

GREAT MILTON BULLETIN

August 2024

Published by the Parish Council

No. 600



Freedom of Information Act – Parish Council Publication Scheme

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides rights of public access to information held by Public Authorities. The Parish Council adopted a new publication scheme in November 2019: details can be found on the Parish Council Website at <https://www.great-milton.co.uk/freedom-of-information/>. Residents can see records of the policies and practices of the Parish Council including minutes, financial information and responses to planning consultations, on request from the Parish Clerk or via the website.

Great Milton Parish Council

Chairman:	Stephen Harrod	01844 278068
Ward:	Church Road to Monkey Farm/The Priory	
Vice Chairman:	Bill Fox	01844 279716
Ward:	Thame Road, inc Fullers Field and Green Hitchings	
Councillor:	David Harms	
Ward:	The Green from Priory Bank to Tara/Applewood	
Councillor:	—	—
Ward:	The Old Garage to North End Cottage, Lower End	
Councillor:	Sarah MacMahon	07580 581655
Ward:	Thame Road from Green Hitchings to A329	
Councillor:	Malcolm Horsley	07970 924194
Ward:	Kings Head House/Red Roofs to Wheatley Boundary	
Councillor:	Peter Allen	01844 278334
Ward:	Milton Common	

Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer: Amy Williams – 07958 792248
contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk

Parish Council Representatives

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

Front Cover: The Old School.

Photo: Ian Melton

Key Contacts:

Local Governance

Oxfordshire County Council	01865 792422	Oxfordshire.gov.uk
South Oxfordshire District Council	01235 422422	Southoxon.gov.uk
County Councillor: Freddie Van Mierlo	07944 492438	freddie.vanmierlo@oxfordshire.gov.uk
District Councillor: Georgina Heritage	07951 477144	Georgina.Heritage@southoxon.gov.uk
Great Milton Parish Council		
Stephen Harrod (Chair)	01844 278068	
Amy Williams (Clerk)	07958 792248	contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk
Report potholes, fly-tipping, vandalism, broken paving		Fixmystreet.com
OCC Family Information Service	08452 262636	fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
OCC Highways	0845 310 1111	highway.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Missed Bin Collection	03000 610610	admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk
Bulky Household Waste Collection	01235 422406	waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk
SODC Housing	01235 422422	housing@southandvale.gov.uk
SODC Planning Applications	01235 422600	planning@southoxon.gov.uk

Services

Emergency - Police, Fire, Ambulance	999	
Police non-emergency	101	thamesvalley.police.uk
GP Surgery, Morland House	01865 872448	morland-house.co.uk
NHS non-emergency	111	nhs.uk
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
Floodline	0345 988 1188	gov.uk/check-flood-risk

Local information

St. Mary's Church: Rev. Simon Cronk		simon.cronk@btinternet.com
Methodist Church: Rev. Stephen Spain	01865 763676	
Neighbourhood Watch: Rod Snowdon	07836 728919	bigsnodi@hotmail.co.uk
Citizens Advice Oxfordshire	03444 111 444	caox.org.uk
The Maple Tree Children's Centre	01865 873916	mapletreecc@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Great Milton Neighbours Hall	07970 264667	
Great Milton Pavilion & Recreation Ground	01844 278116	
Great Milton Website		contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk http://www.greatmilton.co.uk
Great Milton Bulletin	01844 278347	contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk gmbulletin@hotmail.co.uk
Great Milton Primary School	01844 279388	gmilton.org
Wheatley Park School	01865 872441	www.wheatleypark.org

Transport

Comet - for people without access to suitable public transport	01865 323201	oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet
46 Bus Service	01865 785400	info@oxfordbus.co.uk
Arriva (280) Bus	0344 800 4411	arrivabus.co.uk
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

Parish Council Minutes

These are the minutes of the Great Milton Parish Council meeting held at the Pavilion on Monday, 15th July 2024, at 19:30

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), B Fox (Vice-Chair), D Harms, S MacMahon, M Horsley, Cllr G Heritage (SODC).

In attendance: Amy Williams (Clerk), Mike Block (Rec Committee treasurer) Mike Robinson (Neighbours Hall Chairman) and five members of the public.

Public and Press are welcome to attend.

91/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr P. Allen.

92/24 Variation of order of business

There was no variation in the order of business.

93/24 Declarations of members' interest

No declarations of interest in matters on the agenda were received.

94/24 Matters to report

The District Councillors report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Heritage (SODC) updated the Councillors on her report.

95/24 Correspondence and public discussion

A member of the public is frustrated by the school parents parking inconsiderately. The village bus was unable to get through, and there are concerns if emergency services were needed, would they be able to get through. Talks about using the Recreational grounds to ease this issue were raised.

Cllr Harrod suggested setting up a meeting with the headteacher and The Rec Committee as this is a school issue.

Post a discussion with SODC, a member of the public requested we further investigate the legitimacy of them creating a parking space directly outside their house on what is common land. Cllr Horsley will follow up on this issue.

A member of the public would like to link the village SID to cameras to catch speeding drivers and send them letters/fines. Issues were also raised regarding HGV weight limits on certain roads. The Highways Engagement Team have been informed.

96/24 Planning applications

A The following planning applications were received from SODC and reviewed:

P24/S1951/LB The Bull The Green Great Milton OX44 7NS

Demolition of existing single and two-storey extensions, erection of single-storey

side extension, single and two-storey rear extension, internal alterations and dormer window to rear. The Parish Council fully support this application.

P24/S1950/FUL The Bull The Green Great Milton OX44 7NS

Demolition of existing single and two-storey extensions, erection of single-storey side extension, single and two-storey rear extension, internal alterations and dormer window to rear. The Parish Council fully support this application.

P24/S1999/FUL Land to the rear of No 6 Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HY
Construction of horse manege (retrospective). The Parish Council fully support this application.

B There were no planning decisions received.

C The following planning appeal was received from SODC and reviewed:

P23/S3459/FUL White Ash London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU

Erection of two semi-detached properties on land adjacent to White Ash. (As amended by plan ref 21092302-3 1c which shows the air source heat pump and as amplified by noise impact assessment receive 13 December 2023 and as amplified by Car Swept Paths Plan received 14 December 2023).

97/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the May meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 17th June 2024, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

98/24 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were reviewed, agreed and signed:

Amy Williams. Salary, Tax and Expenses July: £608.22

Amy Williams. Salary, Tax and Expenses August: £608.22

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste May: £92.82

J M Dudley (Bulletin) £335.20

Tactical Facilities management £536.60

Castle Water £6.77

The Community Heartbeat Trust £162.00

Green & Growing £132.00

Green & Growing £150.00

Jenks Oxford Ltd £174.00

Parish Online £258.00

OALC - Training £18.00

BT Office/e-mail package: £14.38 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

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



B The June bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were reviewed and approved.

99/24 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- School parent's parking inappropriately blocking driveways.
- o Meeting to be held with the school and the Rec ground committee to discuss options
- Grass-cutting issues with allotment pathway and Neighbours Hall.
- o Added to cutting specification
- Grass cutting - Pitts Cottage, Lower End and North End Cottage
- o Added to cutting specification
- Damage to the village green.
- o Letter to be sent to new owners requesting restoration to the damaged grass area
- Proposed change of PC meeting day to the second Wednesday of every month from September 2024 onwards.
- o Initially agreed but then shelved until the September meeting
- Recruitment of a new councillor.
- o On-going search with suggestions welcome from all councillors

100/24 Security in the village

To update on and discuss any security-related issues

No security problems at present.

The following Great Milton Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16th September 2024, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting ended at 8:33pm

Great Milton Bellringers

There will be a full peal of our bells on Monday August 19th at 10.0am.

This will last for three and a half hours – and if completed will be a huge achievement for the ringers involved.

GMB has had a 'set back' through the Summer, but we hope to be back to practices and regular ringing soon. Should anyone care to come and join us, we practise on a Thursday evening at 7:30pm.

As soon as we have a band available, there will be a note in the Bulletin.

GMB

Benefice Services for August

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 4th		Holy Communion 9:00am	
	Lamma Service (marking the beginning of the harvest) Pegg's Farm, Great Haseley		
Sunday 11th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 18th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 25th		There will be no BCP	
	Benefice Holy Communion Rycote Chapel 10:30am		

Benefice Services for September

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 1st	Please note change of times for both services		
		Holy Communion with Baptisms 11:00am	Family Worship 10:00am
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 15th			Holy Communion 9:00am
	Family Worship 10:30am Narvest Festival Lunch 12:00noon The Pavilion		
Sunday 22nd	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:00am
Sunday 29th	Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am		



Benefice Services for October

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th	Harvest Festival for Great Haseley		
		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

I have always loved English egg custard tarts. There was a move a few years ago in my family to convert me to the Portuguese variety, but I'm afraid I don't think they get anywhere close! For as long as I can remember, I have had a particular method of eating them; I don't dive straight in, rather I nibble the pastry at the top in anticipation of the main event, the eggy custardy bit!

I do wonder if holidays work a little like that? The best part being the anticipation.

It's a curious analogy perhaps, but as I write I anticipate a fortnight away from parish duties. It's nothing exotic, we're simply going to our place on the edge of the Forest of Dean, but it's eagerly anticipated, nonetheless.

Perhaps that says something about my holidays of course, but I do appreciate the time off. I found myself in troubled waters many years ago in one of my old parishes, when on my return I was asked by a parishioner if I had enjoyed my holiday. I was evidently a little too enthusiastic with my response, as her wounded observation was that I had obviously enjoyed being away rather more than being back with my 'flock' in the Parish. I tried to point out that even for a vicar, time away from duties is sometimes a good thing but I'm afraid it fell on deaf ears!

For too many though, a proper holiday has become a luxury. I think of those who work in the gig economy or who are self-employed. A holiday doesn't have to be an extravagant and expensive trip abroad every year, we've never done that, nor could we afford to. I mean simply getting a break, even if staying at home. The work holiday derives from the Old English haligdaeg or 'Holy Day' meaning both a religious festival and a day of exemption from labour, the two of course going together. Most people have now lost the sense of holiday as a religious festival, except perhaps around Christmas and possibly Easter, but the cycle of the year was once broken up by such 'holidays'. In the UK a fortnight's break had its origin in the 'Factory Fortnight' in August. This has fallen into decline, but nonetheless 'exemption from labour' is a necessary part of being

human. The principle is built into the creation story of Genesis, with God himself resting on the seventh day following six days of creative labour. We read in the Gospels that Jesus endeavoured to find time away from the crowds to recuperate. The fact that he wasn't particularly successful in this doesn't detract from the importance.

When this is read, my holiday will be over, the Custard Tart will have been eaten! Should you be fortunate enough to enjoy a break in August, I do hope that it will be a good one.

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

August 2024				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
4th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
11th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
18th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
25th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Paul Spray	

Church Fete


Dear Villagers and Friends,

As ever, thank you all so much for helping and/or supporting our church fete.

The scores are almost in... we have provisional figures and it looks as though we have made over £7000. This is made up of takings, £900 in sponsorship and costs of about £1000. This is a brilliant total and we believe a record.

We thank the wonderful Headmistress of Great Milton Primary School, Alyson Frost for her splendid opening of the fete and we loved having the children from the school perform for us.

We are extremely grateful to those of you who sponsored the fete and/or made/donated items to sell on the stalls or for the raffle. Well done to those who won any of the amazing raffle prizes or the prizes on the tombola, hoopla, games and dog show.

Special thanks must be given to our hard working stall holders who collected and sold their goods, teas, bbq, drinks and to the games organisers. Thank you also to those who displayed their amazing vehicles. These really added to the scene. Thanks 

also to the people who brought the hot air balloon, it was a shame it was too windy for rides but what a spectacle!

A HUGE thanks go to the men and women who collected and returned the furniture/infrastructure and to the helpers who helped set up in the morning, and then took everything down and put it all away at the end; also to the various friends who lent us the equipment, to the friend who put up and then took down the notice-boards and to the friends who provided and delivered the straw bales. Also the friends who helped collect, return and set up the loudspeaker systems and to the friend who “hoovered” the recreation ground – didn’t it look amazing! The fete would not be possible without all these brilliant people who continue to support it every year.

As well as our wonderful volunteers and villagers, we thank the following for their support, in no particular order: Le Manoir aux Quat’ Saisons, The Lamb at Little Milton, Nick Belcher Photography, Roald Dahl Museum, Waterperry Gardens, Spark Yoga, Monkey Puzzle Cafe, Sandy Lane Farm, Hollands Farm, D’Oyley’s Farm, The Peers Centre, Joes Teas, Wheatley Farm Shop, Cornfields Bakery, Dreaming Squires Vineyard, Deemster Hot Air Balloon, Wheatley Fire Service, Asda, The Bull and Great Milton Stores and Post Office.

Now with a thought to next year..... we had our usual post fete debrief and, after much discussion, feel we just cannot continue running the fete next year without additional support. We love being involved in this brilliant village event that brings our community together. We have a combined total of >50yrs organising the fete between us and now feel it is time for others to join us.

We meet for 30min every 4-6 weeks. The roles within the committee do not require any special skills, there are tasks to do from Feb-May, more things in June and then several on the day itself, which will be 14th June 2025 and some after it.

We are suggesting a meeting on Tues July 23rd at 7.30pm in The Bull for anyone who is interested to come and learn more.if you can’t make it and are interested please get in touch with one of the committee.

If there are no volunteers, by end Jan, there will be no fete in 2025.

Thank you again!

The fete committee,

Alex (Alexlkirkman@gmail.com), Celina, Clare and Rachel

The Neighbours' Hall

In response to many requests we are bringing theatre back to the Neighbours Hall.

On Bank Holiday Monday, 26 August @ 7p.m. we have a production of Midsummer Nights Dream. For anyone who wants to see a completely different side of Kieran Donnelly from the Post Office, he will be playing Bottom. The rest of the cast are either professional actors or at Drama School.

We will of course have a bar, or bring your own and pay £5 per person corkage.

Tickets are available from the shop and on the door - if you are paying on the door please reserve your seats by emailing whatyouwilltheatre@gmail.com or phone 279455.

Following the non stop laughter that was had at our Ceilidh in May, we had to rebook the band 'Mouse and Trousers' just to make sure that dancing really can be that much fun. That will be on 19th October.


The Committee of the Neighbours Hall would like to say how much we mourn the loss of Yvonne, her vitality and positive attitude will be very much missed at meetings, events, her classes and life in general.

Great Milton School Governor News Bites (August)

Trips & Events

Trips towards the end of Summer term were to Harcourt Arboretum, Science Oxford and Cotswold Wildlife Park. Events included the End of Term Splash Party as well as The Big Bash organised by the Friends of Great Milton School (FOGMS) which raised a huge sum of which £3,500 was for the school. Many thanks for all the hard work put in by FOGMS, it is very much appreciated.

SATs

We are so proud of this year's SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) results. Papers covering English and Maths were sat (no pun intended) with results scored on a scale of 80-120, with any score above 100 exceeding average expectations. Our Y6 cohort scored above the national average in reading, writing and maths. Congratulations to all on these excellent results which reflect the hard work and determination of all the children and for Ms Green and her team for pushing the Year 6 group to achieve their full potential, in this their 7th year of compulsory education. The comparison for 2023/24 can be viewed on the school website. 2024. Attainment data available on request. At the end of term last month school gave a fond farewell to this Year 

6 cohort and simultaneously to some long standing and much loved parents. They will all be missed.

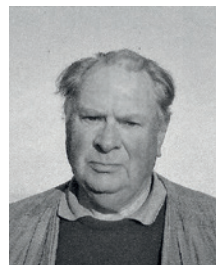
Thank you

Thank you to our Head Teacher, Ms Frost and her talented and dedicated staff who work so hard enabling our children to flourish. The fostering of a love of lifelong learning will continue next term which starts on Wednesday, 4 September.

Meanwhile wishing all a lovely Summer.

View from Views

Since my comments on last month's issue, things have moved on somewhat, the area of Black Grass in the Lupin field has practically dominated the lupins, so much so that there will be no crop to harvest in about 60% or more of the field, this calls for some drastic action. The rest of the field does not look too bad and, maybe has more flowers per plant than previous years, which is actually a good sign, as each flower ends up being a pod of beans. We were asked to grow this crop for seed, when the purchaser's agent came to look at them the other day, I found him in the field sending a video and talking to his contact in Ukraine, who had produced the seed, just seemed odd to be dealing direct with that poor war torn country, just shows life has to go on.



Sadly, this year there seems to have been less Swifts, Swallows, and Martins, I suppose something due to the lack of insects, who knows, certainly none nesting in our grain store as normal. Perhaps this is because the shooting in southern Europe is better with less getting past that barrage. It is reported generally that Blackbird numbers are severely depleted I, challenge anyone to come and sit in our garden and say that!

Having recently spent some time in the north of the country, it was somewhat reassuring to me to see that crops all over the country, had suffered the rigours of the last year or so's weather and, that it was not just our bad farming practices. These conditions have certainly made us come to the conclusion that we need to think seriously about some of our modern practices and, just maybe that the fight against climate change is beyond our grasp, or at least understand, it may take longer than we would wish. I think we also have to remember that at the end of the day we farmers have to be allowed to make a living, with all the pressures on us to do the right thing but, it may well take time. Life is getting more and more complicated for us all, I don't believe it is beyond the wit of man to overcome these issues but, as I have said before it

may well take time. We will continue to continue with more experimentation without taking too much notice of so-called experts, media and, “activists”! However, it was good to be back and see that the home turf was still there and, in fact in reasonably good heart. The heavy rain on the 6th July will have given the crops a final boost before Harvest, which we are now madly planning for sadly though with the lack of crops this will not be a bonanza this year, but harvest will be an easier operation.

It was noticeable how things had grown in just the twelve days we were away not just brambles, that had grown some 3 feet but, everything hedgerows, garden plants, etc; talking of which our strawberries have produced an amazing amount in spite of the fact they have had little attention. (I think we have had at least 30 days of picking)

By now we are beginning to understand what our new Government has install for us, as the countryside, agriculture and, the environment, have not featured to a great extent, in either party’s commitments, I did get the impression that politicians were beginning to understand the way the countryside works and, why certain issues are important to us. Having read reports of the Kings speech I am not so reassured. I am also concerned that our local MP is part of a rural County Council that made decisions which were not that helpful to the rural communities. The new administration says it is going to; Build, build, build, no mention of preserving the countryside that we are forever being told has been depleted of wildlife/nature etc: or the control of sewage, or just run off, let alone the carbon foot print of all that concrete. I still need convincing that we need all this housing, I know I have been saying his for a longtime and the houses still seem to be occupied as soon as they are finished so I guess they are needed. Nor do they mention other infrastructure, Schools, employment, Doctors, Roads, village congestion, and so it goes on. Now they are intending to relax or, abolish planning controls concerning on shore wind & solar farms, so now not only will we be losing productive land to produce energy, also with our countryside covered in Windmills. It seems to me that our new administration is more concerned in human beings than wildlife, which makes me wonder why we have bothered to expend so much energy in trying to preserve the environment, (something we all thought the public was pressing us to do) when, at a stroke a government can just change it all. Certainly, we have to take measures to curb climate change; in doing so we have to accept our energy will have to cost us more, and also that the change will happen over time, it is a great mistake to try and achieve it overnight, gradually human ingenuity will come up with the solutions we need. If we are not careful the country will turn out to be one urban sprawl, completely devoid of nature.

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In June we learnt all about the Oxfordshire Library Service. They offer libraries (books, audio books, large print & a warm space), online services (reservations, eBooks, magazines & newspapers) and even home deliveries if you can't get to a library. You can access it all from an app and one card covers the whole of Oxfordshire.

The next two meetings we're going out. On Thursday 11 July we're going for a tour of Pied Beauty flower farm in Rycote from the earlier time of 7pm. Non-members cost £10. Our annual August day trip, this year on 8 August is to Chiltern Open Air Museum. Let me know if you'd like to come to either trip. Everyone welcome, men too! Children welcome on the August trip.

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

Pine Lodge website: www.lmvh.org.uk

Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Morland House Surgery

Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm

Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, for prebooked consultations only

Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to one of the reception team on 01865 872448 for more information. When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111

Drink Coaches - Are you consuming too much alcohol? You can take the Alcohol Test – it's free, online, quick and confidential – taking just two minutes. Work out how risky your drinking is and access personalised advice online and find out where you can get support in Oxfordshire.

<https://www.morland-house.co.uk/drink-coach-take-the-test/>

Whooping Cough, a bacterial infection that affects the lungs, has been rising in many countries since December 2023. It is a cyclical disease and a peak year is long overdue. Vaccination in pregnancy and childhood are important for protection but both have fallen in recent years. It is treated by antibiotics. For more information on symptoms and treatment visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough/

The NHS launched the Pharmacy First Service (PFS) on 31st January (see NHS Pharmacy First Service (PFS) | NHSBSA) Appointments can be booked directly with participating pharmacies for the treatment of 7 common health conditions namely sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles, uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women. Pharmacists can offer advice to patients and supply NHS medicines where clinically appropriate. This will help reduce the pressure on Morland House Surgery. As an example, appointments with Wheatley Pharmacy can be booked (often the same day) by phoning

01865 874047 or via the website www.wheatleypharmacy.com/book

Group Consultation Clinics – A group clinic is currently being offered for the menopause and we are working on introducing clinics for a wider range of conditions. The benefits include a more thorough examination of your condition, having your questions answered, sharing issues with others going through the same issues, and spending longer with a GP.

Morland House Surgery Website For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk The new updated MHS website went live in June. If you open the website home page and it still looks the same you will need to click the 'refresh' button.

Also on the website are details of how to access your medical records and test results.

Vale News

Latest local news and updates

Abbey Meadow Pool opens

Summer in the Vale is well underway and there is great news for families and swimmers with the Abbey Meadow outdoor pool in Abingdon set to reopen on Saturday 20 July in plenty of time for the school summer holidays. Our leisure provider, GLL, has been focussed on all the hard work needed to get the pool and the surrounding area ready and raring to go for the summer season. The open-air pool on the banks of the River Thames will open daily from:

6.30am to 7.30pm Monday to Thursday

6.30am to 6.30pm Friday

7.30am to 4.00pm Weekends

Visit the Better website from 20 July: www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/vale-of-white-horse/abbey-meadows-outdoor-pool and follow the new Abbey Meadow Pool Facebook page.

Thames Water Reservoir Consultation

We are encouraging residents to give their views on Thames Water's proposed reservoir for the district.

Thames Water has launched a public consultation on the proposed reservoir and the public have until 28 August to give their views at: <https://thames-wrmp.co.uk/projects/sesro/>

Plans for the controversial reservoir near Abingdon have again been criticised by local communities, with Vale of White Horse District Council urging water providers to consider alternative solutions more seriously. The reservoir is now even bigger than originally planned – at around 6.5 km² – almost as big as Gatwick Airport and unprecedented in scale.

Fun all summer long

We have lots of free and low-cost activities available for children and their families to enjoy during the summer holidays.

Sessions include Girls' Football, Pickleball, Family Fun Days, the Xplorer orienteering challenge, 'Born to Move' fitness and dance and the popular 'Summer of Skate' skateboarding events.

If you follow the Litterbug Detective Trails you could be in with the chance of winning a great prize; and there's a range of family activities throughout the summer at our Better leisure centres, managed by GLL!

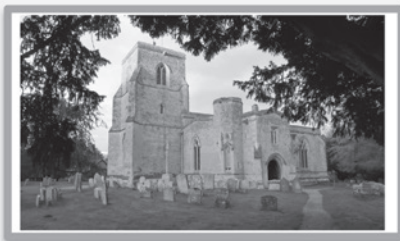
For a full run down of what's on between 19 July to 31 August and details on how to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Consultation on New Council Wards

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what you think about proposals for new council wards in Vale of White Horse. Proposed changes to existing arrangements include Abingdon having 3 x three-member wards, instead of 5 x two-member wards, and Faringdon and Stanford being together in a larger three-member ward.

To have you say, visit

<https://tinyurl.com/2823tq4s>



St Mary's Church, an intrinsic part of the local community for over 900 years, invites *you* to discover more about its history and its unique features by connecting with the Info-Point inside the building. Anyone with a device containing a modern web browser can use Info-Point's Wi-Fi hotspot to gain free access to the content.

- ❖ Take the 11-point interactive tour around the building.
 - Learn about the unique organ.
 - Listen to the church bells.
 - Discover the mystery of the empty external niches.
 - Find out about the musical instruments which were once displayed (and now illustrated) near the south door.
- ❖ See a bird's-eye video of the historic building.
- ❖ The early 17th Century Dormer Monument, regarded as one of the most important monuments of its period in the county, has just been extensively restored.
 - Find out about the professional conservation work.
 - See photographs of the monument both before and after restoration.
 - Learn about the Dormer Family.

St Mary's Church is open every day with access via the North Door. Purchase a copy of the 'St Mary's and Great Milton' booklet (available in the church) for more comprehensive information about the Church and the Village.

How to connect to the Info-Point is clearly displayed inside the Church.

GREAT MILTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

LION “MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE” SCHEME

These bottles are designed to hold important information about you and your medical needs. In case of an emergency, ambulance crews know where to find your bottle and ensure you get the care you need.

The bottles are free and could save your life

All you need to do is complete the enclosed form, with details of your next of kin and any information about diagnoses, medication, allergies etc. Then pop the bottle in the shelf of your fridge door. You'll also find two green self-adhesive labels in the bottle. Put one on the inside of your front door and the other on the outside of your fridge.

Ambulance crews are trained to look for the green stickers

You can pick up your free bottle from:

Morland House Surgery
Health centres
Pharmacies

Or contact Rod Snowdon (Neighbourhood Watch)
on 07836 728919 or via the Village WhatsApp group.

It would be useful if you could let Rod know if you're using this scheme or if you find anywhere else that distributes the bottles.

Thank you.

BARN (aka Garage) SALE



Eric & Clare Lowry

**shall be holding a barn sale at Highway House Barn,
opposite Highway House, Rectory Road, OX44 7JG on
Saturday 12 October 2024 from 10.30 to 4pm**

All proceeds will go to St Peter's Church, Great Haseley

**Everyone is welcome. If you are unable to make those dates, an
appointment can be made by calling 01844-279312**

**Surplus household, office and garden equipment,
pictures, fridge, chairs and lots more will be on offer**

What You Will

Presents
William Shakespeare's

A play rehearsed in 24 hours
with a cast of professional
actors.



A Midsummer Night's Dream

Great Milton Neighbours Hall
August Bank Holiday Monday (26th) 7pm
Tickets (£12) available on the door or from Great Milton Post Office.
whatyouwilltheatre@gmail.com for more information

Great Milton Post Office and Stores

Opening Hours

	Shop	Post Office
Monday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
Tuesday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
Wednesday	8:00 – 2:00	9:00 – 12:30
Thursday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
Friday	8:00 – 5:30	9:00 – 5:30
Saturday	8:00 – 12:30	9:00 – 12:30
Sunday	8:30 – 11:30	Closed

Bank Holidays – Closed All Day



Morland House Surgery, Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm

Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, for **prebooked** consultations only

We also offer Enhanced Access hours outside of these times, please speak to one of our reception team on 01865 872448 for more information.

Dispensary:

Note that our dispensary closed permanently on Friday 29 September 2023

There is no change to the process of ordering your repeat prescriptions.

Please visit www.morland-house.co.uk for lots more information

When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111



Great Milton History has a new home behind **The Old Garage**

Browse the Archive
Purchase Books
Study Old Maps
Contribute to the collection
of village Family History
Open on Wednesdays
10:30am – Midday
or by arrangement
[http://www.great-milton.co.uk/
great-milton-history/](http://www.great-milton.co.uk/great-milton-history/)

Book & Jigsaw Library

Friday 23rd August
11am – 12 noon

The Neighbours' Hall



**Borrow, swap, keep or return.
Donations welcomed.**

Join us on the third or fourth Friday of the month and enjoy tea,
coffee and cakes in the Orchard Room while you browse.

Please feel free to make use of the Library whenever you visit
the Neighbours' Hall

The Three Villages Car Service

The Three Villages Car service
exists to help people who are having
difficulty in getting to their doctors'
appointments.

If you have to get to your GP
surgery or Thame Hospital for an
appointment and need help getting
there, give us a call and we will help
if we can.

**Jane Jefferis – 01844 278743 or
Wendy Richardson – 07763 800467.**

Need a venue? The Pavilion & Recreation Ground

**Ideal for children's parties,
meetings, family get
togethers, classes and
lessons, corporate days and
sports events.
Table and chair hire also
available**

**For booking and more info,
please email Caroline at
carolinesmith@2redroofs.com**

Neighbours' Hall

A large recently refurbished community Hall with Wifi, central heating, new lighting and well-equipped kitchen. The

Hall benefits from a bar, stage and smaller room opening on to an enclosed patio garden area overlooking Le Manoir orchard. The Hall has good car parking facilities. It is ideal for community groups, children's parties, family get togethers, company functions, weddings and special celebrations.

Available for hire by the hour or the day.

Cost for hiring

£15 per hour, £120 for the full day

Please contact our Booking Secretary

Janet Smith on 07970 264667

Great Milton Website

Have you seen the website?

<http://www.great-milton.co.uk/>

It is important to keep it up to date so please could you advise Chris Ashworth of any updates that need to be made (contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk)

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

1/4 page (w62mm x h90mm)

£5 or £50 per year

1/2 page (w128mm x h90mm)

£10 or £100 per year

Full page (w128mm x h185mm)

£20 or £200 per year

Full back page colour

£35 or £350 per year

Adverts for community or fund-raising events can have quarter page free.

Larger sizes are charged at half the normal rate.

Please contact Amy Williams

Tel: 07958 792248

Email: contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk

GT Cars

Your Local Private Hire
& Taxi Service

(Formerly Courtesy Cars)



01865 343575

Email: gtcars36@gmail.com

Local & Long Distance Travel
Airports/Seaports
London City

Credit Card payments accepted in all vehicles

Services Include:

- Feeding
- Walking
- Playing
- Socialising
- Cleaning



**Going on Holiday?
Working Away?
Keep your pets happy in their own home**

For more information contact:

Jo Preston
07787227774
jo@coopers-cottage.com



Wheatley Painters

Interior & Exterior painting and home repairs.

If it has a surface, then
we can paint it!

Info@wheatleypainter.co.uk

Free quote next working day!

07456816763

www.wheatleypainter.co.uk

A trusted locally-based family business, providing painting and decorating, as well as home-repair services, plastering, refurbishment and silicone rendering, to customers across Oxfordshire.

Portrait Photography

by Nick Belcher

Great Milton



Renew your website profile head shot or create a memorable family picture. With my lighting set up and relaxed approach you'll see yourself in a new light.

Photo session plus editing & 8 prints - £100. Call 07976 684009 www.nickbelcherphotography.co.uk



Why not give a photoshoot voucher as a present to friends and family?

Photo: Ursula Minton



Waterperry Gardens



Gardens, Teashop, Plant Centre,
Play Area, Orchards, Museum,
Art Gallery, Courses

Open All Year Round
Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley,
Oxford. OX33 1LA. T. 01844 339226.
www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

July & August events at Waterperry

Songs of Love at Waterperry (vOx Chamber Choir)

Sat 13 July, 5pm

Celebrating Ceramics and Desire Jewellery & Silversmithing Fair

Fri 19 until Sun 21 July

Waterperry Summer Fun Trail in the Gardens Wed 21 July until Sun 1 September, 10am-5.30pm

The Wind In The Willows (Musical presented by Boxtree Productions)

Sat 27 July, 5pm-7.30pm

Moonrakers

Sun 28 July, 6pm-8.30pm

Waterperry Opera Festival

Fri 9 until Tue 18 August

Oxford Storytelling Festival

Fri 23 until Sun 25 August

Little Mermaid: Theatre, IK Productions

Sat 31 August

Waterperry House Open Weekend

Sat 31 August & Sun 1 September



ABC Gas and Plumbing Limited

Your local gas safe registered engineer

Boiler installations * Power flushing * Leaks *
Servicing * Domestic plumbing * Gas safety
checks * Renewables * Taps * Radiators

24 hour
emergency
call out

**Voted Plumbing & Heating
engineer of the year 2023**



Mobile: 07894466025 or 07849116805

Email: ABCGasandPM@gmail.com

Website: www.ABCGasandPlumbing.co.uk

Landline: 01865 368731

40 Elm Drive, Garsington, OX44 9AQ



SOUTH OXFORD BUILDING SERVICES LTD

YOUR LOCAL BUILDER

EXTENSIONS | RENOVATIONS

LISTED BUILDINGS

CONTACT US

01844 278100

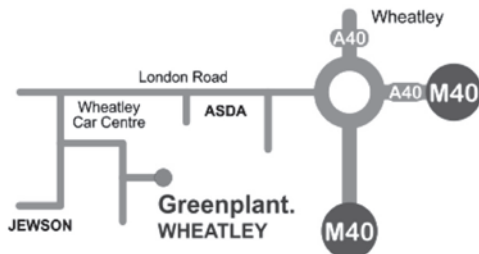
www.southoxfordbuildingservices.com

Greenplant.

Your First Choice for Plant and Tool Hire.
Quality Equipment, Competitive Prices, Unbeatable Customer
Service, On Your Doorstep!

Where to find us...

Unit 1 London Road
Wheatley
Oxford
OX33 1JH



- ✓ Access Equipment
- ✓ Air Tools
- ✓ Bowers
- ✓ Breakers
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Compaction
- ✓ Concrete Equipment
- ✓ Containers and Stores
- ✓ Cutting and Grinding
- ✓ Decorating
- ✓ Diamond Blades and Cores
- ✓ Drills
- ✓ Dumpers
- ✓ Events
- ✓ Excavators
- ✓ Fixing
- ✓ Floating Plant
- ✓ Forklifts and Telehandlers
- ✓ Gardening
- ✓ Heating and Cooling
- ✓ Lifting
- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Piling
- ✓ Plumbing
- ✓ Pumps
- ✓ Sanding
- ✓ Survey and Measuring Equipment
- ✓ Trailers
- ✓ Welding
- ✓ Generators
- ✓ Woodworking Equipment



Scan the QR Code to view our catalogue,
or visit www.greenplant.ltd.uk

mail@greenplant.ltd.uk

Call 01865 876 000



MSM Electrical

- Full Rewires
- Extensions
- Extra Sockets & Lights
- Garden Lighting & Power
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Points
- Small Jobs Welcome



REGISTERED PART P
LANDLORDS CERTIFICATES

Contact Martin Shaw: 07860 795 605 / 01865 872681
msmelectrical61@gmail.com



A D OUSLEY





Domestic & Commercial ELECTRICIAN

All types of electrical installation work
including test and inspection and certification

Tel: Adam on 01844 339793 Worminghall
or 07976 352293 (8:00am – 5:30pm)

Email: adousley01865@gmail.com



*Registered member of the
ECA and NIC EIC*

HAYLEY DUECK
Hair Stylist
 Thame


New salon studio on Cromwell Avenue. 23 years experience. taking new clients now!

07745 578750

MOSSINATOR®
 ROOF CLEANING SYSTEMS

Moss Removal & Roof Cleaning
 Patio & Driveway Cleaning
 Render & Brickwork Cleaning
 Solar Panel & Skylight Cleaning
 Installation of Bird Protection
 Chimney Cowl Installation



Enhance the appearance of your property with our quality assured friendly service
 info@mossinator.co.uk - 01865 362797



Sisters Edge

We are a unisex hair salon offering the latest in hair styling & Design, which has been trading for 20 years. The family run salon has recently relocated to Great Milton, and is loving being back in our home village.

Our friendly and helpful team will help you achieve the look you are after, with the minimum of fuss, so that your time spent with us is a relaxing experience.

Please call us to book an appointment, or discuss your requirements, and we will be more than happy to help you in any way possible.

Tel: 01844279503 or 07760252486

Email: sistersedge@btinternet.com

Web Page: sisters-edge.co.uk or sistersedge.co.uk

Lynday, Thame Road, Great Milton. OX44 7NY

LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT PLACE FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Where people and the planet matter.



Serviced Offices | Business Units | Meeting Rooms | Hot Desks | Virtual Support



Monument Park, Chalgrove OX44 7RW
01865 893200 | hello@jennings.co.uk | jennings.co.uk



Wheatley Dental Practice 01865 873314

We are currently accepting new patients at our friendly local dental surgery.
Please phone our receptionists or call in for more details!
Tooth whitening and facial aesthetic treatments available.

Catherine Peers BDS, Claudia Conde MClindent Lond.
Dental Surgeons

Rachel Hyde RDH, Julie Davies
Dental Hygienists

96 Church Road, Wheatley, OX33 1LZ
wheatleydental@gmail.com

REALLY SHARP

KITCHEN KNIFE AND GARDEN TOOL SHARPENING SPECIALIST

KITCHEN KNIVES

SHORT KNIFE (UP TO 5" OR 125MM)

LONG KNIFE (OVER 5" OR 125MM)

MEAT CLEAVER

GARDEN TOOLS

GARDEN SHEARS

SECATEURS

HALF-MOON EDGING IRON

HOE

CHAIN-SAW CHAINS

HEDGE CUTTERS

AND MUCH MORE....

EMAIL CHRIS@COOPERS-COTTAGE.COM FOR A PRICE LIST.

SANDY LANE FARM

Local. Seasonal. Organic.

Est. 1985.

Sandy Lane, Tiddington OX9 2LA



Organic veg box delivery, farm shop & coffee bar

Thursday & Friday 10:00 - 16:30 / Saturday 10:00 - 14.30

For all info visit @sandylanefarm

www.sandylanefarm.co.uk

Private **CLEANING**
OXFORDSHIRE

- ✓ 14+ years of experience
- ✓ Family-run local business
- ✓ Fully trained in Health & Safety and COSHH
- ✓ 4.9 rating on Google (out of 69 reviews)
- ✓ Your neighbours' favourite cleaners



CALL NOW !

 01865 58 08 79;  07411 606 609

www.privatecleaningoxfordshire.co.uk

Graham Blake
soft furnishing

- Loose covers
- Curtains
- Re-Upholstery
- Tracks & Poles

TEN YEAR GUARANTEE

For personal, helpful service
please call

Tel: 01844 261769

Mob: 07802 213381

grahamblake123@btconnect.com

www.grahamblake.com

ASHURST ARCHIVES

STORAGE

- Archive and Documents
- General Household
- Car
- Boat
- Caravan
- Business
- Short or long term

**HOLLANDS FARM
GREAT MILTON**

jonnie@hollandsfarm.com
07768 408389

M.R.F.
LIMITED

Window Cleaning Services

M. FRY

**Domestic & Commercial Window
Cleaning & Gutter Maintenance**

Fully Insured

**Member of the Federation of
Master Window Cleaners**

1 LONDON ROAD, WHEATLEY, OXFORD OX33 1YW

E: michael.fry4@btopenworld.com

MOBILE: 07887 515168



TIDDINGTON
GARAGE

Electric & Hybrid Specialists

Servicing & Repairs

MOT Testing incl. While You Wait

Up to Dealer Level Diagnostics

Air-Conditioning On All Vehicles

Clutches incl. DSG

Tyres, Brakes & Tracking

Free Courtesy Cars & Collections*

Oxford Road, Tiddington, Oxon, OX92LH

01844 339210

www.tiddingtongarage.co.uk



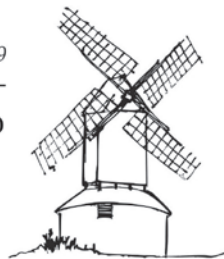
**subject to T&C's*

GoodGarageScheme.com
Registered Member



Windmill Windows

Est 1999



www.windmillwindows.com / Tel: 01844 237070

"Windmill Windows is a local family run business established in 1999, supplying and installing a large range of products in all materials, including uPVC, Composite, Timber and Aluminium.

Please feel free to pop in to see us, call us or visit our website for any information you are after. All our quotes are free of charge and obligation free."

Address:

Unit 1,
68 Worminghall Rd
Oakley, Bucks
HP18 9QY



Products:

- *Windows
- *Doors
- *Bi-Folds & Patio Sliders
- *Conservatories
- *Fascia / Soffit & Guttering
- *Glazing

OXFORDSHIRE & BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

ALL SEASONS TREE CARE

Specialists In Tree Care & Garden Management

- Felling • Reductions & Thinning
- Crown Cleaning • Tree & Scrub Clearance
- Hedge Trimming • Stump Grinding • Logs

Domestic & Commercial

EMERGENCY 24 HOUR SERVICE

FREE No Obligation Quotes

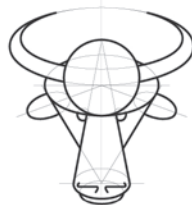
5 Million Public Liability NPTC & Lantra Qualified

www.allseasonstrees.com

Mob: 07823 332 247

Tel: 01865 430 536

Tel: 01869 250 473



J.M. DUDLEY GRAPHIC SERVICES

- Artwork Creation
- Photo Retouching
- Colour Printing
- Photocopying
- Scanning

01844 279761 07721 457035

JONNY@ORODRUI.CO.UK

Diary

- Monday Spark Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am
contact Claire – sparkyoga1111@gmail.com to book or for more details
Arts & Crafts Club – The Pavilion. 1st Monday of each month. 6:30 – 9:00pm
contact carina.martin@gmail.com
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
enquiries.gmac@gmail.com
- Wednesday 2nd Wed: Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday
Fitness & Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 6:00pm – 7:15pm
contact Yvonne – y.cartwright@btinternet.com
- Thursday The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm.
contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269 www.sandylanefarm.net
Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
enquiries.gmac@gmail.com
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 Vinyasa Flow Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am
contact Claire – sparkyoga1111@gmail.com to book or for more details
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. *contact: see Thursday*
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.
Contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 2:00pm. *contact: see Thursday*

August

- 19th Mon Full Peal of St. Mary’s bells. 10:00am
26th Mon A Midsummer Night’s Dream at The Neighbours’ Hall 7:00pm

September

- 16th Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion. 7:30pm

October

- 12th Sat Barn Sale at Highway House Barn, Great Haseley. 10:30am

All copy (except adverts) to gmbulletin@hotmail.co.uk by **20th September 2024**.

Sheppard Cottage, Lychgate Lane, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7PB.

Adverts to **Amy Williams** 07958 792248.

contact@clerkgreatmilton.co.uk

The views expressed in this bulletin are not necessarily those of the Editor nor of the Parish Council.
The Editor reserves the right not to print items submitted for publication, and to edit those which are published.

QUIZ NIGHT @ THE BULL

Thursday 12th Sept @ 7:30

Our next village quiz will be at The Bull on the above date and will be to raise funds for one of our local village charities.

Entry is by ticket only – these cost £5 per person and can be obtained from Alan either by the village Whatsapp or by email at alan.pickett@outlook.com

Tables of up to 4 people only please. There will be a prize for the winners.

Come along and test your knowledge on a range of subjects in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Look forward to seeing you there!