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Front Cover: The church lectern.

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Park and Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

Great Milton Parish Council Meeting Highlights on 20th July 2026

Local Government Reorganisation

The proposed reorganisation of local government in Oxfordshire was discussed. District Councillor Georgina Heritage reported that Oxford City appears to be the only party likely to support the current proposals, and that the District and County are working to press for the decision to be revisited. Councillors expressed concern that residents of villages such as Great Milton feel no real connection to a “Greater Oxford”. The Council confirmed that it is aligned with South Oxfordshire District Council in objecting to the plans. A group of affected parish councils is likely to be formed to make the case collectively

Le Manoir Development

The Council received correspondence from a resident concerned about the volume and speed of large HGVs passing along Church Road, some of which appear to be linked to the ongoing works at Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons. The Clerk has raised the matter with both Le Manoir and the South Oxfordshire District Council planning department. The approved traffic management plan for the development requires HGVs to reach the site via the A329 rather than through the village, and Le Manoir has now put additional signage in place to direct contractors accordingly. Councillors were satisfied with Le Manoir’s response and will keep the situation under review.

Playground Funding

There was welcome news on the playground project. With help from District Councillor Georgina Heritage, the position on the grant application has been clarified and a grant application is now in progress, the necessary supporting evidence having been supplied.

Planning Applications

Ref: P26/S1535/O — 14 Thame Road, Great Milton: An outline application for the erection of seven dwellings, with access, scale and layout considered at this stage.

The applicant’s agent attended to present the scheme, which follows the earlier Permission in Principle for the site and would represent an outward expansion of the village. Councillors discussed a range of issues, including drainage, the safety of the nearby bend, loss of habitat and the precedent of extending the village boundary.

The Council resolved to support the application subject to reservations around the provision of traffic calming, pavements, adequate foul drainage and broadband, and with the expectation that the developer will work with the Parish Council as the scheme progresses to resolve any issues arising.

Ref: P26/S2111/RM — Coombe House, land to the east of Chilworth Road: A

reserved matters application for appearance and landscaping relating to a detached self-build dwelling.

The Council resolved to support this application.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st September 2026 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion. (There is no Parish Council meeting in August.) Complete minutes and supporting documents can be found on the Parish Council website — www.greatmilton-pc.gov.uk

Benefice Services for August

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 2nd		Holy Communion 9:00am	Lammas Service (marking the beginning of the harvest) 10:30am
Sunday 9h	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 16th	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 23rd			Benefice Holy Communion 10:30am
Sunday 30th	Benefice Holy Communion Rycote Chapel 10:30am		

Benefice Services for September

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 6th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship & Harvest Festival 10:30am	
Sunday 20th	Family Worship & Harvest Festival 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
	Harvest Festival Lunch at The Pavilion, Great Milton (tbc) 12:30pm		
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion BCP 9:00am		Benefice Morning Worship 10:30am

Benefice Services for October

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 4th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship & Harvest Festival 10:30am

The Rector's Piece

Time

As I write this, I can hear the combine cutting the wheat field next to the Rectory. When I first saw this place in March, the fields around it looked very different: green shoots under dull skies, not heavy with gold. Having grown up among the arable farms of North Norfolk, I know this change well. But after four years in the centre of Oxford, it has been good to be so vividly reminded of the turning seasons.

It is with great delight that I join the Benefice of Great Milton with Little Milton and Great Haseley as your Rector. One of the joys is learning to read the year the way this place reads it, not by the calendar but by the land. Walking through the parishes, I've watched the crops turn and the fields come in one by one, with swallows working low over the stubble. None of this happens to the clocks on our church towers. It happens by an older reckoning, one farmers have followed for centuries, and one the Church's calendar has always quietly kept in step with.

There's something steadying in this, especially now, when so much of life pulls us towards the instant and immediate. The farming year refuses to be rushed. Corn ripens when it ripens; hay is cut when the weather allows, not a day before. It asks for our patience and gives back a sense that we belong to something larger and slower than our own diaries. Something here long before us and carrying on long after.

This is close to what the Church means by time, too: not just hours to be filled, but seasons to be lived through faithfully, sowing and reaping, waiting and rejoicing, each in its turn. Christ himself reached for the harvest repeatedly to explain God's work in the world: seed scattered on good ground and poor, wheat and weeds growing side by side until the reapers come, a harvest plentiful even when labourers are few. Our fields, ripening towards August, are doing, in a small, local way, what the Gospels use as one of their oldest pictures of the world itself: ripening slowly, unevenly, towards a gathering-in.

Scripture reminds us that life unfolds in seasons: some joyful, some difficult, each with its own purpose. Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 tells us that God has appointed a time for every human experience: a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to plant and a time

to harvest, a time for war and a time for peace. To trust God is to accept the season we are in, resting in the assurance that He is present within it, even when we cannot yet see its outcome.

As the fields around our parishes finish their harvest, it's worth pausing to notice which time you're keeping: the clock's, the land's, or the Lord's. All three matter. But only the last two were here before each parish had a church tower - and only one of them will still be gathering in a harvest long after each clock has stopped.

I look forward to being among you as the seasons turn. If you see me out and about, please stop and introduce yourself. Whatever this season brings - work or holiday - every blessing.

With my prayers,

Lucie

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

August			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
2nd	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Morning Service
9th	11:00am	Graeme Thompson	Morning Service
16th	11:00am	Revd Stephen Spain	Baptism Service
23rd	11:00am	Revd Katherine Pickering	Morning Service
30th	11:00am	Revd Miriam Moul	Holy Communion Service

September			
Date	Time	Preacher	Comments
6th	11:00am	Jo Hibbard	Morning Service
13th	11:00am	Alistair Jackson	Morning Service
20th	11:00am	Revd Stephen Spain	Holy Communion Service
27th	11:00am	Local Arrangement	Morning Service

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

Free Coffee Morning – Wednesday 14th October at 10:30am to midday.

The Sheppard Charitable Trust

At their meeting in May, the Trustees were delighted to support a number of applications from members of the community and local organisations.

Grants were awarded to the Great Milton Fete Committee to help fund children's entertainment and activities at this year's village fete; to Jake Wing towards the cost of a replacement laptop to support his Business Management studies; to Philippa Stroud to assist with travel costs for a medical volunteer placement in Ghana as part of her midwifery training and to Fred and Lynne Cabbage to cover Pavilion hire costs for the popular village coffee mornings, which continue to provide a valuable opportunity for residents to meet and socialise.

The Trustees' next meeting will be held on 7 October 2026, and funds are available for distribution. If you participate in a project or activity that would benefit the inhabitants of Great Milton, and meets the terms of the Trust Deed – i.e. 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” the Trustees would be very pleased to hear from you.

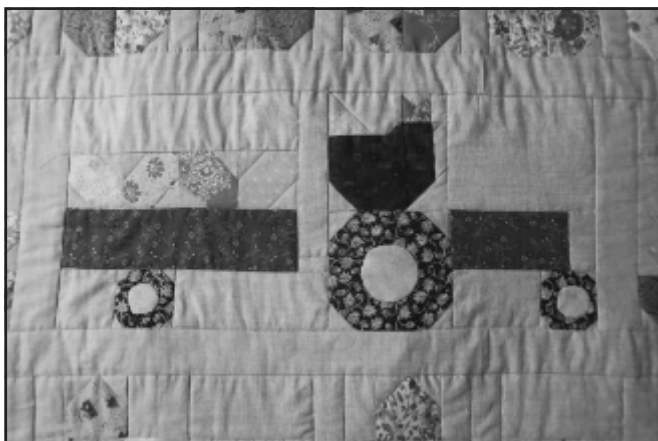
Applications should be sent to:

Jane Willis, Briarwood, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE
or by email to sheppardtrustGM@gmail.com.

Please ensure that applications are received by Wednesday 30 September 2026. If you miss this deadline, the next opportunity to apply will be in January 2027.

Harvest Quilt

This is a detail from a special Harvest Quilt, made by Lynne Cabbage, to be auctioned at the Annual Harvest Auction at the Bull on September 19th. It's nearing completion and a poster of the entire quilt will appear in The Bull.



Community Coffee Morning

Community Café has now been a monthly event at the Pavilion since last October and, due to its continuing popularity, you can look forward to coming along for the rest of 2026. With the continuing generous support of the Sheppard Trust who meet the cost of renting the building, it is guaranteed to be held through to at least December. Everyone is always welcome between 10.30 and 12.30. Dates scheduled for the remainder of 2026 are:

26th August	30th September
28th October	25th November

Parents with children at home at the end of the school holidays are especially welcome in August. Soft drinks and a choice of refreshments will always be available in the summer months.

The charity's support in 2026 means that the donations have exceeded the basic costs of refreshments and by June it was possible for the Café to make a £100 contribution towards new play equipment in the recreation ground.

Wheatley Library

Joining the library is FREE and you can borrow up to 20 books at a time! We're part of the Oxfordshire County Council library service, so you can borrow and return books from any of the 44 county libraries. Your library card also provides free access to BorrowBox, Libby, Naxos Music Library, Ancestry Online, Find My Past and more resources online. For Wheatley Library news, please follow the 'Friends of Wheatley Library' Facebook page.

Special Events

- The Summer Reading Challenge is back! 4 July – 5 September
- For kids age 0 – 11. This year, the theme is music
- Earn stickers, a certificate, medal, and enter our prize draw!
- Explore Learning Events – Wednesday 19 August
- 11am – 12pm: Song Writing Workshop 'Jungle Jam' for ages 5 – 11
- 12 – 1pm: Shapes Workshop for ages 4 – 9 to design a super hero or become an architect

Regular Events:

- Rhymetime - every Friday 10.30 - 11am – For children age 0 to 5
- Storytime - every Saturday 10 - 10.30am – For children age 3 to 7



- Digital Helper Sessions - every Thursday 2.30 - 3.30pm
 - One-to-one support with technology e.g. smart phones, laptops, tablets, emails, WhatsApp etc. – Call or email the library to book a slot

We need more Lego! If you have any spare Lego or baseplates to build upon, we would greatly appreciate your donation. Thank you.

Opening Hours:

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

Contact us on 01865 815204 or email wheatley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

You can search the library catalogue for books anytime >> oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-libraries

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

A big thank you to Chris Jeffery and the nine WI members who braved the hot weather to come out and try Scottish country dancing. Also thank you to Alison, Julie, Angela & Jane for providing much needed cold drinks and cake.

On 13 August, we have our annual day trip, this year to Friars Court for a tour of the garden and cream tea, £15 each. Plus, we have an extra trip to Whitchurch Silk Mill on Tuesday 1 Sept, £25 each. Let me know if you'd like to join us, on either or both trips.

We'll also be running the Horticultural show café on Saturday 29 August from 2pm – any cakes, bakes & helpers on the day gratefully received.

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 (unless we're out!).

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

Neighbours' Hall Pictures

The new pictures displayed in the main hall since January have attracted significant interest and as well as improving the room's general appearance. They were all created by two Great Milton residents, each bringing their own specialist skills to the project, and chosen to represent life across the local neighbourhood.

Nick Belcher selected and printed images from his extensive village photography archive, built over many years of capturing the people and everyday life of the area. Dudley Alden handcrafted the mounts and frames in his workshop at Hollands Farm, applying traditional framing techniques to complement and enhance each photo.

Inspired by the reaction to the display, the Hall Management Committee have decided to start a gallery of canvas prints in the Orchard Room, intended to reflect the many events and activities that take place at the Hall. The first to go up in the new exhibition are ones representing the Thame Band rehearsals, the monthly Book Library social event, the Senior Citizens' 2026 Christmas Party plus the Rev. Simon Cronk's retirement celebration in 2025.

Don't forget to study the displays in both rooms.



The most newsworthy issue at Views Farm is the weather, what can I say it's been hot and still is as I write, more of that later. Having just returned from a week in Lancashire where the temperatures were much cooler, it was very good to see actual green fields, rather than the brown we have been used to, as soon as we returned home on the east of the Pennines everything was brown again. When we left, (we were only away for 8 days I might add) I was very optimistic for our harvest, in that for once we might even have a reasonable yield, but alas that was not to be the case, the Barley was harvested whilst we were away, a crop that seemed to be hanging on during the earlier hot spells, turned out to be a poor average, with a very poor sample shrivelled grains and lacking in quality. To make matters worse the moisture was very low, we aim at 14% moisture but this year it is 9% this means we will lose that amount of weight, making a poor yield even poorer. Needless to say, there is no compensation for this loss of weight, and yet if we go over the 14%, we are penalised so we cannot win.



A week later, on the 15th July we cut our Winter Wheat a full month earlier than usual, we think the Spring Planted Barley will be equally early. As with the Barley the yield was pitifully low somewhere, around where yields were when I first started farming back in the early 60's, ½ the current average. The grains very shrivelled, luckily the moisture content was around 14% so we will gain a little weight there, of course the smaller the grain the heavier the weight in bulk. It has been suggested that as the climate is changing, perhaps we should be growing grain bred for French conditions, this would be very interesting, as French bread, presumably made from French flour, is favoured by many.

Now is a very quiet time for wildlife it is gratifying to see good coveys of Partridge both in one day in different locations, (I think English ones) the lapwings are still around, and whenever we are around the fields we can hear Sky Larks aplenty. Recently I have seen Kingfishers on the river, this being the first time I have noticed them, as well as Warblers in the reads, Now that some of the corn is harvested the Hares are more obvious, the only problem is that we seem to have many Horseflies, something I don't remember being a problem before, must be the hot weather.

Unbelievable following the resignation of the defence minister, the minister for food and Farming has been moved to defence, she had only been in post for

about 12 months and just beginning to learn the ropes, so we have yet another minister in charge, making about 12 in 10 years. This for an industry that provides food, just as important as defence, now we have a new PM who will no doubt make another appointment. The Government has just announced a “Roadmap for Farming” making all sorts of positive remarks about supporting Agriculture to 2050, (won’t affect me), I am not sure of the details of it but by what I have read they are putting £30m towards it, if this is the amount phased over 20 years it will not be worth a bowl of cherries spread amongst say 100,000 farmers. At they seem to be beginning to understand the need for a vibrant Agricultural sector, unfortunately things have been let go for so long that it will need more funding from somewhere to get things back on an even keel. I don’t want to, labour the point, as there is no one average farmer, there are some very well-off large landowners who are pedalling hard to keep their head above the water and, some who have wealth behind them, then there are the smaller farmers who, like us here, that have to have an alternative income to stay afloat. Not a very sustainable way to secure a nation’s food.

We have just learned that the result of the Government’s decision on the reorganisation of local government, in my opinion and that of other notable people in the village, the worst possible option, in that “Great Milton”, as a rural area becomes part of “Greater Oxford”. Having been on the council during reorganisation in 1973/4, being both a “Bullington Rural District” and, “South Oxfordshire District councillor” (SODC), the costs then were horrific, do we really have to go through this all again? One issue that comes to mind, of which there will be many similar to sort out, is the dustbin lorry depot being built right on the boundary of the SODC area by SODC. Not only will this not be in the area of the 3 councils proposed but, who pays for what? The rate payers of SODC are paying for this development, presumably the rate payers of the new authority will have to reimburse SODC, I doubt SODC rate payers will get any money back. Also, as it is out of the area proposed for the 3 authorities, are we going to have to put up with the traffic created by vehicle movement of a neighbouring administration. (just thoughts I am sure this will all be sorted)

Charles Peers

The Maple Tree

A great place to grow

Happy Summer Holidays from The Maple Tree!

Did you know that we are open all summer? We have sessions most weekday mornings for families from Wheatley and the surrounding villages. In addition, we have a Family Fun session on the 3rd Saturday of the month. On August 15th it will be all about Bears, so do bring your favourite Teddy Bear to that one!

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

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

Our new afternoon session is open to all ages; The Learning Leaf (Ready for School theme in August, designed for the children who are starting reception in September) is from 2:00-4:00pm at The Maple Tree

Fridays: Little Learners at 10:00-11:30am (see below)

Saturdays: Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am

We will be holding our popular Little Learners on the Road again this summer in local, surrounding villages. These sessions are designed for 0-5s, but older siblings are welcome too. Here are the dates for your diary;

24th July – Great Milton

31st July – Stanton St. John

14th August - Holton

21st August - Garsington

28th August – Worminghall (our first time here, so please join us!)

Watch out for our Garden Fête in September too – there'll be games, treats, prizes and a fabulous raffle too!

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

HARVEST CELEBRATION AUCTION & RAFFLE.
IN AID OF THE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS
PARTY FUND

Saturday 19th September @ 6.45p.m.

THE BULL

The roots of this go back decades, to a competition between allotment holders with a judging of produce being held outside the Kings Head pub, followed by an auction.

The proceeds were put towards The Senior Citizens Christmas Party which is held in April every year and is free to all who live in the village and are of pensionable age. It is a proper Christmas Party: there is a tree and decorations, Christmas crackers and of course roast turkey and trimmings. There is entertainment and you should see the dancing.

The auction itself is way more fun than the title might suggest.

The same competitive spirit has in the past led to some amazing prices being paid for a jar of pickled onions. At the same time children have bid 50p for a plate of buns and for some reason no-one has counter-bid.

What can you do?

Attend and bid and have fun.

Donate produce, plants or flowers and anything else that could be sold or raffled: drop off at the pub - ideally around 5 but if it raises funds we aren't really that pedantic on time.

This year we have a very special auction item: a stunning hand made quilt with a harvest theme donated by a member of the Barn Quilters group.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING



**AT THE
PAVILION**

remainder of 2026

JULY Wednesday 15th

AUGUST Wednesday 26th

SEPTEMBER Wednesday 30th

OCTOBER Wednesday 28th

NOVEMBER Wednesday 25th



Community Café is supported by The Sheppard Trust

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



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 in reception 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:

How to Stay Well and Enjoy the Summer Months

The **NHS App**, which is free and secure, and has recently been updated making it
simpler and easier to manage your healthcare.

Free Global Health Insurance Card - planning to travel overseas then ensure you have
your UK GHIC card

Meningitis and septicaemia (blood poisoning) – symptoms and protection

Are you a Carer? – find help and support

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.
- **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**
- **Weight Loss Medication**
- **Childhood Immunisation**

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.

AN EVENING CONCERT PERFORMED BY THE

Oxford Fiddle Group



St Katherine's Church

Chiselhampton, Oxford,
Oxfordshire, OX44 7XF

Saturday 3rd October 2026

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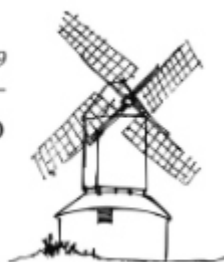
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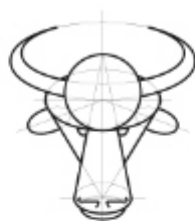


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Tuesday	Athletics Club. Year 8+. 6:00 – 7:30pm. Horspath Sports & Athletics Ground. <i>enquiries.gmac@gmail.com</i>
Wednesday	2nd Wed. Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel. 10:00am – Midday.
Thursday	The Neighbours Club. Alternate Thursdays. <i>contact 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>
Friday	Vinyasa Flow Yoga – ‘The Neighbours’ Hall. 9:15am <i>contact Claire – sparkyoga1111@gmail.com to book or for more details</i> Sandy Lane Farm Market. 10:00am – 5:30pm. <i>contact Sandy Lane Farm – 01844 279269. www.sandylanefarm.net</i>
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Wed 26th Community Cafe at The Pavilion 10:30am

September

Wed 9th Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel 10:30am

Sat 19th Harvest Celebration Auction & Raffle at The Bull 6:45pm

Mon 21st Parish Council Meeting at The Pavilion 7:30pm

Wed 30th Community Cafe at The Pavilion 10:30am

October

Sat 3rd Oxford Fiddle Group at St. Katherine’s Church, Chiselhampton —

Wed 14th Coffee Morning at The Methodist Chapel 10:30am

Wed 28th Community Cafe at The Pavilion 10:30am

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