John Howell MP writes...

Last month I said that during the parliamentary recess I would be meeting with representatives from a number of parish councils across the constituency. This proved to be a helpful use of time and whilst there were several individual local concerns there were also some key themes emerging around transport, policing, health services and planning.

The lack of buses was raised in several parishes. I know that this has been a concern for some time, and I have met with bus companies to discuss possible strategies. The Government has recognised the importance of the bus network and has published a National Bus Strategy which is an ambitious shake-up of the bus sector which is backed with a £3 billion fund to which local councils can bid to support local investment. I am pleased that the county council is now taking advantage of this Government Strategy and has established an Enhanced Partnership with local bus companies.

With policing there were several issues around visibility of a police officer and in several parishes it was felt that higher profile could be a helpful deterrent where there are local concerns over such issues as drugs trading. There are also several parishes in the middle of the constituency affected by leisure motorbikes with issues of speed and noise. I have met with the Police and Crime Commissioner to raise these concerns and he has committed to meet with those parishes concerned with the motorbike issues and to look into the other policing issues on our behalf.

There have been a number of concerns raised with me over local health services, particularly access to GPs which have also been picked up in the media. In response to these concerns I have recently met with some of our local doctors to understand the issues from their perspective and have a greater appreciation of concerns on both sides. I am seeking meetings with senior teams in NHS Oxfordshire to discuss what can be done.

Last but by no means least there are concerns about planning and development. I am certainly very aware of these and there is no one answer which would address many individual issues. The planning system is complex and different issues need to be tackled in different ways. I have already raised some issues with Minister's directly and in debate in the House and, along with many others, am waiting with interest to see what the long-awaited planning reforms bring forward.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do let me know. you can email me at howelljm@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD).





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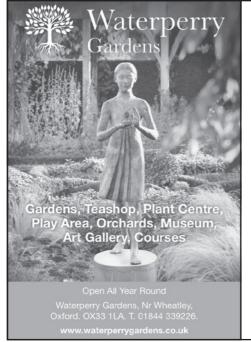
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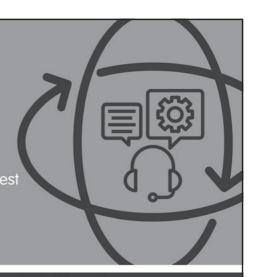
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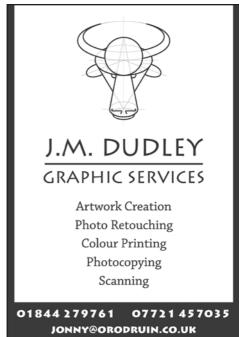
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