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Ward:	The Green from Priory Bank to Tara/Applewood	
<b>Councillor:</b>	—	—
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46 Bus Service	01865 785400	<a href="mailto:info@oxfordbus.co.uk">info@oxfordbus.co.uk</a>
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# Highlights of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th January 2026

## Playground Repairs

The Clerk gave an update from the Recreation Ground Committee: They are in the process of getting quotes for the necessary repair and replacement of the playground equipment. Unfortunately it looks like some parts will need complete replacement so the cost is likely to be high. All agreed that the playground is an important amenity for the village, especially due to its location next to the school. The Council are committed to supporting the Rec Committee in obtaining the funds necessary to facilitate repairs as soon as possible.

## An Update from Le Manoir

General Manager Niall Kingston attended the GMPC meeting to give an update on the redevelopment project and plans. The latest minor amendments to the planning application include removal of several doors and windows. A forthcoming application will detail the increased screening around plant equipment on the boundary of the site. If planning approval is obtained work is still intended to start in April. The management team would like to keep the public footpath open as much as possible during the period of works but acknowledge that their appointed contractor is duty bound to exclude the public from a safety perspective. In discussions with their contractors they have emphasised the importance of avoiding traffic through the village, they intend to enforce this to the best of their ability and invite residents to please feedback if and when any problems arise.

## No. 46 Bus Service

The Council discussed the recent changes to the bus timetable and the loss of the late night service back from Oxford. Several residents have reported problems with travel to and from work, especially when working evening shifts. Mr Kingston from Le Manoir has confirmed that they continue to fund the bus service and the timetable changes were not their direction; he understands the concern from residents and is in contact with the Oxford Bus Company working to reinstate the late night service. The Council have agreed that they will also contact the OBC and ask that the 23.20 service back to Great Milton is reinstated, even if this means the loss of an early morning service or the earlier 21.20 service.

## Speeding in the Village

The Council have agreed to purchase another Speed Indicator Device so there can be a device in all three locations – Thame Road, Church Road, Lower End – simultaneously.

## **Planning**

There following planning applications were discussed;

P25/S4084/FUL and P25/S4085/LB

Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons

Internal alterations to manor house and dovecote: including alterations to wall and floor finishes; localised demolition of internal walls; temporary opening up works; alterations to existing services. External alterations to manor house including the removal of skylights, new door, removal of existing door, new roof access hatch, and lightning rods.

As discussed earlier in the meeting the main changes which impact residents are removal of windows, skylights and doors overlooking churchyard. The Council agreed to support the application.

P25/S4062/O

Land to the east of Chilworth Road, Great Milton, OX44 7NY

Outline application for detached self-build dwelling and related works, with matters reserved except access, layout and scale.

Planning granted for two houses on the adjacent corner plot. The scale and layout is appropriate for the location. The Council agreed to support the application.

## **Thame Road Development**

Mr Bob Hutton explained plans for the development on land to the south of Thame Rd. The application has been granted permission in principle for up to 9 houses but the full application will be for 6 houses. The plans are considerate of the impact on the village community. Mr Hutton announced that the footpath running in front of the new houses will be gifted to the village so pedestrians no longer need to walk on the road. He also explained how each property has a different appearance and the first property on entering Thame Rd is thatched to make the development as attractive and sympathetic as possible to the existing character of the village. Full planning permission is likely to be submitted in 6 months time.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on

Monday 23rd February starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Agenda items for the February meeting are due to the Clerk by

Wednesday 4th Feb 2026.

Complete minutes and supporting documents can be found on the Parish Council website – [greatmilton-pc.gov.uk](http://greatmilton-pc.gov.uk)

## Benefice Services for February

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 1st		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Monday 8th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 15th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Wednesday 18th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>		Holy Communion 7:00pm	
Sunday 22nd	BCP Communion 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday 25th	Compline 6:00pm		

## Benefice Services for March

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 1st		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Wednesday 4th			Compline 6:00pm

### 4th March – Lent Lunch – Great Milton

## Food for Thought

The Victorian poet Christina Rossetti wrote “In February, there is everything to hope and nothing to regret”. This may seem a bit far-fetched as we look out of our windows at the still dark mornings and gloomy evenings, make our way through driving rain or shiver in freezing temperatures which seem never to rise much above zero. It’s tempting to agree with Charles Dickens, who described February as ‘a month of mud and misery’. Spring appears a long way away.

And yet as we emerge from January, the joys and bustle of Christmas behind us, these quieter times can offer us many comforts. The Danes are experts at this, leaning into what they call ‘hygge’ an untranslatable word which represents home comforts, the warmth of firesides, shared times indoors with friends, home cooked food, good books. And the Danes are often called the happiest people on earth, so they must be

doing something right.

Many of us will be using these weeks as an opportunity to rethink and reshape our lives, taking on healthier eating habits, or joining the gym, taking up a new hobby or decluttering our homes.

As Christians, we are looking ahead towards Lent, and beginning to extend our focus on God, remembering the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness in preparation for the ordeal and the resurrection to come.

Traditionally we give things up for Lent, treats or small things we love, in order to help us concentrate on the abstinence of Jesus. But Lent can also be an opportunity to introduce something new into our spiritual lives, just as we can in our more secular world. Perhaps it's reading a Bible passage every day, or donating to a Food Bank. Reach out to a neighbour or a long lost friend, join a group dedicated to helping others. Small shared practices foster belonging and support in communities, and perhaps the best way for us to embrace hygge, is to make sure others have what they need.

If you have time, why not come to a church, and take the opportunity to feel connected to God, to faith, to purpose. You'll certainly receive a welcome warmer than the temperature outside.

The famous gardener, Gertrude Jekyll wrote "There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant, but surely coming, summer."

Spring will come, as the light lasts longer each day, and the gardens and meadows will come back to life, So instead of joining Dickens in the 'mud and misery' of another dark rainy February day, let's try and see beyond the regret and focus on the hope. Let's take back February, reset our minds and connect with ourselves and one another.

*Victoria Barry, Little Milton PCC*

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## **Church News**

The advertisement for a Rector for our Benefice has been placed in the Church Times. The interviews for the vacancy will be on 11th March. All three parishes are participating in this important choice.

We hope that you have appreciated the long overdue tree surgery work in the "new" churchyard next to Lychgate Lane. We are very grateful to the Sheppard Trust for their generosity.

We were delighted and encouraged by the attendance at the Christmas services.

*The Churchwardens*

## 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](http://www.oxfordmethodists.org.uk)

February			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
1st	11:00am	Sue Barratt	Morning Service
8th	11:00am	David Harper	Morning Service
15th	11:00am	Alistair Jackson	Morning Service
22nd	11:00am	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion

**Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am to midday.**

**The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.**

**Corrie Ten Boom.**

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### Lent Lunches

Once again, we will be hosting some delicious lent lunches in aid of Christian aid this year. They will be held on the following dates and places, and by the following lovely hosts...

4th March. Trudy Timbs in Great Milton.

18th March Jane Jefferis in Great Milton

25th March Sally Ann Dennis in Little Milton

1st April Judy Alexander in Great Haseley.

There will be no lent lunch on the 11th of March as it is the day which has been fixed for the interviews for the new Rector .

Each lunch begins at 12:30 and it is helpful but certainly not essential if you can let the host know whether you are coming or not...!?

*SA Dennis*

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## Community Café Continues...

...on 18th February in the Pavilion. Open to everyone. Fresh coffee and homemade refreshments available from 10:30 until 12:30.

## Neighbours' Hall Agm

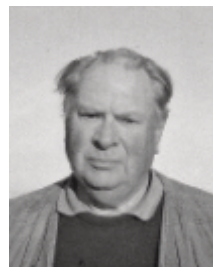
“What a great space!” was the recent reaction of a qualified yoga teacher. In truth, the Neighbours' Hall in Church Road provides great space for all manner of activities – drama, birthday parties, band concerts, club meetings plus, of course, quizzes and the book library. In the last year it has been smartened up with its exterior painted and other improvements. Come along and learn how the committee have managed the 100-year-old building so it can be used by everyone from the local villages. The AGM is on Friday 13h March at 18.00. It will not take long but you can learn more about the building's use and the launch of a new website.



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## View from Views

Now the dust has settled life should be back to normal after the Christmas and New Year break, I hope all had a good rest and are now ready to face the world for 2026. And wow how the weather took us all by surprise with the first few days of the year turning rather cold, the rain in the last few months has been sort of “manner from heaven” the cold will not have done any harm either as the last few mild winters will not have done a lot for the control of bugs and diseases, plus it has been great to have some dry crisp weather, instead of the slushy and wet of the last few 🙌



months. Since it started to rain post drought conditions, it occurred to me that perhaps with the recent rainfall the annual total would not be far off normal when I checked my records and totted all up I found out that end of the year was 639.5mm (25.17"). the average for this part of the country is around 25" this proves my assumption was not far out. This is very interesting as despite all the variations any one year is not that different than others, this will also mean the soil moisture deficit should not alter a great deal, despite what the pundits may say.

Not sure if it is a good omen or not but on New Year's day we had two good flocks of Lapwings fly over, with one actually settling on the farm for a short stay, a wonderful site, just hope it means we have them increasing in numbers and, will see more in the future, certainly more have been seen since so may be their numbers are on the increase, I understand a lot are breeding further up the river, let's hope so. Our night watchman also reported counting something like 50 Snipe feeding on the river meadows, have only noticed the odd one or two during the day in the past but, not this number nor this year. Now is the time of year that the Partridge pair up for breeding and judging by the numbers flying around at the moment we should have an explosion in the numbers later this year, assuming we have reasonable breeding season without too many predators. An interesting observation on this fact re predators, as it is them that are protected, not necessarily their prey which is sometimes may seem a little odd.

A lot has happened in the Agricultural world since I last wrote.

At last, the Government have accepted their mistake on inheritance tax on Agricultural land by raising the allowance to £2.5m, this will help many genuine farmers but not all by all means, it will though still catch the large investors that the Government are really targeting. Of course, this does not help those that who have already taken their own life, worrying that the next generation will after next April, have to pay, an unaffordable tax. There really needs to be a better way of identifying genuine farmers and investors, as there is in normal taxes, surely if a farmer can prove he is actually farming his land for profit, then they can justify certain claims for tax relief. As I have said many times before it can't be beyond the wit of man to come up with a simpler and fairer way of taxing, it needs some radical rethink on the whole issue.

Also released just before Christmas, was a report by Baroness Batters, (former president of the NFU) on how profitable British Farming was, this commissioned by the previous (I assume) Government, completed ready for publication in October, but not publicised by Government until just before Christmas so that there was not time to debate it. We also understand there were certain issues she was asked not to comment on, which seems to me to take away the point of the whole report, we are

still awaiting developments/comments. At the moment we learn that it states that it is the arable (Crops) sector that is in the most difficult position at present, mainly due to over production worldwide. This also applies to milk production at the moment, it has been stated in certain cases milk is being poured down the drain. Fancy having to do this when you are up against it financially. The problem is that we need to be producing other food related crops, this then begs the question how are we going to harvest these diverse crops, as I have pointed out in some of my previously. So, we could be stuck until such time that technology can take over or we get used to more seasonal and manual work. The beginning of January brings the main political and practical farming conferences to Oxford, I think the main take from these is that the environment minister announced the Sustainable Farming Incentive payments will be opened up to small Farms in June and larger in September. No mention of the fact that these payments, that some rely on have not paid out a penny since they closed some 18 to 24 months ago. This really is not a very satisfactory situation as some rely on these payments to help them over the vagaries of the market.

*Charles Peers*

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## **Tons Together (Little Milton) WI**

In January we went out for our annual New Year dinner at the Seven Stars pub in Marsh Baldon. It was a wonderful night, with great food, service & company, highly recommended (<https://sevenstarsatmarshbaldon.co.uk/>).

We're back in the Pine Lodge on 12 February at 7.30pm for Adele's talk on Conservation in Welgevonden, South Africa. She'll also be selling her handsewn cards, fundraising for her Girlguiding trip to India in August. Everyone always welcome, men too! Visitors £6.

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](http://www.facebook.com/lmpinelodge)

Pine Lodge website: [www.lmvh.org.uk](http://www.lmvh.org.uk)

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## WALKS PROGRAMME JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

Date	Start Place	Dist Miles	Notes
<b>January</b>			
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch	4½	Leisurely, undulating through beech woods
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Common	5½	Queens Wood, Pishill and College Wood.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kingston Blount Village Hall	2½	Leisurely, gentle social walk. Optional coffee stop near the finish.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thame Town Hall	7	Via Oxfordshire Golf Club and Rycote Chapel.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Garsington	6	Via Cuddesdon and Denton.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wheatley, CP behind King & Queen PH	4	Via the windmill and Shotover House.
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bledlow, the church	5½	Via Princes Risborough Golf Course and Lodge Hill.
<b>February</b>			
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bradenham, NT CP Smalldean Lane	5	Quiet roads, tracks and some hills.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch	5¾	Ibstone Common and Wormsley estate.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Whiteleaf Cross CP	5	Cadshen and Pulpit Hill. 620' ascent
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Headington, Courtside Café, Bury Knowle Park	2½	Leisurely, gentle linear walk. Optional coffee at the café at 10am at the start and at Brookes at finish. On bus routes.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch	6	Some climbing, but good views!
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Crowell, the church	7	Chilterns with good views. 990' ascent.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stokenchurch	5¾	Scenic walk. 800' ascent.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Watlington, recreation ground car park	6	Up into the Chilterns. 500' ascent.
<b>March</b>			
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Whiteleaf Cross CP	6½	Undulating walk. 930' ascent.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Waterperry Gardens	6½	Following tracks and footpaths.
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	Wheatley, Mill View Garden Centre	2	Leisurely, gentle social walk. Optional coffee at the café at 10am.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nether Winchendon	7½	Via Waddesdon Manor grounds and Upper Winchendon. 1,000' ascent.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bernwood Forest car park	6	Bernwood Jubilee Way via Oakley.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sydenham	6	Fairly flat.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kingston Blount Village Hall	5½	Via Chinnor and Kiln Lakes Nature Reserve.
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Great Hampden	5½	Leisurely.

*All walks are circular and start at 10am unless otherwise stated.*

*Please check the website to confirm details as programme subject to change:*

[www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html](http://www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/thame-wheatley/walking.html)

*Leaders' contact details and whether walks are suitable for dogs can also be found on the website.*



**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 care navigators on 01865 872448 for more information.

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

A 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.

**Medicine waste** costs the NHS around £300 million/year. Only order the medicines you need. Once medicine leaves a pharmacy it can no longer be re-used even if unopened.

**Winter vaccinations** are still available from local pharmacies to protect against serious illnesses like flu and COVID-19. For information, check eligibility and booking visit [Winter vaccinations and winter health - NHS](#). Also contact MHS for chicken pox vaccine for toddlers and RSV vaccine for older adults and pregnant women.

**Care Messages:** The NHS App is now being used by MHS and other health providers to send you simple, secure messages on your phone about your care e.g. appointments, test results, reminders. Much quicker than waiting for a letter or phone call. See MHS website to find out how to turn on notifications in the NHS App and receive Care Messages.

**Scam NHS cold calls** - beware of fake calls from "receptionists" or "doctors" asking you to update your GP records or risk being removed from the surgery.

**You and Your General Practice** – this new NHS guide can be downloaded from the MHS website. It is great resource for all NHS patients, full of useful tips and helpful information.

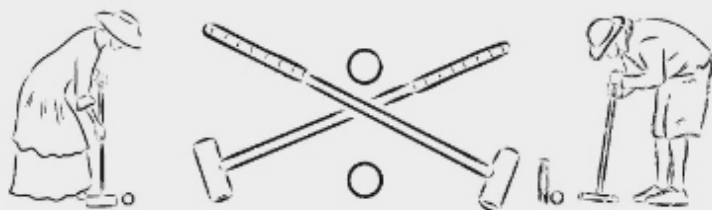
Visit **Morland House Surgery Website** for a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment: [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk) For example:

- **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.
- **Online Resources for Clinical Help** via self-referrals
- **Group Consultation Clinics** – successful group clinics are currently being offered for the menopause and hypertension.
- **Breast screening** to detect the most common cancer in women
- **Whooping Cough** infections, symptoms and treatment
- **Weight Loss Medication**
- **Childhood Immunisation**

**THE INAUGURAL GREAT MILTON  
CROQUET COMPETITION  
(AND AFTER PARTY)**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SATURDAY 9TH MAY**



**THE PAVILION, GREAT MILTON**

**TO HELP RAISE ESSENTIAL FUNDS FOR  
REPAIRING THE PLAYGROUND**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**FURTHER DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## Our much loved village playground needs your help...



As many of you may have seen, we have sadly had to temporarily close some parts of the playground. Following a recent safety inspection, two of the main pieces of equipment were found to be unsafe due to age-related deterioration. We know this is a real loss for our local children and families.

After exploring all options, we've been advised that these items can't be repaired and must be fully replaced. The cost of doing so is significant, estimated at £30,000-£40,000.

Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee, which oversees the playground, is a charity that is run by volunteers. We're actively applying for funding from local and national organisations.

We will also be running community fundraising events, with more details to follow. But we know that not everyone has the time to volunteer or attend events though, so we have also set up a 'GoFundMe' page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-make-urgent-repairs-to-our-village-playground>

If you or your family have enjoyed the playground in the past, use it now, or hope to in the future. Even if you simply value having a safe, welcoming play space at the heart of our village - we'd be incredibly grateful for anyone's support. Every donation, no matter the size, will really help to make a difference.

Our community is a special one and we know how much people enjoy the playground. We are exploring every avenue into how we can raise the funds to help bring it back to life and make it better than ever!

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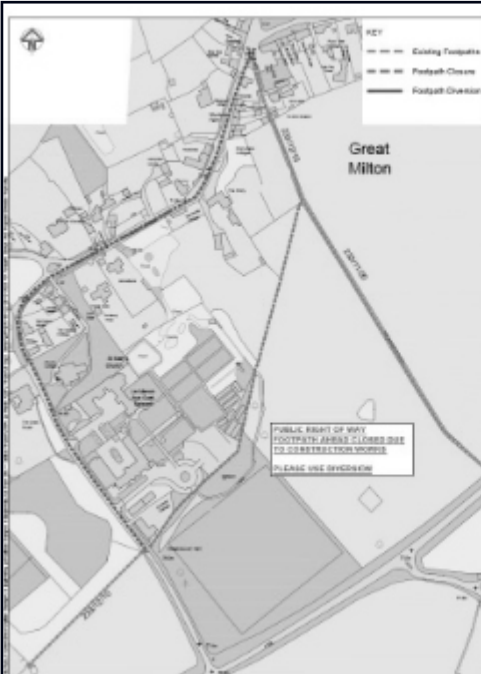
# Temporary Footpath Closure

## From 5th January until July 2026

Dear All,

Please note that the footpath across Le Manoir meadow is now closed until the summer due to the construction works being undertaken. The official diversion is via Church Road. Please see the below notice from OCC - who will be posting official notices at either end of the path by 25th January.

Jacqueline Wren  
Parish Clerk



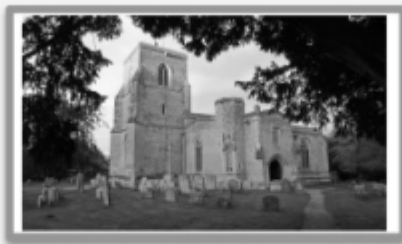
The map shows the area around Great Milton, including Le Manoir meadow and Church Road. A key indicates: Existing Footpaths (dashed line), Footpath Closure (dotted line), and Footpath Diversion (solid line). A text box on the map reads: 'PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY FOOTPATH AREAS CLOSED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION WORKS PLEASE USE DIVERSION'.

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- ❖ See a bird's-eye video of the historic building.
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  - 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.

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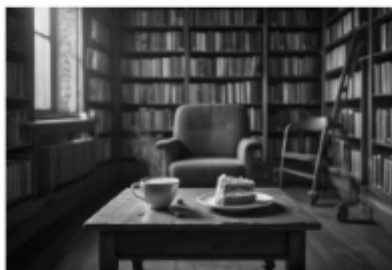
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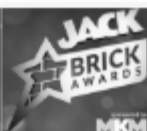
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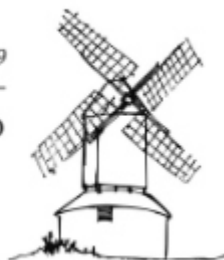
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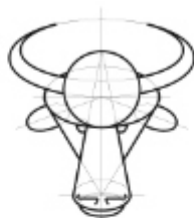


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- Tuesday Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground.  
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| 18th Feb | Community Cafe at The Pavilion                | 10:30am |
| 23rd Mon | Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion        | 7:30pm  |
| 27th Fri | Book & Jigsaw Library at The Neighbours’ Hall | 11:00am |

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