

Newsletter

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MILCOMBE PLAY AREA

The Play Area is overseen by the Parish Council and contact is via the Clerk, Theresa Goss, milcombepc@gmail.com

Progress is being made on updating the equipment and a site meeting is planned early October between members of the Parish Council, the residents who have been working on the project in conjunction with the PC and Kompan, the contractors, to finalise details. Work should start within the next month or so when the Play Area will be closed.

Up until that time the Play Area is open. Allowing children into the Play Area and on the equipment is entirely the responsibility of parents/guardians.

However, despite some easing of restrictions, previous rules still apply. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to bring hand sanitiser or wipes to clean their children's hands. Children need to be reminded 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 at the present time.



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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.

Anti-Social Behaviour – A resident attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviour issue at the play area and the grass area around surrounding the Dovecote. The Councillors are aware of the issues and Thames Valley Police have been visiting the site. The Parish Council would encourage residents to report every instance of anti-social behaviour to TVP so they have an evidence base of the issues in the village and will hopefully, act on it.

Play Equipment – The installation of the new equipment would take place during October/ November 2021 will be closed whilst the work on installing the new equipment takes place.

Church Clock – The time on the clock had been corrected by Smith of Derby and the costs would be met by the Parish Council.

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.

Hedges – Hedges on New Road and on the way to Rye Hill Golf Course had been reported to the County Council because they needed cutting back.

Women's Cycle Tour – The Tour will be passing through Milcombe on two occasions on Monday 4 October 2021. Please be aware this may cause some traffic disruption. Please come out and support the competitors!

Oxfordshire Bus Service Improvement Plan – Residents can respond to this consultation by visiting <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-bus-improvement-plan-2021>

Register of Community Assets – Work was continuing on registering a number of community assets to protect them from possible future development.

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.

Oxford-Cambridge Arc - The Oxford to Cambridge (OxCam) Arc is the name given to a cross-government initiative that supports planning for the future of the five ceremonial counties of Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire up until 2050.

The Arc aims to ensure a harmonious delivery of improved connectivity, productivity and place-making, whilst ensuring pioneering environmental standards and enhancements are delivered. Because of the commitments to green growth, its governance and scale, the Arc represents a unique opportunity to put the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan into action.

The creation of a Local Natural Capital Plan for the Arc is an essential first step to ensure a natural capital baseline and framework is provided that helps to monitor environmental change and de-risk growth. More details can be found at <https://www.oxcamlncp.org/>

Oxfordshire 2050 – The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is a strategic planning document that aims to set out how to achieve this by listening to residents about what is important to them and their aspirations, and setting out how and where is best to deliver these for a better quality of life for all. Residents can comment on the consultation by visiting <https://oxfordshireplan.org/>

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning application: 21/02138/F 11 Oak Farm Close, Milcombe RETROSPECTIVE - Installation of 2 No garage doors to carports to cover, secure and make safe the double carport apertures underneath the first floor dwelling/sleeping area by fitting electronically operated up-and-over garage doors

Neighbourhood Planning – The Parish Council felt that it would be beneficial to the village if there was a Neighbourhood Development Plan, however, there was not the resources within the Parish Council to undertake such a large and complex project.

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/>

Dog Waste Bin – A complaint had been received about the smell from the dog waste bin at the entrance to The Green and investigations were being made into how this could be addressed.

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:

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- 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 – 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 2 November 2021
- Tuesday 4 January 2022

All welcome to attend!

Agendas and minutes 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.

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.

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

Water: Thames Water 0800 009 3652 or text phone 0800 316 6899, Anglian Water 03457 91 91 55

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

Milcombe Newsletter – Thanks were passed to Mark Boardman for continuing to print the MNL on behalf of the village.

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THE VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENED IN SEPTEMBER following a risk assessment and clean and is now available for bookings. A meeting of the Trustees was held to update the Hire Agreement and to discuss other items including new Bank Mandates which still have to be completed. Covid regulations are still in place including wearing of masks and the use of hand sanitiser where applicable. Users of the Hall still need to be cautious,

There is a full complement of Trustees overseen by Rev. Dale Gingrich (Chairman), Marlene Cowell (Minute Secretary), Amy Jackson (Bookings), Rob Paul (Treasurer), Sally Ashmole, Sacha Cowley, Raychel Pomroy and Suzette Watson who can all be reached via email: villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com All members can be reached on the following email: villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com



**KATHARINE
HOUSE
HOSPICE**

What's coming up later this autumn and into winter?

We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below is news of just some of what's coming up in the next few months.

Make a Will Fortnight – 4-15 October

Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

Blenheim 7k Fun Run – 10 October

On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

Oxford Half Marathon – 17 October

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

Care for a Curry

From korma to keema, biryani to balti – whatever your favourite curry, there's never been a better time to get some friends

together for a great cause. This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

Santa Fun Run – 5 December

If you thought that Santa's elves worked hard, you should see our fundraising team in the run-up to Christmas. December may feel far away, but we're already planning how to make our next Santa Fun Run the best one yet. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Get the date in your diary and don't forget to let your friends and family know!

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Please sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with what's happening at Katharine House Hospice, including news of our fundraising events and developments at the hospice.

Follow us on social media

For the most up-to-date stories, news and events, you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news: www.khh.org.uk.

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>
Meeting ID: 710 054 0468
Password: b1a8ta
Contact Jan Ogilvy 720054 if you have any problems

THE CONSULTATION IS OPEN UNTIL
OCTOBER 8th.

The Oxfordshire Plan 2050 will set the development framework for the county for the next generation and residents are urged to respond with their views. Please check the CPRE (Council for the Preservation of Rural England) website www.cpreoxon.org for more information.

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ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB

ST MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB IS HOPING TO OPEN UP VERY SOON



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 IS RE-OPENING ON SEPTEMBER 13th.
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Congratulations to Michael Haynes



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Michael raised a total of £436 having completed a cycle ride that took him to 32 local churches. Of the £436 half will go to the St Laurence Church funds here in Milcombe and the remaining £218 to the office for other good works.

His mammoth ride took him from a starting point at:
St Laurences – Milcombe, St Giles – Wiggington, Methodist Ch – Wiggington, St Marys – Swerford, St Peters – South Newington, St Michael – Barford, St Johns – Barford, St Johns – Hempton, St Peter & Paul Deddington, QM House – Adderbury, St Marys – Adderbury, Methodist Ch – Adderbury, St Johns Bodicote, Methodist Ch – Easington Banbury, St Hughes – Banbury,

St Joseph – Banbury, Fairway – Banbury, St Francis – Banbury, St Pauls – Banbury, Southam Rd – Banbury, Boxhedge Rd – Banbury, St Mary – Banbury, Quaker Meeting House – Banbury, Baptist Ch Grimsbury – Banbury, St Leonards – Banbury, Kingdom Hall – Banbury, Methodist Ch – Banbury, The Haven Ch – Banbury, St Johns Rc – Banbury, St Marys – Bloxham, Baptist Ch – Bloxham.
This ride took Michael 6 hours, well done and thank you.

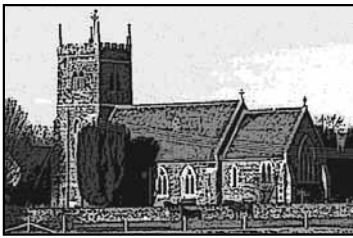


Do you know this place?
Who is in the picture?
Where in Milcombe did it stand?

We would like to know - can you help?



If you have a story about life in Milcombe and would like to share it please email Milcombepc@gmail.com. We can help to put it together for you.



CHURCH NOTES SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

these vary between 8.00am and 11.15am.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3rd (Trinity 18) JOINT CELEBRATION OF HARVEST AND HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th (Trinity 19) NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th (Trinity 20) HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th (Last Sunday after Trinity) ALL AGE WORSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31st (4 before Advent) JOINT SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. PETER ad VINCULA, SOUTH NEWINGTON celebrating All Saints (Summer time ends)

There is a Service each Sunday morning at 9.30am in St. Mary's, Bloxham, and the 6.00pm Service continues on Zoom. Details are in the Weekly Sheet which you can pick up from the Church.

Please continue to wear a mask in the Church and use the hand sanitiser. We need to be aware of extremely vulnerable people who may be in the congregation and who still need to take precautions. Everybody is welcome to come into the Church for quiet prayer and reflection and to sit on the seats in the Churchyard to enjoy the peaceful tranquillity which can be found there.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH – We have not had a rota for flowers in Church for the past 18 months. Hopefully, we will start again by decorating the Church for Harvest which is on October 3rd. It is hoped that all regular flower arrangers will come back and do their usual arrangements. We would welcome a few new arrangers as well. If you are unable to do your usual arrangements or would like to become a flower arranger in the Church, please contact Marlene 720750 or email marlenecowell196@gmail.com. Thank you.

WELL DONE TO MICHAEL HAYNES who cycled around 32 Churches in 6 hours in September raising funds which will be split between St. Laurence's Church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. He is still collecting in sponsorship money, but thanks go to all who sponsored him.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME – If you feel able to make a regular monthly donation to St. Laurence's, please contact the Vicar for details on 720252 or office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk

One off donations are also very acceptable, and the PCC thanks you for any way you feel able to help in keeping our Church open.

BUMPS AND BABIES in the Parish Rooms, Bloxham. Please contact Olwen Smith on 721709 or email smitholwen@btinternet.com for details. Extra helpers are required.

TEA AND TOAST continues to be held via Zoom on Friday mornings from 9.30am onwards. All are welcome to join in. Contact Jan Ogilvy 720054. Zoom details are the same each week – MEETING ID: 710054 0468 PASSWORD: bla8ta.

BLOXHAM MOTHER'S UNION is open to all. Contact Pat Smith on 01295 816866 or 0797 160 467.

MESSY CHURCH – Please contact the Benefice office for details. office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk

We publish these events, although held in Bloxham, as we are part of the Bloxham Benefice and they are all open to parishioners in Milcombe and South Newington.

SAMARITANS PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

– Is anybody willing to take this on which brings much joy to children in deprived countries? These Christmas shoeboxes filled with small gifts are for many the only gift they will receive. Please contact euniceharradine@btinternet.com

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR WASTE IN THE CORRECT BINS

– NO PLASTIC IN THE BROWN BINS. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY CANS AT THE PRESENT TIME AS WE HAVE NOBODY TO TAKE ON THIS PROJECT. The PCC would be happy to hear from anybody who is willing to take this on. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND OLD PRINTER 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.

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

Contact details for St. Laurence's Church are Rev. Dale Gingrich 01295 720252 or email office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk. Marlene Cowell and Susan Richardson have now stood down as Churchwardens and the new Churchwardens are Michael Haynes and Suzette Watson who can also be contacted via the Benefice office.

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SERIOUS ASSAULT Two found Guilty

The Banbury Advertiser, Thursday, November 6th 1884

Picture taken 1910 outside the Forge at Smithy Cottage

Serious Assault in Milcombe – George Dale and Caroline Dale husband and wife of Milcombe, were charged with assaulting Sarah Tustain, at that place on 15 October, -

Mr W.L. Whiteborne prosecuted, and briefly stated the facts to the Bench. – Defendants pleaded not guilty. – Mrs Tustain, wife of Justin Tustain, Blacksmith, Milcombe, deposed that on Saturday evening, 18th October, she was at home with her husband who was sitting by the kitchen fire. At six o'clock, the male defendant opened the door and came into the kitchen. He asked her husband if he was going out, and he replied that he had taken his boots off. Dale was worse for beer, and as he came in singing, witness told him to go home. He did not go at once, and witness went out of the house stayed away about ten minutes. When witness returned, she found the defendant and her husband had gone out, and about a quarter to ten her husband came to the door. She took hold of her husband, and told him to come in, so that she could fasten the door. Dale and his wife were in the front court. And Dale put his foot in the door, to prevent her closing it. He pushed it, and broke the lock and key. He came head-first into the kitchen, and struck her with his fist on the head. She had a benzoline lamp in her hand, and he dashed it to the ground and stamped upon it. He knocked her down,

and pulled her up by the hair of her head. She cried "Murder," and he then put one hand over her mouth while he struck her with the other. While this was going on, Dale's wife came in and caught hold of her hair, which was hanging down behind, and pulled her head back while Dale "hammered" her face. Caroline Dale called out "Kill the old b----," and then said "Some one is coming." Dale and his wife then left the house, and witness bolted the door. (Witness produced a large handful of hair which she said was pulled from her head. She also produced a shawl which was on her shoulders and which was torn to pieces.) Witness said her face was very much out about, her eye was blacked, and her mouth was very much swollen. On one of her fingers was a gold keeper ring, and after the assault it was missing, and it had not been found since. Witness's husband was in the sitting-room all the time, and was the worse for beer. She had no idea of the cause of the quarrel, but she had forbidden Dale to come to her house. – Dale said Mrs Tustain had said she did not know whether she was struck or not. He denied that he assaulted her in any shape or form. – Mrs Dale denied that she spoke to Mrs Tustain, or that she went into the complainant's house at all. – Mary Dale, wife of William Dale, labourer, said on the evening in question, about half past five o'clock, she saw George Dale and his wife, close to Mrs Tustain's house, and she heard Dale say to his wife "I'll lay in wait for the

old bitch." About a quarter to ten, witness was passing Tustain's house, when she saw Dale in the house, and his wife was standing outside. Witness stood a few minutes, and saw, through the open door, Dale strike at Mrs Tustain. Witness then went on, and saw Mrs Tustain the following Tuesday, when she was much bruised about the face, - Dale, in defence, said he saw Mrs Tustain at Mobbs' public-house, and as he was drunk, he helped him home. When they got to Tustain's house, Mrs Tustain came to the door, with a candle in one hand and candle-stick in the other. She knocked her husband down with the candle-stick, and struck him (Dale), and made blood run. She then commenced to kick her husband, and he (Dale) went home.

He denied striking her. – Mrs Tustain was called into the witness-box, and in reply to Mr Cobb, said she did not strike either of the defendants. – Mr Cobb said he held in his hand a long list of convictions against Dale, dating as far back as 1857. He did not know how many times he had been fined for drunkenness, and there were four of five convictions for assault. As dines did not seem to do him any good, the Bench had determined to send him to gaol for two months with hard labour, without the option of a fine. Mrs Dale would be fined £1, and 9s 3d costs, or one month's imprisonment. – Mr Dale paid the money.