

Newsletter

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Footpaths in Bloxham - Walkers going over Hobb Hill will notice posts and string at the gates and on the footpath. The farmer is using these to guide users to the location of the Public Right of Way. The farmer will be making hay in the field this year. If the ground becomes compacted it becomes unusable. Walkers should try to keep to the right, close to the hedge on the way up from Courtington Lane and at the top, walk straight down to the kissing gate at the bottom on Ells Lane. Please keep to the paths and enjoy your walks up Hobb Hill...a good pair of wellies / boots always helps.

New Councillors – Ruth Dale, Nigel Davis, Bob Ottway and Tracey Scott were all co-opted onto the Parish Council at an extraordinary meeting held on 15 June 2021.

Play Equipment – Quotes for new play equipment would be considered at the Parish Council meeting on 6 July 2021.

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.

Snow Warden/Grit Bins – If anyone in the village would like to volunteer to be a Snow Warden to help clear the footpaths in adverse weather conditions, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Grit bins are all full and grit may be used on slippery public footpaths and roads only. It should not be used for private property use.

Litter Pick – The annual village litter pick was held in May 2021. Thanks to Myra Peters, Mandie McCullagh, Laura and Lottie, Gail Seward, Julie Kershaw, Nikki Griffiths, Deborah & Chris Aherne and Judith Burns.

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/> New road markings had been painted on the road by the junction at the Horse and Groom.

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/>

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

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>

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm would be held on Zoom, until further notice. Please contact the Clerk for the details to join the Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 6 July 2021
- Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Tuesday 2 November 2021

All welcome to attend!

Agendas and minutes are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.



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Faulty Street Lights: Report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Dog Bags: These are available from New Road Stores and in the Church porch. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.

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

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Power failure: If there's a power cut call the free number 105 to check what's happening with your local provider

SOCIAL MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

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The Village Hall is still **not** open for bookings as THE VILLAGE HALL IS STILL DESPERATELY IN NEED OF A TREASURER. The previous signatories are no longer Trustees so, until the bank signatories can be changed to include a new Treasurer, the Hall cannot move forward and re-open for bookings.

We thank Raychel Pomroy who has continued to make regular checks ever since the beginning of lockdown flushing toilets, running taps, checking heating, etc.

Also, thanks to Amy Jackson who liaised with CDC regarding local elections and to Bill and Kay Garrett for cleaning. The Village Hall Committee (Milcombe Charities Trustees) is overseen by the following members: Rev. Dale Gingrich (Chairman – office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk), Marlene Cowell (Minute Secretary – marlene.cowell@milcombe.com), Amy Jackson (Bookings), Sally Ashmole, Sacha Cowley, Raychel Pomroy and Suzette Watson.

All members can be reached on the following email: villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com

Old Milcombe Photographs



There is an old photograph in the Church of the Milcombe Church choir taken in the 1950's which I wondered if it would be worth reproducing to see if people can recognise any of the faces. It shows Thomas Bliss, Lay reader at the time, Fred Brain who was the Clerk and worked for the Woolgrove family on the farm. He lived in a cottage down Paradise Lane which is now part of Farnell Fields. He used to ring the bells, stoke the old coke boiler and sing in the choir. There is a chair in the Church dedicated to his memory.

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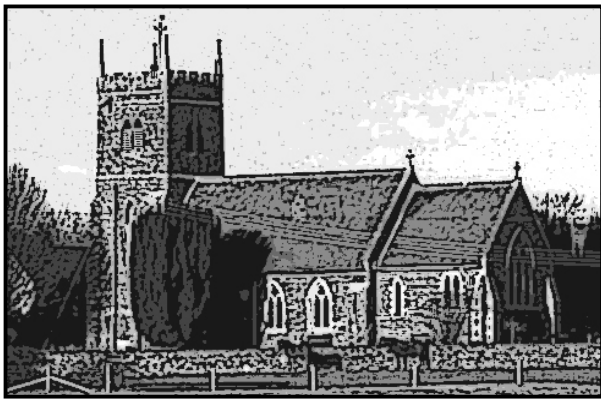
How well do you think you know Hook Norton? Have you ever noticed that cute little window before? Or that interesting street light?

If you fancy a walk with a little something extra this summer, then please consider picking up a treasure hunt pack from locations around Hook Norton and joining in the fun.

With over 70 images to identify, it's a great way for families to spend a few hours whilst enjoying our beautiful village.

Packs are just £5 with all profits going back to Hook Norton School. Cash prizes are on offer too!

Packs will be available for sale at locations around the village tbc. Please see the FOHNS Facebook page and the Milcombe village website/FB book page for more details in due course. Event likely to start end of July and last until September.



CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

these vary between 8.00am and 11.15am.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY DAY FOR QUIET PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

There is a Service each Sunday in St. Laurence's, but please check the times as these alternate with South Newington between 8.00am and 11.15am.

SUNDAY, JULY 4th (Trinity 5) HOLY COMMUNION

at 11.15am SN 8.00am

SUNDAY, JULY 11th (Trinity 6) HOLY COMMUNION

at 8.00am SN 11.15am

SUNDAY, JULY 18th (Trinity 7) HOLY COMMUNION

at 11.15am SN 8.00am

SUNDAY, JULY 25th (Trinity 8) HOLY COMMUNION

at 8.00am SN 11.15am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st (Trinity 9) HOLY COMMUNION

at 11.15am SN 8.00am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8th (Trinity 10) UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE TO MARK OUR PATRON SAINT LAURENCE AT 11.15am.**

(Please note there will be NO 9.30am Service in Bloxham and NO Service in South Newington.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th (Trinity 11) HOLY COMMUNION at 8.00am SN 11.15am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd (Trinity 12) HOLY COMMUNION at 11.15am SN 8.00am

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th (Trinity 13) (5th Sunday) JOINT SERVICE WITH SOUTH NEWINGTON at 11.15am. (Please note there will be NO Service in St. Laurence's)

** We wait to see what restrictions are lifted on July 19th, but it is possible that we shall not be able to hold our annual Bring/Share lunch after our Patronal Service.

At the present time, there is still no singing but organ music is played at the 11.15am Service. Please continue to use the hand sanitiser, wear a mask and socially distance. The 6.00pm Service will continue on Zoom. Please see the Weekly Sheet for the latest updates. Copies are available in all three Churches.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE – Susan Richardson is the Electoral Roll officer. Names already on the Church Electoral Roll continue unless anybody has asked for their name to be removed. New names may be added up until Tuesday, July 13th.

Forms can be picked up from the Church.

THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH ON TUESDAY, JULY 27th, at 7.30pm. (Any person on the Government Electoral Roll may attend and vote at this meeting.)

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF PCC MEMBERS, PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS WILL FOLLOW THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS.

(Only persons on the Church Electoral Roll may vote at this meeting. Other persons may attend as observers.)

If you would like to stand as a Churchwarden or PCC member, please pick up a form from the Church.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH WEARING FACE MASKS AND SOCIALLY DISTANCED unless the restrictions have been eased.

It is possible to join the PARISH GIVING SCHEME at any time to make a regular donation towards Church funds. Please contact Rev. Dale Gingrich at St. Mary's Vicarage on 01295 720252, email: office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk or Susan Richardson, Churchwarden, 01295 721667, email: sujerich@yahoo.co.uk. One-off donations are also gratefully acceptable. See <http://www.milcombecchurch.co.uk>.

ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN HELPING TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR WASTE IN THE CORRECT BINS – NO PLASTIC IN THE BROWN BINS.

SUSPENSION OF CAN COLLECTIONS FOR THE TIME BEING. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CANS AS WE HAVE NOBODY TO TAKE THIS ON AT THE PRESENT TIME. Could you help?

The following are still being held via Zoom until it is safe to physically meet once more:

TEA AND TOAST hosted by Jan Ogilvy on Friday mornings from 9.30am onwards. Contact Jan on 720054. Joining details are the same each week. MEETING ID: 710 054 0468 PASSWORD: bla8ta
BLOXHAM MOTHER'S UNION – Contact Pat Smith on 816866 or 0797 160 467.

MESSY CHURCH has a Facebook page and is presently meeting via Zoom. Contact the Benefice Office for more details office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk.

DOG BAGS are available in the Church porch or at the back of the organ.

If you have a problem or need a query answered, please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens direct. We will do our best to help. Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk.

The Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 sujerich@yahoo.co.uk and Marlene Cowell 720750 marlenecowell196@gmail.com.

Home Library Service

Would you like to borrow library books but are unable to visit the library any reason? The Home Library Service is run from Oxfordshire County Council and serves 700 customers throughout the county.

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MILCOMBE PLAY AREA

Grant funding has now been received to update the Play Area. The PC will be reviewing the three quotes received and will be making a decision at their meeting on July 6th.

THE PLAY AREA IS OPEN AND THE SAME RULES APPLY AS IN PREVIOUS MONTHS.

Children should be accompanied by a parent/guardian who are encouraged to bring hand sanitiser gel or wipes to clean their children's hands. Parents should remind children NOT to touch their faces, to cough or sneeze into a

tissue or arm if tissue not available, and NOT to put their mouths on the equipment or their hands in their mouths. Food or drink are NOT allowed in the Play Area.

ALLOWING CHILDREN INTO THE PLAY AREA AND ON THE EQUIPMENT IS ENTIRELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

(See Covid-19 Guidance for Managing Playgrounds and Outdoor Gyms issued by the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.)

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TEA AND TOAST

ZOOM MEETINGS

Hosted by Jan Ogilvy from 9.30am onwards every Friday morning. Joining details are the same each week. Open to anyone who would like to join for a chat whilst drinking your own coffee!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7100540468?pwd=ZjZpMTY3RHhXZC91MHhBbW5vYUswUT09>
Meeting ID: 710 054 0468
Password: b1a8ta
Contact Jan Ogilvy 720054 if you have any problems

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