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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

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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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Comet - for people without access to suitable public transport	01865 323201	oxfordshire.gov.uk/comet
46 Bus Service	01865 785400	info@oxfordbus.co.uk
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Oxford Tube (Buses to London)	01865 772250	oxfordtube.com
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Parish Council News

These are the minutes of the Great Milton Parish Council meeting held at the Pavilion on Monday, 20th May 2024, at 19:30.

Present: Cllrs B Fox, D Harms, M Horsley and S MacMahon, Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC). In attendance: Amy Williams (Clerk) and three members of the public.

63/24 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.

64/24 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.

65/24 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 MacMahon (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

66/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs S Harrod, P. Allen and Cllr G Heritage (SODC). Sarah Illingworth has resigned from the Parish Council with immediate effect due to family and work pressures.

67/24 Variation of order of business

There was no variation in the order of business.

68/24 Declarations of members' interest

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

69/24 Matters to report

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

Chalgrove Airfield Homes England held a ‘Community Engagement’ exercise on their proposals for a new town at Chalgrove. Notably, Homes England propose to use land outside of the Local Plan Allocation and lay out an option for no bypass at Cuxham. Homes England have not yet made a new planning application, but Chalgrove Airfield remains an allocated site under the existing adopted Local Plan authored by the Conservatives. South Oxfordshire and Vale have proposed to deallocate the site in the new Local Plan (not yet adopted).

70/24 Correspondence and public discussion

A member of the public would like to have a parking space made in front of their house as there is no other suitable parking and they are a blue badge holder. The Parish Council recommended that they speak to SODC, as it is common land.

Grass verges are being reported as overgrown at Lower End. The Parish Clerk will contact the grass maintenance contractor

71/24 Planning applications

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

P24/S1077/FUL (Mount Pleasant Farm Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HX) Erection of two x 4 bedroom dwellings with x1 double garage and x1 single garage (resubmission of planning permission P19/S2605/FUL).

The Parish Council support this application.

P24/S0073/FUL Common Cottage London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU Single dwelling. (as amplified by noise assessment received on 3rd May 2024)


No action by the Parish Council is required.

B The following planning decisions were received and reviewed.

P24/S1019/AG(Lower Chilworth Farm London Road near Milton Common OX9 2JS) Agricultural storage building. Agricultural Development - Application Not Required on 16th April 2024

P23/S3147/HH – (The Penn, Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxon, OX44 7HX)

The appeal is allowed, and planning permission is granted for extension and conversion of roof to create habitable room within roof void at The Penn, Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxford, Oxfordshire OX44 7HX in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref P23/S3147/HH, dated 15 September 2023, and the plans submitted with it. Appeal approved planning permission granted.

P24/S0675/FUL Brimpton Grange Access To Hotel From A40 Milton Common OX9 2JW. Erection of six detached dwellings, creation of vehicular and pedestrian access and associated infrastructure and works. Planning application approved. 

P24S0996LB The Old Vicarage Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB. Alterations and refurbishment of the main house. Demolition of log store outbuilding and garage and replacement with new oak framed garage and new double storey extension to the Coach House. Alterations to the Apple Store for use as a gym. New outdoor swimming pool and pool house & associated landscaping (as amplified by BNG metric and heritage statement received 28 March 2024 and NatureSpace Certificate and Arboricultural Method Statement & Tree Protection plans received 2 May 2024). South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that listed building consent is GRANTED

72/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the April meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 15th April 2024, were received, reviewed, agreed upon and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

73/24 Financial resolutions

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

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

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste April: £62.40

J M Dudley (Bulletin): £335.20

AJG insurance: £452.94

OALC Membership £170.92

Tactical Facilities management £536.60

Maple Tree grant £500

Community First £55

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

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

B The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed, agreed and signed.

74/24 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- A few reports of people looking around homes in the early hours of the morning have been received. Please be aware and contact the police if there is any suspicious activity.
- Biffa will be in the village to do a deep clean on 15th July.

75/24 Security in the village

To update on and discuss any security-related issues.

People in the village are now reporting any suspicious activity to the police and notifying the village WhatsApp group.

Most of the properties that are being targeted back onto open fields.

76/24 Speed indicator devices (SID)

The speed indicator devices have been ordered and are awaiting the final invoice.

77/24 To review the asset register

The Parish Council have reviewed and agreed on the asset register.

78/24 To discuss using CIL funds for speed mitigation

The Parish Council discussed using community infrastructure levy funds from development in Milton Common for the purchase of SIDs in the Great Milton village, and all voted in agreement with this proposal.

79/24 GOV.UK quotes

The Parish Council discussed the quotes received for moving to a .GOV.UK emails and website. Cllr Horsley spoke to the council regarding the benefits of using a .GOV.UK email and website. The Parish Council agreed on the benefits of using a .GOV.UK service and the security it brings to everyone. The Parish Council agreed to go forward with the services of Parish Online. The Parish Clerk will contact Parish Online to begin the process.

The following Great Milton Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 17th, 2024, at 7.30 pm, at the Pavilion. The meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Update from St Mary's

After 11 years' sterling service as Church Warden to St Mary's Clare Blakeway Phillips has retired. She still has an active role in our church life; organising the Fete with her committee for one.

We are indebted to Clare for all she has achieved for us during her term, thank you very much.

Margaret Rogers has stepped up to stand as Church Warden. Thank you, we are most grateful.

As Tricia and David Treanor have moved to Thame we are losing our Flower Arranger. Tricia has kept our church looking beautiful for many years; organising the shrinking band of flower arrangers and ensuring the festivals are spectacular. Thank you Tricia.

Should you wish to join us in keeping the church adorned do please let us know.

Church Wardens

Benefice Services for June

	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
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
	Evensong at St. George's Chapel, Windsor 5:15pm		
Sunday 16th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 23rd		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am	BCP Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 30th		Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am	

Benefice Services for July

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 7th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

I'm old enough to remember the 'winter of discontent' at the end of the 1970s, and the state of our public services, which were nationalised at the time. We might now ask, following forty years of privatisation, have things worked out for the better?

This last, very wet, winter and early spring brought things to a head with innumerable cases of discharge of untreated sewerage into our rivers and streams. The reason given is that this is due to 'unprecedented rainfall'. This was followed by a warning that there could be water shortages this summer, because we don't have the capacity to store enough water for all our needs in the face of possibly drier summers! We have been hearing for years that the weather is likely to become more unpredictable, but there

seems to be a total lack of planning for that.

The water company shareholders will naturally expect a good return, but it seems this is at the cost of much-needed infrastructure. Agriculture also has a role to play. I love the lower Wye, but it has become heavily polluted, and the river flows a muddy brown and slime covers the rocks on the river bed. I wouldn't swim in it. The main culprits are the industrial-sized chicken farms in Herefordshire and Powys that have been licensed over the last decade. With so much dependent upon farming in the region I can't help wondering if there has been a conflict of interest in the granting of licenses. I can no longer now sing the hymn Jerusalem; 'In England's green and pleasant land' without some sadness.

The importance of creation lies at the heart of Christian theology. It goes right back to the first story in the Bible: 'and God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.' I do not believe that the first chapters of Genesis should be read as science. The understanding and culture of that time suggested that creation was the by-product of capricious forces, and that humans were the unfortunate victims. However, the Book of Genesis presents a very different picture, of a good God making a good creation, and in which humanity is given 'stewardship' in partnership with God, over this creation.

But stewardship is not permission to exploit. This is a very contemporary theme, but the Bible got there first! We must learn to do things differently. In the case of our rivers, when profit is king, they do not run clear.

On a happier note, June 8th sees the Great Milton Fete. The other two villages will not be hosting Fetes this year, instead there will be a Garden Party at Latchford Farm in Great Haseley on 29th June, and a "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" at Little Milton Manor on August 31st, so there's something wonderful to look forward to in all three parishes. I hope I'll see you there.

Simon

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everyone...all of the distributors, collectors, Lent Lunch hosts and coffee morning hosts for making the week such an amazing week! The total is looking pretty good but will not have been added up by the time the June Newsletter/Bulletin goes to press so watch this space for the totals which will be posted in the July Newsletters/Bulletins.

S. A Dennis

Benefice Breakfast

Tim Suter renowned local musician, church organist and choir master, former member of the BBC board and many other things will be interviewed on his Life, his Music and his Faith at breakfast on Saturday 22nd June 2024.

This simple breakfast of bacon butties and croissants is being hosted by the three churches of St Mary's Great Milton, St James' Little Milton and St Peter's Great Haseley. Place; Northend Cottage, Lower End, Great Milton OX44 7NF

Time: Saturday 22nd June at 8.30 - 9.50

The timing is arranged to enable all who come to start their usual Saturday activities at 10.00, though those who want to linger will be welcomed. Please come.

This is open to all but please let Simon Cronk (Rector) or Tony Jefferis know if you would like to come and also if you can help with catering. Please also let them know if you have any dietary intolerances.

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Great Milton Neighbours' Club July Outing

An interesting and contrasting choice of alternative destinations are available for Club members and other local residents (aged 55+). The coach will head for Hampshire on Wednesday 10th July when the passengers will have the choice of either going to the Whitchurch Silk Mill or the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery. The former is the oldest working silk mill in the country, being over 200 years old and still having its original Victorian looms. That visit includes a conducted tour and a sandwich lunch plus time to look around the site. All three floors are now accessible by a lift.

The Gin Distillery (at Laverstoke Mill) is in a conservation area with over 1000 years of history. The visit includes a guided tour (includes a film) with a complimentary gin and tonic cocktail. The site is fully accessible with lifts and toilets. A lunch box or sandwich buffet can be pre-ordered as extra.

Cost for either destination is £35 per head. For full details please contact Fred Cabbage (fred.cabbage@btinternet.com). (01844 279683) To comply with the attraction's requirements, the booking deadline is 27th June. Priority given to Club members but past experience indicates that there should be spare capacity for non-members on the 53 seater Plaistow coach. Local pick-up extends to Wheatley, Great Haseley plus Little Milton, if required.

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

June 2024				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	David Harper	
9th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	John Anderson	
16th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Miriam Moul	Holy Communion
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Joanna Tullock	
30th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Simeon Mitchell	

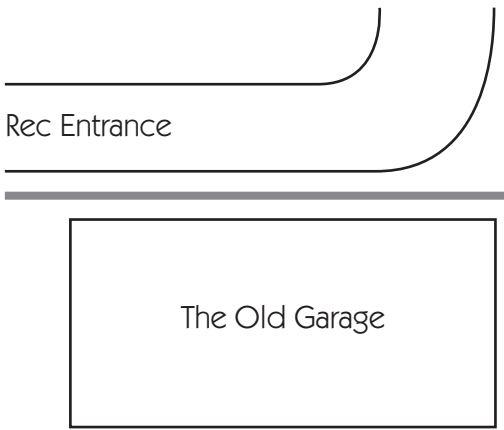
Great Milton History

Come and see us on Fete day! We are now in the Cabin, just inside the Rec. Gates. There will be all the usual History items – pictures, records, Churchyard details on the Web, properties, cottages, maps etc. We have a selection of inexpensive booklets on various Villlage subjects – we are currently planning a new booklet about the schools – old and new, so any stories about that time would be most welcome! Look forward to a busy Fete and a sunny day!!


GMH

Great Milton History

Rec Entrance



Come and see us!
Saturday 8th June
2:00pm



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Great Milton Church Fete 2024

June 8th, 2pm-4pm. The Recreation Ground

Dear Villagers. We hope you are looking forward to our Church Fete.

There will be our great stalls, local entertainers, games, Pimms and teas served in the Pavilion. The History Society will be based in their new home and will be looking for your help to compile a booklet on the school.

We are looking for helpers and donations, if you have time in advance, or on the day, we'd love to hear from you...

- Help to set up from 10am and set down on the day
- Running a stall or game and co-ordinating its set up beforehand
- Working on a stall on the day – even if its just 30min
- Teas, BBQ, Aunt Sally, Bouncy Castle are still needing help
- Aspects of publicity: programme design and printing, sharing posts on social media.
- Sponsorship to cover expenses like the bouncy castle, publicity, expenses.
- Donation of a Raffle Prize (big or small)
- Donations to the stalls:
- Accessories, jewellery, scarves... Clare BP or Yvonne Cartwright
- Gifts and toiletries ... Sarah McMahon
- Tombola ... Wendy Shearsby-Bateman
- Hoopla... Michelle Block,
- Bric a brac including children's toys ... please bring on the day or contact Alex Kirkman or Clare BP
- Books, paperbacks and children's books, please bring on the day or contact Alex Kirkman or Clare BP
- Cakes/tray bakes etc, to Margaret Rogers for teas, or to Clare Maclean and Amy Hutton or the cake stall

Please start preparing for the following Competitions:

Dog Show - 3:15

Categories: Loveliest Lady, Handsomest dog, Waggiest tail, Best Trick

Children's Tug of War

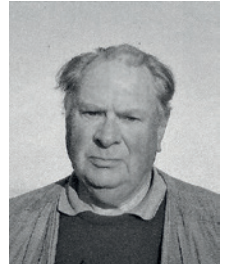
Raffle - We have great prizes with the top prize of a meal for two at Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons. Tickets will be available shortly.

Let us hope the sun comes out and we look forward to seeing you.

Alex Kirkman (alexkirkman@gmail.com), Celina Bernstrom, Rachel Hutton and Clare B-P (clareblakeway@gmail.com)

View from Views

This years Dawn Chorus seems more welcome than ever before after such a long and deary winter and the first signs of better weather are upon us.



How Nature compensates given the right conditions, we learn more and more as we try and encourage the environment to improve, by just making little adjustments to certain tasks we find that nature also makes little changes and comes up with surprises. All winter we have been worrying/contemplating how on earth will we survive this horrendous winter weather. Having said all that, once the weather improved with a bang at the beginning of May, things started to improve, the Barley that had looked so bad, suddenly looked better and now on closer inspection seems to have recovered, showing reasonable prospects for a respectable yield. It cannot be a great result, as I would guess ripening will be very varied, giving us problems at harvest time. Of course, these remarks do not include areas that just have not survived due to being too wet and will produce next to nothing. There are areas of the farm that are suffering from severe slug attack, both last autumn and now, the rape area, plus an area where we planted some grass seed these both failed last autumn. So as I have mentioned in these notes all winter, re planning of our cropping had to take place. When the weather did improved towards the end of April, we managed to plant Lupins which seem to be ok, however the poppies planted at the same time seemed to have once again suffered from slugs and we are now in the process of replanting. The grass we have only just replanted so fingers crossed on that. To our surprise after such a wet period the ground worked very well and we were able to get decent seed beds, so things looked really promising, so it has been extremely disheartening to have suffered from these damn slugs yet again.

Having recently visited both Cornwall and Shropshire, it seems the crops everywhere have suffered the same fate, some looking very sparse and some not so bad, and some adjacent perfectly fine although many fields with water still standing in them, this being in early May. The remarkable thing about his spring as I mention above, that in spite of the wet the ground has cultivated extremely well, this was obviously the case where potatoes were being planted. Interestingly enough I heard of a farmer in Pembrokeshire, who was not only planting Potatoes, but also digging last years, needless to say having to discard many, so probably not as good as it sounds when you learn what they are being sold for. I think the winter has affected some more than others

and I am convinced that as a result many will not survive without some help, many will say why, should we help a Farmer, well most large industries look to government when they run into trouble, steel, cars, rail, to mention but a few and, what would we do without food. I could go on about food security, as I have many times before, but with the unstable situation globally it really needs consideration.

Cuckoo first heard at Views Farm on 29th April, there was a time when this was announced each year in the “Times” Newspaper as I don’t read the “Times” so am not sure that they still do, I can remember my father always on the lookout through the spring for this news. I am though amazed to see how much of the wildlife is still around after such an appalling winter, we have an abundance of Hares, Grey Partridge, sadly Rabbits and Pigeons, plus many small birds both those who are resident and, the foolish ones that migrate here for the summer. This winter has seen loads of water birds visiting the floods and around the edges, these join the Gulls of whatever species, that are almost resident nowadays. There always seems to be a group of gulls that, regularly frequent a certain area in the same field. I would love to know what it is that attracts them, if anyone could throw light on this, I would love to know.

That’s enough of the reasonably positive look on things at the moment for us locally the spectre of more development in the area seems to be looming again some I fear to save the faces of our politicians who made a mistake in thinking they could own a piece of land and develop it. I am of course referring to Chalgrove Airfield that I have written about many times before. We were recently invited to an exhibition by Homes England who acquired the land and thought they could steam roller planning consent through, however they had failed to get the agreement of the lease holder, or the CAA, plus it having been removed by the local council from the local plan. On inspection, it is all still a very ill-conceived plan, as a diverted main road that bypasses the existing village dissects this new town. Although in order to sell this development to locals they have announced new bypasses to villages to the south of the site, but the main access to the M40 is through Little Milton where two lorries cannot pass now. Not to mention the disturbance to the development from the lease holder and, the explosives that are stored on site or, the cost of the proposed moving of the main runway as, I believe the airfield has to remain operational. There are many more sewage?? Drainage?? Doctors, public transport of which there is virtually none, at least 8 miles from the nearest employment.

Charles Peers

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

Patients aged 75 or over (or will turn 75 by 30 June 2024) are being invited for a COVID booster vaccination. Also, appointments can be booked online at <https://www.nhs.uk/get-vaccination> or on the NHS App. You can find your nearest COVID-19 vaccination walk-in site at <https://www.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in>. 30 June 2024 is last date to get a booster vaccination.

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

There has been a surge in Blandford Fly bites in the area. While very unpleasant there is normally no need to visit a GP or MIU. For more information on what to do visit <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/miu-update-patients-with-blandford-fly-bites/> Alternatively call NHS 111 or visit your local pharmacy for advice.

Group Consultation Clinics – We are excited to offer group clinics for certain health conditions, currently menopause and diabetes. The benefits are many including 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.

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

Also on the website are details of the new rules relating to accessing your medical records - see <https://tinyurl.com/3879mz6p>

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In May we were transported to The Hindu Kush & Northern Pakistan with extensive traveller, Carol Turner. Carol is quite a draw so we had a great turnout with nine visitors. We also welcomed new members, Julie & Nicky.

On Thursday 13 June, we will be finding out from Graham White all that the Oxfordshire Library Service has to offer, from libraries, to online and even home deliveries.

Everyone welcome, men too! Visitors £5, or join up for £48 (2024-25).

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

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John Howell MP writes...

The quality of the water in our rivers has been an ongoing concern for some time. It is therefore welcome news that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has announced that Wallingford Beach is to be given designated bathing waters status. Although the site is just over the bridge in the Wantage and Didcot Constituency I know that it is something that will be welcomed by people in this constituency. The site will be subject to the requirements under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 and will be included in the Environment Agency's bathing water monitoring programme from this month. The Regulations require public information about water quality and potential sources of pollution to be available at all bathing waters during the bathing season, with local authorities in the areas responsible for providing this information. The Environment Agency will prepare a bathing



water profile for the site, which will be available on its Swimfo website. They will also assess what action is needed to improve water quality to meet the standards set by the Bathing Water Regulations. Alongside these reforms, the government remains committed to improving water quality through the Plan for Water, a comprehensive strategy which sets out the delivery plan to ensure clean and plentiful water for people, businesses and nature through more investment, tighter regulation and more effective enforcement.

The internet is something that we have come to rely on for our daily business, for education, and for information and for leisure. However concerns to protect children have rightly been raised. In the middle of this month there was a debate in Westminster Hall on the impact of smart phones and social media on children with a call to ban smartphones for under 16s. I know that there are strongly held views both for and against this. I very much acknowledge the dangers of social media for young people and endorse the Online Safety Act which introduced measures to protect young people. However I do not agree with the proposal to ban young people from having smartphones. I believe that this is a decision for parents and not one for legislation. If we legislate about such things there will always be ways found to work around it. So rather than potentially criminalise people I think that, alongside the Online Harms Act, we should be looking to educate our young people on the risks and harms of social media. As the Minister said 'we live in a digital age and many parents want their children to have a smartphone, as they provide benefits to children and parents, not least allowing them to stay connected while travelling alone. Research by the charity 'Young Minds' has shown that young people want to be protected but do not want an outright ban. The charity say that the voice of the young people concerned has not been heard in the debate. As this was a Westminster Hall debate it was an opportunity to formally raise the issue but there was no vote. I am sure that there is more work to do in this and that further discussion will be had on how best to make the online world a safer place.

There are many people in the constituency who live here on the basis of a visa. It is important to be aware that UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) are rolling out a digital immigration system. This means physical documents are being replaced with online records of immigration status; eVisas. These eVisas will be much more secure as they cannot be lost, stolen or tampered with, unlike

a physical document. Since 2018, millions of people have already received an eVisa, for example through the EU Settlement Scheme. However anyone who does not already have an eVisa will be required to have set up an online record by the end of this year. Updating a physical record does not in any way affect the immigration status or the conditions of permission to enter or stay here. However it is critical that people register for the online system. Anyone concerned will have been contacted by UKVI but too often people overlook official contacts to their peril. If any readers know of anyone who might need to act on this please do pass it on. This information is also important for employers and landlords who will be able to check the immigration status of applicants much more easily.

As always I am interested to know the issues that concern constituents. The best way to contact me is via email: john.howell.mp@parliament.uk.

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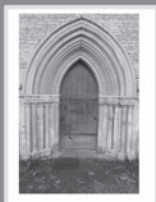
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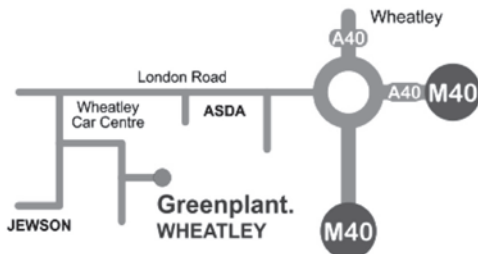
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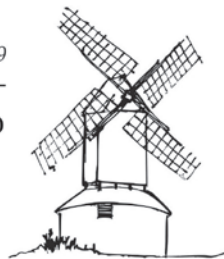


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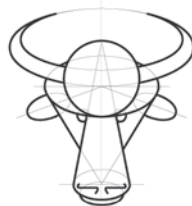
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June

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| Mon 17th | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
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Bouncy Castle

as well as **Musical Entertainment,**

refreshments, plants, tombolas, Aunt Sally, books, crafts, toiletries and gifts, bric a brac & children's toys, homemade cakes and jams and many more....

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