

# Newsletter

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Ring 999 in an emergency and the operator will then, if appropriate, instruct the caller to go to the cabinet and they will also give them the code to access the equipment.



## EMERGENCY DEFIBRILLATOR



Our thanks go to Nigel Davis and John Ellison for voluntarily installing the Defibrillator.

***If you're on your own, don't interrupt CPR to go and find a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.***

To use a defibrillator, follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

Step 2: Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

Step 3: Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then check the patient's heart rhythm.

Step 4: The defibrillator will decide whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. Don't touch the patient while they are being shocked.

Step 5: The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

Step 6: Continue with chest compressions until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

Anyone can use a defibrillator and you don't need training. Once you turn it on, it will give clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. The device checks the heart rhythm and will only tell you to shock if it's needed. You can't shock someone accidentally.



**MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL**  
[villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com](mailto:villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com)

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK**

on the first Friday of the month from 10.30am-12 noon.

Help would be appreciated and also donations of home-made cakes. All in aid of VH funds.

MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL IS OPEN FOR BOOKINGS. Please contact Amy Jackson, Bookings Clerk. Hirers of the Hall still need to be cautious. Hand sanitiser is provided in the foyer. Arrangements have now been made

for the Hall to receive a regular monthly clean by Kay and Bill Garrett. Hirers are requested to tidy up and leave the Hall in a clean state before they leave, especially wiping down surfaces in the kitchen.



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# Milcombe Parish Council

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## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

***Milcombe Parish Council elections were held on Thursday 5 May 2022, but there are still two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, or any of the Parish Councillors, for more details.***

**Play Area** – There were still a few minor outstanding issues with the play equipment which were being followed up with the contractor. It was pleasing to see so many children using the new equipment and people were travelling from other villages to use it too.

**Wheelie Bins** – Residents are kindly requested not to block the footpaths with their wheelie bins, where possible. If they could also be collected back in as soon as they had been emptied, this would avoid the footpaths being blocked for those pedestrians with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

**Highways** – Repairs which were required to potholes should be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site. <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

**Defibrillator** – The defibrillator had been delivered to Councillor Nigel Davis and it would be installed at the Village Hall. The defibrillator was the Parish Council's donation to the village to mark the HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, along with the works to the St Laurence Church clock face.

**Trees/Bushes/Hedges** - Residents were reminded that trees/bushes/hedges should not be causing an obstruction because they were overhanging a boundary onto a footpath or road. If an obstruction was occurring in the village, it should be reported to <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

**Proposed 20mph Speed Restrictions** – A questionnaire had been circulated in the village, via the newsletter and on-line to obtain the views of residents on the proposal. The deadline of 31 May 2022 had now passed and the results were being analysed.

**Civil Parking Enforcement** – Oxfordshire County Council is providing Civil Parking Enforcement Officers in the Cherwell area and it is hoped that they will monitor Milcombe for illegal parking. For more information and to report illegally parked cars, please visit the OCC web site. <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/illegal-parking>

**Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP)** – Stephen McKenna from Community First Oxfordshire would be meeting with the Parish Council to provide more information on the Neighbourhood Development Plan process.

**Planning applications and comments** could be viewed on Cherwell District Council's web site at: <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as>

### **Adverse Weather:**

Oxfordshire County Council works closely with all its partners to monitor the weather and as a reminder there are some numbers that you can call to report weather related issues if you become aware of them:

- To report fallen trees or other debris which pose a risk to your safety or the safety of others, please call 999
- To report fallen trees or other debris which doesn't pose such a high risk but still needs to be dealt with, please call 101
- If you lose power or can see that a power line has come down please report it by calling 105
- If you are concerned about flooding, you should visit the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit online - <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com> – and I will summarise the key numbers to call below:

• If you have a flooding emergency which is a threat to someone's life, contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on 999

• To report flooding relating to a highway such as blocked ditches, blocked drains or flooding on a road call Oxfordshire County Council Floodline on 0345 310 1111

• To report flooding from a main river contact the Environment Agency through the Floodline (Tel: 0345 988 1188 or 0800 80 70 60) or visit their website

• If your property is at immediate risk of surface water flooding please contact Thames Valley Police on 101

**Meeting Dates – Future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held at the Village Hall, Milcombe. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.**

**• Tuesday 5 July 2022**

**• Tuesday 6 September 2022**

**• Tuesday 1 November 2022**

**All welcome to attend!**

**Agendas and minutes** are available on [www.milcombe.com](http://www.milcombe.com) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [milcombepc@gmail.com](mailto:milcombepc@gmail.com) or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

### **Reminders:**

Roads (including potholes)/footpaths/street lighting/overhanging trees/hedges: Report to Oxfordshire County Council <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>  
Faulty Street Lights: Report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Electricity: SSE 0800 294 3259 or text phone 0800 316 5457, UK Power Networks – 0800 169 9970, Western Power Distribution – 0800 096 3080

Water: Thames Water 0800 009 3652 or text phone 0800 316 6899, Power failure: If there's a power cut call the free number 105



# KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

We're gearing up for a summer of fun and fundraising – and there's something for everyone. As well as our Moonlight Walk and challenge events, there are some great days out in aid of Katharine House thanks to our wonderful supporters. A big thank you to all our participants, organisers, fundraisers, visitors and volunteers that help to make it all possible. We couldn't do it without you!

## Moonlight Walk – the final countdown

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is taking place on 16 July – and we want to make this year's Moonlight Walk the best one yet. Celebrate those that we've loved and lost with a special personal challenge and a glorious evening of fun and frolics all in aid of Katharine House Hospice. Get into the groove with live 80s' music and a pre-walk 80s' party picnic! If you haven't already signed up, then there's still time! We'd love to see as many people taking part as possible. [khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://khh.org.uk/moonlight)

## Challenge accepted

Our challenge events have proved hugely popular – and we have plenty more coming up!

## Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk). Find out more Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

- Extreme Abseil: Tackle the 418 feet National Lift Tower in Northampton on 3 September

- Thames Path Challenge: Trek along the famous Thames Towpath on 10-11 September

- Swim Serpentine: Take the plunge in a major outdoor swimming event on 17 September

- Chicken Run: Sign up for the cracking Brackley 10k Chicken Run on 18 September

- Oxford Half Marathon: Secure your spot for the 13.1 miles around Oxford on 16 October

**Find full details, plus even more events, here: [khh.org.uk/challenge](http://khh.org.uk/challenge).**

## Days out for your diary

We're so grateful to our local community for raising more than just a smile with events in aid of Katharine House. You can find a list of supporter events on our website that help to raise money for our hospice. From the Open Gardens running throughout the summer, to country fairs and family fun days. Keep

checking back as new events are added throughout the year. And don't forget to let us know if you're holding an event to raise money for our hospice! [khh.org.uk/supporter-events](http://khh.org.uk/supporter-events)

## Three cheers for our volunteers

We simply couldn't do what we do without the incredibly selfless people willing to give up their time to make a difference. We're looking to recruit volunteers across a number of areas, including: shop volunteers, gardeners, hospice companions, receptionists and artists for Living Well. Could you spare some time – either on a regular basis or occasionally? Find out more here: [khh.org.uk/volunteering](http://khh.org.uk/volunteering).

## Caring for our carers

Did you know that as well as caring for people with an incurable illness we also offer support for their carers and family members? Our services include an online Carers Café, social work support and our Hospice Companion Service that aims to reduce loneliness and isolation. If you'd like to find out more about the support we offer, visit our website: [khh.org.uk/carer-support](http://khh.org.uk/carer-support)

## BUMPS AND BABIES

We are a drop-in café for mums, carers and babies with baby toys, group singing and homemade cakes!

### BUMPS AND BABIES

Contact [office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk) or Margaret Craggs [mjcraggs@saintconsulting.co.uk](mailto:mjcraggs@saintconsulting.co.uk)

## TEA AND TOAST

TEA AND TOAST HAS NOW OPENED UP IN THE PARISH ROOMS ON FRIDAY MORNINGS. Please contact Jan Ogilvy 720054 for details

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# WANTED



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Do you want to do something positive  
for your community?

Can you think, listen and act locally?

There are a number of vacancies on Milcombe Parish  
Council so why not...

**...consider becoming a Councillor?**

To find out more please visit

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## ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB

### ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB HAS NOW RE-OPENED IN THE PARISH ROOMS

St Mary's Thursday Club is holding it's  
AGM on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 3.00  
pm in the Parish Rooms. If any members  
of the public would like to attend please  
contact our Secretary Jenny Smithson  
by email [Jennysmithson58@gmail.com](mailto:Jennysmithson58@gmail.com).  
Many thanks.



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## THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE

### THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE IS NOW OPEN DRUING TERM TIME

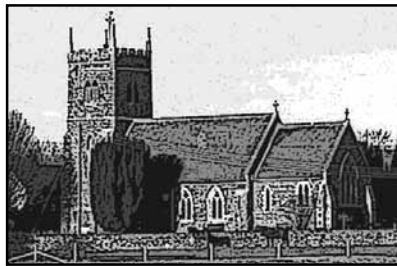
THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE – PLAY AND  
LEARN AT THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE,  
Bloxham Primary School, on Mondays  
and Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00am  
(term time only).



# CHURCH NOTES

## ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

these vary between  
8.00am and 11.15am.



**SUNDAY, JULY 3rd (Trinity 3) HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, JULY 10th (Trinity 4) HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17th – NO SERVICE IN ST.**

**LAURENCES (Services at 9.30am in Bloxham and  
11.15am at SN)**

**SUNDAY, JULY 24th (Trinity 6) WELCOME TO  
WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, JULY 31st. (Trinity 7) HOLY COMMUNION  
– (5th Sunday – JOINT SERVICE WITH SN IN ST.  
LAURENCE'S)**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th (Trinity 9) HOLY  
COMMUNION – WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRON ST.  
LAURENCE.**

**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR ALL  
AUGUST SERVICES.**

**PCC MEETING IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JULY  
9th, at 2.30pm.**

The Church is open every day between 10.00am and 4.00pm for quiet prayer and reflection. You are very welcome to come into the Church to just sit quietly or to sit on one of the seats in the Churchyard and enjoy the beautiful countryside around us. There is a prayer book just inside the main door for you to write your own personal prayers.

**CHURCH FLOWERS** – Thank you to those who helped with extra flowers in the Church for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We have lost some of our regular flower arrangers mainly due to ill health (and age) and we are looking for flower arrangers

to come and fill the gaps about twice a year and also Church festivals, such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas. If you are able to help, please contact Marlene (720750 marlenecowell196@gmail.com). In the meantime, thank you to those who are still "doing their bit" to help with this pleasurable task.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CANS AT THE CHURCH** as we are no longer able to recycle them. Emptying of three brown bins has been paid for at a cost of £100 (Churches are not exempt) and the split bin replaced. It would be appreciated if those tending graves did not throw any rubbish on the grass heap in the Churchyard and please recycle your rubbish in the correct bins.

Tony and Joan Stickings are still collecting USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES to take to the Redwing Horse Sanctuary near Stratford for recycling. These can be left just inside the Church by the main door.

**CONTACT DETAILS FOR ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH** are Rev. Dale Gingrich 01295 720252 or email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk. Michael Haynes hynmicha6@aol.com and Suzette Watson churchwardenmilcombe@gmail.com were re-elected to serve another year of office as Churchwardens at the APCM on May 23rd.



**DOG WASTE BAGS** – Cherwell District Council are no longer supplying free bags so please ensure that you take a bag with you to clean up after your dog as you will still be liable for a penalty if caught allowing your dog to foul public highways and private fields.

