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Police non-emergency	101	thamesvalley.police.uk
GP Surgery, Morland House	01865 872448	morland-house.co.uk
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Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	nationalgrid.com/uk/safety/
Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
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Draft Parish Notes – May 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, on Monday, 15th May 2023, at 7:30 pm. The meeting was attended by: Cllrs S Harrod, B Fox, P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley and S Illingworth. Apologies were received from Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC) and Cllr G Heritage (SODC). Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and two members of the public were in attendance. No Declaration of interest were received in matters on the agenda. There was no variation in the order of business.

To Elect a Chair.

After a unanimous vote, Cllr Steve Harrod was elected unopposed as Chair of Great Milton Parish Council for the coming year, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.

To Elect a Vice-Chair.

After a unanimous vote, Cllr Bill Fox was elected unopposed as Vice-Chair of Great Milton Parish Council for the coming year, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.

Review of Existing Committees:

The membership of the various committees affiliated to the Parish Council was reviewed, and their representatives confirmed as follows:

- The Sheppard Trust – Simon Cronk, Jane Willis
- The Hard Surface Play Area Committee – Mark Nethercleft (Chair), Dan Bennett (Treasurer), Sarah McMahon (Membership Secretary)
- Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee – James Cunningham (Chair), Michele Block (Vice-Chair)
- Neighbourhood Watch – Rod Snowdon
- The Kent & Couling Charity – Simon Cronk, Tricia Treanor, Sue Denham
- The Old Field Charity – Adrian Buckmaster (Chair), David Mackrory (Treasurer)
- Neighbours Hall – Mike Robinson (Chair), Christine Donnelly

To Vote on the Co-option of a New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council unanimously voted in a new Parish Councillor, Sarah MacMahon. Cllr MacMahon attended the rest of the meeting as a Councillor.

The Parish Council discussed the two wards created by vacancies and have agreed that Cllr Illingworth will have the ward from North End cottage to the Old Garage and Cllr MacMahon will have the ward Thame Road from Green Hitchings to A329.

Matters to Report

The County Councillors' report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website. No report was received this month from the District Councillor

– apologies for this were received.

During a discussion for the county councillors fund, a notice was mentioned about a telegraph pole being erected near the Pavilion. This appears to be a permitted development which may raise some local objections. Cllr Horsley has contacted Cllr F Van Mierlo to find out more information regarding this notice.

To consider the following planning applications received from SODC:

P23/S1469/FUL (Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PD) The installation of a stainless-steel sculpture to the north-eastern and south-eastern elevations of the Le Manoir Manor House for nine months, and subsequent removal. The Parish Council SUPPORTS this application.

To review the following planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.

P22/S4121/AG (Heath Farm Thame Road Great Milton) Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal framed clear-span agricultural building. Has been approved by SODC.

The minutes of the April meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 17th April 2023, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Financial resolutions

The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses April: £562.72

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste April: £62.40

J M Dudley April Bulletin: £311.40

McCracken and Sons: £402.00

AJG insurance: £445.49

Three villages car service: £130.00


OALC yearly subscription: £167.52

BT Office/e-mail package May: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support May: £23.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

The bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved.

Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

Cllr Fox and Parish Clerk met with Jon Beale on Thursday, 11th May, to discuss the area of concern around the bottom of Thame Road near The Green. After a discussion at the site, it was agreed that a single white line would be installed along the bottom of Thame Road to deter cars from parking where the road gets narrow, hopefully. This would allow buses, cars and other users of the road to be able to pass without disruption. 

A hornbeam tree was planted by OCC, and Cllr Fox met with the arboriculture officer from OCC. They will relocate the tree, but the tree has to be on OCC land. Once a suitable spot has been chosen and agreed upon, the tree will be moved.

Security in the village

Residents are encouraged to please continue to report any incidents that they witness or experience to the police via the 101-telephone service or online via the [police.co.uk](https://www.police.co.uk) website.

Great Milton Freecycle Pavilion hall hire.

The Great Milton freecycle team have asked the Parish Council if they would fund the fee it costs to rent the Pavilion for four events running over the next year. The cost would be £180. The most recent freecycle event was successful, with 97 people attending and 340kg of items freecycled.

The Parish Council discussed the Freecycle events are agreed to fund £90 towards the hire of the Pavilion for the Freecycle events, with a view to reviewing this after 6 months and possibly providing the additional £90 for the remainder of the year.

No Mow May

OCC has cut back on its verge cutting and mowing during May to support this scheme but has been unable to stop all cutting and mowing due to the sheer amount that needs to be done. OCC has updated its schedule to prioritize biodiversity. This item will be discussed at April 2024 meeting in preparation for May 2024.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday, 19th June 2023, at 7.30pm at the Pavilion. The meeting ended at 8:10pm.

Quiz Nights

Now that The Bull has re-opened for business, it has been agreed that we can begin again to use this facility for quizzes and similar social functions.

With this in mind, we have planned to have our first quiz of the year there on Thursday 29th June starting at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5 pp and are available from the village shop. Because of the seating space available, tables are restricted to 4 persons per table.

Do please come along and support both the pub and the Old Field Society for whom the funds raised are supporting. Look forward to seeing you there – we really need a minimum of 40 people to make it worthwhile.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Alan Pickett

Benefice Services for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 4th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>		Holy Communion 9:00am	
	Rogation Service Suzanne & Colin Quartly's Farm (Field Farm OX9 2HQ) 10:30am		
Sunday 11th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 18th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 25th	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Service (this will not be a Holy Communion Service) 10:30am

Benefice Services for July

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

I have mentioned the theme of 'ordinary' time before, in 2018 and then very briefly only two years ago, but I believe it's worth revisiting.

The Church's major festivals are not spread regularly throughout the year, but in a way that's a good thing. Following Christmas, there is a gallop through Epiphany to Lent, and then on to Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter, the heartland of the Christian year. Then follow Ascension and Pentecost, but after that we enter 'Ordinary time' in the Church's year, the two parts of the year that fall outside the great seasons of Advent and Lent. The second period of Ordinary time begins after Pentecost (this year on 28 May) and ends with the first Sunday of Advent, so it is by far the longest season of the Christian year.



Of course, plenty of things do happen during this time. We are entering the wedding season, and we have quite a few in the Benefice this year. In June there will be two church and village fetes, one in Great Milton, on the 10th of June, and the other in Little Milton on the 17th of June.

The inter-village tug of war on 24th June, and this year it's in Little Milton. It's always a lively event, and the prize is hotly contested! The Open Gardens Day in Great Haseley was hugely popular last year, and will return on the 25th of July. Sadly, I will miss both of these as I had already booked my summer break before the dates were decided. In the autumn, we will celebrate our Harvest Festivals and Remembrance Sunday, and although these are not 'official' festivals of the Church they are much loved features of the calendar for many of us.

Whilst the great Festivals are a tremendous focus, for a minister like me, Ordinary time is a bit of a relief! There is plenty to do of course, but there is a break from the big 'extras' alongside the day-to-day responsibilities. As I have reflected before, although the word 'ordinary' actually stems from the Latin ordinalis, from which we get the word 'order', 'ordinary' can also be understood as 'everyday,' those times when nothing big or significant happens. Although the big festivals which fill our churches are really uplifting, it is perhaps in this 'ordinary' or day-to-day life when we see God most at work in our lives. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops puts it in rather more colourful terms: 'Ordinary time is a time of growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are caught up in Christ'.

Either way, it is, in fact, an important season, albeit more a paced spiritual marathon, rather than a hasty sprint!

I wish you God's blessing, however 'ordinary' that might seem.

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

June 2023				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
4th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	
11th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
18th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Jean King	Holy Communion
25th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	

Great Milton Bellringers

On Saturday 6th May, we rang the method called 'Queens' to celebrate the King's Coronation day.



Christian Aid Week 2023

Thankyou to everyone who distributed and/or collected the red envelopes this year but above all to each one of you who gave money...

The Grand Totals will be printed in the July Newsletter.

Sally Ann Dennis

Hippy Haze dance evening 19th May

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Hippy Haze band evening on Friday 19th May. I think everyone must have had their dancing shoes on the night – a wonderful village community get together enjoyed by all.

Vonnie

& The Neighbours Hall Committee



Great Milton Primary School News

Welcome to the first of a regular series of Primary School News Bites issued on behalf of the school by the Board of Governors. So that you in the community get to know more about our village school, and find out how to get more involved.

Sport Recent sporting events have included a win for the mixed Y6 Netball team in the Thame Partnership Tournament.

The mixed Y5 & Y6 team won Quad Kids Athletics Competition (formerly Area Sports) at Horspath Athletics Track. Great Milton came first against 6 Primary schools in the Wheatley Partnership, with Emerald Lewisman and George Coyle gaining the most points across the whole competition. Congratulations to all who participated and huge thanks to Wheatley Park Students who were Sports Leaders on the day.

School Sports Day is on 23 June (weather permitting) at the Recreation Ground. All welcome to come and cheer us on.



Year 6 (Y6) This month, Y6 (10 -11 year olds) will be spending a week at Longridge Activity Centre, a unique riverside location near Marlow. It has been in operation for over 50 years and its world-class facilities are now used by 85,000 young people each

year. There they will experience a tailor-made programme of activities developing water skills as well as important life skills such as leadership, self-discipline, confidence and respect. All to facilitate their transition to secondary school in the Autumn.

Spring Fair Many of you will have contributed to the wonderful atmosphere at last month's Spring Fair held at school on May 13. This was organised by the Friends of Great Milton Primary School (FOGMS) and a whole host of willing parent volunteers. Takings are still being counted but a profit of over £2,500 is expected. The next FOGMS event is a Summer Party to be held on 15 July in Tiddington (date and venue subject to change).

Term Dates School returns from half term on Tuesday, June 6 after an INSET day on Monday 5 June. This Summer term ends on 21 July.

Twitter Follow our school on Twitter @GMiltonOwls.

Music The Orchestral Music of Afghanistan with Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra
In the lead-up to this special event in Oxford on Thursday, 15 June at The Sheldonian school is hosting the 'Afghan Songbook Project' workshop with professional Afghan musicians and the principal percussionist of the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra. Some school musicians will then be taking part in the concert to celebrate the rich history of traditional Afghan music which will explore how that tradition can be maintained and expanded globally at a time when making music in Afghanistan is forbidden. Featuring new compositions by Afghan composers living in exile. Curated and conducted by Oxford Philharmonic's Conducting Fellow Cayenna Ponchione-Bailey, the Orchestra will be joined by guest performers on traditional Afghan instruments.

Doors open at 19:00, 19:30 start. Duration: 130 Minutes including an interval of 20 minutes. Suitable for all ages 6+. Student tickets start at £5.

Oxford Philharmonic's Box Office 01865 980980 (Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00)

Sheppard Trust

The Trustees of the Sheppard Trust will meet on Wednesday 19th July. Funds are available for distribution to groups and organisations based in Great Milton, and which benefit the citizens of Great Milton. Please do make an application.

Applications should be sent to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or by email to sheppardtrustGM@gmail.com to arrive by Monday 10th July.

The Trustees are looking forward to receiving your requests.

Accessories Stall – Great Milton Church Fete

Saturday 10th June 2023

I will be running the Accessories stall again this year therefore could you please search in you wardrobes & cupboards for any items suitable for this stall - jewellery including necklaces, bracelets etc. scarves, gloves, handbags, hats anything you don't want or need anymore but please in reasonable condition.

Vonnie 07761 675847 or drop the off at my door or I can collect - thank you!

Great Milton History



We're all looking forward to another 'Great Fete Day' – GMH will be bringing plenty of albums, artifacts, records etc. The normal collection of Booklets will be available, and also the Great Milton Wells book and our most recent effort – The Great Milton Mystery!!

Come and see us at our tent!!

GMH

An Appreciation of British Gardens

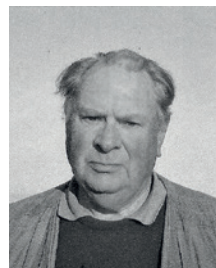
Neighbours' Hall – Sunday 11th June 15.00 – 16.30

After the bustle and excitement of this year's fete, the Church is inviting you to relax with an afternoon's presentation featuring many of the country's famous (and not-so-familiar) gardens. Keen photographer Fred Cubbage is a former employee of both a regional and the national tourist board. This has given him a privileged opportunity to add to his own private visits to places throughout Britain (plus a Channel Island example). Whatever the weather on Sunday 11th June, enjoy an abundance of pictures of flowers plus a few other surprises at the Neighbours' Hall from 3 o'clock. Tea and cakes will be served in an interval when there will be many guide books to inspect. Blenheim, Watersperry or Waddesdon may be familiar in this locality but the variety of places extends to Beth Chatto Garden in the east or Tresco in the west, Tatton Park, Levens Hall, and beyond, in the north.

The presentation is one of a series of community events arranged by St Mary's Church throughout the year. No tickets required but any donations will contribute to the Church Development Project.

View from Views

What a wonderful time of year this is everything bursting to life, as I write the “May” some 2 weeks late is a picture in full bloom as, is the case for most flowering trees bushes etc and, with the dawn chorus such a wonderful way to wake up, the birds all busy doing their thing Swallows swooping around after insects with, the incessant sounds of larks arising, plus the snatches of fragrant scents as you walk or drive past certain plants that are in flower, makes you feel the world is at last waking up.



Here we go again me moaning about the weather after rain over the coronation weekend believe it or not, we have floods again, interestingly though in spite of having 15mm rain on coronation day it was not until we had 12mm 2 days later that the river burst it's banks. Now the river meadows will once again be of no use. I think although the wet at the start of May is extremely tiresome, I do not believe it will do any harm just, as long as it does not continue until early June. Due to this extra wet in early May and, the cold spring, it is amazing now to see the resultant growth, it makes me think this is not so bad after all, as hopefully it will be helping things catch up.

We decided to plant our Lupins a little earlier this year into an excellent seed bed, this allowed them to come though the ground within a fortnight and, at the time of writing look quite promising, somewhat different to last year. The conditions were almost perfect as it has been for most other crops which seem to have recovered from the conditions they had to put up with through the winter. This is with the exception of the damage inflicted by Pigeons where there is no plant at all, I think about 2/3 of the area is going to be as good as any other year, with the rest being about ½ a crop with about 1/3 of that producing next to nothing. In future we will have to plan to plant the most affected area of Rape with an alternative that the pigeons don't like and see what happens. The prospects for next years harvest look promising, I will not predict any further than that, it is after all early, next months weather will be critical but, with the winter Barley now in ear the current “sweet refreshing rain will help fill the grain”, on the other hand if we have continual rain and some wind many crops will be beaten to the ground and unsalvageable then that's the farming gamble!

Times are difficult not just the general market but to get things done, our telescopic loader (jack of all trades on farms these days with the lack of affordable labour) has been out of action for some 8 weeks weighting for engineers to diagnose the problem and, then to get the spare part. As this is a machine we rely on for the myriad of little daily tasks that just have not been done, not to mention sometimes important



ones like feeding of livestock on a daily basis, it is a vital part of everyday the tasks that we rely on. This is most frustrating as no one seems able or prepared to help with a diagnosis or to speed up delivery of vital parts, as I write I understand it is now running and we can have it back. I mention this as it seems that no one seems to care about anything important any more, plus it is impossible to get hold of anyone to talk to.

I feel I must pay tribute to our recently retired local councillor Caroline Newton to me she has been everything we would want from our local representative, always there to support us in any appropriate way an excellent councillor who will be missed by us all. Whilst on the subject I wish somehow, we could be informed before an election who was standing, as I had not a clue until I saw the names on the ballot paper, there must, another time be a mechanism by which we are informed, local paper or even the council.

I recently read that, the Herefordshire farmer who dredged the river Lugg, I would not condone this action but, it does illustrate the frustration we can sometimes feel when it appears no one is listening to us. As a result of this and the support from the local population he acted, now he has to pay the consequences, jailed for 12 Months and ordered to pay £600,000. (I thought the case had been forgotten) I too am fed up with the flooding we have to put up with, caused mainly I believe by all the development that is going on in our area without, the precautions that the developer, I thought had to take. It seems the authorities are either powerless or just useless, so nothing happens, which makes the River systems, more like drainage ditches than, natural water courses. Then if this is the case would need periodic maintenance, destroying all the good works that the Rivers Trusts and, we farmers, are trying to do, to conserve nature. This though pails into insignificance while water authorities are allowed release sewage into the rivers as they do! Please someone get a grip.

Charles Peers

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In May, we learned all about tea, coffee, chocolate and caffeine with local author, Melanie King. She offers talks and her books at www.melaniekingbooks.com.

At our next meeting on Thursday 8 June at 730pm, Fine art photographer, Janine Kilroe is going to talk to us about Working with some of the most dangerous men in the country.

Everyone welcome - Visitors £5 or become a member for £46.

Come and meet us at Little Milton Fete on Saturday 17 June 2-4.30pm at the Old Vicarage (I'll be on the toy tombola) and at the Tug of War event on Saturday 24 June

12pm at the Pine Lodge where we'll be serving tea & cakes. Donations of toys and cakes welcome.

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

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pine Lodge OX44 7PZ at 7.30pm

Too shy to come by yourself or need a lift? 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 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Morland House Surgery News

In April the Surgery began to offer further booster vaccinations to those most at risk from COVID. Eligible people include those aged 75 and over (by June 30); those aged 5 and over with weakened immune systems; and residents of care homes for older adults. Eligible people can also book boosters on the National Booking Service or the NHS App or visit a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site. For more information, please visit Morland House website: www.morland-house.co.uk

Also, the website provides a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment e.g.

- Up-to-date information about surgery opening hours and the wide range of services provided, including new dispensary hours.
- Morland House Surgery is part of a Primary Care Network involving three other neighbouring GP practices. The PCN now offers patients enhanced access to GPs and nurses later in the evening and on Saturdays.
- A link to the electronic consulting service eConsult. Use eConsult to ask about your health symptoms, conditions, or treatment. You can even request things like sick notes and GP letters. From the home page click on 'Contact your GP practice Online'.
- A link to the NHS App. Download the App, or open the NHS website in a web browser, to set up and log in to your NHS Account. Owned and run by the NHS, your NHS Account is a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services online.
- Up to date information on current news items including:



- Oxford Community Diagnostic Centre – X-Rays, blood tests, ultrasounds, CTs and more
- Information on the NHS 111 online service which is available 24/7
- Advice on how to stay healthy and well
- COVID-19 and flu vaccine updates
- Looking after your mental health
- Electronic Prescribing Service (EPS)
- Group A strep and scarlet fever, advice for parents and guardians
- Discontinuation of blister pack recycling
- 24/7 breastfeeding support
- Expansion of bowel cancer screening programme

John Howell MP writes...

This month with the local elections we have seen people come and people go as councillors. Firstly my thanks to all those who have worked as local councillors, at parish and district in the last four years or more. Having been a councillor myself I know very well the work that is involved and that sometimes it can be a thankless task. You can never please everyone and there are always more people ready to complain than to compliment. Welcome too to new councillors. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Turnout figures show that local elections pass many people by or that many are simply not interested. I think this may be that they do not appreciate the work that is done at a local level and the decisions that local councils have responsibility for. Issues are often raised with me that I have to defer to local councils as the councils are fully autonomous and responsible for their own decisions. So perhaps it is timely to remind people what the different councils do and how elected representatives can help on the relevant issues.

Let me start with the most local level of democracy, the parish council. This the elected body closest to the community. Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (as statutory consultees), and campaigning and delivering better services and facilities for the community. They often provide allotment space, manage community centres, play areas and equipment, and deal with issues such as litter, graffiti, dog offences and fly posting. As a formal body parish councils have the ability to influence other organisations that make decisions affecting the community such as the district and county councils, health authorities, police. As such parish councils have an important role in local democracy and can be a

great resource to support a thriving community.

Some smaller communities do not have a parish council but instead have a parish meeting. These have fewer powers and are not required to meet as frequently as a parish council. However they are still formal bodies with a representative role for the community and can often help with relevant issues in the same way that a parish council can.

The next tier of local government in this area is the district council. The constituency is served by two district councils, Cherwell District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. They are responsible for local services, including planning, housing and associated benefits, rubbish collection, environmental services, leisure services, some car parks and council tax collection. This is the level which has been the subject of much discussion on its continuance or whether it should be merged with the County Council to create a Unitary Council.

Finally we have the County Council. This is a much larger council which is responsible for services across the whole of a county. This Council is responsible for local services, including education, social services, transport, roads (except trunk roads and motorways), public rights of way, libraries, the fire service, culture, trading standards, bus subsidies, minerals, waste and recycling (disposal) and the environment.

Each of these council has elected representatives who take decisions on the relevant issues and are there to help residents in the areas of their responsibility. These people should be the first port of call to raise concerns with as they have direct access to information and, in the case of the larger councils, the officers employed to assist. Contact details for local councils and councillors are usually widely published. However if anyone has difficulty in locating the details for our County or District Councils details are available on my website under the tab labelled 'The Constituency'.

From my own experience as a local councillor, and working alongside many other councillors, I know that most people who put themselves forward for these roles do it because they want to help and support their community. I would therefore encourage residents to take an interest in what they do and seek their support if necessary. In the same way that I have been elected to be part of the parliamentary decision-making process, so they are elected as part of the local decision-making process. Similarly as I can sometimes help with issues relating to central government departments, so local councillors can help with issues relating to their councils' areas of responsibility.

As always, if there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government, and in the Constituency, please do look at my website. The address is www.johnhowell.org.uk. My contact details are also on the website.



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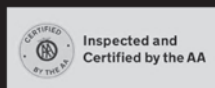
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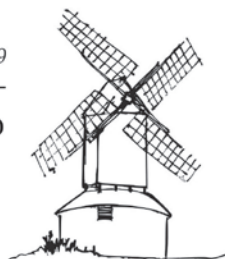
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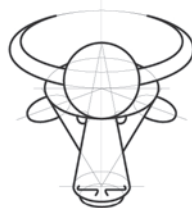
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| 10th Sat | Church Fete in The Recreation Ground | 2:00pm |
| 11th Sun | 'Appreciation of British Gardens' at The Neighbours' Hall | 3:00pm |
| 15th Thurs | GM School: The Music of Afghanistan at The Sheldonian | — |
| 19th Mon | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| 23rd Fri | GM School: Sports Day in The Recreation Ground | — |
| 29th Thurs | Quiz Night at The Bull | 7:30pm |

July

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