

Newsletter

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VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

This will take place late March 28th Look out for details of where to meet on the Milcombe Website and Facebook

Notes of the Meeting of Milcombe Parish Council

Volunteer Link-Up Scheme –

The Parish Council would like to develop a Volunteer Link-Up Scheme for the village, which would mean that volunteers would be a point of contact for vulnerable people in the village, if they needed help with daily tasks. If you would be interested in volunteering for the role and would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.



Dog Fouling – Residents were asked to ensure that they clean up after their dogs because a lot of mess had not been picked up along Main Street. Free dog waste bags were available in the Church and the shop.

Village Litter Pick – This will be held on Saturday 28 March 2020. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Overhanging Branches/Vegetation – Please could all residents ensure that vegetation and trees are not overhanging the boundary of their properties and causing a nuisance to neighbours or blocking street lights or touching overhead cables.

Vacancy – Due a resignation, there was vacancy on the Parish Council. If anyone was interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Snow Wardens – The Parish Council would like to develop a Snow Warden Scheme for the village, which would mean that in the event of adverse weather, you would be called upon to clear footpaths in the village. If you would be interested in volunteering for the role, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

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/>

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/>

Play Area – A date for the release of the Section 106 funds for the new play equipment was still awaited.

Planning: Planning applications and comments could be viewed on Cherwell District Council's web site at:



Monday - Half Price Burgers

Tuesday - Selected Mains for £10

Wednesday - Steak Night

Thursday - £10 Curry Night

Friday - Fish & Chips
for £10 / £8 Takeaway

Our fixed price menu runs each lunchtime and Tuesday - Friday 6pm - 7pm.

We will have a special menu available for Mothering Sunday and we have live music on Friday 27th March.

Tel: 01295 722142

horseandgroominn@gmail.com
thehorseandgroominn.co.uk

<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 at the Village Hall, Milcombe were as follows:

- Tuesday 3 March 2020
- Tuesday 5 May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting, all residents invited to attend)
- Tuesday 12 May 2020
- Tuesday 7 July 2020
- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Tuesday 3 November 2020

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombecp@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

THE BIG CHARITY MATCH

Bloxham Vets v The Rest of the World

24 HOUR MATCH

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020
THE DEWEY CENTRE
BLOXHAM SCHOOL

The Bloxham FC Veterans football team will be playing a 24hr match in aid of MIND, the mental health charity. This event will take place at Bloxham School and we are looking to people and businesses that can help with sponsorship, donations or time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

ARE YOU A PLAYER?
Do you have what it takes to be part of the 'Rest of the World' Team? If so get in touch!

BECOME A SPONSOR
We have many exciting opportunities for a business or individuals to be part of the match, if you can provide supplies and services for the match please contact us urgently.

PLEASE DONATE!
This is the reason we are all taking part. Please give what you can for an important and amazing charity. Simply go to JustGiving.com and type in 'TheBigMatch2020'.

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CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 11.15am

SUNDAY, MARCH 1st – HOLY COMMUNION (Lent 1)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th – HOLY COMMUNION (Lent 2)

SUNDAY, MARCH 15th – HOLY COMMUNION (Lent 3)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22nd – A SPECIAL FAMILY SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th – JOINT HOLY COMMUNION (Lent 5 – Passiontide begins)

(5th SUNDAY – JOINT SERVICE WITH SOUTH NEWINGTON AT ST. PETER AD VINCULA – NO SERVICE IN ST. LAURENCE'S)

SUMMER TIME BEGINS – CLOCKS FORWARD

Please come and join us at St. Laurence's Church for a warm and friendly welcome. There is an invitation to stay after the Service for Coffee/Tea and light refreshments.

FAIRTRADE – As a Fairtrade Church, we use Fairtrade coffee, tea and sugar for our refreshments and at any events which we hold. There is a Fairtrade stall after Services where you can purchase teabags, sugar, chocolate, cookies, etc.

HOLY COMMUNION is said every Tuesday morning in St. Mary's, Bloxham, at 11.30am and there is an open invitation to share Holy Communion with the residents of Godswell Park at 3.00pm on Sunday afternoons where you will be made to feel very welcome and able to talk to residents over a cup of tea and cake afterwards if you wish.

BENEFACT PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held in St. Mary's at **9.15am on SATURDAY, MARCH 7th** with coffee and croissants and a short time of prayer finishing around 10.00am.

MOTHERING SUNDAY – March 22nd – A special informal Service for families with spring flowers for all. Refreshments will be served after the Service.

PALM SATURDAY – APRIL 4th – EASTER GARDEN AND EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE CHURCHYARD starting at 11.00am. Please bring along a small plant, hand trowel and a pair of old gloves if you can. Children must be accompanied by an adult and tea/coffee will be provided for the adults.

ADVANCE NOTICE – THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS will start at 7.30pm for the election of Churchwardens followed by THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING IN CHURCH ON THURSDAY, APRIL 30th for election of PCC members together with a review of St. Laurence's finances and activities during 2019.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED CLEAN CANS which are recycled for Church funds and should be placed in the bin at the side of the Church porch.

USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES can be placed in the boxes by the table just inside the Church door. Tony and Joan Stickings take these to the Redwing Horse Sanctuary near Stratford for recycling.

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

The Church is open daily from approximately 10.00am-4.00pm thanks to the volunteers who open it and lock it on a monthly rota. You are very welcome to come in and just sit for a moment of quiet prayer and reflection. There is a prayer book just inside the main door for you to write in your own personal prayers.

Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk

St. Laurence's Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 sujerich@yahoo.co.uk and Marlene Cowell 720750 marlenecowell196@gmail.com



MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL CONTACTS ARE:

CAROLINE WILLOUGHBY (Chairperson)
07765161208

RICHARD HAZEL (Treasurer) 07802595079

SARAH DOWLING (Bookings) 07858474669

Sacha Cowley is also a member along with Rev. Dale Gingrich representing St. Laurence's Church and Marlene Cowell as Parish Council representative, plus three newly elected members, Sally Bird, Raychel Pomroy and Suzette Watson.

The Committee met on February 12th.

A key box has been installed and a solar light is being sourced for the front entrance. Three quotes have been obtained for removal of stage and replace with enclosed storage area, new fire door and renovation of parquet flooring. The quotes ranged from £7793-£9025 excluding VAT. The Committee will now look into the possibility of obtaining grants. They are also looking into the possibility of installing a new Noticeboard on the front wall. Interest will be gauged for support from villagers for a more simple community event rather than holding a fete.

The Annual General meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7.00pm. Hopefully residents will come along and give their support.

The cost for hiring the Hall is £8.00 per hour for residents and £10.00 per hour for non-residents.

Tables, chairs, gazebos and projector also available for hire at moderate costs.

The Hall is fully insured for public liability.

COFFEE MORNINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH IN AID OF THE VILLAGE HALL FUNDS.

THE NEXT ONE WILL BE ON MARCH 6th.

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07738 164551
enquiries@garrettelectricalservices.co.uk
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BUMPS AND BABIES

We are a drop-in café for mums, carers and babies with baby toys, group singing and homemade cakes! Come and relax, meet new people, make friends and have a chat.

MONDAYS, 10:30AM – NOON.

**ST MARY'S PARISH ROOMS
(BEHIND BLOXHAM MUSEUM)**

For further information email Bloxham Benefice Office
office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk or call 01295 720252



MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

MEETS ON THE 1st and 3rd MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH

IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 2.00-4.00pm

MARCH MEETINGS ON 2nd and 16th

Tea, sandwiches and cake plus a game or two of Bingo and a raffle. All for just £2. Please bring along a small raffle prize if you can.

Come along and enjoy a very sociable afternoon.

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact Tony Stickings 720666 for more information

FREE Adverts for local business

WBS PROPERTY SERVICES

- Building work
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- Wood burning stoves

WBS Property Services offer a building and renovation service in Banbury and the surrounding towns and villages. Being a company with many years of qualified experience we can provide services ranging from: building spacious extensions from initial planning, to construction and final decoration; creating beautiful loft conversions; renovating properties including full re-roofs.

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07787 908268
office@wbspropertyservices.co.uk
www.wbspropertyservices.co.uk

FREE Adverts for local business

For over 19 years Barking Mad dog boarding has offered a bespoke, 5-Star Trustpilot rated alternative to kennels for your waggy-tailed one. If you would like to learn

more about our local 1 to 1 home boarding service call Andrea and David on 01295 477295 or email cawleys@barkingmad.uk.com. You can also learn more at

www.barkingmad.uk.com/
local/oxfordshire/banbury/



FREE Adverts for local business

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07789697670

lesley.toenails@gmail.com

(Dip non-surgical footcare, RGN, Enhanced DBS)



Nail Cutting & Foot Care in your own home.

TEA AND TOAST is a relaxed cafe style space for toddler activities, a listening ear and refreshments. All ages welcome in St. Mary's Parish Rooms on FRIDAY MORNINGS from 9.00am-11.00am.



THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE

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). Drop-in sessions for parents/carers and their children 0-5 years with an additional session for parents/carers and their babies aged up to 1 year. Children can experience creative and learning activities and there is support and advice on a range of topics for parents and carers.

The Cherry Tree Centre is supported by Oxfordshire County Council, Bloxham Primary School and the Parish Councils of Bloxham, Adderbury and Milcombe. For more information email jtyr7754@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 01295 720224.

ST. MARY'S

THURSDAY CLUB

ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB is open to members every Thursday from 10.00am-2.30pm for isolated and elderly people living in Bloxham and surrounding villages.

A two-course home-cooked meal is provided with refreshments throughout the day for just £10 including transport if required.

The club offers companionship and social stimulation and there are currently vacancies for new members.

If you would like to come along or know anybody who may be interested, please contact LYNN JOHNSON on 01295 720792 or LIZ FARMER 01295 721812.

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FREE Adverts for local business

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**A WIDE SELECTION OF SHRUBS, ORNAMENTAL AND FRUIT TREES
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**We cater for all your garden requirements and stock a wide
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**Please come and take a walk round and see what we have to
offer.**

We are open 7 days a week with ample parking.

Sign up for our Club card and get 10% off your purchases.



Dog Bags: These are available from New Road Stores and at the back of the Church behind the organ. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.





We provide people with end of life
nursing care in their own homes

NURSING TEAM
01608 641 549

Many people, when asked, say that they wish, when their time comes, to die in familiar surroundings and close to those they know and love – that is, in their own homes.

I am a nurse in the 'Lawrence Home Nursing Team' and I was drawn to work in this organisation because its key aim is to enable this ideal to become a reality, when ever possible, for those facing life limiting illnesses in our catchment area.

All the nurses in the team have experience in caring for people at the end of life and we are guided by a patient's needs and wishes. We can give hands on nursing care, including medications for pain relief and other symptoms and can access specialist advice, when needed, through our close working relationships with family doctors and community nurses.

We aim to give each person the care they need, respecting their own individual requirements. Communication and the building of trusting relationships enables us to be that listening ear, to answer questions, and give emotional support, both to the patient and those closest to them, in the hope that patients and their loved ones can make the most of the time they have left together.

The care we give is free, and highly adaptable: sometimes night care, sometimes care during the day, sometimes working alongside existing carers, sometimes working alone. We look after anyone, aged 18 and over, who is in their last weeks of life. Patients are referred to us by GPs, community and specialist nurses, hospitals, hospices, and sometimes family members.

Our patients are mainly registered at one of the following General Practices:

- Bloxham Surgery Tel: 01295 722788
- Charlbury Medical Centre Tel: 01608 811680
- Chipping Norton Health Centre Tel: 01608 642742
- Deddington Surgery Tel: 01869 338611
- Hook Norton Surgery Tel: 01608 737302
- Wychwood Surgery Tel: 01993 831061

You can visit our website to learn more,
<https://www.lawrencehomenursing.org/>

Thank you

Sarah Bryson, Registered Nurse

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team is a *local charity* and depends on fundraising income to maintain this vital nursing service in the community.

We need your help baking homemade cakes for the following events this year;

Arts in the Cotswolds at Tew Farmhouse and Barns from Saturday, May 9th to Sunday May 17th inclusive and Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea at Chivel Farm, Heythrop on Saturday, 27th June 2020. If you are happy to bake cakes for us please email madeinerickard@hotmail.com

If you would like to find out more about our fundraising events and activities or perhaps you are interested in joining our group of volunteers please email, Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising at fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org or telephone: 01608 684475. Our team of volunteers meet once a month at The George Inn, Barford St Michael to discuss past and present events. We are actively looking for volunteers to join our group especially in Bloxham and Deddington.

Thank you

Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising

LUNCH FOR LAWRENCE

Wednesday 25th March 2020
12pm to 2:30pm



Who doesn't
love home-made
treats like soup
and cake and
the chance for a
friendly chat?

The Windmill Centre
Hempton Road, Deddington OX15 0QH

After all the rush and hurry of Christmas and New Year Festivities now is a good time to make some plans for spring. Give yourself something to look forward to during the grey winter days!

Tickets are £5 each and available on the door. Price includes home-made soup, a cake & a hot drink. All proceeds to Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

www.lawrencehomenursing.org

