

# Newsletter

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## Notes of the Meeting of Milcombe Parish Council

Tuesday 7 January 2020

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**Christmas Day Lunch** – A £100 donation had been made to the Christmas Day lunch which was held in Bloxham, but was open to Milcombe residents too. It had been a resounding success and Pud Hawkins, Bee Myson and all their helpers are thanked for all of their hard work to make it such a great event.

**Defibrillator** – Information on the specification for the defibrillator and case would be submitted to the PCC with a view to obtaining a faculty from the Diocese for it to be located in the Church porch.

**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.

**Grit Bin** – A request had been made for a new grit bin in the area of Oak Farm Close/Oak Farm Drive, however the Parish Council needs to establish whether or not the roads in the estate have been adopted by the County Council. If they have not, then a grit bin cannot be installed by 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.

**Grass Cutting Contract 2020/2021** – The grass cutting contract for 2020/2021 has been awarded to Nigel Prickett. Nigel has been the contractor in the village for a number of years and does a very good job keeping the village looking neat.

**Jacob Kaye Memorial Bench** – A contractor would be asked to supply a quote for undertaking maintenance to the bench in Portland Road.

**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** – The Clerk had been in contact with Cherwell District Council and Sanctuary Housing but a date for the release of the Section 106 funds for the new play equipment had still not been confirmed.

**Thank You** – Thanks goes to all the residents in the village who litter pick, sweep up leaves etc and generally make a conscious effort to help keep the village looking tidy. The Parish Council very much appreciates the work that these unsung heroes do with the whole community.

**Emergency Plan** – The Parish Council wished to develop an Emergency Plan for the village and if any residents had experience of emergency planning and would be willing to help, they should contact the Clerk.

### Planning

19/02063/F Mr & Mrs Henry Lawrence  
Holly Cottage, Main Road, Milcombe  
Single storey front extension to include double garage and enlargement of lounge - re-submission of 19/00851/F

Granted

19/01496/F Star Pubs and Bars  
Horse and Groom Inn, Main Road, Milcombe  
Kitchen ducting: in-put and out-put (retrospective).

Withdrawn



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 at the Village Hall, Milcombe were as follows:

- Tuesday 3 March 2020
- Tuesday 5 May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Tuesday 12 May 2020
- Tuesday 7 July 2020
- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Tuesday 3 November 2020

All welcome to attend!



### Horse & Groom

PUB & KITCHEN

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR SPECIAL DEALS DURING FEBRUARY.

VALENTINE MENU ON FEBRUARY 14th WILL BE THE NORMAL MENU PLUS SOME SHARING PLATES

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## VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

This will take place late March/early April. Full details in March issue but more volunteers will be required to cover the village



Someone's drink problem is becoming ours

Over 20 cans of Carlsberg and plus many other drinks cans are being repeatedly thrown to the roadside as one enters our village. Please if you can get them this far then you can get them into your recycle bin!

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



## CHURCH NOTES

### SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 11.15am**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd** – HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR CANDLEMAS (The presentation of Christ in the Temple)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th** – HOLY COMMUNION (3 before Lent)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH** – HOLY COMMUNION (2 before Lent)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd** – ALL AGE WORSHIP (Sunday before Lent)

You will find a warm and friendly welcome in St. Laurence's and you are invited to stay after Services for tea/coffee 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.

**BENEFICE PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held in St. Mary's at 9.15am on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st with coffee and croissants and a short time of prayer finishing around 10.00am.

**BENEFICE ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES IN ST. LAURENCE'S AT 7.30pm ON FEBRUARY 26th.**

THANK YOU to all the supporters, helpers and organisers who attended our Celebratory afternoon on January 5th which proved to be a very sociable event. The Village Hall was decorated for Christmas which helped add to the really friendly atmosphere. We are sorry that some of the supporters were unable to attend, but nevertheless we thank them for their support during the year.

**Nigel Davis** and **John Ellison** are thanked for organising the village Christmas tree and the Parish Council for purchase of new lights.

*The Christmas hamper was won by Beau Willoughby.*

**Thanks once again go to the Church flower arrangers for their Christmas decorations which, with all the candles lit over the Christmas period, helped once again make St. Laurence's Church a beautiful place to be.**

Not least, we have to thank **John** and **Andrew Watts** for donating the first batch of 50 calendars. The Church paid for the second batch of 50 and every single one was sold contributing around £500 to much needed Church funds, so "thank you" to all those who purchased the calendars. We are very grateful to the shop proprietors who were kind enough to deal with the orders and also for their willingness to hold a collecting tin throughout the year for your loose change.

**USED CLEAN CANS** – Everybody will now be aware of Peter Booth's illness and we all wish him a full recovery. Peter was the instigator of the used can collection and the money from this scheme also goes to help Church funds. It is still intended to keep the scheme running as we are sure Pete would wish with the help of Nigel Davis and Peter's workers, so please continue to place your used clean cans in the bin provided 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.

**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

**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.



## THE DOVECOTE



**THE DOVECOTE** – During the Celebration afternoon a Milcombe Quiz was held which included several questions about the Dovecote. Some years ago The Four Shires magazine ran an article on Dovecotes in the area and the Milcombe Dovecote was mentioned. There is also information on the OCC Oxfordshire Historic Environment Records website. Here are a few of the facts.

The octagonal Dovecote is of medieval design but constructed of ironstone rubble in the early 18th century and contains around 850 nestholes. It was originally part of Manor Farm owned by Christ Church College, Oxford. It fell into disrepair and in the 1940's/50's housed chickens and later used as a farm store. It was restored around 1980 as part of the planning project when the houses on the Dovecote site were built and is now in the care of CDC who carried out some remedial repairs during 2019. The soft floodlighting was a Millennium project by the Parish Council.



## 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.

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

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 February 7th

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**MONDAYS, 10:30AM – NOON.**

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(BEHIND BLOXHAM MUSEUM)**

For further information email Bloxham Benefice Office  
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## MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

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

IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 2.00-4.00pm

**FEBRUARY MEETINGS ON 3rd and 17th**

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.

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in the Village Hall. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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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  
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## 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  
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The proposed building will not impact on local dwellings or cause concern by way of noise  
disturbance or traffic congestion and has been specifically designed to be visually pleasing and in  
keeping with rural surroundings.

THE PLANNING REFERENCE IS 19/02968 WHICH YOU CAN VIEW ON THE CDC PLANNING WEBSITE.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE REGISTER YOUR COMMENTS BY  
EMAIL TO: bob.neville@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

