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Great Milton Parish Council

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Ward:	The Green from Priory Bank to Tara/Applewood	
Councillor:	—	—
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Councillor:	Andrew Noble	—
Ward:	Milton Common	

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Rec Ground Committee:	James Cunningham (Chair), Michele Block (Vice-Chair)
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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

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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
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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
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National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

Parish Council DRAFT Minutes

Monday 20th January 2025, at 7.30pm

Present: B Fox (Vice Chair), Councillors M Horsley (MH) and David Harms (DH)

In attendance: Allison Leigh (Locum Clerk), Jacqueline Wren (Clerk), Georgina Heritage (District Councillor) and a member of the public.

159/24 Apologies for Absence:

- Apologies were received from Steve Harrod (Chair), Andrew Noble (AN)
- Sarah MacMahon (SM) was absent.

160/24 Variation of order of business: None

161/24 Declarations of members' interests: None

162/24 Presentation by the management of Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons regarding development plans for 2025: Representatives from Le Manoir were in attendance. They noted that since the approval of their plans in 2022 a lot has changed such as building regulations as well as industry developments/operational requirements.

Le Manoir has been working to address these and has had a pre-application consultation with South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC). Le Manoir is looking to submit a S73 application to SODC which is an application to change an existing application and a S19 application which is a variation or discharge of conditions. There have been some minor changes the most notable being:

- reorientation of the bistro building through 90 degrees without the adjacent lake
- relocation of the substation (which is to be acoustically contained and only operational during a power cut)
- the conservatory will be reduced in size and scope
- the spa building will be smaller and more like a farm building in appearance

Details will be available on the SODC website once the application has been submitted. Le Manoir is looking to submit the application in February.

If approved, Le Manoir is uncertain of when works would take place. They would like to avoid closure during works, but if this should be necessary, they will make GMPC aware. The works will be phased.

The council noted the potential impact of works and/or closure on residents and businesses, in particular with regard to Manoir staff living in the village and the associated rental income and trade for local businesses. Le Manoir acknowledged this concern and commented that once works commence, Le Manoir intends to produce a monthly update for The Bulletin about their progress.

It was noted that Le Manoir is committed to honouring its S106 agreement involving bus transport.

163/24 Reports

South Oxfordshire District Council

A report was received from the District Councillor.

The District Councillor reported that the County Council has sent a response to the government indicating they are keen to be in the first wave of the devolution process as this is a scheme that will be going ahead.

Thames Valley Police: The District Councillor reported she has met with Thames Valley Police. They have noted that they will not be submitting reports to parish councils, but suggested that the Council register for Thames Valley Alerts.

165/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the 16th December 2024 were approved and signed.

166/24 Actions from the previous meeting: The Council reviewed the actions from the previous meetings.

- Oxen Piece – It was noted there is still moss on the pavement.
- Some councillors need to provide a photo for the website.
- There is a meeting with the school on 21/1/25 at 3pm.

167/24: Council IT: The Council resolved for the Locum, Clerk and MH to strive to resolve the issue of possible inability to access to the current Outlook account. If this cannot be resolved, the Council resolved to open a new account. The council would also like to understand the BT charges.

168/24 Training: The Locum Clerk advised that the following training for Councillors and the Clerk would be very beneficial as the Clerk is new and Councillors have not been on recent training: Roles and responsibilities for all councillors and the clerk in person in Great Milton of an approximate cost of £450 + travel for 2 representatives from Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils.

The Council resolved not to proceed with this training but would like to proceed with training courses for the new clerk.

169/24 Planning Applications:

There were no new planning applications.

A member of the public asked about the speed signs and the Council noted that they did not opt for a sign with imagery due to cost.

170/24 Finance

A Donation requests: The Council resolved not to donate to Clean Slate.

B Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) subscription: The Council resolved to proceed with a subscription to SLCC for the new clerk.

C Back pay to clerk in post from 9/9/24 – 16/9/24: The Council resolved



not to pay a week's salary for the Clerk of September 2024.

D Payments authorised:

Allison Leigh Locum Clerk – expenses 47.10

Allison Leigh Locum Clerk – January 660.00

Clerk Home Allowance from 20/1/25 13.00

Great Milton Freecycle Donation 90.00

Back pay to the clerk from April – August 2024 28.60

Castle Water Water at the allotments 12.94

JM Dudley Layout and printing of The Bulletin – January edition 287.60

E Spencer Christmas tree 200.00

Receipts – There were no receipts.

E Bank Reconciliation and Accounts: The bank reconciliation and statement of accounts were agreed and signed.

F Online banking: The Council resolved to change the address for the Council's Unity Trust Bank account to that of the new Clerk.

171/24 Security in the village: The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator was not in attendance

172/24 Items for next agenda or information only: None

173/24 Confidential item: The Council resolved to exclude members of the public from agenda item 174/24 due to its confidential nature.

174/24 Evaluation of level of Clerk's Role: The Council resolved to increase the level of the role of Great Milton Parish Clerk role from LC1 12 (£14.36/hour) to LC 2.26 (£18.72/hour). After the 3-month probation period, this will increase to LC2.29 (£20.02/hour). The Clerk will work 7.5hours per week.

The meeting closed at 20:30.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th February starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Catherine Harrod

It is with profound sadness that we need to let you know that Catherine Harrod passed away peacefully at 4:50am Wednesday morning. We were all with her.

Whilst Catherine loved flowers, we know that she would be grateful for any donations in lieu to be made to Sobell House in Oxford, where she was cared for so well during her final days. <https://sobellhouse.org/donate/make-a-donation/>

Benefice Services for February


	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd <i>Candlemass</i>		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 9th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 16th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 23rd		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am

Benefice Services for March

	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
Wednesday 5th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Holy Communion 7:00pm		

The Rector's Pint

I write this in early January, a couple of days before all the Christmas decorations come down, and I reflect with immense gratitude on the past few weeks. Christmas in our parishes was so good, in every way. I think it was the best I have experienced here, with the final crescendo in St Peter's on Christmas morning and a joyfully full church. I am especially grateful because I think it will be our last one here.

It is good to be able to give thanks, but thanksgiving is a discipline. When I became vicar of our last parish in Hughenden, I enthusiastically established a Saturday morning prayer meeting. But after a while, prayer became something of an exercise in wading through a sea of gloom. I realised that something very crucial was missing, and that was thanksgiving. I did my best to encourage us all by offering to God things we could be thankful for before moving to the important job of interceding for others in our prayers. However, it was a struggle, and when Cath was diagnosed with breast 

cancer, and I was needed much more at home I pulled out of the prayer meeting which folded soon afterwards.

I was reminded of this when I read a Facebook post from a friend of mine who posted “Five Helps for New Year” - New Year advice given by Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1961 until 1974, to his clergy. At the top of the list was this.

“Thank God often and always. Thank him carefully and wonderingly for your continuing privileges and for every experience of his goodness. Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow”.

I love that. I know that it is hard to give thanks, particularly when we are feeling overwhelmed by negative or bad circumstances, or by the confusion of the world, and so I do have some empathy for the faithful attendees of that Saturday morning prayer meeting! Thanksgiving is a discipline that is not dependent upon our immediate circumstances, it looks beyond that. One of the best disciplines when you drive, and particularly when you ride a motorcycle, is that you will go where you look. If there is an obstruction in the middle of the road, look at it and you will probably hit it. But look as far ahead as you are able to see, and seek a route around it.

I think thanksgiving works rather like that. Life throws all sorts of difficult situations at us, the world confounds us, so what do we look at? For me, thanksgiving begins with gratitude that I am known and loved by God, and in God I find my direction:

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. (Psalm 28:7)

Simon

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

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

February 2025				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Paul Spray	
9th	11:15am	Gt. Milton	Rev. Miriam Moul	Holy Communion
16th	—	—	—	No Service
23rd	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	
Wednesday 12th 10:30 – 12:00 Village Coffee Morning <i>All are warmly invited and welcome!</i>				

Great Milton & The Great Train Robbery



The mysterious Irishman behind the Great Train Robbery of 1963 had originally planned for the proceeds from the robbery to be flown in his private plane out of Oakley airfield, some 6 miles from us in Great Milton.

The runway was still in good condition and would have been an ideal route for the many bank sacks involved, stuffed with the proceeds of the robbery.

All well and good. But the South London criminals involved would hardly trust themselves let alone the Irishman to keep the loot for the robbers. “ We would never see it again” one of the gang has been quoted.

The result was finding a remote and secure location to divvy up the money which was, in the end, Leatherslade Farm near Brill, a brilliant location if one knows where it is.

It could have been here!

Great Milton in Conversation

Saturday 15 March , 6.30pm, Neighbours’ Hall

We are excited to continue our Great Milton in Conversation series with our fourth guest - local resident Charlie Lee Potter.

Dr Charlie Lee-Potter is an award-winning writer, lecturer, artist and journalist whose interests also span sound installations, film making, printmaking, poetry and creative non-fiction. She is a former presenter of BBC Radio 4 programmes such as PM, The World at One, Open Book and The World This Weekend. Her podcast Inside A Mountain uses complex soundscape and music to evoke the atmosphere of walks with guests such as international cellist Natalie Clein, poet Ian McMillan, and mathematician Marcus du Sautoy. In 2022 the podcast was shortlisted for the International Women’s Podcast Awards. Charlie has also been awarded the International Créateurs Design Prize for Creative Journalism for her work on the sculptor Auguste Rodin.

Charlie’s publication, *Writing the 9/11 Decade: Reportage and the Evolution of the Novel* (New York: Bloomsbury Academic), was shortlisted for the University English Book Prize. She teaches English at Oxford University and has two doctorates: one in English Literature and the other in Fine Art. Charlie is this year’s Writer in Residence at Wytham Woods.

Jon Devitt, who was also a BBC news journalist, will be interviewing Charlie for what promises to be an extremely interesting evening. The poster in this bulletin gives further details.

The Sheppard Charitable Trust

At their meeting in November, the Trustees agreed grants to Great Milton School to assist with the cost of residential visits and day trips during 2025, St Mary's Church for the purchase of a replacement sit-on lawnmower and Great Milton Freecycle to help with operating costs. They agreed to pay the rental cost of the Pavilion for 12 sessions for the Arts and Crafts Club, and to help with the cost of purchasing resources for Stay and Play, a group for pre school children.

The next meeting will be held in the second half of February. The Trustees look forward to receiving your requests. Under the terms of the Trust Deed, support can only be given to organisations based in Great Milton, and which benefit the citizens of Great Milton.

Please send applications to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or via email to sheppardtrustGM@gmail.com to arrive by Saturday 15th February.

Jane Willis

Calling All Driveway Owners!

As we see every morning and afternoon during School Term time, we have a major parking problem in our beautiful village. There have been many occasions in recent years when emergency vehicles would not have been able to get through the village at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Meetings have been held between the School, the Parish Council and other relevant parties, to discuss possible solutions, one of which is to encourage those with large driveways to make them available for parents to park on.

Clare and I have been doing this for the last 4 years, and it is absolutely no problem. We have an arrangement with the same two sets of parents, we agree where they should park, and we have never had an issue getting our own vehicles in or out. As a bonus, they leave us a rather nice bottle of wine at the end of each term, which is a lovely touch!

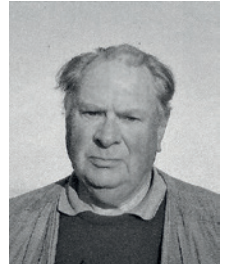
So, if you have a large drive (you know who you are!) and could help ease our parking problem by allowing parents to park on it at the beginning and end of the school day, please contact Alyson or Rhona at the school.

Village congestion is a major problem – anything we can do as a community to reduce it would benefit us all. Many thanks.

Bill Fox, Great Milton Parish Council

View from Views

Not a very promising start to 2025 weatherwise but, at the beginning of the year I thought I would do a rough check on my rainfall figures to see if over the years there was any change as we appear to be getting more rain now, up to 2022 the average was around the 550mm mark, but the average for 2023 & 24 was 810mm, this indicates why the ground seems to be continually wet, in areas that I had not noticed before. This winter, (so far) the flooding has not been continual, has encouraging visits from many more Egrets (Great Whites, Little and Cattle, the later not common in the uk) than in previous years. They seem to like to forage previously flooded areas. Visits from these birds must be an indication of warming, as I don't think they were ever reckoned to be native to the UK. It is good to see that we still seem to be keeping our increasing population of Partridges and Hares, on the subject of Hares I am concerned to read continually of neighbours being invaded by illegal Hare coursing, of late the police have been pretty active and arrested quite a few, unfortunately it is a lucrative pastime for the criminal fraternity, I would urge anyone who sees what they think is this despicable activity to notify the local boys in blue. Do not approach them personally as they can be violent.



I have just mentioned above about global warming, over the Christmas break we noticed the first Snowdrops and aconites, also one or two primroses, and within a week the first signs of Daffodils' coming into bud, the cold weather now in the first couple of weeks of January will have slowed them up a bit. However we must hope that the measures we are taking to mitigate global warming will have some affect, it is a problem as we are all responsible in our own way, being wedded to our cars, for us in the countryside there is little alternative, or any incentive to look for one, with a non-existent bus service and, a rail system that is governed by unions that know they can play fast and loose with our present Government. Also we all want to be able to fly to all corners of the earth, without thinking of the consequences, to attend one junket or another, also so that politicians are seen and photographed with the right people.

We still have not been able to harvest the Lupins and, now the ground is too wet to attempt any field work, leave alone carry the weight of a combine harvester. Most of the crops we planted last autumn seem to be wintering well, the only tricky one is the later planted Wheat, here it would appear we have created our own problem, we have this wonderful modern Drill, (we call the machine we use to plant seeds a Drill)

designed to work in many conditions, it cleverly presses in the seed at the same time obviating the necessity to roll, this leaves a groove which, then will hold a little water, it is then a sign post for crafty rooks to find the rows of seed making an easy breakfast cereal for them, as they systematically follow the row eating all the seed, the damage being all too obvious.

I am still not happy about this IHT that all of you will know about. Although I am happy to live another 7 years, (as long as, my family are prepared to put up with me), it does mean in our case that, land that has been owned by my family since 1749, may have to be sold in order to pay this very unfair tax, and could then be purchased by just anyone, who may well not have any connection to the locality. What is extremely disconcerting for our industry as we had been assured, before the election, that a Labour Government were keen to support farmers. I can understand both the fact that more taxes need to be raised and, trying to curb the investment in land by those with money to just save IHT. The problem with what they propose will decimate genuine active family farmers. Take a scenario as in our case, not only have we made arrangements for succession of the property some 15 years ago, but built up the property with investing with money we have earned and paid our taxes on, not to mention hard work and headaches, as a way to leave a viable business for the next generation, only be sold just to pay a tax. I feel like asking the question, why does taxation have to be so complicated surely, a simple form such as VAT and Income Tax, would be far fairer as in the case of Income Tax, those on low pay would not have to pay anyway, and if they were in difficulties would not purchase items not carrying VAT, this would also cost less to administer.

I make no apology for mentioning these facts as the effects could well go further. Just think of the ways that the genuine farmer supports the community, straw for the fete, support for the church local Post Office/shop, and many other local projects, without the help of anyone least of all Government, who know full well that farmers will continue just by tightening their belts, not sure how long it will be before the belt snaps.

Charles Peers

Just a foot note

I have just read or heard officially that if a small amount of “White Spirit” gets into the sewer it can put a sewage works out of action for some time. The info was that anyone who could, should advertise the fact, so I have!

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

Ordering Repeat Prescriptions: Please use the NHS App or log into your account on the NHS website. For more information on ordering, visit the 'prescriptions' page on our website.

Check and Cancel – you may now check and/or cancel an upcoming appointment via our telephone system. From the main menu, just press 1.

RSV vaccine (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) - invitations have been sent out to those aged 75 to 79 years old.

Visit Morland House Surgery Website for a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment: www.morland-house.co.uk For example:

- Medical Records and Test Results - guidance on how to access this information.
- Pharmacy First Service (PFS), whereby pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions.
- Group Consultation Clinics – Group clinics are currently being offered for the menopause and hypertension. Eligible patients are being invited to attend, but if you would like to know more, please do contact us.
- Whooping Cough infections, symptoms and treatment
- Drink Coaches – take the quick and confidential text
- Travelling abroad – what MHS can and cannot do for you



GREAT MILTON IN CONVERSATION

on

SATURDAY, 15th MARCH, at 6.30 pm

Neighbours' Hall, Great Milton

Charlie Lee-Potter

**will be in conversation with Jon Devitt,
discussing her life as a writer, artist,
broadcaster and academic.**

*Tickets are £10 from the village shop or on the door.
Refreshments will be served from 6 pm.*

*This is another event in the Great Milton in
Conversation series in aid of a new kitchen and
toilet in the Church.*

Please do join us.



man|choir



Sat 26th April 2025 – St Katherine's church
Chiselhampton (6.30 for) 7.00 pm start

- Fundraising concert
- £15 (including drink & light refreshments
– cash only please)
- Parking – follow signs on day



"Man Choir offers something substantially different for those who love singing that's harmonic, heartfelt and of real quality. Created from a diverse group of Oxfordshire men in 2013, Man Choir sings a wide range of classic pop, folk and even polyphonic Georgian material unaccompanied but with a vulnerability and openness that shares their enjoyment of singing with the audience.

At its core, Man Choir is a celebration of what ordinary guys in the community can achieve when they do something they love together. The material and the men who sing it will entertain you, make you smile, challenge you musically and move you in surprising ways."

<http://manchoir.co.uk/>

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07710074015 txt/"WhAp"

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

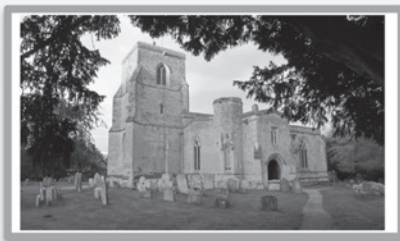
You can pick up your free bottle from:

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.



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.

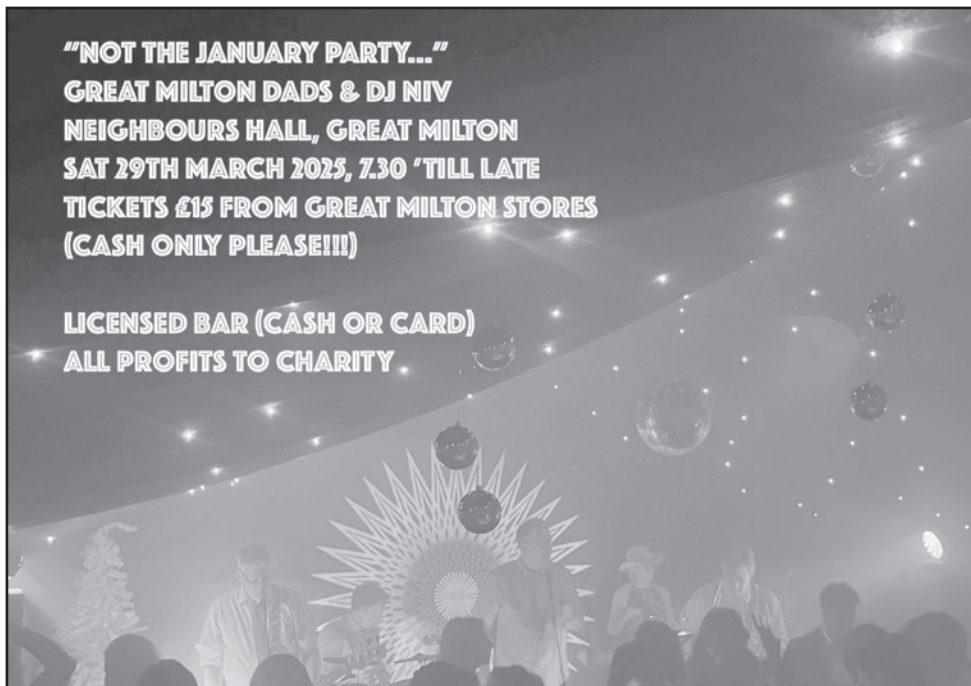
- ❖ Take the 11-point interactive tour around the building.
 - Learn about the unique organ.
 - Listen to the church bells.
 - Discover the mystery of the empty external niches.
 - Find out about the musical instruments which were once displayed (and now illustrated) near the south door.
- ❖ See a bird's-eye 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.

"NOT THE JANUARY PARTY..."
GREAT MILTON DADS & DJ NIV
NEIGHBOURS HALL, GREAT MILTON
SAT 29TH MARCH 2025, 7.30 'TILL LATE
TICKETS £15 FROM GREAT MILTON STORES
(CASH ONLY PLEASE!!!)

LICENSED BAR (CASH OR CARD)
ALL PROFITS TO CHARITY



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**

Book and Jigsaw Library

Neighbours' Hall

Friday 28th February 2025

11.00 – 12 noon



Borrow, swap or keep
All 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

Neighbours' Hall

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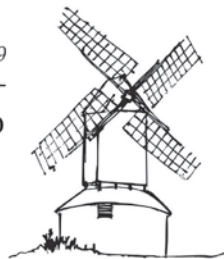
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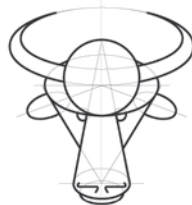


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Arts & Crafts Club – The Pavilion. 1st Monday of each month. 6:30 – 9:00pm
contact carina.martin@gmail.com
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00–7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
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- Wednesday 2nd Wed: Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday
Thursday The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. *contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432*
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm.
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- Friday Vinyasa Flow Yoga – The Neighbours Hall. 9:15am
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Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. *contact: see Thursday*
- Saturday Old Field: 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm.
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February

- 12th Wed Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel 10:30am
17th Mon Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm
21st Fri Quiz Night at The Neighbours’ Hall 7:30pm

March

- 15th Sat In Conversation with Dr. Charlie Lee Potter at The Neighbours’ Hall 6:30pm
29th Sat Not the January Party at The Neighbours’ Hall 7:30pm

April

- 26th Sat Man|Choir at St. Katherine’s Church, Chiselhampton 7:00pm

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