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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

Cover: Mrs Evelyn Rogers, our oldest resident, celebrates her 98th birthday.

Photo: Nick Belcher.

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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
Arriva (280) Bus	0344 800 4411	arrivabus.co.uk
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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held at the Pavilion on Monday 15th April 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), D Harms, M Horsley and S MacMahon

In Attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk), Cllr G Heritage (SODC) and 1 member of the public.

43/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs B Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, and S Illingworth. Cllr G Heritage (SODC) conveyed apologies from Cllr F Van Mierlo.

44/24 No resolutions were discussed at this meeting.

45/24 The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 17th April 2023, at the Pavilion at 7:30 pm, were received, reviewed, signed, and approved as a complete and accurate record of proceedings.

46/24 The Chairman's Annual Report was received and reviewed.

47/24 The District Councillor's annual report was given by Cllr G Heritage (SODC) with the main highlights spoken about, with the affordable housing 2035 policy which aims 40% or more of all homes built are affordable homes. The Community Hub which was originally set up during lockdown is now permanent in the OCC structure. A focus on reducing carbon emissions from Council owned buildings, by reducing swimming pool temperatures etc...

Oxford was the top recycling district in the Country. The Council tax set for this year continues to be one of the lowest in the Country, with the Council generating income via other services and grants.

48/24 The County Councillor's annual report was not received.

49/24 The Parish Council Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 2024 were received and reviewed.

50/24 Parish Council observations on its finances completed by the Clerk were received and reviewed.

51/24 Annual Reports and Financial Statements were received and reviewed from:

- Old Field Charity
- Kent and Couling Charity
- Sheppard Charitable Trust
- Great Milton Neighbourhood Watch

Annual reports and financial statements were NOT received from:

- Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee
- Neighbours Hall Committee
- The Hard Surface Play Area Committee

A combined report pack will be available on the Great Milton Parish Council website. The meeting ended at 19:50.

Parish Council Meeting

These are the minutes of Great Milton Parish Council meeting held at the Pavilion, on Monday, 15th April 2024, at: 19:50

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), D Harms, M Horsley and S MacMahon.

In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk), Cllr G Heritage (SODC) and 1 member of the public.

52/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs B Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, and S Illingworth. Cllr G Heritage (SODC) conveyed apologies from Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC).

53/24 Variation of order of business

There was no variation in the order of business.

54/24 Declarations of members' interest

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

55/24 Matters to report

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

56/24 Correspondence and public discussion

There was no public discussion.

57/24 Planning applications

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

P24/S0996/LB & P24/S0994/HH (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).

Cllr Horsley asked about bats which had been picked up on during an ecological report, the Parish Council were told there are 3 species of bat on the premises and a bat mitigation plan is being put in place and the owners plan to keep the bats around.

Cllr Harrod asked about timing of the building works. If the planning application gets approved, they hope to begin work in July/August and work will take around 1 year. Cllr Horsley asked what disruption will be caused to neighbours, at the



moment they are unsure as they are in the process of finding a builder but hope to keep disruption as minimal as possible. The major demolition work and rebuild, which would cause the most disruption they hope will only take around 6 weeks. Cllr Harrod raised a recent issue in the village of building works spilling out onto Village/Common land and can be unsightly. The applicant assured the Parish Council building materials etc... will be kept on site. Cllr Harrod spoke to the immediate neighbours and no issues were raised.

The Parish Council all voted in favour of Supporting this application.

P24/S1019/AG (Lower Chilworth Farm London Road near Milton Common OX9 2JS) Agricultural storage building. The Parish Council have no strong views on this application.

B There were no planning decisions received and no outstanding planning matters.
58/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the March meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 18th March 2024, were received, reviewed, agreed upon and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

59/24 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques were reviewed, agreed and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses April: £608.22

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

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste March: £62.40

J M Dudley (Bulletin): £359.00

Tiddington PC (Bus shelter clean): £40

Stephen Harrod (reimbursement litter pick drinks): £54.90

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 final bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement for the financial year 2023-24, were received, reviewed and signed.

C To note that given income of more than £25,000 in the financial year 2023-24, the Parish Council will be required to submit accounts for a limited assurance review.

D The Parish Council agreed upon the proposed dates for Great Milton Parish Council's internal/external audit activities:

- Internal Audit (Starting April 2024)
- Parish Council to receive Internal Audit report (May 2024)
- AGAR return to be approved and signed (May 2024)
- AGAR return and associated information submitted to External Auditor by June 30th, 2024.

- Exercise of public rights – 30 working days in June and July: Dates to be confirmed.
- Accounts to be approved and published/required info displayed on the website by June 30th, 2024.

- Receipt of External Auditor's response and Notice of Completion: August 2024

E To note the submission of the Parish Council's VAT reclaim for the year 2023-24, for the sum of £779.28

60/24 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- The Bus shelter in Milton Common was recently cleaned.
- A letter recently signed by 240 residents has been sent to the CEO and COO of Royal Mail regarding the possible changes to delivery arrangements in Great Milton.
- The setting up of .gov.uk emails for all Councillors, was spoken about and the Parish Clerk is attending training on 25th April to begin the process.
- A letter for all planning applications re: building materials and common land/roadways has been agreed and in future all approved planning applications will be sent a copy.
- Shield Maintenance have recently emailed to inform us that they are increasing their prices from 1st May by 0.55pence per bin. The Parish Council agreed with the price increase.

61/24 Security in the village

There was a couple of reported attempted break-ins in the village recently. There was a reported incident of shotguns being fired in the field alongside Thame Road. The shotguns were fired over the A312 and over the houses on the Thame Road leading to reports of shot landing in neighbours gardens. The incident was reported to the police.

Residents are encouraged to please continue to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101-telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website.

62/24 Speed indicator devices (SID)

The Parish Clerk has found two final quotes for the Parish Council to discuss. The quotes come from Westcotec and ElanCity. As these SIDs represent a large amount of money a thorough process has been followed with many conversations with both contractors. Westcotec although more expensive seems to offer far more reliability in the long term in case any issues arrive with the devices. The Parish Council discussed the two quotes, and all voted in favour of progressing with the quote from Westcotec. The Parish Clerk will begin the process of getting the units ordered.

The following Great Milton Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May 2024, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting ended at 20:32.

Benefice Services for May

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th		Holy Communion 9:00am	
	Special Rogation Service will be held at Field Farm OX9 2HQ (the turning for Barr Builders on Ihs just past the Oxfoedshire Golf Club 10:30am		
Thursday 9th Ascension Day		Holy Communion 7:00pm	
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 19th	Family Worship 10:30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting approx 11:30am	Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 26th	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting approx 11:30am

Benefice Services for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 5th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

This is not intended to be a political comment, rather a reflection on the relationship between political and personal ambition and faith.

I struggled to believe what I was watching. It was Holy Week, and not only did

Donald Trump compare himself to Jesus and His sacrifice on Good Friday, but he chose Holy week to endorse the 'God Bless America' bible, encouraging his supporters to pay \$59-99 for a copy. He claimed that no money would go to supporting his campaign to be re-elected as President, but nothing excluded using it to fund his many legal issues, including his upcoming criminal trial in April. Liz Cheney, one of the few republicans who has the courage to stand up to him, posted the following on X (formerly known as Twitter) 'Happy Holy Week, Donald Trump, instead of selling Bibles, you should probably buy one. And read it, including Exodus 20:14.' Exodus 20:14 is the 7th commandment, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

The thing that astonishes me, is his solid and loyal support base among American evangelical Christians who are willing to overlook much because he promises to deliver what they want, which is a kind of Christian nationalism. I am really troubled by any religious movement that aligns itself solidly with any political movement, but it seems that is what is happening in the USA. It also appears that Donald Trump has been cynically using Christianity as he has presented himself as a kind of national Messiah. Jesus clearly warned; "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?" (Matthew 7: 15-20). Personally, I think that rather resonates with the phenomena we are seeing in the USA.

I believe that Christianity must be a force for good in society. It is a faith which proclaims good news of forgiveness, hope, redemption and ultimate resurrection. It also declares the values by which we live our lives, values of justice and truth, mercy and kindness that we see embodied in Jesus. There are plenty of politicians of course who practice a religious faith, and I believe that potentially that can be for the good. In our own context I also believe that we can be people of faith whilst holding diverse political views. I know that to be true for instance in our village churches, we don't all agree politically, but we don't let that get in the way of our relationships, faith transcends political differences. Again, in our national context, in Westminster, Christian politicians of all political persuasions meet to pray, I suppose that politicians of other faiths will also seek to find common ground. Faith should unite, not divide, it is not something to be weaponised for political, personal or financial advantage. When that happens things tend to go horribly wrong.

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

May 2024				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
12th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Gillian Dodds	
19th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Anna Herriman	
26th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Miriam Moul	Holy Communion

Neighbours Hall

A brilliant night was to be had at the Neighbours' Hall earlier in April in the company of Short Drag Roger, a group of sea shanty singers. As a bit of a sceptic before the event as to how entertaining sea shanties can be, I am now a complete convert. Having said that, it is probably because of the unique delivery, a combination of amazing voices, comedy and interesting tales. I'm not going to tell you why they're called Short Drag Roger or indeed why it's relevant to have sea shanty singers in possibly furthest point from the sea in England

For that you will have to come to their next gig. Bit of humour there for anyone who knows about Cornish boats.

On the basis that you may have missed a good night there, don't make the same mistake again and be sure to come to our Ceilidh on May 17th. Tickets available at the Post Office and shop.

We are very open to any ideas or recommendations for events at the Hall.

Christine





A little bit of computer help needed now and again.

We are in our new premises behind the old garage and have acquired a new laptop which is adequate for our limited needs.

Now and again we get glitches – you do with computers – so we are looking for a volunteer who would be able to sort out any small problems on an ad hoc basis.

We also need help occasional help maintaining our website and publicity..

If anyone is willing to be our Mr/Mrs Fixit we would be most grateful.

Contact: Pat Cox 279300, Ian Melton 279489 or Sue Denham 279569.

Recollections: School in the Fifties

The school day started at 9:00am with the bell ringing about 8:55am. We would sing our times tables then suddenly someone would be picked out to give the answer to one of them.

In the winter there was a tall fire where the top opened up so that coal could be poured into it. This was surrounded by a tall guard.

We all had a third of a pint of milk at break time in the winter. This would be frozen, with the cream popping out of the top! The crate was put by the fire to thaw.

Our lunches were delivered about 11:30am. Mums would be there to help serve them at 12:00 noon.

On Friday afternoons girls would be doing knitting, embroidery or sewing and the boys would be gardening.

Every Friday morning we would walk up to the church for a school service.

There was no school uniform. we finished school at 3:30pm. These were happy days.



Great Milton School Governor News Bites

Summer Term is underway and it's a long one this time, 67 days (Easter was early that's why).

Year 6

By the time you read this Y6 will have recovered from its week long team building residential at Longridge Activity Centre, Marlow where they took part in climbing, hiking, bushcraft, canoeing, kayaking, crate stacking (see photo) as well as bell boating. The year group has SATS this month.



OxTrail 2024

Great Milton School is one of 46 Primary Schools who have entered OxTrail 2024. Le Manoir is also participating. This art trail, a Wild in Art event, will see a herd of life-size and mini oxen across the county from July 6 ending 13 September when they will be auctioned in aid of Sobell House hospice. School is looking for sponsors to match fund its donation to Sobell House. Fundraising to date has included cake sales & a non-uniform day; a sponsored event is in the pipeline - watch this space both for that as well as the final mini oxen design.



Admissions

30 pupils have been offered a place for September by OCC Admissions. 30 is the PAN (Pupil Admission Number) for our school. Of these 28 were first choice placements. As soon as all these places are accepted systems will kick-in, including a 'buddy' system to ease the transition from Nursery to Primary.

Diary Dates

Spring Fair: Saturday 18 May, 12 -3.

Half Term: 27 - 31 May,

Inset Day: Monday, 3 June

Sports Day: Friday 21 June

Big Bash: Saturday, 29 June

End of Term Wednesday 24 July

*Please help us to
reach our target!*



*This summer our school is
excited to be taking part in
the Ox'trail and raising vital
funds for Sobell House
Hospice. We need to reach our
target of £600.*

Thank You from Jan & Ian Melton

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the kind messages cards, calls and prayers from so many of you in the village following Ian's unfortunate accident.

Your generous offers of support have been both helpful and much appreciated. We are privileged to live amongst such a thoughtful and caring community.

Thank you

Jan & Ian, The Hollies

Gala Charity Concert!

Wheatley Singers and Special Guests in St Mary's Church, Great Milton

What's your favourite Musical - Les Mis? Hamilton?

Or your favourite Opera / Operetta - The Pearl Fishers? Cosi fan Tutte? Gilbert & Sullivan?

What about your favourite "Songs from the Shows" - Gershwin? Cole Porter? Lerner and Loewe?

Come and immerse yourself in a smorgasbord of delights, when Wheatley Singers, directed by Kate Billimore, along with special guest soloists, plan to enthrall you with familiar choruses, classic arias and a few surprise treats. Some of the above. And plenty more.

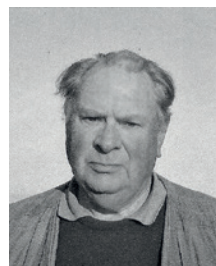
The concert's on May 19th in Great Milton's St Mary's church at 4.00pm. And this time, the choir is supporting the wonderful Newman Holiday Trust.

So you can have a splendid time, enjoy a glass of wine and know that others will also benefit! What's not to like??

Tickets: £10. From choir members or on the door.

View from Views

Is there any more water up there? I cannot believe this wet weather could continue for this long where is it all coming from surely the sky must soon run out. There are a pair of Swans who habitually nest in this area, who had settled on a site where they have nested for several years had started to make their nest the riverbank, when the floods first receded in whenever it was, the next time they receded they chose another spot, then again were seen in a different position, I think the



poor devils don't know where to go. Most other wildlife seems to have come through the winter well and are madly making nests, I don't think the weather has had much effect on them. I am happy to report that we still have an abundance of Sky Larks Hares and I think pairs of Grey Partridge. It seems now that spring is really springing as the birds are in good voice at daybreak, and it gives us some confidence that perhaps we might get a summer.

Swans are not the only ones to be changing their plans as the weather continues to play tricks on us. Our latest plans for our cropping are to forget the area of Barley that has been drowned out and plant a cover crop, to maintain a green cover and perhaps help improve the soil structure, one that we can cut off just before harvest. This is because by the time these fields were, or will be, dry enough it is too late for a crop of barley. In an adjacent field where it was exceptionally wet and the Barley is non-existent leave this as a conservation area instead of a drier field destined for conservation area as it can be planted into our first foray into Poppies, that can be planted at this late stage. Where the Rape failed, we are going to plant ½ and ½ lupins & Poppies both for seed. As both these crops do not need to be in the ground so early as cereals so that reduces the risk in late planting which really is too late for cereals. Just to illustrate how our best laid plans get altered by the weather Over the weekend of 13th & 14th April we got land ready to plant on the Monday when it poured with rain so then had to leave the land to dry out again. I fear for some farmers especially tenants who, have not been able to diversify or sell a plot of land for development, without which many would not exist today. These such Farmers will really struggle with only having ½ a crop at most to live off, the result may well be many who will be forced to leave the industry.

With all these weather-related pressures on us, it seems very hard that our customers (Retailers) are not prepared to help us when, whatever happens, they have their profit margin whatever the weather. As I have mentioned above without support, we will not be producing so much of the food we need, especially in the view of the worldwide political situation, when food security is so important our government do not seem to be concerned with this situation. We can just only hope that we don't starve. They seem only too happy to throw money at environmental schemes, although this year they have said that they will only support an area of up to 25% of land that could grow food crops on. I think this is probably because they are frightened that this year we will be claiming on all this land that is waterlogged, if so they would then run out of money.

The government have just announced a package, "Flood Recovery Scheme" to help Farmers who have suffered from Flooding I doubt we will get any compensation as it is for flooding that resulted from storm Henck, as we had flooding well before Henck was even thought about. There is a Farmer in Lincolnshire who has had over 1,000

acres underwater most of the winter, very much like us, when it was announced 9th April, says he will not be eligible as he is nowhere near a river, which doesn't not seem fair. So sometimes government announcements are not what they are made out to be.

Sadly, we have all been made aware of the fact that the Chalgrove Airfield development plan is still being kept alive. There were a series of meetings about this development. It seems "Homes England" (HE) are oblivious to the fact that SODC have removed the site from their local plan and list of potential sites for development. In spite of the fact that, recent analysis, has shown we don't need the projected number of houses in Oxfordshire. I think HE are concerned that as a government body they have made a mistake. Further to my comments last month re infrastructure, the "Environment Agency" (EA) have said the Barton Brook (North of Oxford/Barton) development should be refused, as the Oxford Sewage works is at capacity. It is about time the EA started to put its foot down, should have been done years ago, fancy warning the boat racers not to enter the Thames.

Please don't for get later in the month the "Chiltern Vintage Tractor run", 19th May in aid of the "Air Ambulance", and this year we are fielding 4 tractors between us. I hope by the time this is read there will be sponsor ship form in the Bull Gt Milton and the Post offices in Gt & LT Milton, I ask as many who can to give generously, either directly or, for this most worthy of charities, via my "Just Giving" page;-
"www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charles-peers5".

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

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 April we started our new 2024/25 programme with a Block Printing workshop with Karen Fido. We did a lot of stamping, making cards, wrapping paper, present and tote bags. Very therapeutic!

On Thursday 9 May we have a village favourite, Carol Turner, talking to us about her travels to The Hindu Kush & Northern Pakistan.

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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Great Milton Freecycle Live

SATURDAY 11 MAY

10.00am to 11.30am

DROP OFF IS STRICTLY 9.30am to 10.15am

AT
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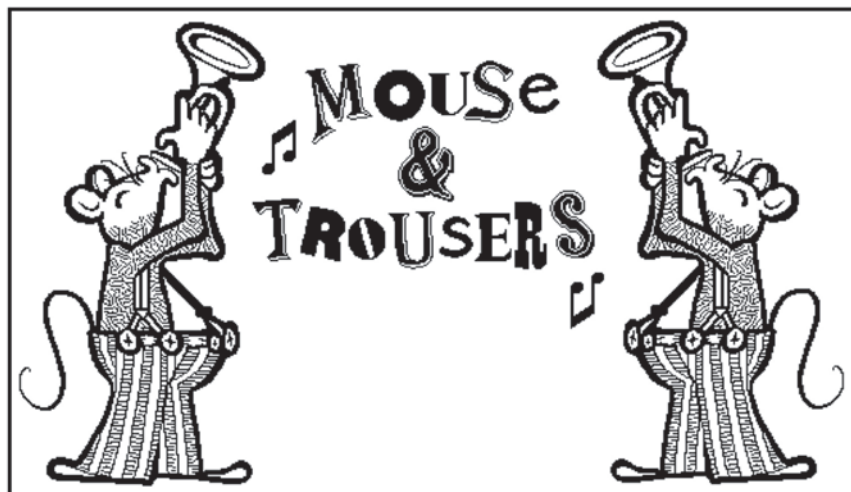
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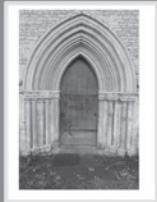
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- The treasurer would need to come with prior experience of managing money, either with a bookkeeping or accountancy background or as part of a trustee or staffing role. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, we would be delighted to talk with you. Please contact Jane Lightfoot at jane@mapletree.org.uk.
- More information about The Maple Tree can be found at:

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OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION
WHEATLEY JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB PROJECT
Recruiting – Play Workers / Youth Workers

The Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA), working in partnership with Wheatley Parish Council has secured funding to deliver a weekly Junior Youth Club in Wheatley.

The project is designed for Children and Young People in School Years 6, 7 and 8 (Ages 10 to 13) and will look to support them through the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

Following a consultation with Young People in Wheatley the project will be delivered at the Merry Bells in Wheatley on an evening TBC from 6pm to 8pm.

The sessions will last for 2 hours and will be delivered weekly, we are looking for staff to work 5 hours per week (including prep, delivery, monitoring etc).

The project will provide fun and positive Play opportunities within a Safe and Supportive environment within Wheatley. This project will increase Childrens opportunities to Play and meet in a Safe Space whilst promoting Positive Activities and Behaviours, Increased Levels of Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyles.

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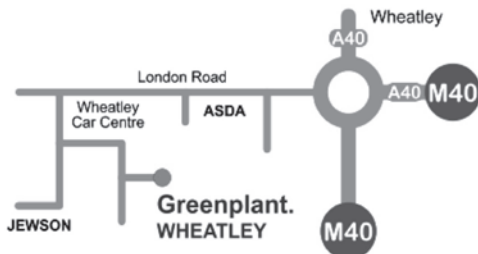
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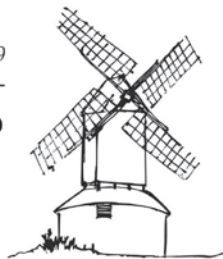


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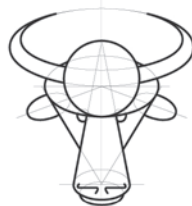
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May

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| Sat 11th | Freecycle Live at The Pavilion | 10:00am |
| Fri 17th | Ceilidh at The Neighbours' Hall | 7:30pm |
| Sat 18th | The Oxfordiddle Group at St. Katherine's Church, Chiselhampton | 7:00pm |
| Mon 20th | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion | 7:30pm |
| Thur 23rd | Quiz Night at The Bull | 7:30pm |
| Fri 24th | Book Library at The Neighbours' Hall | 11:00am |

June

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| Sat 8th | Church Fete at The Recreation Ground | 2:00pm |
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