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Front Cover: Adrian Buckmaster and David Mackrory erecting the bird box in Old Field.
Photo: Fred Cabbage.

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NHS non-emergency	111	nhs.uk
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Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
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National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

Highlights from the meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council on 16th March 2026

Threat to the Green Belt

Councillor Harms explained that the Council are feeling unsure of what the position is with regard to 'Grey Belt land' and have noticed it is coming up frequently in recent planning applications. The District Councillor noted that the concept of Grey Belt originated in 2024 but acknowledged the Council's concerns with regard to recent applications. She noted that she is in contact with a Senior Planning Officer who is aware that the Council have questions and would be happy to answer them. Councillor Heritage emphasised that each application will be assessed on a case by case basis rather than a blanket approach or precedent. She noted that decisions are always guided by the assessment which forms part of the Joint Local Plan.

Councillor Harms explained the recent correspondence from Michael Tyce in Waterstock which has raised concern regarding the increasing mention of Grey Belt land. The overall impression being that although legislation hasn't changed the protections for Green Belt land are seemingly being eroded. The Council noted that recent planning applications which have been approved have all followed a similar pattern. The statements have all made a similar argument for the land being Grey Belt but Consultee concerns are not being acknowledged. Councillor Harms expressed that there seems to be little guidance as to how the Council can mitigate this risk to Green Belt land since there is no overriding SODC policy which covers it. The District Councillor noted that national policy will always "trump" local policy so SODC can't always influence a decision made within the planning policy framework. Councillor Harms asked whether SODC will develop a policy for this and GH noted the recent study of the Green Belt and explained that SODC will use this to inform their consideration of Grey Belt land.

The District Councillor expressed her concern that the bigger threat is not the definition of green or grey belt land but the housing targets and the tilted balance. It was noted that recent decisions have seen the Planning Inspectorate overriding District Councillors who are representing their communities.

There was discussion on the influence of Neighbourhood Plans (NHP) and the Council noted several recent planning applications which have been granted in direct contradiction of the NHP. GH said that she still believes an NHP provides a level of protection but does appreciate the amount of work involved in putting it together.

There followed discussion regarding new Permission in Principle (PIP) applications and that the Council are concerned these do not seem to be scrutinised in the same

way as full planning applications. It was noted that for one of the recent PIP applications on Thame Rd there were a lot of valid objections which seemed to be disregarded.

It was agreed that the Clerk to send the District Councillor references to these recent applications for her to review the reports. GH also agreed to liaise with Councillor Harms to set up a meeting with a Planning Officer to discuss the Council's concerns and questions.

Resignations and Vacancies

Councillor Bill Fox announced his resignation at the end of the financial year and expressed what a privilege and honour it has been to serve on the PC for the last 13 years. The Council expressed their sadness to lose his valuable guidance and experience but gave their best wishes and thanks for such diligent service to our community.

The Clerk has also given notice that she will be relocating with her family in the summer and the Council will therefore be advertising the position of Parish Clerk.

Interested parties for either position - Clerk or Councillor should contact the Chair, Malcolm Horsley; malcolm.horsley@greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

P26/SO400/HH

The Dell, Church Rd, Great Milton OX44 7PB

Erection of a single storey rear extension to replace the 2002 additions.

-Response due by 17th March (Extension granted)

The Council discussed the application and the letter received from an immediate neighbour. The Council agreed that they have no concerns regarding the nature of the work but agree with the Neighbour's concerns that disruption from the construction should be minimised. The Council therefore resolved to respond to the consultation positively but request that a construction management plan is approved prior to work commencing.

P26/SO340/HH

Pasteur House, Stadhampton Road, Great Milton OX44 7PE

Proposed 2 storey side extension, loft conversion and replacement porch.

Response due by 17th March (Extension granted)

The Council were not aware of any concerns regarding this application but had not been able to confirm with the immediate neighbours. The Clerk will try and obtain a contact number to confirm that there are no concerns before responding to the consultation.



The following SODC planning decisions were noted:

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.

PERMISSION GRANTED

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.

PERMISSION GRANTED

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

Monday 20th April 2026 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

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

Wednesday, 8th April.

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

Bells to Ring for Evelyn's 100th Birthday

On Monday, 20 April between 10:00 and 13:30, a special peal will be rung on the bells of St Mary's, Great Milton to celebrate Evelyn Rogers' 100th birthday.

Evelyn has lived in Great Milton for nearly 70 years. Her son Chris is one of our regular ringers, but on this occasion he will not be taking part. Instead he will join Evelyn, his brother Graham and other family members, including his sister, Ann, who is travelling over from the USA, to celebrate this very special day.

Best wishes to Evelyn from the band of ringers who will be making the joyful sound.

Catherine Hughes-DAeth

Benefice Services for April

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
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 <i>Easter Eve</i>			Easter Eve Vigil 7:00pm
Sunday 5th <i>Easter Day</i>		Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am	
Sunday 12th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 9:00am	
Sunday 19th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 26th	Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am	

Benefice Services for May

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 3rd <i>Rogation Sunday</i>		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

Food for Thought

Will Oxford United manage to get to the end of the season without being relegated from the Championship? What are the new fashion trends this season? What is happening to the Manoir aux Quat' Saisons (Four Seasons: see below**)?

What do you think of when you hear “the season” ?

Perhaps you associate it with the phrase “Compliments of the season”, which you find on corporate greetings cards, and so you don't like it. But perhaps it's very positive, and you are looking forward to the new season, of whatever it is: season of the year, concert season, cricket season...

In fact “new” and “season” seem to go well together. The old season is of little interest: let's move on (and perhaps do better this time)!

One way in which our villages will be moving on is with the appointment of 

a new Rector to succeed Simon Cronk, who retired in October. By the time you read this, we hope to have been able to announce who it will be. The Church of England doesn't move quickly, but the process has now been completed. Of course the new person will have to give notice to their current parish, and it may take several months more until they arrive and take up the post here. But we look forward very much to welcoming them and their family (if they have one), and getting to know them as they immerse themselves in the life of our communities.

The Church's calendar moves in seasons. Now we are moving from the season of Lent, which is traditionally penitential, to the more cheerful Easter season. We have come through the challenging time of Holy Week — Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday — to the relief and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. All those chocolate bunnies and eggs are pictures of the new life and new possibilities unleashed by the Resurrection, as are the spring flowers.

A Renaissance painting of the Crucifixion shows flowers growing under the Cross, suggesting that new life can spring up even out of sorrow and pain. That's true, but Christ's Crucifixion achieved even more than that.

Lent was a time for dealing with issues in our lives like temptation and unforgiveness. Of course that is not automatic, and we may still have plenty of things to deal with, but we are encouraged to move forward in a positive way, and embrace the fullness of life that Jesus promised. Christians believe that the Holy Spirit is given to those who put their faith and trust in Jesus, enabling them to live in ways that please God. This seven-week Easter season leads up to Pentecost when we remember how the Holy Spirit was poured out on all the followers of Jesus.

**By the way, to a French person, "Quat' Saisons" (which is how "Quatre Saisons" is pronounced) conjures up the simple life, with a breath of the countryside. A "marchand de(s) quatre saisons" is someone who sells fresh fruit and vegetables from a barrow.

Toby Garfitt

We're very pleased to announce that our new Rector will be the Revd Lucie Spiers, whom most of our PCC members had the pleasure of meeting after the interviews ten days ago. Lucie trained for ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon and was ordained in 2024. She currently serving as Assistant Curate at St Barnabas Jericho and St Thomas the Martyr, Oxford. Before her ordination training she worked for Cambridge University, managing its portfolio of intellectual property patents and licences. She is married with three grown-up children.

Lucie is delighted to accept this appointment. On visiting the Benefice, she was

touched by the warm welcome, enthusiasm and openness she experienced and she is very much looking forward to return to her rural roots, having been brought up in north Norfolk and she greatly looks forward to settling into the community, building positive relationships across the Benefice and beginning this new chapter of ministry with us. Subject to the legalities, Lucie will be instituted in July, probably on Wednesday 22nd.

Trudy and Margaret

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

April			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
5th	11:00am		Joint Service at Watlington
12th	11:00am	Paul Spray	Morning Service
19th	11:00am	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion
26th	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Morning Service

Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 8th April at 10:30am to midday.

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? (David Harper 29.09.24)

Spy in the Old Field

Adrian Buckmaster, Chair of the Old Field Charity writes:

We have now installed a birdbox camera adjacent to the picnic table at The Old Field. At present there is no activity in the box, but this is not unusual. Birds don't like the newness of materials so it may take a season to weather the box. We have yet to get full leaf cover from the trees, which they rely on for protection so we may get lucky. I will notify through the Village Whatsapp if we get a bird nesting.

To view the camera, we have a dedicated screen which people can take up to the field, this connects itself automatically to the 4G camera in the box. I will post details when we get activity.

Great Milton School

Attendance

Overall attendance is 95.5%, higher than the national average. This is good.

Sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. If a child is struggling to attend due to feelings of anxiety or other mental health issues Young Minds & other support resources like Kidscape, BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit offer advice and support. Pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school.

At Great Milton we want the amount of missed education to be as little as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success. So, although attendance is 0.6% higher than the national average together let's try and smash it and get it even higher!

The school website has more information about attendance.

<https://www.greatmiltonschool.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&cpid=45>

Term Dates

Easter Term ends 27th March and Summer Term begins 13th April.

Save The Date! Spring Fair, 9th May

Save the Date. The Friends of Great Milton School (FGMS) is holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 9th May, 12-3pm at school. There will be stalls as well as a raffle. Please come and support your village school.

Neighbours' Web

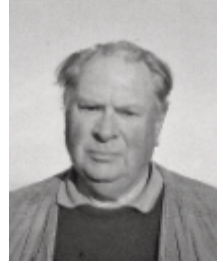
The Neighbours' Hall in Church Road may be 100 years old but it is now extremely well connected. A brand-new website www.gmneighbourshall.com has just been launched. It is not only the easy way to find out how to book the Hall but there is also much more content. For example, want to know when the next Book Library morning is happening or one-off events, just check the site. Not only that, but there are also details on the Hall's history and some past events. If you have a record of a special occasion there, please send a photo and details to fred.cubbage@btinternet.com. More information will be added soon.

The website isn't the only introduction. A series of framed photographs, featuring

the Village's life over the decades from Nick Belcher's impressive collection, has been permanently installed in the main hall.


View from Views

I really don't know what to say about the weather we had some wonderful days at the start of February with little or no rain on the other days most were so very dull, cold and, depressing. Then as it did last year suddenly no rain to speak of in the first 2 weeks of March, which has at least let us get on and do a little farming for the first time this year. Having made the decision to re-plant one of our crops of wheat with Barley, now on the 15th March it is almost too late to plant Barley to get a viable crop, January Barley always the best yielding, we haven't planted Barley as early as that for some time now. Now as I write these pearls of wisdom, Mr Trump's excursion into Iran, may have changed all that, unfortunately it is too early now to say how but, the pundits are saying the price of Wheat will rise due to the shipping situation.



Having mentioned malting barley above, which mainly goes into making alcohol, world-wide use, this demand is decreasing as generally the peoples of the world are drinking less. Both these issues do illustrate how our life is now controlled by global issues, and we ignore this fact, a point I have been making for a long time, at our peril. We need to pay more attention to self-sufficiency; I don't think the powers that be have up to now given this enough thought by encouraging our own industries.

We took part in the "Big farmland Bird Count", and as I predicted, when we were out for ½ an hour on the lookout, most birds were somewhere else such a pity, as we have lots around most of the time. When the floods did finally recede around the 5&6 of March, we had flocks of Egrets both little with, a few of the very serene and rarer Great Whites. It is difficult to identify these flocks of very white birds, except by the very relaxed way in which they appeared to be flying/fluttering around it had to be the Egrets, not the more common Gulls, seeking lots of tasty morsels left by the floods, now probably will not be seen again until we have, heaven forbid, more floods.

Walking as we do sometimes now and again away from the farm, we noticed to our disbelief what appeared to be ducks in a tree, a few weeks later we noticed them again in the same tree, this time though we were able to identify them, and later confirmed with an expert, who said that they were Goosanders, when I told him where these birds were, he also was aware of them stating that they are the only 2 known breeding pairs in the area, of this rather rare species. Apparently, they not only roost in trees they 

also nest there as well, we could not believe our eyes when we saw what we thought were ducks in a tree.

I hope most of you will have seen the television programmes “Dirty Business”. These programmes just show how the whole sewage treatment works and, in many cases, doesn’t and, that once you lose control of a utility relying on others to monitor themselves, and allowing them to be owned by investment companies, how things can go so badly wrong, as there is no one who can be held responsible. The answer as I see it is not to fine these companies as that will only take their desperately needed money, that they need for modernisation. What must happen is to stop this ridiculous push for more housing without the upgrades to all infrastructure, before development is allowed and somehow for the developer to contribute, and not rely on us taxpayers to foot the bill for others profiteering. In the case of River pollution, it is a total waste of time for those organisations and, their volunteers, who are working so hard, to save the river environment. Another case of those who know better than us not looking to the future, or thinking things through.

I understand there is to be a series of programmes on the BBC shortly about wildlife in gardens, one of which is likely to be very local, unfortunately that is all I know at the moment so if anyone is interested, keep their eyes on the programme schedules.

A date not to be forgotten May 24th and the “Chiltern Vintage Tractor Run” we shall be taking part again this year hoping to raise funds for the “Thames Valley Air Ambulance”, in the past many have been very generous in helping me through my “Just Giving Page” which is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/charles-peers5

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In March, we did a quick AGM, unveiled the new 2026/27 programme and then straight into our first aid workshop. We all feel much more confident to help someone in need now and upheld the national WI resolution/campaign, ‘Bystanders can be lifesavers’.

We also welcomed 3 new members, Gill, Maggi & Angela.

Our next meeting on Thursday 9 April at 7.30pm is a talk by local, Fred Cubbage on British TV & film locations, Lights-Camera-Action.

Everyone always welcome, men too!

Visitors £6, or join up - £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/Impinelodge
Pine Lodge website: www.lmvh.org.uk
Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Happy Spring from The Maple Tree!

We have a session every morning for families from Wheatley, the surrounding villages and beyond!

Mondays: Messy Monday at 10:00-11:30am and Twins' Club at 2:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays: Smart Start at 9:30-11:30am

Wednesdays: Maple Babies at 9:30am-12:00pm

Thursdays: Time to Rhyme at 9:30-11:30am and

The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall from 10:30am-12:00pm

Fridays: Little Learners at 10:00-11:30am

Saturdays: Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am on April 18th, May 16th and June 20th

We will be open every morning that is not a Public Holiday during the Easter holiday – please check our website or social media for details.

Here is an additional date for your diary;

16th May – a fundraiser Jazz Concert at St. Mary's Church, Wheatley – details will also be on our website and social media.

The sun is shining, so it is not too early to think about the summer holidays! Did you know that The Maple Tree is open year-round? Watch out for our Ready for School sessions, as well as our outreach sessions in local village halls.

Wish List:

· Volunteers for our Wednesday morning Maple Babies from 9:30-12:00 and for our Friday Morning Little Learners from 10:00-11:30.

· A trustee or two or three – someone who cares about children having the best start in life, and/or someone who is willing to take on The Maple Tree finances or fundraising.

We are here to help if you need advice or support: 01865 236700.

Email: info@mapletree.org.uk Website: www.mapletree.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley

Instagram: [@themapletreecentre](https://www.instagram.com/themapletreecentre)

Laura Spencer, The Maple Tree Centre Manager

QUIZ NIGHT
AT THE PAVILION
FRIDAY APRIL 17th @ 7:30pm

**Our next quiz is booked for Friday April 17th
at the Pavilion in the Recreation Ground as
detailed above.**

**Tickets are £10pp which will include hot food
or a buffet. They can be obtained by
contacting alan.pickett@outlook.com**

**All funds will go towards the essential
refurbishment of playground equipment.**

**Do join us for a fun-filled evening, in a warm
and friendly atmosphere, to support this very
worthy cause.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



GREAT MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

Job Vacancy - Parish Clerk

Are you an organised, detail-oriented person who would like to make a difference in the local community?... Great Milton Parish Council are looking for a new Clerk to work flexibly alongside a friendly team of Councillors.

The Clerk is responsible for administration and finance; including preparation of agendas and minutes, correspondence, book-keeping, preparing and maintaining budgets, and liaising with parishioners and local organisations. The monthly Council meeting is held at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month.

We are looking for someone with strong organisational skills; ability to handle finances and budgeting; as well as excellent computer literacy including experience of MS Excel and Word. Previous experience of local authority administration would be an advantage, but not necessary as training is available.

The role is expected to occupy 7-8 hours per week / 30 hours per month, working flexibly from home with some weeks being busier than others.

Salary in line with the National Joint Council (NJC) pay scales, based on experience and qualifications. LC2.26 – 2.29 (£18.72 - £20.02 per hour)

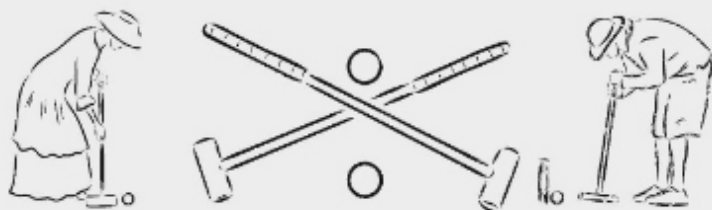
Please apply in writing with your CV by email to the Chair, Councillor Malcolm Horsley – malcolm.horsley@greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

Applications should be received by 8th April 2026. It is expected that the successful candidate will commence in role as soon as possible to allow a good handover with the current Clerk.

**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
- **Expansion of RSV vaccine** to those aged 80 and over
- **Online Resources for Clinical Help** via self-referrals
- **Faster Access to Help for Joint and Back Pain**
- **Group Consultation Clinics** – successful group clinics for menopause and hypertension
- **Breast + Cervical Cancer Screening**
- **Follow us on Facebook**
- **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.

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.**

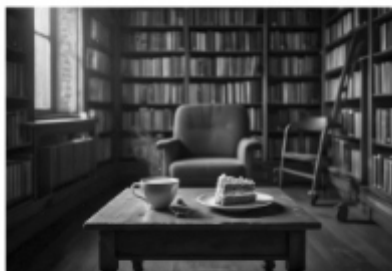
Book and Jigsaw Library

Friday 17th April 2026

11.00 - 12 noon

Neighbours' Hall

Great Milton



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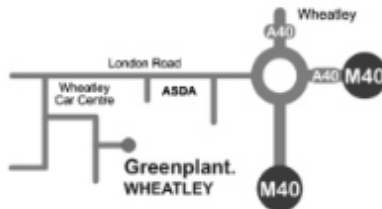


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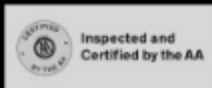
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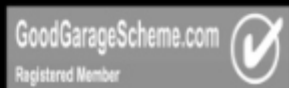
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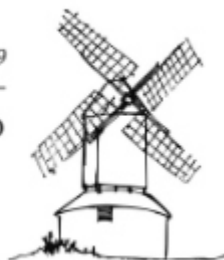
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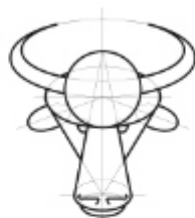


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| 20th Mon | Special Peal on St. Mary’s bells for Evelyn Roger’s 100 th birthday
Parish Council; Meeting at The Pavilion | 10:00am
7:30pm |
| 25th Sat | School Spring Clean Up | 10:00am |

May

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| 9th Sat | Croquet Competition & Party at The Pavilion | tbc |
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