

Newsletter

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Vacancies – Due to resignations, there are three vacancies on the Parish Council. The role entails attending a Parish Council meeting every other month, for around 2 hours and you can put in, as much or as little time as you have available, in-between the meetings. If you would like any further information, please contact the Clerk on 01295 710965 or email milcombepc@gmail.com

Elections – The local elections are being held on 6 May 2021, however the next Parish Council elections will be held in May 2022.

Supporting Communities Through Covid-19 - Funding Available 'Comf' Fund – The Parish Council's application for St Mary's Thursday Day Centre had been successful.

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.

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.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Milcombe Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 8pm on Zoom. All residents are welcome to attend. The agenda and Zoom joining details will be available on the Parish Council web site.

Snow Warden/Grit Bins – If anyone in the village would 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.

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.

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FLY TIPPING IN LAYBY NEAR THE TOP OF NEW ROAD

As mentioned in the April Newsletter, there was yet another load of waste deposited in the layby which had to be reported to CDC.

Builders, House-clearance and Domestic waste is being dumped far too often. If you happen to see someone doing this take note of their Car/van number plate and Report them!

Fly tipping damages the environment. Cherwell District Council investigates all fly tipping reports and operates a zero tolerance on environmental crime. If you see fly tipped rubbish, please report it on 01295 227007 and help keep Cherwell – and Milcombe – tidy.



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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/>

Covid-19 - The latest guidance on the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

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 the key numbers to call are 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



MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com

The Village Hall is to be thoroughly cleaned by Bill and Kay Garrett before and after CDC elections on May 6th. Depending on Government regulations, it may be possible to open the Hall for bookings after that date, but the Trustees will need to await the latest Government guidelines before this can be confirmed.

THANK YOU to Nigel Davis and John Ellison who have now removed the old Noticeboard at the front of the Hall and replaced with the new one.

THE VILLAGE HALL STILL DESPERATELY NEEDS A TREASURER. There must be somebody in the village willing to take this on. The Trustees will not be able to move forward with the re-opening unless somebody can be found to take on this office.

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

Bloxham Bowls Club

Bloxham Bowls Club will be holding an Open Weekend on May 29th/30th. The objective is to encourage newcomers to the game of Bowls and recruit members to this friendly village club. Current members will be on hand to give details of the club's playing and social activities.

Starting on May 19th, the club is also planning a series of Wednesday Afternoon Social Practice Sessions (WASPS). These are open to anyone wishing to try out the game of Bowls, without necessarily making any commitment. Members will be on hand to offer guidance and support and this will provide an opportunity to socialise with others.

These events are open to ladies and gentlemen of any age. The only requirement is that flat soled shoes must be worn by those taking part. Bowls are provided.

The club is located off The Ridgeway in Bloxham with car park access via Barley Croft, off Barley Close, Bloxham OX15 4LW.

All the above are to be carried out under current Government Covid guidelines. Due to the changing situation, updated information and times can be accessed via email: info@bloxhambowls.org.uk

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A MESSAGE FROM TONY AND JOAN STICKINGS

CLOSURE OF MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

It is with regret that after running the club for nearly 20 years, Joan and I have decided to retire with the closure of the club.

We would like to thank all the supporters over the years, especially Margaret, Mavis and Joan for refreshments, Del for help in the kitchen and David and Peter for help with the tables. We hope to organise a lunch for members to say thank you for your support. This will take place once we are back to normal. Once again, thank you all for your support.
From Tony and Joan Stickings

A MESSAGE TO TONY AND JOAN STICKINGS AND ALL HELPERS AT THE SENIORS CLUB

It was sad to hear of the closure of Milcombe Seniors Club and all members - past and present - say **THANK YOU TO TONY AND JOAN** for organising this over so many years and to their helpers who provided many enjoyable afternoons with afternoon teas and sometimes fish and chip lunches, raffles, games of Bingo, not forgetting the Christmas lunches. It was a fun time for everybody and will be greatly missed by those who attended, many of whom did not live in Milcombe.
THANK YOU ALL

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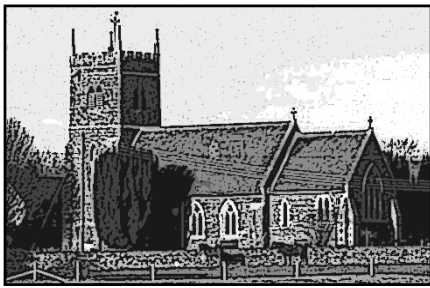
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There are a number of vacancies on Milcombe Parish Council so why not...

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CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

these vary between 8.00am and 11.15am.

There will be a Service each Sunday in St. Laurence's Church during May. Please check the times as these vary between 8.00am and 11.15am.

SUNDAY, MAY 2nd (Easter 5) HOLY COMMUNION AT 11.15am SN 8.00am

SUNDAY, MAY 9th (Rogation) HOLY COMMUNION AT 8.00am SN 11.15am

THURSDAY, MAY 13th – ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST AT 8.00am at St. Mary's on the roof of the Milcombe Chapel. (There is space for social distancing.)

SUNDAY, MAY 16th (Sunday after Ascension) HOLY COMMUNION AT 8.00am SN 11.15am

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd (PENTECOST – Whit Sunday) HOLY COMMUNION AT 11.15am SN 8.00

SUNDAY, MAY 30th TRINITY SUNDAY EUCHARIST AT 11.15am SN 8.00am

There will be a Service every Sunday morning in St. Mary's at 9.30am and a 6.00pm Service via Zoom. Please see the Weekly Sheet for details. Copies are in all 3 Churches, so please pick up a copy for the latest details

AT THE PRESENT TIME, ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY MORNING FROM 8.00am-2.00pm AND EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2.00-5.00pm for PRIVATE PRAYER AND REFLECTION. PLEASE COME ALONG AND SIT AND ENJOY THE QUIET PEACE.

PLEASE KEEP TO THE 2 METRE DISTANCE IF THERE IS ANYBODY ELSE IN THE CHURCH AND ALWAYS WEAR A FACE MASK IN THE BUILDING.

YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO VISIT THE CHURCHYARD TO TEND GRAVES OR JUST TO SIT ON THE SEATS AND ENJOY THE PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS NOW THAT THE WEATHER IS BETTER. ALL CHURCHES CURRENTLY ABIDE BY THE GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THESE WILL BE RELAXED TO ENABLE THE CHURCH TO BE OPEN EACH DAY AND FULL WORSHIP SERVICES ARE ABLE TO TAKE PLACE INCLUDING SINGING OF HYMNS – SOMETHING WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO.

CHURCHYARD MOWING has commenced with thanks to the Parish Council's contractor. For safety reasons, it is unwise to enter the Churchyard whilst mowing is in progress.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR WASTE IN THE CORRECT BINS – NO PLASTIC IN THE BROWN BIN. Refuse collectors have been refusing to empty the bins due to incorrect recycling. Please RECYCLE CORRECTLY as you would your own bins.

SUSPENSION OF CAN COLLECTIONS – PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CANS AT THE PRESENT TIME AS WE ARE UNABLE TO RECYCLE THEM. This project was initially started by Peter Booth with the assistance of Nigel Davis. It could start up again if anybody was willing to take it on as it was a great help to Church funds.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – Sunday, May 9th – 15th. You may send your donations direct to Christian Aid, The Data Solution Centre, Manton Wood Enterprise Park, Worksop S80 2RT or donate online at caid.org.uk/caw21 or call 0845 700 0300. There is not expected to be any door to door collections again this year.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME – We trust that everybody has received the appeal in the April Newsletter or delivered through your letterbox last month. We know that St. Laurence's Church means a great deal to a great number of people in the village. We want it to be here and open for everybody, but we can only keep it open if we have the finances to do so. The Churchyard is an 'open Churchyard' which means that people of all faiths or none can be buried there. So, whatever your religion (or none) we hope you will respond by making a donation. Please contact the Vicar, Rev. Dale Gingrich, at St. Mary's Vicarage, Bloxham, 01295 720252 email: office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk or Susan Richardson, Churchwarden, 01295 721667 email: sujerich@yahoo.co.uk who can let you have a form and details of the Parish Giving Scheme. The amount you donate is confidential and gift aid can be re-claimed if applicable. Please donate whatever you can afford. THANK YOU.

TEA AND TOAST is being held via Zoom 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 MOTHERS' UNION also meets via Zoom. Contact Pat Smith on 816866 or 0797 180467.

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

DOG BAGS are available in the Church porch

The Vicar and Churchwardens urge everybody to abide by the Government guidelines which change frequently. It is for your own safety as well as everybody else's safety. If you have a problem or need a query answered, please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens direct. We will all 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

IN MEMORY OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Prince Philip died on April 9th just weeks short of his 100th birthday.. It was not permitted to have a Book of Condolence in the Church but a framed portrait was on display. We can only send our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal family at this sad time as we give thanks for a long life well lived, for his devotion to duty and to her Majesty, and for his love of our country and commonwealth.



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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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MILCOMBE
SENIORS CLUB

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=ZipMTY3RHhXZC91MHBbWS9vYUswUT09>
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