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### **Great Milton Parish Council**

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Neighbourhood Watch:	Jola Miziniak
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Daffodils at Lower End.  
*Photo: Manny Stone.*

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Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
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Oxford Tube (Buses to London)	01865 772250	oxfordtube.com
Park & Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

## In My Opinion

### Another view

I am unclear why vegans who don't eat animal products are considered dangerous, while farmers, collectively, are innocent. Concerning glyphosate, I understand from Views that this chemical is not dangerous (possibly), and enhances without detrimental effect (probably). So weedkiller won't give us cancer (?) but we must use it or starve. Farmers could save a lot of money: by the time the last weed has been seen off, and the last wild flower has keeled over, the support system for our last remaining bee and butterfly will have expired. No pollen for bees, no food for caterpillars: no pollinators = no crops, and reduced numbers of birds. We have already lost 95% of insects, and small birds are struggling. Do we need more proof that chemicals are BAD?

*Sally Lasson*

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## Draft Parish Notes

Present at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th March were Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chairman), P Allen, C Deacon, G Harris, G Bennet and P Fewell, plus Tim Darch (Clerk) and three member of the public.

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th February 2019 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

The County Councillor and District Councillors monthly reports were received and are available on the Parish Council website.

### Correspondence and Public Discussion

An e-mail from a resident regarding discourteous and illogical driver behaviour in the vicinity of the school when in charge of a horsebox was received and discussed. The comments were taken on board: the school is aware of the issue and the Parish Council will seek an update on how it will be addressed as part of dealing with the issue of school-related parking.

A resident commented upon the bypass proposed for Stadhampton as part of measures to deal with traffic resulting from the Chalgrove development should it go ahead, and the apparent absence of similar mitigation for Little Milton. Cllr Harrod advised that the likely significant traffic impact on Little Milton has been flagged up by OCC, but that as yet there are no concrete proposals for a similar scheme.

A resident commented on small pieces of plastic (possibly from discarded plant pots) contained in compost obtained from SODC's recycling centre and produced

from domestic garden waste. This is being deposited in the soil and is unlikely to degrade. Cllr Caroline Newton promised to look into this as the District's portfolio holder for Waste Management.

### **Planning applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

P19/S0013/FUL (Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock). Further amendment: as amplified by swept path analysis plan received 15 February 2019. The Parish Council had no comments on this amendment.

P19/S0372/LDE (Milton Pools London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU). Existing use and development for all things associated with a Recycling and Skip Hire business, including: Storage, sorting and processing of scrap metal, end of life vehicles (ELVs), recyclable materials and batteries; Waste transfer, storing, sorting and processing of skip waste and loose waste; Storing of vehicles, machinery and equipment for resale or dismantling; Storage of waste tyres; Shearing, shredding, baling and crushing of all the above; and Storage of skips, containers and equipment in connection with all the above. This application is for continuation of existing use rather than development or changes. Residents have been consulted and the landowner was kindly represented at the meeting by his son: no issues were raised.

P18/S2995/FUL and P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetsworth OX9 7BE). Major Amendment: No. 1 - dated 19th February 2019. Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand. (As clarified by additional information about trees received 16 November 2018, ecology received 19 November 2018, archaeology received 30 November 2018, trees received 18 January, and supporting documents received 5 February 2019 and 19 February 2019. As amended by plans received 19 February 2019).

Strong opposition from local residents in Milton Common has been noted and is appreciated, and the Parish Council's continuing OBJECTION to the application remains unchanged and was agreed.

P18/S4096/FUL (6 Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7HY). Re-submission of planning application. New detached dwelling on infill plot.

This application is essentially the resubmission of the initial application following conflicting advice from individual planning officers over the suitability of the scheme as proposed. The Parish Council's original position of FULL SUPPORT remains unchanged.

P19/S0713/T28 (Holloway Farm, Milton Common, Oxfordshire).



Installation of an additional 300mm transmission link dish to be installed to a new leg mount at height of 15 metres. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNICATIONS).

The following planning decisions were reviewed:

P19/S0011/FUL (Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton). Alterations to part of the existing equestrian building to form stables. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

### **Financial Resolutions**

The following cheques were authorised for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £432.11

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production December. £252.65

OALC membership. £146.57

PCC annual grass cutting grant 2018-19. £600

ICO data protection fee 2019-20. £40

Green and Growing: Recreation Ground hedge trimming. £540

A full bank reconciliation was received and the latest bank statement signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 6 March was £22,713.63.

The Council's Fixed Asset Register was reviewed, discussed, amended (with regard to the wording pertaining to the lease of former allotment land to the school), and subsequently approved.

To note revised salary scales resulting from the new NJC agreement, with a resulting increase in the Parish Clerk's hourly rate to £10.37 per hour from April 1 (previously £10.11 per hour).

### **Parish Clerk's update of matters in hand**

Thanks to all who helped with the litterpick on Saturday 23 March, including Ant Reeve and the LASSCO van. About 30 bags of rubbish were filled and various larger items were also retrieved. A further SODC deep-clean is scheduled for mid-April.

The Parish Council met with representatives of Great Milton Primary School and the Recreation Ground Committee on Thursday 14 March to discuss parking issues at school drop-off and pick-up times. Although parking at the Recreation Ground is not possible due to the constitution and other practical considerations (including access arrangements, limited parking spaces and insurance), the school and the Parish Council will work collaboratively to explore other options, including:

- Asking residents if they wish to volunteer to allow school parking on vacant drive space (please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to assist in this way)
- Trialling 'walking buses' from some or all of Potts Close, Fullers Field and the vicinity of The Bull (subject to approval from the pub committee and tenants)



- Seeking a PCSO presence to warn/fine drivers for poor parking (allowing insufficient width for an emergency vehicle to pass)
- The school focusing on parking in their newsletter and to having a monthly 'school update' in the Bulletin

A further meeting will be held in late June to further discuss the school parking issue and to assess progress.

The Parish Council has been monitoring vehicle speeds in the village in recent weeks with a Speed Indication Device borrowed from the police. This will extend to Milton Common shortly. Registration numbers of vehicles travelling above the speed limit are recorded and sent to the police, who then respond accordingly. Monitoring will continue for as long as the device is available to the Parish Council.

### **Other matters**

Cllr Harris reported no further progress on the issue of the replacement stiles.


The pilot volunteer car link to Wheatley has been put on hold pending more volunteers, and will therefore not be starting in March. Please see the piece in the March Bulletin for more information, and contact Kate Pattinson at [katepattinson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katepattinson@yahoo.co.uk) or on 01844 279204 if you would like to join the list of volunteer drivers.

Speed surveys have been requested from OCC on Wheatley Road (Views Farm area) and Sworford Lane (Lower End to April Cottage) in response to residents' requests.

Parish and District Council elections are taking place on Thursday May 2nd. At the time of writing, all 7 existing Parish Councillors have confirmed that they will be standing for election. The Council has 7 seats to fill, so if no-one else is standing there will be no need for a contested Parish Council election: however anyone whose name appears on the electoral register is able to stand. A Notice of Election will be placed on the village noticeboards and on the village website as soon as it is received from SODC, which runs the election process. Details of candidates for the District Council elections are not known at present. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you need any further information on the election process.

The telephone box has been repainted in advance of 're-purposing' as the location for a defibrillator. The Parish Council is very grateful to Greenford Ltd. for this significant contribution to village life.

The Parish Council has been made aware of increased criminal activity in Milton Common. The police have been contacted to ascertain what measures they have put in place in response. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Concerns have been raised by residents in the vicinity of Milton Lodge over the appearance of the area of land which has been laid to hardcore in preparation 

for creation of a parking area, which is contrary to the terms of planning permission as granted. The Parish Council appreciates these concerns: SODC advises that a further planning application for the parking area is expected and that no enforcement action is being taken for the time being. However the situation will be kept under review.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th April 2019 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, which will start at 7.30pm and to which all are welcome.

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

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## **Allotment Plots**

Some allotment plots are currently available to rent. If you are interested in taking one on, please contact Tim Darch (Parish Clerk) on 01844 278347 or via [contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk](mailto:contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk) for further information.

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## **Firefighters Needed**

Have you ever thought of becoming an on-call firefighter? Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service are looking for On-call Firefighters to join their team!

Do you want to earn extra money, serve your community and save lives in a rewarding role? If so, a career as an On-call Firefighter might be just the thing for you.

On-call Firefighters are the backbone of the fire service and anyone can be one. If you're employed full-time, are a parent, out of employment or just have some spare time, you can respond to emergency calls.

On-call Firefighters are trained and paid for their time and service - and on average are expected to be called out two or three times each week for about an hour at a time - this can be at night or during the day.

They are looking for anyone over the age of 18, who is physically fit (this can be worked on), doesn't suffer from vertigo, claustrophobia or dislike the sight of blood. They need good common sense, to be enthusiastic, reliable and honest.

If this sounds of interest, please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters)




## Services in Our Benefice for April

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Wednesday 3rd		Compline 7:00pm	
Sunday 7th <i>Lent 5</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am
Wednesday 10th			Compline 7:00pm
Sunday 14th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am
Thursday 18th <i>Manudy Thurs.</i>		Holy Communion 7:30pm	
Friday 19th <i>Good Friday.</i>	A Service of Reflection 11:00am		
Sunday 21st <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Family Communion 9:30am	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Family Communion 11:00am
Sunday 28th <i>Easter 2</i>		Benefice Communion CW 10:00am	

## Services in Our Benefice for May

	<b>St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton</b>	<b>St. James's Little Milton</b>	<b>St. Peter's Great Haseley</b>
Sunday 5th <i>Easter 3</i>	Holy Communion BCP 8:00am	Holy Communion CW 9:30am	Family Service 11:00am

## Ramblings from the Rectory

My morning dog walks through Great Milton have sadly been curtailed at least for a few months. Poor old Dylan has had a major operation on a cruciate ligament which for which he will need a lengthy recovery. Even worse, after he has mended from that one he will have to have the other leg done, so the poor boy has to then go through it all again. I won't say how much it is costing, well over the amount of our insurance cover I am afraid. Some would say that the expense it is not worth it, why not 

just him put down? Apart from these problems he is still a healthy dog and I couldn't though live with myself to shorten his life, not for this. I couldn't look 'All things bright and beautiful' in the face ever again! To do such a thing would be dictated by cost, we will have to dig deep but I really hope that he has more good life to live and enjoy. I can't expect everyone to understand, especially those who don't do dogs! Anyway, I will not be a figure trudging through Great Milton in the mornings for a few months - and yes I am afraid that I need the dog to get me to do that! Dylan is on a lesser diet to help him watch his weight, I will need the same!

I wrote a strident piece last month in my ramblings about the situation concerning our church buildings and then I had sleepless nights about what I had written! Was it too far and too much? I don't believe so. I also realise that whilst our church buildings are important and cherished for all sorts of reasons, not least because of the witness to the Christian faith they still represent, there is a danger that they will dominate and for those in the Church divert us so that we might forget our priority to be the body of Christ in these villages. In other words it was always about God and people before buildings, and that priority remains. This was brought home to me recently in the contact I have had with a funeral I am to take. I take these seriously and I hope that I give of my best. They often involve me in ministry on the edge, for those who might have little or no contact with the Church. I realise that there is a certain paradox here, these are the times when the buildings we use come into their own as sacred spaces for those who are at vulnerable points in their lives. It would be wonderful to know that they will be secured for future generations and that our buildings will remain, among other things, as cherished sacred spaces. All buildings though will crumble, however much we do to preserve them. The relationship with God and humankind is of infinite worth.

Of course as we face April, for me that really does bring us to the heartland of what it is all about and what I hope our buildings primarily continue to bear witness to. As I write it is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Great Fast of Lent. Again there is a certain paradox here. The Lent Lunches some of us will enjoy to raise money for Christian Aid are anything but a fast! Delicious Manoir breads, which we continue to be truly grateful for, home made soup and an assortment of wonderful cheeses are hardly frugal fare!

But then we come to Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. I love this time, there is a freshness and a simplicity which we lack at Christmas. The heart of my faith is all about the death and resurrection of Jesus and what it means and represents for every single one of us. The heart of my worship is the focus of the Eucharist, the thanksgiving, as Sunday by Sunday we recall once again those events. We don't get the numbers we have at Christmas in our churches at Easter but I am glad that people in reasonable numbers do still come. Something resonates about that great central theme. Do I believe it? Yes

of course I do, it is why I do what I do, it is what I want people to hear and understand for themselves: Before all else this is the most important thing, we are loved by God. That extent of that love has been most fully demonstrated in the passion of Christ, the eternal hope of that love in his resurrection. 'Christ has died Christ is risen, Alleluia,' as we will proclaim on Easter Sunday.

Once again in Holy week there will be several things happening.

Maundy Thursday: April 18th

7.30 pm St James' Little Milton. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion.

Good Friday: April 19th

11.00am St Mary's Great Milton. Good Friday reflection.

2.30 pm - 5.30pm (approximate ending)

Good Friday Walk. Please note: This year the walk will begin and end at the Bull in Great Milton. The Bull will open early for us at 5.30 pm so that we can enjoy some much anticipated refreshment!

Easter Sunday April 21st

8.00 am BCP Holy Communion - St James' Little Milton

9.30 am Family Communion - St Mary's Great Milton

11.00 am Family Communion - St Peter's Great Haseley.

Christ has died Christ is risen, Alleluia!

*Simon*

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## **St. Mary's Spring Clean**

Do please join us for the annual spring clean of our beautiful church for Easter.

Saturday 13th April 10.00 am - 1.00 pm all are welcome for as long as you can spare.

Refreshments will be provided and cleaning products and equipment are available.

Hoping to see you, thank you in anticipation.

*The churchwardens*

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## **Easter Story and Activities Morning**

See separate poster. Please do book your place by emailing me at iandennis1@btinternet.com or telephoning 01844 278029. There are still places available at the time of writing this entry.

*S.A. Dennis*

## Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Canon Dr Martin Wellings on 01865 243216  
Services at Gt. Milton during the Chapel renovation will be held in the Common Room, Rullers Field

April				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
7th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Sue Barratt	
14th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Anderson	Holy Communion
21st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Watlington	
28th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Jennifer Thompson	

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## Tower Development Fund (internal and external)

It has been flagged up that we omitted to say in last months bulletin how people could donate to our much needed Tower Development Fund if they wished to!

Cheques can be made to Great Milton PCC (mark on back Tower Fund)

or you can make an on line transfer

Account 63085703

Sort code 09-01-55

Donations can be dropped off to the Rector, Clare Blakeway-Phillips, Trudy Timbs, or Kelly Wing, our treasurer, who lives at 1, Thame Rd. We will keep you updated on progress.

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## The Neighbours Club

On the 28th February we held our Bring and Share Lunch which, as always, was a great success. All the lovely food both savoury and sweet miraculously disappeared as it always does – where do we put it all?!

On the 14th March we had a visit from our history lady with her Reminiscence series and this time her subject was "A Day at the Social". She passed round various objects and photographs showing how pubs had changed so much over the years from somewhere where ladies and children were not allowed to something much more family orientated and welcoming for everyone. Items passed round were 100 pretty plastic cocktail sticks priced 2/3d. Games popular were bar billiards, Aunt Sally, etc. Beer mats were a popular item for people to collect and she had some really old ones.

Another of the items passed round was a large pottery spittoon which caused noses to be turned up! We really enjoyed the afternoon and look forward to another visit from her in the future. Next time on the 28th March we have a talk regarding The Porch Charity.

*JCP*

### **Forthcoming Events - April**

Thurs 11th - Quizzes - 2.15 p.m.

Thurs 25th - Nick Brazil - Albania Early 1990's - 2.15 p.m

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## **Senior Citizens Party Committee**

### **Annual Party**

The date for the Party this year is Saturday 27th April, 4:00pm at the Neighbours Hall. Invitations have now been delivered – if you are ‘newly qualified’ this year and not known to us and would like to come, please ring me. To qualify you need to be in one of the following categories:

- a) Married Couple – if either spouse is over 65, the partner is invited regardless of age.
- b) Single Lady – aged 60 or over.
- c) Single Man – aged 65 or over.
- d) Widows and Widowers – regardless of age


*Ann Price, Secretary – 01844 279474*

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## **Winter is dead. Long live Spring!**

It's been cold. It's been unseasonably warm. It's been exceedingly windy. And now it's over. Our annual excuse to stay indoors, with an open fire and a glass of mulled cider, has run its course. The days are lengthening and we're all looking forward to finding engaging ways to spend more time out of the house.

Here's one of the best: an evening with the Great Milton Singers and friends, in St Mary's Church: at 7.30pm on Saturday April 27th.

Two glorious choral works will delight and uplift you. And you'll be treated to wonderful songs from our amazing soloists, Zoë Mace, Daniel Emlyn-Jones and Andrew Chim. Those songs we'll keep as a surprise for you, but we can reveal the choral contributions: Handel's wonderfully ornate “Coronation Anthems” and Schubert's entertaining and sparkling “Mass in G”. Written just 100 years apart, both are 

full of passages to engage and challenge the singers, whilst enthralling and astounding the audience.

As usual, the concert will raise much needed funds for another organisation. This time the choir's supporting the St Mary's Tower Fund. There'll be someone at the concert to tell us more about the work, why it's necessary and the difference it'll make. As well as other plans that will benefit not just the church but the local community. Another terrific reason to come along.

After our packed winter concert in December, we recommend you get yourself a ticket (or two) in good time. A thoroughly lovely evening and a cheering glass of wine await you. Tickets are available from choir members or from Great Milton PO and Stores (£8 in advance) or on the door (£10).

We look forward to seeing you there.



GREAT MILTON  
HISTORY SOCIETY

We have a new booklet out! 'Tales of a sporting village' will be launched at the Community Room, The Bull, on Saturday April 13th at 12.00 noon – price £3.50. Come and see us and enjoy a glass of wine, an historical browse and a new book!

### **Review by Les Preston**

Well, it was a pleasure to review the newly published booklet 'Tales of a sporting village' by our History Society – full of facts and figures. Many of you will have taken part in the events although some of the sports were 50 – 60 years ago. It brought back many memories for myself – where has the time gone?!

It's a new tack for the History Society, away from older history. I'm sure many of you will enjoy this little gem. Thanks to everyone who contributed photos etc, although many came from the archives of the Society. It is excellent that this is now recorded in book form - keep it on your coffee table – you'll pick it up many times!

Thanks to the team for the work put in headed by Ian Melton.

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## **60's & 70's Dance**

Saturday 18th May in the Neighbours Hall. Live music from The Hippy Haze Band. Wine, beer & soft drinks, raffle. Tickets £10 from the shop or 01844 279205. In aid of Great Milton Methodist Church & St. Mary's Church.



## Great Milton Neighbours' Club Outings 2019

### Wed 3rd April

Reading Museum of English Rural Life. 'England's most extensive museum dedicated to farming, food, craft, rural life and countryside issues'.

Town Museum. Replica of Bayeaux Tapestry.

Oracle Shopping. Tea at Sonning Common Herb Farm. Both museums free although donations welcome. Cost coach £20.

### Wed 10th July

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

### Wednesday 21st August

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

### Thurs 19th September

W.I. Lunch at Ampney Crucis.

### Wed 23rd October

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

### Wed 13th November

W.I. Lunch and Drive.

**If interested please ring Celia Cope 279459. All Welcome.**

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## Great Milton Football Club Monthly Update

### Latest Results

23rd February – Cup, South Park (Home) 1-5 Jamie Buchanan

9th March - League, Union Street (Home) 3-0 Jason Fletcher 2, Damon Brewerton 1

16th March - Cup, Chequers (Away) 0-7

### Fixtures

23rd March v Oxford Leys, league (Away)

30th March v Summertown Stars Development, league (Home)

6th April v Chequers, Cup Semi Final (Home)

**Sponsorship** We are currently looking for sponsorship to help with formalities for the end of this season and for preparation for the next one starting in September, please get in touch if this is something you would be interested in.



**Recruiting** We are also seeking new committee members, again if this is of interest please drop us a line.

**Fundraising** We are planning on a fundraising event soon, watch this space for details.

**On the web** Facebook – [www.facebook.com/greatmiltonfc/](http://www.facebook.com/greatmiltonfc/)

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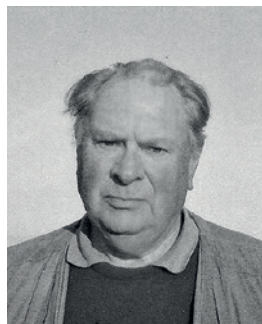
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## View from Views

Certainly the weather has got us all guessing as to whether it is winter summer spring or Autumn, when I last wrote, if I remember rightly we were covered in snow and a biting wind then summer came and flowers began to come into bloom, now as I write with March winds, rather like the outcome of Brexit, we don't know what season it is, it is actually more seasonal. I don't know if storm Freya constitutes March coming in with a Lion so that we can look forward to it leaving like a lamb! At least we are getting a little moisture back into the soil thanks to the fact that with the recent change we at least are getting some rain, before which it was beginning to appear dry and the prospects for next harvest looked very much in the balance, we could do with a bit more yet (February fill dike what's happened to you?). The weather seems to have had little effect on the small birds, as there are loads more Skylarks around and a multitude of other little birds Finches, Tits, and the like, very heartening to see. Although Pigeons have been attacking our Oil Seed Rape latterly I am not sure that they are doing too much damage as yet.

If its not one thing it is another, as most readers will have noticed from reports in the media that belching cows are responsible for, a certain percentage of global warming. Then we read in the farming press that all the belching cows in the world is only a small amount compared to aircraft, we are also told we may well have to eat something like 90% less red meat, the Vegans will love this comment! It is also reported that there is a lot of research devoted to diets for ruminant animals (Cows & Sheep) that will reduce their belching so perhaps all is not lost yet. Then we are told that the rain forests are being destroyed to feed these animals, (they are by the way also being used to feed the vegetarian diet), so the long and short of it is who do we believe, and what are we supposed to do about it, (heads you lose & tails we lose), as no one knowingly will want to destroy the planet, whether we are a farmer or an airline. Of



course, there are those in the elite, wealthy, and company chief executive class, that don't give a \*\*\*\* for anything who will continue their life style whatever.

To follow on with my theme at the start of the year. I am not one to criticize the initiatives we are encouraged to follow to aid the environment as we have a responsibility to the next generations to preserve what we can. But sometimes this can be taken too far and beyond practicalities, recently we have been told by a very respected agricultural commentator that the environmental benefits of these on farm initiatives are the causing the UK's low agricultural productivity. Add to this the news that Michael Gove planning to install Tony Jupiter as Chair of natural England, not a person who understands the reality of rural life, what chance have we for the future. Then we have the Americans saying that UK Agriculture must move up into the twentieth century, and make use of up to date technology, gene editing, hormones, gmo's, and so on. They do not understand that we produce the high quality safe and welfare friendly products that our consumers have become used to, and in fact demand, we have to insist that these products are clearly labeled so that the consumer can choose. These are all things we may well have to contend with in the future and I have hardly, and will not mention Brexit.

At last it seems that the Government is taking the issue of waste seriously by announcing that all collection facilities and district councils must be standardized so that we no longer have different codes colours or standards depending on our local council. I was also impressed to receive with my Little Milton Newsletter a circular chart which covered most household items informing us which bin to put which in, an excellent initiative by SODC for once "well done SODC", as always trying to do it's best in waste disposal.

Nationally the big and worrying issue is that of knife crime, personally I cannot see the fun in causing another human being either pain, or death, but then I guess I am not normal. Joking aside we are given all sorts of reason for this mindless behavior, from lack of police funds to education both I believe have some effect. We here at Views Farm have a facility that has been developed by originally "Peers School" and latterly by "The Oxford Academy". Our Study Centre can provide out of classroom education to those who are not able to respond to the classroom environment, and we are told what we can offer has a dramatic effect on those youngsters who attend. This facility was strongly supported by a succession of Head Teachers, but now due to cuts it's activities have had to be severely curtailed. This is very distressing for those involved, as it has been offered to the county Council as a better and cheaper option for these excluded children, but ignored by them. It is in my belief this sort of attitude by authorities that is the root cause of this sort of problem.

"Gosh I have done nothing but moan this month" sorry!

*Charles Peers*

## **Little Milton W.I.**

In March, we had our AGM followed by an intense game of Bingo. Thank you to all our members for making this such a friendly and welcoming WI, to the committee for all their support over the year, Cathy for running the Bingo and Margaret for organising the tea. Also congratulations to Alison and Melanie on the arrival of their baby boys and to Cathy on becoming a granny, all within a week!

This month on Thursday 11th April we have Anne Borrowdale with Invigilator tales from the exam hall. Come and join in - Everyone welcome, visitors £5.

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

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

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## **Wheatley Library 01865 875267**

As ever, we have lots coming up in our calendar and we would love to see familiar faces and new taking advantage of all our local library has to offer.

### **Dates to note:**

#### **Easter School Holidays 6th April-20th April**

Ndebele themed children's craft throughout library opening times.

The Ndebele are a tribe in Southern Africa who are known for their distinctive geometric artwork. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an involved adult.

#### **Saturday 27th April**

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

#### **Wednesday 1st May 10:30- 11:30**

"Shotover, the life of an Oxfordshire Hill"

Ivan Wight will be here to talk about the wildlife found on Shotover Hill and he will be promoting the book he co-edited.

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Refreshments will be provided.

Donations gratefully received.

### **Saturday 11th May – 18th May**

Display of craft and art by the Friends of Wheatley Craft and Art groups.

### **Saturday 25 May**

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

### **Regular Friends of Wheatley Library events:**

On-going sale of donated books

Monday morning craft sessions weekly from 10-12

Monday afternoon art sessions from 3-5

Monday evening craft sessions weekly from 7-9pm

New: Clarinet Players. All levels welcome, contact [friends@wheatleylibrary.org](mailto:friends@wheatleylibrary.org) or look out for posters for details of dates and times.

We will see you all soon!

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

I am relieved by the improving weather which is starting to tempt me back out into the garden. I don't really feel in touch with what is going on out there with my prolonged absence since early last autumn, so have been quite surprised by recent developments.

Bulbs of many varieties are coming into flower. Outside the front door, Ballerina tulips are already in bud despite being old bulbs moved there from pots a number of years ago. That does seem rather early as those in pots are not in bud. The garden is scattered with Crocus, Scillas, Anemones, Narcissi, Muscari and the wild primroses are looking great with the last remaining Cyclamen coming. I noticed today two Crown Imperial flowers which is a 50% increase! I look forward to my pots of Tulips starting to flower. Viburnums, Choisya and Osmanthus have opening flowers and growth is strong on hardy perennials. Spring is here, even though we may well still have snow.

One of the problems with my failure to garden over the winter and early spring that I have not managed to prune all the clematis and this is a particular problem with mixed Rose and Clematis on obelisks. This will inevitably lead to a different growth pattern this year, but I look forward to the more haphazard look.

Our daughter and her family have moved out of London to this area so we are getting

involved in their small garden. They have inherited an immature Wisteria which has been tackled by my other half, but looks unlikely to flower this year; hopefully pruning for shape and removing dead branches will encourage it to do so in the future. The other plant which needs attention is a peach tree which has just come into flower. This tree apparently produces a lot of fruit with no particular attention (unusual for a peach as they are susceptible to disease and are usually covered over winter). However, it is getting sufficiently large that a ladder will be required to pick fruit which is not ideal. Having not dealt with a peach before, I have been studying its training and care. Fruit is produced on one year old wood and pruning time is now. I plan to remove dead and crossing branches along with those in the centre to produce an open goblet shape. Daughter and husband will have to decide if we cut back the remaining branches now and lose potential fruit, but leave the fruiting wood for next year at a reasonable height, or to wait until next spring when more extensive pruning will be required. I'm glad it is not my decision – I have just given advice and will wait for the reply! I look forward to seeing what happens.

Our Apricot has just flowered and very beautiful it was being completely clothed in flower. Last year we had only two flowers and no fruit at all. Two years ago, we picked around 10 kg of fruit from the tree and lost probably the same again onto the ground. It has clearly settled into an on off fruiting pattern bearing fruit only in alternate years. This is usually a problem with apples and pears. I think we probably should remove a lot of the fruit buds, but it is probably too late this year and a lot of the joy comes from the magnificent flowering.

*Liz Moses*

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

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## News from The Pine Lodge

Elliott Morris is back in concert in Little Milton on 11th May, playing songs from his new album. Tickets now on sale, at [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com) and Little Milton Shop.

The village hall AGM is on 11 June, please come along and help us to continue as a viable village hall by joining the committee or becoming an event volunteer? We need new committee members now or some services may disappear. No previous experience is needed. Contact us for more details

### **Regular activities include:**

LMWI Invigilator tales from the exam hall at 7.30pm on Thurs 11 April

Craft Club on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm (17 April)



Power Yoga with Hayley on Mondays at 9.15am  
Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am  
Pilates with Lee on Wednesdays at 6pm and Fridays at 9.30am

### **Upcoming events:**

Easter Activity & Storytelling - Saturday 6 April 10am-12pm

Elliott Morris Concert - Saturday 11th May 7.30pm

Village Hall AGM - Tuesday 11 June 7.30pm

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## **The Maple Tree – March 2019**

**by Hayley Hayle, Maple Tree Co-ordinator.**

If you haven't previously heard of us, we are a community charity based in Wheatley aiming to replace some universal services that were lost when local Children's Centres closed in 2017. We serve families from Wheatley and surrounding villages, including Great Milton. We are extremely grateful to Great Milton Parish Council for giving us a grant of £500.

We hold various weekly sessions including Baby & Toddler, Stay and Play, Twins, Once Upon a Rhyme-time and more.

Are you a new parent? Well Baby Clinics are at The Maple Tree every Wednesday morning. Baby can be weighed and you can speak to an experienced Community Nursery Nurse or Health Visitor. Oxford Sling Library attend every other Wednesday, hiring slings for a small fee and professionally fitting them. We run a weekly Baby Group every Thursday afternoon, 1-2.30pm which is particularly suitable for first time mummies and daddies; a great chance to meet other local parents and make new friends. Volunteers for Baby Group and our fortnightly Twins Group are needed. Baby cuddles are guaranteed.

Spring cleaning? Donations of wool/fabric, corks, interesting stones, old kitchen utensils, plastic animals/dinosaurs/cars/characters & dressing up clothes would be much appreciated.

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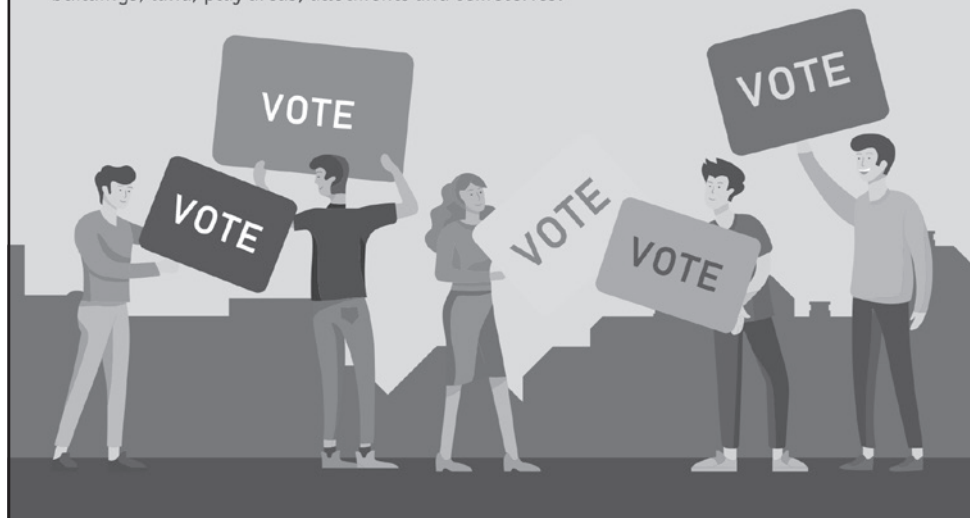
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**Vote for a town or parish councillor** – in some places you will also get to vote for someone to represent you on your local town or parish council. They represent their communities on issues that affect them, by commenting on planning applications and other proposals, and maintaining community buildings, land, play areas, allotments and cemeteries.



## Voting in the local elections – what you need to know

### Register to vote

To vote on 2 May you need to be registered by Friday 12 April. If you're not already registered at your current address do so now at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://gov.uk/register-to-vote)  
No internet? Call **01235 422528** for a registration form.

### Tell your friends, family and colleagues

Everyone has to register individually to vote. Tell your friends, family and colleagues to register if they haven't already done so. And then make sure you remind them to go and vote on 2 May!

### Who you can vote for

We'll confirm who's up for election on Thursday 4 April at [southoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://southoxon.gov.uk/elections). Keep an eye on our social media accounts too:

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### Find out the results

We'll be counting the votes and announcing the results on Friday 3 May – keep an eye on [southoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://southoxon.gov.uk/elections) or follow our special elections results service on Twitter via [@southoxvotes](https://twitter.com/southoxvotes)

### Find out more

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Once you're registered to vote, there are three different ways you can cast your ballot:



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### Vote by post -

this is a quick and easy way to vote. To do this you need to register for a postal vote by 5pm on Monday 15 April – head to [southoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://southoxon.gov.uk/elections) for an application form. We recommend applying early if you intend to use this method of voting. After you're registered we'll send you a pack then all you'll need to do is mark your choices as instructed and put the pack in your nearest post box. It really is that simple.



### Get somebody to vote on your behalf -

you can also ask a friend or family member to make the trip to the polling station or return a postal vote on your behalf. This is called voting by proxy – to vote by proxy you need to submit a separate application form – find out more by visiting [southoxon.gov.uk/elections](http://southoxon.gov.uk/elections) or call **01235 422528**. We must receive proxy voting applications by 5pm on Wednesday 24 April.

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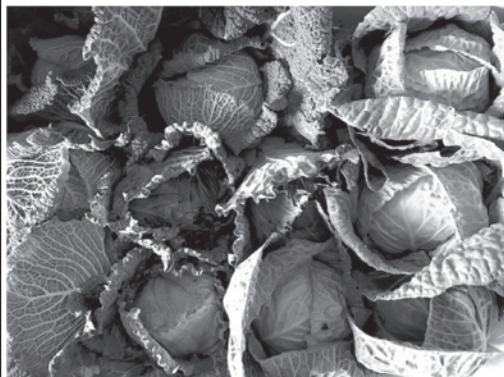
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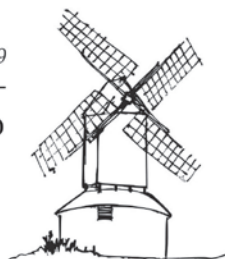
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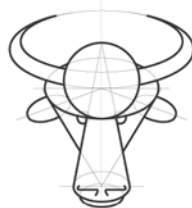
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- Monday Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 7:30pm – 8:45pm  
*contact Yvonne Cartwright – 01844 279205*
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.  
*enquiries.gmac@gmail.com*  
 Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact Ann Price – 01844 279474*
- Wednesday GM History Archive, The Community Room, The Bull. 11:30am – 1:00pm  
*or by appointment*  
 Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm  
 Power Vinyasa Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm  
*contact Hayley Bamford – 07825 794662. yogalizard.co.uk*
- Thursday Power Vinyasa Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am  
*contact Hayley Bamford – 07825 794662. yogalizard.co.uk*  
 The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*  
 Sandy Lane Farm Market. 2:00pm – 6:30pm.  
*contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269 www.sandylanefarm.net*  
 Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.  
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 Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm  
*contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198*  
 Bellringers – St. Mary's Church Tower. 7:30pm – 9:00pm  
*contact Pat Cox – 01844 279300. www.gm-bellringers.freeuk.com*
- Friday Toddler & Baby Group – The Neighbours Hall. 9:30am – 11:30am  
*For more information contact Olivia – oliviajhill@hotmail.com*
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.  
*Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090*  
 Bingo – Neighbours Hall. 7:45pm *contact David Spiers – 01844 218345*

## April

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 3rd Wed    | Neighbours Club Outing: Reading Museum of English Rural Life          | —       |
| 6th Sat    | Easter Story & Activities Morning at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton.   | 10:00am |
| 11th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Quizzes                                              | 2:15pm  |
| 13th Sat   | St. Mary's Easter Spring Clean                                        | 10:00am |
|            | Tales of a Sporting Village book launch at The History Room, The Bull | 12:00md |
| 25th Thurs | Neighbours Club: Albania Early 1990s with Nick Brazil                 | 2:15pm  |
| 27th Sat   | Handel's Coronation Anthems & Schubert's Mass in G at St. Mary's      | 7:30pm  |

## May

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| 11th Sat | Elliott Morris Live in Concert at The Pine Lodge, Little Milton  | 7:00pm |
| 12th Sun | Little Milton Primary School Boot Sale at the Little Milton Rec. | 9:00am |

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