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Front Cover: Evelyn Rogers on her 100 birthday!

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A Letter from the Chair...

Dear Villagers,

Have you ever thought about giving something back to the community we live in?

There are many organisations within our village where you can get involved, but right now the Parish Council has two vacancies and we need volunteers.

Over the past six months, we have said thank you to our long standing Chair, Steve Harrod, and Vice Chair, Bill Fox, who both stepped down after many years of dedicated service to the community.

Following this, I stepped into the role of Chair late last year, with Dave Harms recently appointed as Vice Chair. Alongside us, Andy Noble, Richard Oliver and Sarah MacMahon are valued councillors who bring experience, commitment and a genuine passion for the village.

We have a great team in place, but we are currently two councillors short of our full complement. If you have ever considered getting involved, now is the time!

What does it mean to be a councillor? The Parish Council is the link between the community and local government. We have a budget to manage that enables us to take care of things like, grass cutting, dog bin emptying, speed monitors, and other special projects around the village. We have an input to planning applications, and we aim to hold our County Council and District Council to account through our interactions with our local councillors.

When it is appropriate, we will represent the village in affairs such as the Haseley Trading Estate plans or the plans to consolidate regional councils as guided by central government.

How much time is involved? It is not a huge time commitment unless you want it to be. We ask you to attend as many Council meetings as possible. They take place on the third Monday of each month (August we get a holiday!), and there needs to be three councillors present to be quorate. You need to do a bit of reading for each meeting and that is the minimum. There are sometimes requirements to get involved in special projects. Recently the council led a group of villagers to do the litter pick around the village. Other projects will come up, and we also encourage members of the village to take part.

Becoming a Councillor is easy. At the moment we have two vacancies. And we are in between an election cycle. This means that the existing Councillors can co-opt new councillors on to the council. Should we have more than 2 candidates the Council can elect 2 out of the candidate pool, unless 10 electors (members of the Great Milton public) write to the Returning Officer to ask for an election. In that case there would

be an election for the remaining 2 spots on the council (which would cost the Parish Council about £3k to run).

If you are interested please contact me or one of my fellow councillors and we will tell you more.

Cllr Malcolm Horsley

malcolm.horsley@greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

Highlights from the meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council on 20th April 2026

Election of a Vice-Chair

The Council voted unanimously in favour to elect Councillor David Harms as Vice Chair following the resignation of Councillor Bill Fox.

Highways

It was noted that there have been reports of people sleeping overnight in a car on the Forties. It was also noted that the potholes near the Rectory have worsened as well as those on the A329 near the Haseley turning. The Clerk noted that if residents are able to post good quality photographs as well as an accurate position on fixmystreet these problems can be addressed more quickly. The moss on the pavements of Oxen Piece was discussed and the Council agreed to get a quote for cleaning the pavements over the summer.

Playground Update

A representative of the Recreation Ground Management Committee (RC) was present to update the Council that around £13,500 has been raised so far, including a £5000 donation from the Sheppard Trust. RC noted that new steps have been installed to the two slides. The committee are awaiting responses to their grant applications. The minimum target is £30,000, but the total needed for all the work is likely to be higher. The GMRGMC are currently prioritizing the forthcoming Croquet Tournament on 9th May. The recent Quiz raised £900 and also promoted further donations to the GoFundMe page.

The Council agreed unreservedly that the renewal of the playground is a priority for the Great Milton community as it is such an important amenity for local families, including those from the school. The Council agreed to donate £4000 to the playground funds. It was also suggested that the Council could pay for the repair to the zip line directly as part of this amount.



Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

P26/S0687/FUL

Fairview, Old London Rd, Milton Common OX9 2JR

Proposed 6 self build units.

- No Great Milton residents in this area. No concerns.

P26/S0654/FUL

Land to the South of Thame Road, Great Milton, OX44 7NY

Erection of seven detached and semi-detached dwellings (including two self/custom-build dwellings) with access, parking, amenity space and associated works (application or Technical Details Consent pursuant to Permission in Principle (P25/S3043/PIP) for the erection of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine residential dwellings (of which two would be self/custom-build)).

• This development has already been granted permission in principle. Councillor MacMahon had called on residents of Thame Road to ask their feelings on the development. She noted that a few residents had significant objections and have already submitted their comments directly on the planning portal. Most residents felt that development of some sort was inevitable and these plans were better than others could be. The Council agreed that more housing is needed but were disappointed it would not be more affordable. Overall the Council felt similarly to residents that they would rather the land is not developed but given recent trends in planning it seems inevitable and these particular plans are sympathetic to the character of the village and the applicant has historically carried out projects to a high standard. The Council resolved to SUPPORT application with the condition that the developer should facilitate high speed broadband along the length of the Thame Road.

P26/S0894/FUL

The Sands, Stadhampton Road, Great Milton OX44 7PE

Demolition of dwelling and annexe and construction of self-build dwelling and garage/outbuilding, with associated works.

• The applicants were in attendance at the meeting and explained that they intend to convert a currently dilapidated building into an accessible home for their young family. The neighbours are some distance away from the property and are aware and happy with the plans. The Council resolved to SUPPORT the application.

P26/S0932/FUL

Holloway Farm, Church Hill, Milton Common OX33 1GX

Construction and operation of renewable solar facility comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays, a substation compound, a control cabin and

inverter, battery compound and ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

- No concerns.

The following SODC planning decisions were noted:

P26/SO400/HH

The Dell, Church Rd, Great Milton OX44 7PB

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

-PERMISSION GRANTED

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th May 2026 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council. Agenda items for the May meeting are due to the Clerk by Wednesday, 6th May.

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

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	
	Rogation Sunday Family Service will be held at Field Farm, OX9 2HQ (the turning for Barr Builders on lhs just past the Oxfordshire Golf Club 10:30am		
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 9:00am	
Thursday 14th <i>Ascension Day</i>		Holy Communion 7:00pm	
Sunday 17th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Holy Communion 9:00am	Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 24th <i>Whit Sunday/ Pentecost</i>	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am

Benefice Services for June

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 7th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

Food for Thought

It's difficult not to be aware of the ever constant, and often increasing, tide of anger, confusion, war, and destruction around the world which fills our newsfeeds, the pages of newspapers, and TV and radio news bulletins. And it's all too easy to become overwhelmed by it all, and to feel helpless, even hopeless.

Some of us respond by absorbing it all, reading everything, asking questions, trying to make sense out of so much that seems senseless. Others select sources of news which correspond with their own feelings and arguments, providing strength and reassurance. And still more of us turn away from the news altogether, in an often vain attempt to protect ourselves from the daily intrusion into our lives of violence, confusion and disaster. All of these are potentially valid coping strategies, but none is without a downside.

Yet there is a great deal around us that can give us cause to hope. The days are lighter, the air is warmer, the grass is certainly greener. Here in Oxfordshire, most of us have enough to eat, clothes and homes, friends and families, and perhaps best of all, enough to share with others.

The New Testament presents hope as something far deeper than optimism, It's a confident expectation rooted in God's promises.

The resurrection is the foundation of Christian hope. In 1 Peter 1:3, it's described as a 'living hope'; it's active, ongoing, and grounded in the belief that death isn't the end.

In Romans 8:24–25, hope is something not yet fully seen, but patiently awaited. This gives us a long-term perspective, especially in difficult circumstances.

And rather than avoiding hardship, the New Testament says hope grows through it. In Romans 5:3–5, suffering produces perseverance, character, and ultimately hope. This kind of hope isn't fragile, but strengthened by real-life challenges.

In practical terms, hope shapes how people live, encouraging endurance, ethical behaviour, and encouragement of others. It's meant to be visible, not just internal.

We may not be able to influence Presidents, challenge corrupt behaviour in Governments, or silence military weapons, but we can take time to appreciate what we have, and engage in small acts every day which demonstrate a better way of living. For those of us blessed with faith, we can pray, for ourselves, for others and for the world, And that can make all the difference. Because by praying, we are making space for hope.

As George Eliot wrote, in *The Mill on the Floss*:

"We can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them."

Victoria Barry, Little Milton

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

May			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
3rd	11:00am	Paul Rosentall	Morning Service
10th	11:00am	Local Arrangement	
17th	10:30am	Circuit Service	at Wesley Memorial
24th	11:00am	Revd Miriam Moul	Holy Communion
31st	11:00am	Jo Hibbard	Morning Service

Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 13th May 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)

Christian aid week May 10th to 16th

Thank you to everyone who supported the lent lunches which raised a goodly sum of money for Christian aid and proved a very enjoyable way of doing so...!

There will be collections in each of the three churches during Christian aid week together with street collections where possible... if you would like to help with house to house collections please do contact me on (01844) 278029... Your help would be truly appreciated....!

SA Dennis

St Mary's Church Financial Update

The cost of running our church is high and annually we bear the cost of paying our parish share of £24,580.

The Parish Share is a financial contribution made by each parish to support the costs of the clergy, their housing, and the overall mission and ministry of the Church within the Diocese. It ensures that all parishes, regardless of their wealth, can thrive and provide essential services to their communities.



Parish Share contributions cover the costs of clergy salaries, pensions, housing and training, as well as funding mission and ministry across the Diocese. This includes support for schools and safeguarding initiatives.

Great Milton Church Fete is our major fundraising event in the village to help towards these costs. We do hope you can support the Fete on June 13th and we are grateful to our ever smaller band of volunteers who keep everything going for the benefit of the village. Last year the Fete made £7,000 so let us see if we can raise more this year as we will still have a large financial gap.

Our plans for re-ordering the church interior to make it more suitable for today's needs are almost ready to go to the Diocese for approval. A separate fundraising appeal will be set up to raise funds for this. We hope it will be as successful as the recent fundraising for the conserving of the wonderful, historic Dormer Monument.

Thank you to all of you who have supported the church over the years. It is much appreciated.

Churchwardens

Great Milton Freecycle: Celebrating Another Year of Reuse

Great Milton Freecycle is thrilled to share a massive 'thank you' to all supporters, group members, and volunteers who contributed to and attended the Freecycle Live events this past year. The group is immensely proud of its achievements and the impact the community has made on reducing landfill waste.

Another Great Year

Similar to last year and over four Freecycle Live events, the group processed an incredible 3,232.38 kgs of items. Crucially, the vast majority of this material was kept out of landfill: 1,808.83 kgs was Freecycled at the events, 882.87 kgs Freecycled afterwards or donated to charity. 166.6 kgs was recycled and sadly 374.08 kgs went to landfill. A significant increase on last year but still only around 11% of all the items we handle.

This success was supported by 475 attendees and driven by a team of six dedicated volunteers and Wheatley Explorer Scouts who logged 329 hours over the year.

Upcoming Live Events

Don't miss the next opportunities to declutter and find new treasures. Two more Freecycle Live events are scheduled for this year:

- Saturday, 11 July
- Saturday, 10 October

We will be back at the Pavilion, Great Milton Recreation Ground with Explorer

Scouts running their popular pop-up cafe.

How to Participate

- **Item Drop-off:** If you have items to contribute, drop-off is between 9:15 am and 10:00 am. The team must enforce the 10:00 am cut-off time. Look out for our table outside to leave your items.

- **Take-Away:** Doors open at 10:15 am for people to take items away. All participants are reminded to weigh out before leaving and to queue at the main entrance.

Accepted Items

We welcome most clean and unbroken items, including:

- Clean clothes, shoes, bags, and accessories.
- Electrical items (all are PAT tested on-site).
- Books/DVDs.
- Toys.
- Household items, crockery, cookware, sports equipment, and baby/children's items.

Items Not Accepted

Please do not bring:

- Building or DIY materials.
- Large items of furniture.
- Liquids (e.g., garden/household chemicals, cleaning or beauty products, drinks, and alcohol).
- Knives.
- Broken or damaged items.

Community Support

The Live events are made possible through continuous support from the community and local organizations. Special thanks go to the Sheppard Trust, Great Milton Parish Council, and CAG Oxfordshire for contributing to essential costs like insurance and venue hire. A donation bucket is available at the weigh-out station to help cover running costs. The group thanks everyone who has contributed.

Get in Touch

For more information about the Live events and other Freecycling opportunities, you can connect with Great Milton Freecycle:

- Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19UojV2Gdu/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

- Mycelium Map: A platform connecting local communities taking climate action <https://mymap.eco/>

- Email: greatmiltonfreecycle@gmail.com

Here's to another great year of reuse!



A Village Tradition Continues

It's April, 14C outside, birds nesting yet inside the Neighbours Hall there is the sound of Christmas crackers! Continuing a decades' tradition, the Senior Citizens Christmas Party took place on the 11th April with 70 persons sitting down to soup, turkey plus all the trimmings and a delicious dessert with the Hall appropriately decorated. Ann Price, who had remarkably been involved in the event's committee for the past 53 years, was presented with two flower bouquets at the beginning. Janet Smith has now taken over as organising team leader. The party continued into the early evening with musical entertainment (commencing with two Christmas songs, of course). This event takes place as a result of the generous support of a number of fundraising events.



The Sheppard Charitable Trust

Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee were the main beneficiaries at the February Meeting. A grant of £5000 was made towards the cost of undertaking urgent repairs and replacements to the children's play area on the

recreation ground.

The Trustees next meeting will be on 20th May, and funds are available for distribution, so please do submit your requests. The terms of the Trust Deed state that “the Trustees shall apply the income of the Charity for any charitable purpose for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Great Milton”

Please send applications to Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE, or via email to sheppardtrustGM@gmail.com to arrive by Monday 11th May. If you miss this deadline, your next opportunity to apply will be towards the end of September.

Jane Willis

Spy in the Old Field Update

Followers of the Village WhatsApp will already be aware that Great Tits have already taken up residence of the Birdbox in the Old Field. The research that went into erecting the box in the optimum location was rewarded with video footage of the birds making their nest within a month. By mid-April the female (named Greta) is sitting on a batch of eggs, laying one a day with a clutch up to 12. The Charity will have a storyboard available to see at the Church Fete.

The regular monthly meetings not only involves maintenance of the pathways but also management of the site's trees, hedges and the pond. The fact that the ground became drier in April allowed for a comprehensive survey of the trees. Unfortunately this revealed that many of the sweet chestnut trees, some of which were planted as memorial trees, were diseased. Professional advice is being sought. Once the situation has been stabilised there will be an appeal to see if anyone wants to sponsor a re-planting so that the memorial can be continued. In addition, two oak trees close to the corner of the Old Field are suffering from over-extension and need to be pared back. This will take weight off the branches and get them clear of the ground as well as improving their resistance to wind damage. Other projects this year include the repair and re-site all the normal birdboxes to improve their useability.

The small team meet every second Saturday morning in the month. New volunteers are always welcome.

Great Milton Church Fete 2026

June 13th, 1pm-5pm. The Recreation Ground

Dear Villagers. We hope you are looking forward to our annual Church Fete. This is our main fundraising event of the year to support the running of our village church.

We hope to develop a theme inspired by Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, with a focus on nature, and wildlife and a greener Fete. Please let us know any of your ideas.

Due to feedback, we are starting earlier at 1pm with the bar and BBQ serving before the stalls open at 2pm

2pm - 4pm, there will be stalls, the History Society displays, local entertainers, games, a bar and BBQ. Teas will be served in the Pavilion.

We are still looking for helpers, if you have time in advance, or on the day, we'd love to hear from you...

- Helping to set up and set down on the day
- Helping on a stall
- Running a stall or game and coordinating its set up beforehand
- Growing or donating plants
- Joining the committee to help with organisation (it's not too late to join us
- Providing sponsorship to cover expenses like the bouncy castle and Jazz Band
- Donating a Raffle Prize (big or small)
- Donating paperback books, (Pippa Read) bric a brac (Alan Pickett/Dee Nunan), gifts, toiletries and accessories (Clare BP), cakes and jams (Trudy Timbs/ Jane Jefferis), tombola prizes and bottles. (Wendy Shearsby-Bateman)

Please start preparing for the following Competitions:

Dog Show

Children's Tug of War

Raffle -Tickets will be available shortly.

Vintage cars or bikes - bring any along as we would love to see them

Children's games -get your football skills ready to beat the goalie,your throwing skills to win a coconut!

Let us hope the sun comes out and we look forward to seeing you. The Committee

Mr Turrill the village butcher

By Nick Belcher and Geoffrey Claydon



In the photograph

It's around 1910 and here we see Mr John Turrill smartly dressed in a bowler hat standing on the left. He is Great Milton's butcher and proudly looks on at his pony and trap, which is about to leave for meat deliveries.

Notes on the back of the original print say that the lady on right might be Mr Turrill's sister who is also a butcher. The chap sitting in the trap, on the right, is Mr Stephen Neill. Unfortunately we don't have the names of the others in the picture.

Mr Turrill's shop is called Tallis House, a 17th - 18th century building taken over by Mr Turrill's father in 1890. Just behind Mr Turrill you'll see another building - that's the slaughterhouse. Next door is The Kings Head pub, and many lively harvest festivals took place there.

Mr Turrill goes to Thame market

Mr Turrill was a frequent visitor to Thame cattle market where he would buy several cows and sheep. He would walk them back to Great Milton and lead to a field behind The Bell public house.

Sometimes the job of walking back cattle to the village was left to drovers; usually older men from Great Milton wanting to earn a few pence. The cattle would be kept in the field until they were ready for the slaughter house, which was situated behind the shop.



Great Milton's pig club

The government introduced pig clubs during the Second World War years of food rationing. Pig club members would buy a pig, and provide food waste for the pigs to eat, care for them and ultimately share the meat that was produced.

Every individual family was allowed – encouraged even – to keep a single pig for personal use and every farm cottage could have an allocated pigpen.

In Great Milton, when pigs were ready for slaughter Mr Turill would visit club members to carry out his butchery work. Half of the carcasses were sold to the Government, to help with the rationing, and the remainder was divided between Club members, as either pork or bacon.



A Ministry of Food advertisement summed up the value of collecting household scraps and feeding a pig:

*Because of the pail, the scraps were saved.
Because of the scraps, the pigs were saved.
Because of the pigs, the rations were saved.
Because of the rations, the ships were saved.
Because of the ships, the island was saved.
Because of the island, the Empire was saved.
And all because of the housewife's pail.*

Source: Will Freeman, The Oldie magazine

Source: In 1967 Geoffrey Claydon's father, Edwin (Chief Ranger of the Great Milton Foresters Friendly Society) was interviewed by Sinclair Hood from the Old Vicarage and their conversation recorded on cassette tape. Edwin gave a description of village life from the 1900's onwards including details about Mr Turill the butcher.

Find out more from the Great Milton History Society

The History Room is located behind the Old Garage, and we are open on a Wednesday, from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

We have a range of booklets for sale, for example, Great Milton in the Civil War, How it was in 1939-1959, The Great War, Tales of Great Milton, Enclosure and Social Change, Bells, Boilers and Beef, The Blakestone Survey 1967, and much more. Visit our website <https://gmhistory.wixsite.com/home>

View from Views

March in like a Lamb out like a Lion this year pretty well right although for us, storm Dave was a mere violent gust for a short period and certainly no rain. Excluding another violent period in the middle of the month March's weather was somewhat unmentionably dull. Due I suppose to the reportedly wettest winter for years it was not until 26th March that we managed to plant the Barley, it seemed that the perpetual rain had compacted the soil surface making it slower to dry out, as it seemed to take for ever, even then there were patches that we would not normally have planted. Now by the middle of April the ground is looking very dry, although at times it is good to be in a rain shadow, however there are times when it can become far too dry at a critical time as in a planting season. The better the soil condition the more resilient it becomes to long periods of these extremes, that is where soil management becomes all the more critical.



To my great excitement on the 7th April I observed 2 pairs of Lapwings (better known to me at Peewits) swooping around over one of our recently planted fields, could they be looking for a nesting site, as this is the sort of conditions they like to nest, where they have good all round vision against predators, or was I being too optimistic as I cannot remember any nesting before. As we hosted lots of partridge last year let's hope our efforts to encourage them is working, perhaps we will be able to keep a good population in the future, of course it is not just the habitat we have created but the weather during the breeding season that is just as imports I think everything was in their favour last year. Still we have a good population of Hares, I thought I saw first Swallow on the 9th April, however, 1 swallow doesn't make a summer.

I have been bemoaning the market for our produce for some months now of course this has somewhat changed due to the shenanigans thousands of miles away thanks to our friends across the Atlantic, thinking/knowing? they know how to make the world a better place. Plus, suddenly, our very clever leaders have found that due to an agreement with our then friends across the Atlantic, to remove barriers on the import of ethanol, we are now becoming short of essential commodities connected to the production of ethanol, and the need for our wheat, making the wheat market a little more realistic.

Due to this uncertainty within the cereal market, I think we may have to look at perhaps growing crops that are not necessarily for food, most of the temperate food that we can grow is in full supply throughout the world and, without more government help we cannot continue to produce the food the consumer is asking for.

Which has to comply strict regulation for safety and animal welfare. Of course, this does mean that the signs are that the penny has not dropped, that food security and, defence, are the most important issue at the moment. We cannot continue financial support to everything that feels it has a case, when we are fast approaching the time when we will not be able to feed or defend ourselves, let alone repair all areas, we have let slipover the years through lack of maintenance. Like form instance our roads, sewage systems, NHS, social services, and many other. Interesting Lord George Robertson seems to agree, he seemed to intimate that the decisions are being made by those who haven't a clue!

We are struggling to get the Home Office to issue enough work permits for the number of Sheep Shearers to undertake this year's clip. To explain these people are very specialist working (as an example it took me 10 minutes to shear a sheep once these guys can do a sheep in less than a minute) around the world, following the seasons from Northern to Southern hemisphere, doing an essential job that has to be done, that we simply cannot cope with, as in order to be able to compete in this world we have had to shed labour in favour of machines and chemicals. Neither of these commodities can replace the human being. But although the industry has got a small quota for this year it is not at all sure we will in the future, I guess those making the decision know how sheep will shear themselves, this is not helped by the fact that those making these decisions have never set foot on a farm and just do not understand.

RSPB have at last managed to get the media to publish the fact that garden bird feeders are possibly infecting birds, especially with reference to decline of Greenfinches, it is a shame this did not get as much publicity some 20 years ago, when it was first suspected this to be a problem perhaps, we would now see more Greenfinches around.

Please don't forget to support the Air Ambulance, being an organisation that should be supported by our taxes (as above), for our Tractor run to raise their much needed funds by donating to my Just Giving Page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising /chalesspeers5](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chalesspeers5) and don't be confused by the statement that says that the Jack Peers Trust is supporting, it is just that they have got some wires crossed as we are trying to set up a just giving page for that charity as well.

Charles Peers

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

Thank you to Fred for an interesting talk on British TV & film locations. Also thank you to new members, Gill & Maggi for doing the teas with Sharon, and to Sharon for the lovely birthday posies.

Our next meeting on Thursday 14 May at 7.30pm is a slideshow by Clare Bakeway-Phillips & Carol Turner on their trips to Nagaland.

Everyone always welcome, men too (as guests).

Visitors £6, or join up - £54 for 2026/27.

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QUIZ NIGHT AT THE NEIGHBOURS HALL

Our next quiz is booked for
Friday 22nd May
at 7:30pm at the Neighbours' Hall.

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

All funds will be to support Philippa Stroud, a young lady from GM, who is going to Ghana in the summer to be a midwife.

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

Look forward to seeing you there.

WALKS PROGRAMME APRIL TO JUNE 2026

Date	Start Place	Dist Miles	Notes
April			
Thursday 2 nd	Ewelme, Cow Common car park	5½	Via Swan's Way and Potters Lane
Monday 6 th	Thame, outside Christchurch	6	Via Towersey. Flat, but scenic.
Thursday 9 th	Chinnor, Mill Lane car park	7	Up to Chinnor Hill NR and Sprigs Alley
Sunday 12 th	Bledlow, the church	8	Hilly. Bring a picnic. Bluebells?
Tuesday 14 th	Haddenham Garden Centre	2½	Leisurely, gentle social walk.
Thursday 16 th	Waterperry Garden Centre	6	Mainly level, via Holton.
Sunday 19 th	Stokenchurch	4½	Leisurely, undulating with no stiles.
Monday 20 th	Aston Rowant, the church	5½	Includes Sculpture Trail
Wednesday 22 nd	Nettlebed, the Old Kiln	7½	Cheese Shed option at the finish.
Saturday 25 th	Waterperry Garden Centre	6½	Through Tiddington and Ickford.
Monday 27 th	Watlington Hill NT car park	8½	Some short ascents. Bring a picnic
May			
Friday 1 st	Towersey, nr Three Horseshoes PH	6	Mainly flat, with two stiles.
Monday 4 th 10:30	Watlington, town car park on Hill Road	7	Climb to Christmas Common.
Wednesday 6 th	Marsh Baldon	7	Level walk. Optional pub lunch at finish.
Friday 8 th	Coombe Hill car park	5	Good views. 650' ascent.
Sunday 10 th	Bledlow, the church	8	Hilly. Bring a picnic. Bluebells?
Tuesday 12 th	Oxford Railway Station	2½	Easy, gentle linear walk alongside water.
Thursday 14 th	Headington, Bury Knowle Park	6½	Via University Park. Optional bus back!
Monday 18 th 2pm	Wheatley, CP behind King & Queen PH	4½	Leisurely. Windmill, Shotover and views!
Thursday 21 st	Great Milton, the Green	5	Level walk via Great Haseley.
Sunday 24 th	Warborough, south side of green	7	Mainly flat crossing Earth Trust land.
Thursday 28 th	Bledlow, the church	8	Undulating. Bring a picnic.
Saturday 30 th	Kidlington, St. Mary's church	5	Mainly flat with stop at Annie's tearoom.
June			
Wednesday 3 rd	Lewknor, nr Leathern Bottle PH	6	Undulating walk. 600' ascent.
Friday 5 th 6pm	Holton	3½	Optional supper at Kings Arms at end.
Sunday 7 th	Coombe sports ground car park	5½	For Oxfordshire Area Ramblers Picnic
Tuesday 9 th	Tiddington Village Hall	2½	Leisurely, gentle social walk.
Thursday 11 th	Maidensgrove Common	6	Via Warburg Nature Reserve.
Sunday 14 th 9:30	Dorchester (see website for details)	6	Thames Path 30th Anniversary Relay.
Tuesday 16 th	Bradenham, opposite church	8½	Undulating. Bring a picnic.
Thursday 18 th	Pishill, the church	6	Through Stonor Park. Bring a picnic.
Tuesday 23 rd 8pm	Wheatley, CP behind King & Queen PH	4½	750' ascent. Possible pub stop at finish.
Sunday 28 th	Frieth, by the church	4	Undulating with lovely views.
Tuesday 30 th	Northend, the green	9	Hilly Chilterns walk. Bring a picnic.

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

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

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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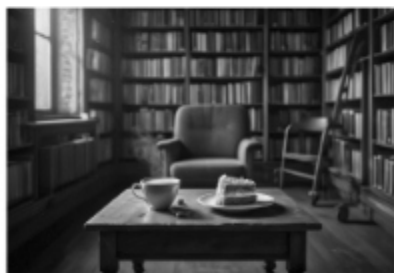
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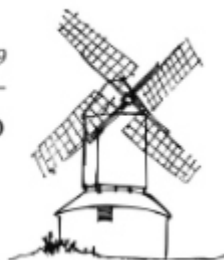
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Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>	Tuesday
2nd Wed. Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday.	Wednesday
The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. <i>contact Janet Earl – 01844 279432</i>	Thursday
Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269. www.sandylanefarm.net</i>	
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May

9th Sat	Croquet Competition & Party at The Pavilion	3:00pm
18th Mon	Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting at The Pavilion	7:30pm
22nd Fri	Quiz Night at The Neighbours' Hall	7:30pm

June

13th Sat	Great Milton Church Fete at The Recreation Ground	1:00pm
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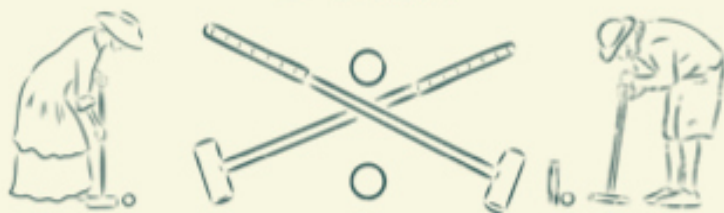
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ENTRY TO EVENT FREE



TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PLAYGROUND
EVERYONE WELCOME