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Park and Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
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Highlights from the meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council on 23rd February 2026

Local Government Reorganisation and the threat to the Green Belt

There are 3 proposals for the reorganisation of local government in South Oxfordshire, any of which will have a significant impact on how the community in Great Milton is served by our local authority. Concurrently the government has recently introduced a new planning policy framework which redefines 'grey belt' land. There have been several examples recently of 'grey belt' status being granted in Oxfordshire's Green Belt villages and the Council feels the creation of a Greater Oxford unitary authority will further threaten Great Milton's future in the Green Belt.

A Oxfordshire County Council have proposed 1 unitary council;

Oxfordshire: Cherwell, Oxford City, Oxfordshire County, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire.

B South Oxfordshire County Council have proposed 2 unitary councils;

Oxford and Shires Council: Cherwell, Oxford City and West Oxfordshire.

Ridgeway Council: South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse, plus West Berkshire.

C Oxford City Council have proposed 3 unitary councils;

Greater Oxford Council: Oxford City plus 15 parishes from Cherwell, 25 parishes from South Oxfordshire (including Great Milton) and 9 parishes from Vale of White Horse.

Northern Oxfordshire Council: Cherwell less 15 parishes and West Oxfordshire.

Ridgeway Council: South Oxfordshire less 25 parishes, Vale of White Horse less 9 parishes, plus West Berkshire.

Great Milton Parish Council can see the benefits of either option A or B but strongly object to proposal C which would see Great Milton and 24 other parishes from the green belt being included in a Greater Oxford unitary council. The reasons for the Parish Council's objection are set out in detail in the letter to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government – available on the parish website.

GMPC would encourage everyone who is able to engage with the consultation, especially if you agree that the Greater Oxfordshire proposal would be bad news for our Great Milton community.

Spring Clean Up

Councillor David Harms has agreed to coordinate a Spring Litterpick which is likely to take place on Saturday 21st March. Further details will be publicised.

Road Maintenance

The Clerk gave an update on her meeting with the Highways Engagement Team where she reported ongoing issues with drainage on Church Road and Thame Road as well as mossy pavements on Oxen Piece. The main message from the Highways Team was that they are currently overwhelmed with pothole reports after the wet winter weather and therefore it is taking much longer for them to fix these problems. They have taken on new contractors and teams to improve this but they still have a large backlog. In order to prioritise and address the more serious problems quickly they emphasised that each problem needs to be reported separately and crucially with photos on FixMyStreet and an accurate location. This allows the team to directly prioritise jobs without needing to send a team to assess first. They noted that moss on pavements can be addressed by spreading salt on the area to kill the moss. The Highways Team also suggested that Great Milton could recruit their own “Fixmystreet Super Users” who are given training and equipment to assess and log problems directly with the OCC contractors who are then able to fix the problem more quickly. Residents who are interested in becoming a FixMyStreet Super User should contact the Clerk or volunteercoordinationteam@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Planning Applications

The following planning application was discussed:

P26/S0077/LB & P26/S0076/FUL

Ashurst Court, London Road, Wheatley OX33 1ER

Installation of electric vehicle charging points and associated infrastructure at Units 7, 8 and 9.

- The Council had no concerns regarding this application and are in support of the sustainability goals.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th March 2026 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion. Agenda items for the March meeting are due to the Clerk by Wednesday, 4th March.

Complete minutes and supporting documents can be found on the Parish Council website – www.greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

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 (with Holy Baptism) 10:30am
Wednesday 4th	Lent Lunch 12:30pm		Compline 6:00pm
Sunday 8th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Wednesday 11th		Compline 6:00pm	
Sunday 15th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Family Worship 10:30am	Holy Communion 9:00am	
Wednesday 18th	Lent Lunch 12:30pm Compline 6:00pm		
Sunday 22nd			Holy Communion BCP 9:00am
Wednesday 25th		Lent Lunch 12:30pm	Compline 6:00pm
Sunday 29th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Benefice Family Communion 10:30am		

Benefice Services for April

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Wednesday 1st		Lent Lunch 12:30pm	
Thursday 2nd <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	Holy Communion 7:00pm		Compline 6:00pm
Friday 3rd <i>Good Friday</i>			Good Friday Reflection (with Passiontide Music) 11:00am
Saturday 4th			Easter Vigil 7:00pm

Food for Thought

As I write this, it is wet, dreary, muddy and grey. The sort of day when everything feels a bit bleak. And yet, out in the garden, snowdrops, crocuses, winter aconites, irises and cyclamen are pushing their way up through the cold, damp earth. Quiet signs that spring is on its way. We don't just hope spring will come – we know it will.

That, in many ways, is what Christian hope is like. It isn't wishful thinking or crossing our fingers and trying to be optimistic. It is a confident trust that God will do what he has promised. A steady expectation that he is at work, that he will put things right, that life and love are stronger than death.

The Bible's idea of hope is solid and joyful. Not "maybe", but "yes – in God's time".

Easter is when Christians celebrate that hope most clearly. God raised Jesus from the dead and showed that death is not the end of the story. Through faith in the risen Jesus, God promises new life to all.

Lent, the season we are in now, gives us a bit of space to take stock of our lives, and get ready to celebrate Eastertide with real joy. Lent can be a time to sweep clean the muddier corners of our lives, and to ask for God's help in living more closely in His way. I know that I have plenty of corners that need a good sweep!

I would like to use this opportunity to thank all those who have helped me through these last six months since my dear husband Tony died. The love and care of so many in these villages has been just wonderful - cards, letters, invitations, meals, messages, phone calls, friendly faces and those who simply stop to ask how I am. Thank you all so much. It has meant a great deal to me.

The faith that Tony and I shared is central in helping me to walk this path of grief. Because of God's promises, I can have hope – real, steady hope, and the assurance that Tony's death was not the end of his story.

I know that many others carry their own sorrows and grief. Just as we trust that spring will follow winter, we can trust that God holds our future, and that his promises are sure. None of our loved ones, nor any of us, are beyond His loving care.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans chapter 15 verse 13

Jane Jefferis, Great Milton PCC

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

March			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
1st	11:00am	Alistair Jackson	Morning Service
8th	11:00am	David Harper	Morning Service
15th	11:00am	Gillian Dodds	Morning Service
22nd	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Morning Service
29th	11:00am	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion

Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 11th March at 10:30am to midday.

The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.
Corrie Ten Boom.

Great Milton History



The history of Great Milton is important and our collection of records, photos, family details, graves, houses, the Church et al is important - it is essential to keep this small (at present) society alive and well.

Should you wish to contact us during this 'mini interregnum', come and visit on the first Wednesday of the month, or use our website gmhistorysociety@outlook.com

View from Views

It seems that since I last put finger to keyboard nothing in the weather department has changed, dull wet and miserable. Still in about 14 days-time we are due a new moon when, in theory as an old wives tail, tells us that the weather will change. The cold we had about the change of the year must have been more severe than we realised, as it suddenly became obvious a lot of undergrowth had disappeared, with the more tender plants having been reduced to dead tissue, luckily the plants we need to survive will not have been affected.



The big worry now is how many of our recently transplanted trees, will have survived last summer's drought, as some in the same area are showing possible buds so I guess it will shortly be obvious if we have to replant. Happily, it seems that most have withstood the last summer's drought.

Now is the time of the farmland bird count, as long as we have decent enough weather for them to show themselves. Needless to say, we never see those birds that tend to be on the rare side, that demonstrates how our conservation work is doing what it is meant to, but then such is life.

A few years ago, we decided that we should form a farm cluster, with the idea of those of us with land that drained into the River Thames clubbing together to see if we could encourage support to do some conservation work on the catchment. As well as forming a group that could work together on all sorts of local issues that could in hance the river catchment, including producing food viably. Initially there were two such clusters for the whole river, we felt it could be more effective if one cluster was formed, so the now existing "Thames Catchment Farm Cluster" was inaugurated. We then we were approached by the "River Thames Conservation Trust" (RTCT) to see if enough of us would be interested in a "Landscape Recovery" scheme that one of the government departments had come up with and were prepared to support "RTCT", to come up with a scheme. This they have now dome within the given time of 2 ½ years. Every field riverbank and feature, of each participating farm has been logged into the scheme, which farmers have been asked to agree to, as this will not have much effect on the productivity of each individual farm, I would imagine most will agree. We are led to believe that the capital cost of each scheme will be funded from central funds. This is all very exciting as it means that we will be able to provide habitats that we would otherwise not have been able to fund ourselves. There is a lot of official and legal hurdles/hoops for us to jump through but with the help and guidance "RTCT", I am sure it could well come to fruition, although we have to commit to 20 years.

Whereas I am very much in favour of the conservation of the environment, we have to be aware it is not as simple as that now. Years ago the then "Thames Conservancy" used to dredge the river every 5 or so years, now we want to leave it alone for nature to take its course. Unfortunately, now with all the development along the catchment the river really has to be a drainage ditch, with us farmers having to put up with extensive flooding let alone in places householders. We now have to work on ways to produce food as well as look after the ecosystems, both along the catchment and adjacent land.

Anyone could be excused for thinking why should we be paying landowners to protect ecosystems, well a recent study titled "Global Biodiversity loss, Ecosystem Collapse and National Security", suggests a terse stark warning that our food 🤝

security is at risk. This was prepared for the “Joint Intelligence Committee” which oversees MI5 and MI6 and was due to be published last Autumn but was shelved, (like many other contentious issues), but now released by DEFRA. This report states that the collapse of ecosystems and biodiversity will affect our ability to produce enough food in the UK. This of course will mean we would have to rely on importing food in an uncertain world situation, and that it is far cheaper to support home produce.

Charles Peers

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In February we learnt all about Adele’s trip to Welgevonden in South Africa and the wonderful wildlife. She also sold her handsewn cards and we held a raffle, fundraising for her Girlguiding trip to India in August.

It’s our AGM on 12 March at the earlier time of 7pm, followed by a First Aid workshop at 7.30pm with Sue from the British Red Cross. This aligns with the national WI resolution/campaign, ‘Bystanders can be lifesavers’. Everyone always welcome, men too!

Visitors £6, or join up & get the March meeting FREE - £54 for 2026/27

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton, The Haseleys, Stadhampton or surrounding villages, new to the area, want to meet new people, make new friends? Then join Tons Together WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pine Lodge OX44 7PZ at 7.30pm.

Too shy to come by yourself or need a lift? Contact us & we’ll find you a WI buddy.

Like us at www.facebook.com/lmpinelodge

Pine Lodge website: www.lmvh.org.uk

Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society

The Great Haseley and District Horticultural Society is a historic local society, growing out of the dig for victory campaign in World War II. We have been organising talks, demonstrations, arts and crafts events, garden visits, provide discounts on seeds and of course run our annual show. The show has long been an important part of rural

life; there are pictures of horticultural shows, predating the current society, at Great Haseley dating back to the Victorian era. We were encouraged last year that the show does have a future as we had a lot of new exhibitors, including many children, but we are struggling to stage the show this year due to the lack of new volunteers to help organise and to run the show on the day. It's not a lot of work if we have enough people! More generally we also want to provide events that are relevant and interest people and would welcome suggestions for things we could organise.

To start a conversation about the future of the society, we would like to invite you to our AGM on 24th March 2026 at 7:30pm in Great Haseley Village Hall. The future of the show will be on the agenda. The chapel, the society owns on Back Way in Great Haseley, will also be discussed as we would like to secure its long-term future as a local asset. If you are a property solicitor or a building surveyor we could do with some help to achieve this!


If you are unable to come to the AGM, but would like to contribute to the discussion, are able to help us or are interested in joining us, please email ghdhs_enquiries@outlook.com.

Louise Bird, Chair GHDHS

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum tells the story of the county's military heritage through 50 objects in new exhibition

- New exhibition displays 50 key objects which tell the story of the county's military heritage from 21 March - 30 April 2026
- Objects on display illustrate Oxfordshire stories from the Napoleonic Wars to the Second World War
- Insights into wartime life in the county, and the history of the two county regiments, The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars
- Alongside the exhibition, the museum will be offering 50 Objects outreach talks, bringing their collections to you

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, the county's military history museum based in Woodstock, will open a brand-new exhibition entitled Oxfordshire's Military Heritage in 50 Objects from 21 March to 30 April 2026. 

The collection of objects going into the exhibition combine highlights from the museum's permanent displays from the past 10 years with recently donated items on show for the first time. Museum Director, Ursula Corcoran, said;

“50 Objects brings many objects out of the archive and into the public gaze for the first time. We hope visitors will be inspired by the county's military heritage and even think of the family stories and treasures they hold themselves”.

The objects have been selected from the 14,500 items preserved in the collection of SOFO Museum to give a glimpse into the story of Oxfordshire's military heritage. These objects tell the stories of residents of the county and the soldiers of Oxfordshire's regiments who have been impacted by, and influenced, conflict across the centuries.

Oxfordshire's military story stretches back nearly 2000 years, from the earliest named soldier in the county, Lucius Valerius Geminus, a veteran of the Second Augustan Legion who was buried at Alcester in 79AD. The county's regiments played roles in shaping the most significant conflicts of the last 200 years, from Waterloo to pivotal battles of the First and Second World Wars.

Throughout history, Oxfordshire soldiers have led the charge, at the forefront of world-changing events. A 19th century shako cap and Waterloo Medal highlight the 52nd (Oxfordshire) Regiment of Foot's role in Napoleon's defeat at the battle and encounter with his Imperial Guard.

A signed sketch and set of binoculars are used to illustrate their descendants' famous role during D-Day, 1944. 2nd Battalion Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry were some of the first British troops to land in Normandy, leading the capture of two vital bridges over the Orne River and Caen canal in the early hours of the morning. The sketch of a Horsa glider, signed by the men who took part in the capture of what would become known as Pegasus Bridge, includes a note from one of the glider pilots, SSgt Wallwork, who wrote;

‘On 5-6th June '44 I carried the best troops (Ox & Bucks & Engineers) in both Airborne Divisions (but don't tell t'others).’

The exhibition will include a collection of objects first uncovered by a French farmer in 2013, alongside the remains of an unidentified officer. Scraps of a uniform,

badges, buttons, a pocket watch and trench whistle provided some clues which helped museum volunteers narrow down his identity to one of a small number of candidates, including Osmond Bartle Wordsworth, a collateral descendant of the famous poet, William Wordsworth. However, it was a chance encounter with a visitor to the museum, who knew another descendant that enabled DNA testing, through the Ministry of Defence, Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre (JCCC), which finally confirmed his identity.

In 2022, 9 years from when he was discovered, and 105 years since he fell during the Battle of Arras, his grave was rededicated in his name, no longer an unknown casualty of war. Ingram Murray, one of the volunteers involved with the research that helped identify Lt. Wordsworth, explains;

“After prolonged research with another volunteer using a wide range of sources, we successfully established that the remains were of Lieutenant Osmond Wordsworth, who had transferred to the Machine Gun Corps before being killed in action”.

One of the most recently donated objects that will go on display for the first time at the museum is incredibly local – a set of beautifully decorated blackout curtains that came from a house on Park Street, Woodstock, just doors down from the museum.

Discovered while clearing a loft, the curtains had belonged to Joan Mary Shelmadine, one of the founders of the Samson press, which operated out of Woodstock from 1937. Dated 1941, the curtains had been used throughout the Second World War, then remained in the house in Woodstock ever since.

Alongside the exhibition, the museum will be expanding its outreach programme by taking a package of talks themed around 50 Objects on the road, offering to bring selections of objects with an expert speaker to clubs, societies and organisations across the county. Talks and speakers are now bookable by contacting the museum or visiting the website.

Alongside its many volunteers that have contributed to and made this exhibition possible, the museum would like to thank the Greening Lambourne Trust for supporting the development of this new exhibition and outreach programme.

SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT!

20TH MARCH - 7PM FOR 7.30 START

IN THE NEIGHBOURS HALL

Teams of up to 6

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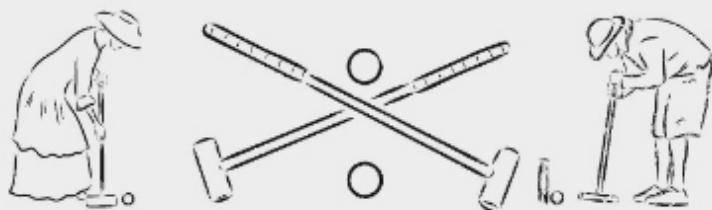
Proceeds to Friends of Great Milton School

WhatsApp Alan on 07840 762271
to book your Team

**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



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

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:

- **Are you a Carer?** – find help and support if you are looking after someone unable to care for themselves
- **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.
- **Winter Vaccinations** for flu and COVID-19 - information on eligibility and booking
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- **Online Resources for Clinical Help** via self-referrals
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- **Whooping Cough** infections, symptoms and treatment
- **Weight Loss Medication**
- **Childhood Immunisation**
- **You and Your General Practice** – a guide downloadable from MHS website

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.

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.

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!

Thank You

The GMRGMC

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.**

Book and Jigsaw Library

**Friday 20th March 2026
11.00 - 12 noon
Neighbours' Hall**



Come and take, swap or donate a book or two; we also have a good selection of jigsaw puzzles.

Tea, coffee and cakes are provided in the Orchard Room to enjoy whilst you browse on either the third or fourth Friday of the month.

Please feel free to make use of the Library any time you visit the Neighbours' Hall, Great Milton.

Neighbours' Hall

A large recently refurbished community Hall with Wifi, central heating, new lighting and well-equipped kitchen. The

Hall benefits from a bar, stage and smaller room opening on to an enclosed patio garden area overlooking Le Manoir orchard. The Hall has good car parking facilities. It is ideal for community groups, children's parties, family get togethers, company functions, weddings and special celebrations.

Available for hire by the hour or the day.

**Cost for hiring
£15 per hour, £120 for the full day**

Please contact our Booking Secretary

Janet Smith on 07970 264667

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,
call 01844 278116**

GREAT MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Are you interested in becoming a 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.

If you would like to find out more please contact
the Parish Clerk, Jacqueline Wren at clerk@greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

Alexa Garden Care

07584250483

Garden Maintenance

Weeding, pruning, end of tenancy tidy-ups.

- Rose pruning a speciality
- Bespoke planters



Gift vouchers for gardening, rose pruning or planters available.

Qualified, fully insured, references available.

facebook.com/alexagardencare/

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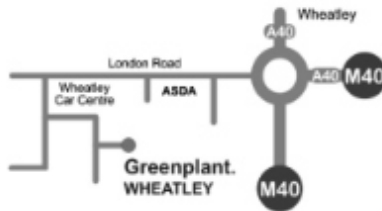
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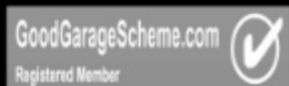
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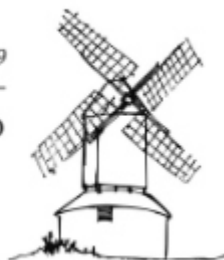
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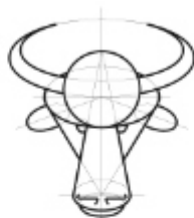


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Tuesday	Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>
Wednesday	2nd Wed. Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday.
Thursday	The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. <i>contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432</i> Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269. www.sandylanefarm.net</i> Athletics Club. Year 4–7. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i> Badminton – Great Milton School Hall. 7:00pm – 10:00pm. <i>contact Daphne Holland – 01844 214198</i>
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Saturday	Old Field. 2nd Saturday of each month. 10:15am – 12:00pm. <i>contact Alex Kirkman – 01844 278090</i> Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 2:00pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269. www.sandylanefarm.net</i>

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16th Mon	Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion	7:30pm
20th Fri	Book & Puzzle Library at The Neighbours’ Hall	11:00am
	Quiz Night at The Neighbours’ Hall	7:00pm
25th Wed	Coffee Morning at The Pavilion	10:30am

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9th Sat	Croquet Competition & Party at The Pavilion	tbc
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