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Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	nationalgrid.com/uk/safety
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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
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Highlights from the meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council on 16th June 2025

Oxfordshire County Council

County Councillor Judith Edwards noted that she is still new to the position but navigating new connections in order to raise issues with the relevant people. She is on the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee as well as the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee but her first priority is representing the community in Chalgrove and Thame West. JE noted that she received correspondence from constituents on Thame Road and The Forties regarding the state of the road and this has been forwarded to Highways and she will report back with their response. There is a good budget for maintenance but such a lot of issues after the winter and significant back-log.

The Chair noted that the Forties pothole in particular is damaging vehicles and posing a danger to cyclists – MH and a Member agreed that the safety issue is really important and it is only a matter of time before a cyclist is seriously injured. DH noted that Fixmystreet can work efficiently in other cases, as another problem in the centre of the village was raised and fixed very quickly.

JE raised the proposed Oxford Congestion Charge as this was announced after her report. The intention of the scheme is to reduce traffic going in and out of Oxford, reduce congestion and primarily ensuring buses can run to time better. It is proposed as a short term fix while Botley Road still closed. Another benefit may also be additional funds to reduce the costs of Park & Ride and other public transport. The Chair noted Oxford traffic congestion is a very longstanding issue. The proposal includes a £3 or £5 charge – theoretically enough to change behaviour but not be a significant financial penalty. All agreed that the capacity at the Park&Ride will need to be enough to cope with increased custom if people not driving in which it currently does not have.

Haseley Trading Estate

Planning Application Submitted P25/S1653/FUL Haseley Trading Estate Redevelopment of the site as a Vehicle Depot retaining one of the buildings as a workshop to contain offices and welfare. Works to include all associated external works. Consultation ends 10th July

The Chair noted a very well formulated response from a member of the public leading a local action group objecting to the plans. Upcoming meeting with Great Haseley, Little Milton and Stadhampton PCs on Thursday 19th to discuss. A member of the public asked has whether a cost benefit analysis and environmental impact

assessment been carried out, also will they be using the Forties as not suitable for HGVs.

The Chair noted that the Highways response is key and we hope to hear soon. JE noted that Highways is OCC. There was discussion about HGVs entering and exiting site, the risk to pedestrians crossing the road. Le Manoir will be changing their main entrance onto the A329 within a few yards of the Rectory Rd junction with the resulting combination being particularly dangerous. The Chair mentioned that he suggested a roundabout in this location some time ago but the idea was rejected and asked whether this could this be reconsidered? Looks to be enough space there to do it. Already been fatalities on that bit of road – slowing traffic down would help. JE said she would raise this question with Highways.

The Clerk noted at previous meeting significant concern regarding traffic through Little Milton which is narrow and sections of road where lorry and car cannot pass. Residents also worried about damage to buildings as well as noise and disturbance.

MH noted that no contingency plan from SODC. AN noted enforcement of weight limits needs to be considered as buses coming through village the other day so currently weight limit not enforced.

DH noted that the District Councillor's Report implies that this development is very likely to go ahead and highlights mitigating strategies. AN noted past legal case between SODC and Grundon who were based at their own premises not at Council Depot therefore raising the question of whether the Council need to own the premises at all.

Council resolved to continue discussion at the meeting with other local Parish Councils on Thursday 19th and formulate a coordinated objection to the application.

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

P25/S1522/O

Land adjacent to The Old Stable Yard, Thame Road, Great Milton

Outline planning application for the erection of detached self build dwelling with access parking and amenity space.

The Council were not aware of any concerns regarding this application but resolved to consult the Vice Chair since this falls within his ward. Clerk to contact Vice Chair and ensure timely response.

P25/S1441/S73

Brimpton Grange, Access to Hotel from A40, Milton Common OX9 2JW

Variation of condition 3 (Schedule of Materials) on planning application P17/S1067/FUL – changes to windows materials. (Erection of six detached and two semi-

detached dwellings).

No concerns.

The following planning decisions were noted:

P25/S0998/HH

Lych Gate Cottage, Church Road, Great Milton OX44 7PB

Single storey rear extension & reduction of rear garden to provide extended patio.

PERMISSION GRANTED

P25/S1268/LB

Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons, Church Road, Great Milton OX44 7PD

Reroofing of the Flower House building with associated repair works.

PERMISSION GRANTED

Finance and Governance

For the financial year ending March 31st 2025 the period for the exercise of public rights for Great Milton Parish Council will be Monday 23rd June to Friday 1st August inclusive. The following documents are available on the GMPC website – www.greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

- The Internal Audit Report
- The Annual Governance Statement
- The Annual Accounting Statement

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19th July starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Silent Auction

Le Manoir kindly gave us a wonderful fete raffle prize -dinner for 2 people (any available menu, no drinks). This was won by a villager who has generously asked us to auction his prize, to raise further funds for our church. If you wish to place a sealed envelope with your bid and name inside and drop in the container at The Bull before July 5th, we will open them the evening of July 5th and announce the winner.

The voucher is valid until June 2026, Sunday to Thursday.

Happy bidding!

Benefice Services for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 20th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am

Benefice Services for August

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Lammas Service (marking the beginning of the harvest) 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

Cath and I are beginning to organise our move, scheduled for the late autumn, and we find we have to downsize significantly. In fact, we started ridding ourselves of unwanted clutter some months ago, and it's beginning to feel as if some progress is now being made. Getting rid of many of our books was a wrench but having done it, I find I can't remember most of what has gone! I have cleared and emptied drawers in my study, and filled bags with paperwork going back years that will be taken for recycling. I can even see the surface of my desk! The desk has to go as well of course. I'm delighted that we have found a local home for our dining table and chairs, which will be the hardest to let go of; they were given to us at just the right moment in our lives as I started my ministry and they have many stories to tell, having seen many family, friends and parish occasions. We can't take them with us, but they are going to a local family home, to be taken on at just the right time for them.

We're really looking forward to living in a far less cluttered home, and the truth is we have allowed things to get out of hand. Living with less space to fill, we will be forced to organise far better. It is actually a great feeling to finally get rid of things we haven't used for decades. Inherited family photographs will be a problem, and hard decisions will need to be made about these and other things, but I think we are on a

journey from ‘what must we get rid of?’ to ‘what do we really need to keep?’

But behind all of this, there is another lesson. A distant cousin of Cath’s, who is a very committed Christian, lives in another country, returning to Oxford annually. He lives quite simply, and I remember him once saying: ‘don’t sit too heavily on the things of this world.’ Jesus once taught us “do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6: 19-20). Clearing away the clutter in our homes can be a spiritual exercise, a kind of metaphor for the need to examine the clutter in our lives.

I came across a prayer for such an occasion and I believe the final part of it is quite helpful.

“May this culling become more than a physical act of decluttering. May it also be for us a season of glad examination of our own hearts and habits, of the ways in which we have stewarded all that has been entrusted to us. Let us learn better this day what it means to travel light through this short life, holding loosely our material possessions, storing instead our truer treasures in heaven, and directing the increase of our devotions more constantly toward you”.

Simon

Methodist Church Services

For further information please contact Revd. Stephen Spain on 01865 763676 or visit the Oxford Methodist Circuit website: www.oxfordmethodists.org.uk

July 2025			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
6th	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Morning Service
13th	11:00am	Paul Rosentall	Morning Service
20th	11:00am	Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
27th	11:00am	Paul Spray	Morning Service

Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 9th July at 10:30am to midday.

Loving God leads to loving others. Loving others leads to loving God.

Great Milton Neighbours' Club Next Outing

Having taken several boat trips on different stretches of the Thames over the years the Club will be heading north to Stratford-upon-Avon for a new stretch of water on Tuesday 9th September.

The Club will have exclusive use of 'Jennifer May', a modern boat with capacity for up to 60 persons. The boat is fully accessible and can be covered in the event of inclement weather. The 90-minute cruise will take the group past the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Holy Trinity Church and the new marina (the most beautiful part of the town). Commentary will be provided and hot and cold drinks will be available.

The coach will start its various local pick-ups from 11,15 which should provide around two hours in Stratford before departure on the boat trip. The time can be spent exploring the town centre, having lunch or, for those with a less restricted budget, a visit to Butterfly World (adjacent to the canal basin) The coach will return to arrive to Great Milton etc by about 6 o'clock.

Overall cost will be £35 for Club members, £40 for non-members. Bookings must be made by 2nd September at the very latest. For details, please contact Fred Cubbage on 01844 279683 or via fred.cubbage@btinternet.com.

Marmalade

Thank you to everyone who generously supported our Preserve stall at the Fete. We sold over 130 jars of marmalade, many jars of Wendy's delicious jam (thank you Wendy!) and 2 precious jars of Great Milton honey (thank you Andrew!) Also a dozen bottles of lovely Elderflower cordial (thank you Jane!).

The marmalade team.

Friday October 17th, 2025 (new date)

Join us at St Peter's Church Great Haseley to celebrate the installation of the new pipe organ. Showcasing local talent including solo contributions from Jane Coulcher (flute), Emily Booth (vocal), Archie White and John Gibbons (organ) as well as a choir organised by Tim Suter. Draw of annual raffle will take place during the interval.

Tickets available online and on the door - £20 and children free of charge (including glass of wine / soft drink). See next issue for details.

Thank You

Pat and I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and gifts on our retirement, it has been the best of times being a part of this lovely community and, whilst we are very sorry that the shop and Post Office are no more, we are so happy to still be living here

We took a holiday immediately after the shop closed and it was the perfect bridge to our new lives - so much so that when we arrived at the airport to be told that our flight home was cancelled and rebooked for the next day, we just looked at each other with that dawning realisation that it really didn't matter, no panicked phone calls and alternate routes to consider.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped following my accident: the flowers that brightened my temporary abode in the sitting room, the treats, the books, the meals, the lifts, the visits, the cash and carry expeditions - I think there is a very real chance that in future years I will look back and say it was a very positive life experience.

We would also like to thank everyone who has worked with us over the years, you are very much part of what made the shop what it was.



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Ant Reeve

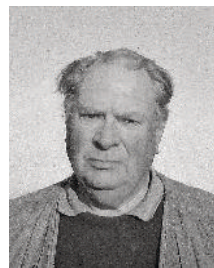
Margaret Rogers



View from Views

And still it's dry, we have just experienced a most wonderful trip to the Outer Hebrides and back, chauffeur driven all the way, everywhere was as dry as it is here, hopefully the rain early June, may just stave off the worst effects. The crops everywhere looked poor with bare patches in most fields, all very depressing, there was though one area that the A7, in Scotland, passes through that actually looked green and, what a lovely piece of country that is, almost a land of milk and honey full of goodlooking livestock. By comparison to the rest of the country our crops, seemed about as good if not a little better than most, the picture for the country as a whole does not look good for arable farming. The stress of these dry months following such a wet period will I guess produce fewer and more shrivelled grains. There is a saying in Farming circles up horn down corn and visa versa meaning that if livestock farming is good, crop growing is not, we are definitely in this scenario at the moment. I had been saying up to when the draught set in, that at least this year every field would produce something, alas this is not necessarily going to be the case. Poppies that we are, or at least were, growing for seed, which were planted, we thought at a perfect opportunity after a spell of rain, when the conditions would normally been just right, alas as we had no rain and inspite of a heavy roll after planting the seed did not have good enough contact with moist soil. However, the rain that came at the end of May and early June has brought them to life, well actually about half germinated then and since some of the other 50% of the field is looking as if it might one day grow, of course this will mean we will have 2 different crops to harvest at the same time which will test our ingenuity, to get the 2 crops near being ripe together. The same scenario will affect the Beans with the added complication of them being very short which may present a problem getting the harvester down low enough to harvest them, just hope they grow a little taller by harvest.

Whilst in the outer Hebrides there was a complete contrast in the wildlife and many birds which are rare to us here are common, Oyster catchers by the dozen a great variety of ducks didn't see many Curlew, plenty Red deer, the one bird that was very evident by its call was the Cuckoo everywhere we went we could hear it, this seemed a little bizarre, as we hardly ever hear it here now. Back home it seems that the Swifts, Martins, and Swallows are back again in force, but not nesting in our Barns as usual, not sure why not. The Ermine Moth I mentioned last month seem to have almost disappeared leaving very little trace of the damage that one would expect seeing how the affected plants were striped of all their leaves.



It seems that the buzz word nowadays is deals (trade deals) with the politicians striking the deals patting themselves on the back, saying what a good deal they have made for the country. However, this is never what it seems, what suits one does not help the other. Take the recent deal between us and the US, our naïve PM thinks it good but for arable farmers the import of ethanol could be a bitter blow, as we grow a lot of wheat for this purpose and now the market has practically disappeared. One could say that we should not be growing wheat for fuel, except the by-product of the process is that, once the alcohol is removed, this is a very useful animal feed. The deal with the EU over fish quotas is about as bad, which has thrown the fish industry under a bus, it seems our government exacerbated by the trade deal our naïve Prime minister with the US over ethanol which now makes up a large proportion of our low-grade wheat production. Just make a point on this fact, one could say that we should not be growing wheat for fuel, the by-product of the process is that once the alcohol is removed this is a very useful animal feed. It seems the Government just wants appeasement with every nation to hell with our own industry, just back off every time and, qualify it by saying we made some tough decisions. There seems to be a will for the present administration to get closer to the EU again, on a personal note I am not sure, we left because of some of the draconian rules they were bringing in and are now part of their legislation, which may well mean that we may well have to change our systems that have become reliant on certain inputs, certain very valuable chemicals helping us to combat Climate change are already likely to be banned.

At a recent farm planning meeting we came up with a problem due to the Government's sudden closure of grants through lack of money. Actually, I think the courts have ruled this illegal and, those that were in the process of applying can go ahead. The other point is that these schemes will open again in January, this is all very well, just a little delay! Huh! Be alright in January!! We are now planning rotations that will have to encompass some of these schemes meaning, this means we will have to second guess attitudes to certain crops that we need to plant this autumn, It seems to me that the powers that be, don't quite grasp the severity of these things, or the needs of nature, especially when we are trying to farm in a climate friendly way.

Charles Peers

Great Milton School Governors' News Bites

Summer Term Highlights

As we approach the end of the school year, we've enjoyed many wonderful events: Sports Day, the KS2 (Years 3-6) Campout, The Hawk Owls (Y6) residential trip to Longridge, and the delightful Maypole Dance at the Village Church Fete. Thank you to all who joined us.

Our recent FUNdraiser supported the local Crisis office, with pupils donating £1 to wear odd socks, pyjamas, or sport silly hairstyles for the day. Eagle Owls (Y5) and Hawk Owls also shone at the Festival of Voices in Dorchester Abbey.

Mark your calendars parents and carers: Our end-of-term picnic and water fight will be held on 21st July.

SIAMS Inspection

Last month we underwent our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). These are vital for the development of Church schools, focusing on how our theologically rooted Christian vision shapes the curriculum and strengthens our foundation. We were grateful for the outstanding presence and leadership of Mrs Frost who was supported by the Foundation Governor and four other governors during this very positive visit. The full report will be available as you read this.

FOGMS Update

We remain immensely grateful to the Friends of Great Milton School (FOGMS) for their fantastic events! From Christmas wreath making to May's Spring Fair and this year's Big 90s Bash, their efforts continue to raise crucial funds for the playground project.

Looking Ahead: Next School Year

We eagerly anticipate welcoming new children to the Great Milton Family when the new school year begins on Wednesday, 3rd September. These new pupils & their families/ carers will soon embrace The Great Milton Way - our core values guiding life at school. These aren't rules but simple expectations for everyone: Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, perfectly reflecting our school vision:

'Let all that you do be done in love'
1 Corinthians 16:14



**SATURDAY
26TH JULY**

**MAIN DOORS OPEN 10:00 AM
TO TAKE STUFF AWAY & CAFE!**

GREAT MILTON FREECYCLE LIVE

DROP OFF 9:15-10:00 AM ONLY

**THE PAVILION
GREAT MILTON RECREATIONAL
GROUND**

**FEATURING
POP UP CAFE IN AID OF WHEATLEY SCOUTS**

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK
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QUIZ NIGHT AT THE NEIGHBOURS' HALL

FRIDAY 4th JULY @ 7:30pm

Our next quiz is scheduled as above and all are welcome. Do come along and enjoy an evening's testing of your knowledge in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Tickets are £5pp and are available from Alan Pickett at The Old Forge in Thame Road or you can pre-order on the village WhatsApp or by email at alan.pickett@outlook.com
Tables of up to 6 people please.

All funds raised will be shared by the Village Hall and the Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch.

There will be a prize for the winning table.
Look forward to seeing you there.



Wheatley Library

Welcome to spring! Joining the library is free, allows you access to all 44 county libraries, and everyone is welcome. 😊 We offer more than just books!

We also provide free digital support every Thursday 2:30 – 3:30pm. Book yourself in for guidance from our Digital Helper for a variety of needs including using your mobile phone, laptop, or tablet. You can

also learn to access our free audiobooks or e-books on BorrowBox, Libby and PressReader, as well as Which?, Ancestry, Find My Past, Naxos, & Playlist for Life, among other online resources.

Please join us for the following regular events in the library:

- NEW Storytime from 22 March: every Saturday, 10–10:45am, kids 4-8yrs old
- Rhymetime: every Friday, 10:30–11am, kids 0-5 yrs old
- Digital Help: every Thursday, 2:30–3:30pm
- Jigsaw Puzzle Swap: 1st Saturday each month, 9:30am–12pm (5 April, 3 May, 7 June)
- Textile Fibre Group: 1st & 3rd Monday each month, 2–4pm

For news and updates, follow the 'Friends of Wheatley Library' Facebook page or visit wheatleylibrary.org. For library queries, phone us or email wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk. Access our library website directly at bit.ly/WheatleyLibrary.

Opening Hours:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2 - 7pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 1pm & 2 - 5pm
Thursday	2 - 5pm
Friday	9.30am - 1pm & 2 - 6pm
Saturday	9.30am - 1pm
Sunday	Closed

We have a new phone number!
Call 01865 815204

Wheatley Library
The Merry Bells
High St., Wheatley
Oxford, OX33 1XP



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

A new Morland House Surgery **Facebook Page** has been created. This is to keep patients up to date with surgery news and health issues. Please like and follow.

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.

Online Resources for Clinical Help Did you know that there are many local services to which you can make self-referrals without speaking to your GP? The Morland House Surgery website lists the various options. Visit [Self-Referral – Morland House](#)

The NHS App is no longer accessible as a mobile app for anybody using older devices. Patients using the following operating systems will no longer be able to access the NHS App via the mobile app: iOS 12, 13 & 14 (*iOS 13 & 14 can be updated to iOS15*), Android 6 & 7. But you can still log in through the NHS website.

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.
- **Travelling abroad** – what MHS can and cannot do for you
- **Stay safe and well in the summer heat** – including **Hot Weather Toolkit**
- **Hay Fever** – advice and support
- **Pharmacy First Service (PFS)**, whereby pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions.
- **Group Consultation Clinics** – Successful 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.
- **Breast screening** to detect the most common cancer in woman
- **Whooping Cough** infections, symptoms and treatment
- **Drink Coaches** – take the quick and confidential text



**SOBELL
HOUSE**
HOSPICE



Palliative care bereavement support service

We are looking to recruit volunteers for our bereavement service to provide support to family and friends who have lost someone close to them.

Are you...

- warm, empathic and a good listener?
- able to support other people's expression of grief and distress?

We do not recommend this work for those who have experienced a significant bereavement in the last two years.

Do you...

- have 16 hours a month to spare?
- have your own transport?
- want to make a difference?

Training will take place from September to December 2025 and it is essential that all training is attended.

We provide...

- foundation level training (apx. 60 hrs).
- ongoing training, supervision and support.
- travel and phone expenses.
- online mandatory training (apx. 8 hrs).

**Closing date
for applications:
30 June 2025**

**If you are interested in finding out more
or applying, please contact us on:**

W: sobellhouse.org/bereavement-volunteer
E: pallcarevolunteerservices@ouh.nhs.uk
T: 01865 225944/01865 225868



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WANT TO BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

If you are passionate about your local community, we need you. Councillors can make a big difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect our community.

Great Milton Parish Council have a VACANCY - Are you interested in becoming a Councillor?

We are inviting applications from local people to join Great Milton Parish Council since we have a vacancy for one Councillor. This Councillor will be appointed by a process called co-option.

In terms of eligibility, you must be a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen, over 18 years old and are registered to vote in the area; or have lived, worked, or owned property here for at least 12 months.

Responsibilities of the Parish Council

The Parish Council is responsible for maintaining our green spaces, considering the impact of planning applications in the village, representing our community and advocating for their best interests to local authorities and supporting projects which would benefit our community; among many other things! It also determines how much money to raise through the council precept to deliver these services to the residents of the parish.

What kind of person do we need?

You should have an active interest in local issues and things that affect local people and a willingness to represent the views of the community. You should be able to commit the time and effort to the role and to attend as many monthly Council meetings as possible.

How to apply

To apply, please send a letter of application to Jacqueline Wren, Parish Clerk at clerk@greatmilton-pc.gov.uk or deliver to 1 Close Cottages, Lower End, Great Milton. In your letter you may wish to include your connection to the parish, why you want to be a parish councillor and what skills / experience you can bring to the Council. Applications will be looked at by Councillors and voted on at the next meeting of the Council. You will be invited to attend and say a few words to the Councillors.

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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.
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 - See photographs of the monument both before and after restoration.
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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.

Library Volunteers Wanted

The Library at Ripon College, Cuddesdon is seeking volunteers to assist with shelving, tidying and general library housekeeping duties. There has been a college in Cuddesdon (a village 6 miles outside Oxford) since 1854, training ministers for ordination in the Church of England. The historical collections require working at height, and there is no lift currently to the first floor library space. A contribution towards travel expenses and free lunches during term time are available to those able to make a regular commitment. Any availability (from 2 hours per week or more) would be very welcome and please contact the Librarian/Archivist, Annabel Haycraft on annabel.haycraft@rcc.ac.uk or phone 01865 877411 if you would like to discuss the possibility further.



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For more info, see the Widow Tree Facebook page or email contact@widowtree.co.uk

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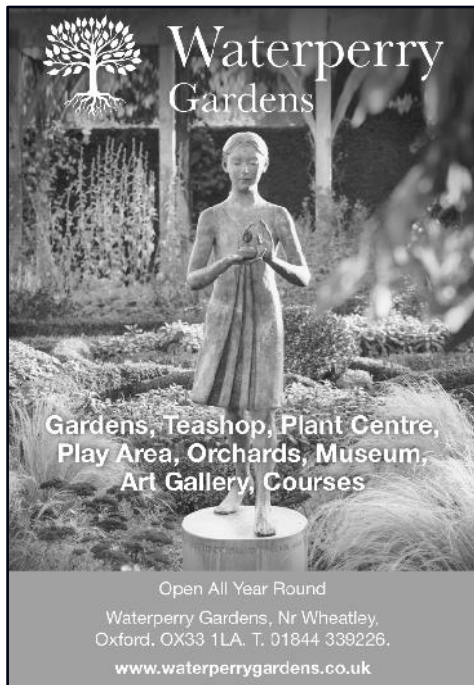
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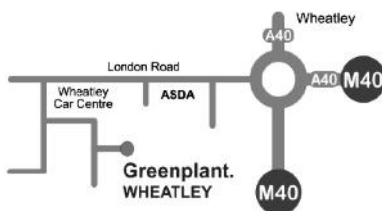


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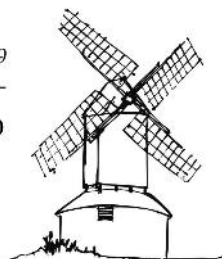
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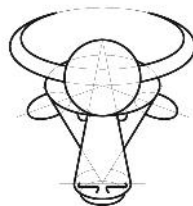


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contact carina.martin@gmail.com
- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.
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- Wednesday 2nd Wed. Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday.
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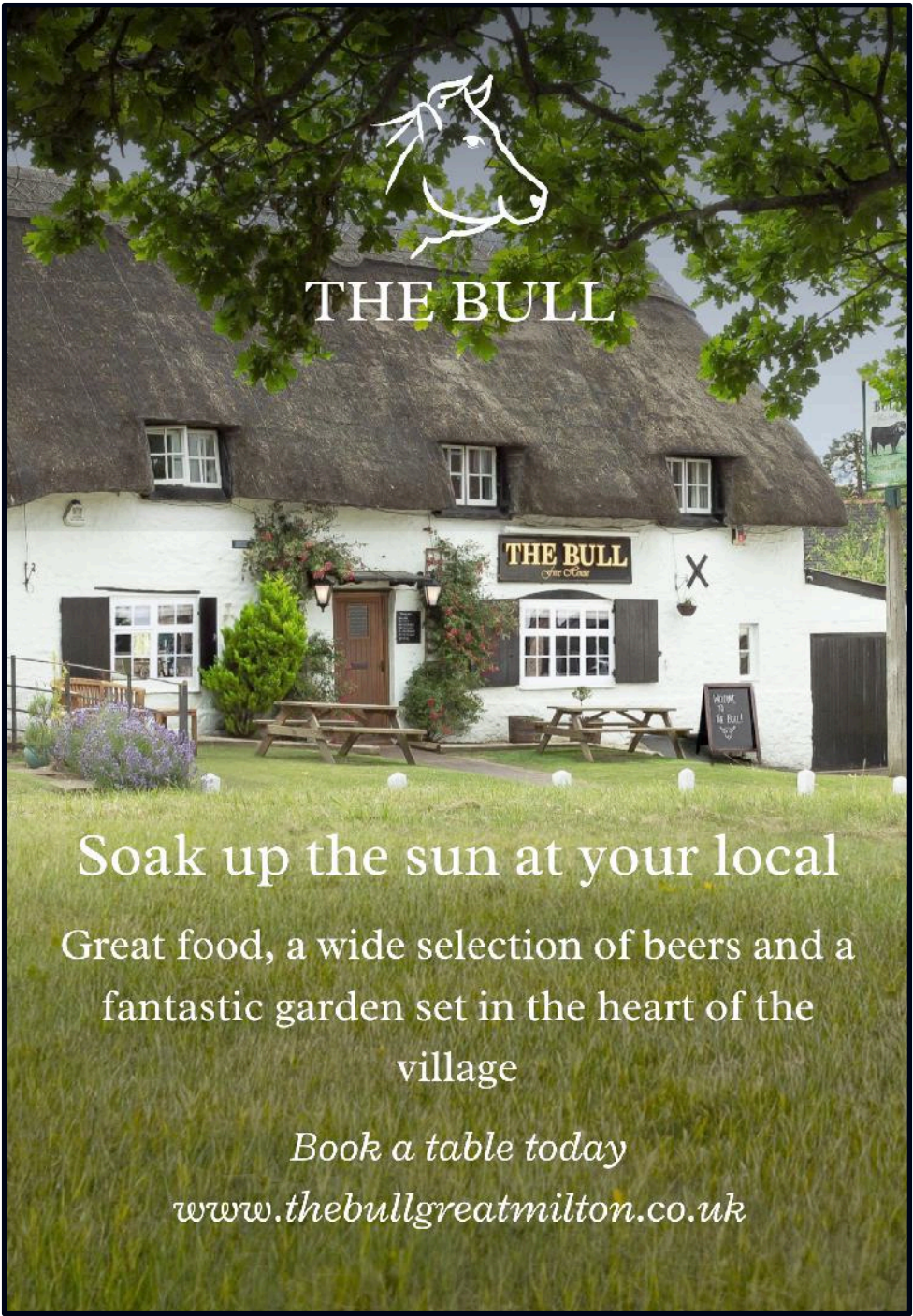
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