

Newsletter

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Milcombe Parish Council Proposed 20mph Speed Limit Restrictions in Milcombe

See back page for your say



Summer Party Milcombe Village Fete

Want: an afternoon of fun and laughter – games for the children, tea and cake, tombola, facepainting and wellie wanging?

Having had a only a few villagers turn up to the fete meeting on 3rd March, a second meeting has been set for 31st March 8pm at the Horse and Groom. Without further volunteers to assist with the organisation involved it is unlikely that a fete will go ahead this year. It is hoped that with more volunteers to assist with organising, each individual will have a light load, rather than in previous years when organising it fell to a few.

If you want to see the village community enjoying time together please come on 31st March to help with the 2022 fete. If you would like to be on the Fete Committee but are unable to attend this meeting please email villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com to express your interest.

In addition to this the Village Hall Committee is currently in need of a Secretary, if you think you may have time to undertake this role please email villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com or get in touch with one of the committee members.

In other news, Monthly Coffee Mornings are coming back, with the first one to be held on Friday 1st April 2022.

We are hoping that these will be a monthly occurrence on the 1st Friday of the month. In order to keep these going and not over burden the few we are hoping to set up a rota for helping out and providing yummy cakes. If you would like to help out at the monthly coffee mornings or provide cakes please let us know.

VILLAGE
FETE

Milcombe Parish Council

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

There will be Milcombe Parish Council elections on Thursday 5 May 2022. This means that all Councillors will stand down and all seven seats on the Parish Council are up for election.

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.

Also, all residents are invited to attend the Milcombe Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. This will provide the opportunity to meet the current Councillors and the Clerk and receive information on the work the Parish Council has undertaken in the last twelve months.

The Parish Council is hoping to embark on a Neighbourhood Development Plan over the coming months and support from the community on this project, which will ultimately protect the village from unsuitable developments, will be essential.

A representative from Community First Oxfordshire will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting to give a presentation and guidance and information on Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Play Area – Due to the ground in the play area being so wet, the play area will continue to remain closed for the time being. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience. A new litter bin would be installed in the play area.

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 or care 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.

St Laurence Church Clock – Maintenance to the Clock will be carried out by Smith of Derby.

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/>

Foothpaths – Work would be undertaken shortly to cut back the footpaths on Main Road to their original width.

Defibrillator – A quote was being obtained for a defibrillator for the village and it was hoped it would be located at the Village Hall.

Gateways – A quote was being obtained to replace the wooden gateway by the play area which had been damaged.

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/>

Food and Garden Waste Collections – From 1 March 2022, Cherwell District Council would be making changes to their food and garden waste collections. Please visit the CDC web site

for more information. <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/10/rubbish-and-recycling/42/your-bins/3>

Oxfordshire County Council Highway Initiatives – An application will be made to the County Council for a for a 20mph speed limit on appropriate roads in the village, once support from County Councillor Kieron Mallon has been received in writing.

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>

Planning – The Parish Council is currently considering the following planning applications:

21/04298/OUT Little Acre, Main Road, Milcombe

Outline application for construction of 3 dwelling houses including consideration of means of vehicular access

22/00067/DISC Mulberry Keytes, Main Road, Milcombe
Discharge of condition 3 (glazing details) of 21/01398/LB

22/00366/F 11 Newcombe Close, Milcombe
Proposed single storey rear extension, alterations and new entrance canopy

Results of Planning Application

21/01398/LB
Mulberry Keytes Main Road Milcombe
Installation of secondary glazing to one existing window
No objection
Permitted

21/02974/F
6 Dovecote Close, Milcombe
Two storey rear extension with first floor balcony
Observations
Permitted

21/03838/F
Rickfield Farm Station Road Milcombe
Retrospective - Development of the container storage facility
Objections
Refused

21/03635/F
Rickfield Farm Station Road Milcombe
RETROSPECTIVE - Change of Use of agricultural building to B2 General Industrial and B8 Storage and Distribution - re-submission of 21/02648/F
Objection
Permitted

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 – It was hoped that all future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held in person and not on Zoom. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 1 March 2022
- Tuesday 22 March 2022 (Milcombe Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.30pm)
- Tuesday 10 May 2022
- 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 or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombecpc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours



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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.



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

Springing into action

Just like this time of year, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! From new partnerships and improvements, to a whole range of incredible events to raise money for our hospice. It's thanks to your ongoing support, we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most.

New lease of life for Banbury shop

We're excited to announce that we have signed a new 10-year lease and will be staying right where we are – at the heart of the Banbury community. But that's not all. We will also be giving our Banbury shop some TLC with a revamp that will make the most of all the fantastic donations we receive, as well as improve the shopping experience.

Recycle more with Paw Paw

As part of an exciting recycling initiative, Paw Paw will donate 5p to Katharine House for every plastic container that is returned in good condition when a customer orders their next meal. It's great news for our hospice and also helps cut down on plastic waste! The recycling scheme runs across all three of Paw Paw's Chinese takeaways in Banbury, Leamington and Warwick.

Growing our Open Gardens

We're always touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us – and we'd love to see our events grow... You can find out more about how to get involved and where this year's events will be taking place on our website. We already have

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: 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.

six Open Garden events lined up! But keep checking back for others added throughout the year.

High and mighty

Are you looking for a BIG challenge this year? Then why not sign up for the world's highest static abseil? At a staggering 127 metres tall, the National Lift Tower in Northampton makes Big Ben look positively little! Our Extreme Abseil event is taking place on 2 April and we'd love YOU to be part of Team Katharine House and help us to raise money for our hospice.

A run for everyone

The Blenheim Fun Run is back and taking place on 15 May. Run, jog or walk in the spectacular grounds of the World Heritage site in Oxfordshire – and raise money for Katharine House at the same time. The beauty of the Blenheim Fun Run (aside from the stunning grounds) is that you can choose from the main 7km race, the 4-mile run suitable for buggies or wheelchairs, or the 1-mile route for under 15s. There's even an event for dogs so your four-legged friends don't miss out!

On your bike!

Are you ready for the ride of your life? The RideLondon-Essex 100 event is taking place on 29 May and we've managed to secure three places to ride in this highly sought-after event. If cycling 100 miles on traffic-free roads through the heart of London and neighbouring Essex sounds like the event for you, then sign up today.

THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE

THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE IS NOW OPEN DURING TERM TIME

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Age UK Oxfordshire has launched a new scams prevention and support programme for older people in Oxfordshire area

We are able to offer group talks to raise awareness of scams and also 1 to 1 sessions for those who have been affected by scams. The programme, funded by Lloyds Banking Group, will help to prevent older people from falling for scams by increasing their knowledge and confidence to recognise and deal with attempted scams. It will also provide support to older fraud victims recovering after an incident. Older people can be particularly vulnerable to fraud and scams, which can have a serious emotional and financial impact, and can damage quality of life and wellbeing for many.



We are a local charity with a national name

We raise funds locally to help deliver services for older people in Oxfordshire.

#LoveLaterLife

Registered charity number 1091529

Sophisticated scams have been on the rise during the pandemic with criminals devising even more ways to target those they believe to be vulnerable. This means it's even more vital to support those that may be at greater risk.

Contact Us

To find out more about Age UK Oxfordshire's Scams Prevention and Support Programme, please contact: 0345 450 1276

CHURCH NOTES SERVICES IN

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

these vary between 8.00am and 11.15am.



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd –
BENEFICE ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE WITH IMPOSITION OF
ASHES IN ST. LAURENCE'S AT
7.30pm**

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH (Lent 2) –
HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MARCH 20th (Lent 3) – NO
SERVICE IN ST. LAURENCE'S

SUNDAY, MARCH 27th (Lent 4) –
MOTHERING SUNDAY WELCOME TO
WORSHIP

(There will be flowers for children to
give to their mothers.) Summer time
begins.

**PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK IN
CHURCH AND USE THE HAND
SANITISER AS YOU ENTER.**

**THERE ARE NO FLOWERS IN
CHURCH UNTIL EASTER.**

The Church is open every day
between 10.00am and 4.00pm for
quiet prayer and reflection and you
are very welcome to come in and just
sit quietly. We are grateful to those
on the key rota (Rose, Brian, Pete and

Michael) who take turns in the daily
unlocking and locking of the Church
each day.

LENT COURSES are being hosted by
various house groups on different
days with different leaders. There
is a sign up sheet in St. Mary's or
contact Dale. Please also speak to
Dale if you are willing to host such a
group in Milcombe.

**NOW IS THE TIME TO START
THINKING ABOUT THE ANNUAL
PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING AND
THE MEETING FOR THE ELECTION
OF CHURCHWARDENS. THESE
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE
SAME DAY AND THE LATEST DATE
ON WHICH THEY CAN BE HELD
IS MAY 31st. ELECTORAL ROLLS
ARE REVISED PRIOR TO THE APCM.
(Details and dates will be displayed
on the Noticeboard.)**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CANS AT
THE CHURCH AS WE ARE NO LONGER
ABLE TO RECYCLE THEM.**

**PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR WASTE
IN THE CORRECT BINS.** CDC are
becoming very strict and the bins
will not be emptied if they can see
waste which has not been correctly
recycled. All green waste from
graves (such as dead flowers) goes
in the brown bin. Cellophane from
shop bunches goes in the green bin.
Paper and plastic in the blue bin.
THANK YOU.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS
AND CARTRIDGES** which Tony and
Joan Stickings take to the Redwing
Horse Sanctuary near Stratford.
These can be left on the table just
inside the Church.

Contact details for St. Laurence's
Church are Rev. Dale Gingrich 01295
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are Michael Haynes hynmicha6@aol.com
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**KATHARINE
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Calling all green-fingered gardeners!

Keen gardeners are being invited to take part in Katharine House's popular Open Gardens scheme this summer.

The hospice has just launched its Open Gardens scheme for 2022 and is calling for green-fingered residents to sign up and help raise much needed funds.

As part of the Open Gardens scheme, residents in local villages open up their beautiful gardens to the public, raising money for the hospice in the process, with whole villages often getting involved. Visitors are asked to either buy tickets or make a donation in return for a blooming marvellous day out.

Community and Events Manager Cherida Plumb: "The ever-popular Open Gardens for Katharine House have given a vast amount of pleasure to thousands of people over the years and are also a great opportunity for you to show off your gardening handywork!"

"We've been very touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us over the years and are looking forward to seeing how the gardens have developed over the last year, and being introduced to new ones too."

Katharine House provides specialist palliative care for adults with life-limiting conditions across North Oxfordshire, South Warwickshire, and South Northamptonshire, relying on generous donations from local businesses and its local community.

To find out more about the Open Gardens scheme, contact Sandra Price on GetInvolved@khh.org.uk or visit our website at khh.org.uk/gardens.



Bloxham Nursery - a message of thanks

Dear Friends of Bloxham Nursery,
The 4.5 acres Wyatt's bought from the Smiths of Bloxham in 1915 was land that included stables, other land that the Smiths sold at the same time bought by Bertrand Facon who helped me make the purchase smoothly using the same legals, a good friend The property Chequer Tree Farm is named in recognition of Bertrand's generosity after a tree identification mistake made by me.

We have been very fortunate in having so much support from local residents for what we are doing at the nursery. The planners have not been very helpful and without so much support it is difficult to see how it would have got going. The planners have been much more helpful of late due to the good offices of Alan Mole ex Bloxham PC member.

My passion for growing plants from seed and cuttings as well as giving sound advice is what

we are about. I am hopeful that the tearoom will be open soon.

Covid 19 has made life difficult for so many, gardening has been so important with travel restrictions and other social activities cancelled. I know that those that work for me at the nurseries were so happy that our plants helped in a small way to make life bearable especially those on their own.

Looking forward to the coming season we will increase the number of plants we grow. We are all very excited that at last we will have a tearoom opening soon, a special thank you to Christine Chittenden who's support from humble beginnings of the nursery, Her vision and design of the tearoom will I hope find favour with you all.

All of us at Bloxham nursery look forward to seeing you soon, thank you so much for your support

Best wishes, John

Clement Wyatt Limited



Milcombe Parish Council

Proposed 20mph

Speed Limit Restrictions in Milcombe



Please circle your answers.

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| 1. | Is speeding an issue in Milcombe? | YES | NO |
| 2. | As a pedestrian, do you feel safe walking along the footpaths in Milcombe, which run alongside a road? | YES | NO |
| 3. | If not, is this due to speeding vehicles? | YES | NO |
| 4. | Do you believe reducing the speed limits in Milcombe to 20mph would make you feel safer driving in Milcombe? | YES | NO |
| 5. | Do you believe reducing the speed limits in Milcombe to 20mph would make you feel safer walking along the footpaths and crossing the roads? | YES | NO |
| 6. | Do you support the Parish Council's application to the County Council to reduce speed limits in Milcombe to 20mph? | YES | NO |
| 7. | Those caught speeding, are often drivers who live in the vicinity of the area being monitored.
If you are a driver, would you obey the 20mph speed limit in Milcombe? | YES | NO |
| 8. | Would you be willing to join a Community Speed Watch Scheme to help enforce new speed restrictions in Milcombe? | YES | NO |
| 9. | Do you have any other suggestions of how speeding could be addressed in Milcombe, as well as introducing the 20mph speed limits? | YES | NO |
| 10. | If you would like to expand on any of your answers above, please do so below. | | |

Please return to: 8 The Green, Milcombe. Please put your reply through the letterbox. Please contact the Parish Council if you have any issues with the survey or any issues returning your response. milcombecpc@gmail.com or 01295 710965