

# Newsletter

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Notes from meting held on Tuesday 1 September 2020

**Vacancies** – Due to resignations, there are two 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](mailto:milcombepc@gmail.com)

**Tribute to Keith Mitchell CBE** – Keith Mitchell sadly passed away on Wednesday 26 August 2020. Keith was Milcombe's District Councillor for many years and regularly attended Milcombe Parish Council meetings. He was very supportive and approachable and could always be relied upon for help and advice when requested. Keith held a monthly surgery on Saturday mornings at the Horse & Groom which the Chairman attended frequently on Parish Council matters. He was also the Parish Council's internal auditor which he did for a good many years without charge. A letter of condolence would be sent to his wife and family.

**Litter Pick** – The village litter pick will be held on Sunday 13 September 2020. Please email the Clerk to the Parish Council if you would like to take part, or ring on 01295 710965.

**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.

**Road Signage** – Oxfordshire County Council would be contacted to attend a site meeting to discuss additional road signage around the area of the Horse and Groom to encourage drivers to slow down.

**Play Area** – The play area had now re-opened following its closure during the Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown. Work was continuing to investigate new equipment, however since the funding from Sanctuary Housing was no longer available, work on the project would have to be started from scratch.

**Church Yard Maintenance** – Work would be undertaken to complete maintenance work to tidy up the Church Yard.

**Dog Fouling** – Residents are asked to ensure that they clean up after their dogs because a lot of mess had not be picked up, especially along Main Street. Dog waste bags are available from New Road Stores and the Church porch.

**Snow Warden** – 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.

**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/>

**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/>

**Defibrillator** – Church House at Kidlington was currently closed and all staff were working from home. However, the Diocesan Advisory Committee would consider the request for a faculty for the location of a defibrillator in the Church porch after the lockdown had been relaxed.

#### **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:
- 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

## LITTER PICK

The spring village Litter Pick was postponed earlier in the year and an AUTUMN LITTER PICK took place on September 13th.

The following people are thanked for their efforts in clearing our village of litter:

**DEBBIE AND CHRIS AHERNE,  
CHALLISE CLEMENTS,  
MANDIE AND IVOR McCULLAGH  
and MYRA PETERS**

- 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** - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm would be held on Zoom, until further notice. Please contact the Clerk for the details to join the Parish Council meetings.

- Tuesday 3 November 2020

**All welcome to attend!**

Agendas and minutes are available on [www.milcombe.com](http://www.milcombe.com) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [milcombepc@gmail.com](mailto:milcombepc@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://fix-mystreet.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



# CHURCH NOTES

## SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

**ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH IS OPEN ON SUNDAY MORNINGS FROM 8.00am-2.00pm AND ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 2.00-7.00pm.** The Church remains closed between these times. You are very welcome to enter the Church when it is open for quiet prayer but PLEASE OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES AND USE THE HAND SANITISER PROVIDED.

**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES WILL BE SAID AT 11.15am EACH SUNDAY MORNING DURING OCTOBER.** (Note – we are back to our usual time of 11.15am this month.)

**HARVEST WILL BE CELEBRATED ON OCTOBER 11th and ST. LUKE ON OCTOBER 18th.** Services will not be as we are accustomed to as we shall not be able to decorate for Harvest but we still need to give thanks for God's creation. With the recent guidance regulations, we shall not be able to celebrate Remembrance and Christmas in our usual manner.

Refreshments still cannot be served and there is no hymn singing, although quiet organ music is allowed.

**MASKS MUST BE WORN IN CHURCH AT ALL TIMES.**

We abide by Government guidelines and information supplied on the Oxfordshire Diocesan website [www.oxford.anglican.org](http://www.oxford.anglican.org)

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WERE HELD IN CHURCH AT 7.00pm ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2020.**

This had to be postponed in April due to Covid and all officers for 2019 remained in post. Marlene Cowell and Susan Richardson were elected in 2019 as Churchwardens and re-elected for 2020-2021. Michael Haynes was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative for the next triennium from 2020-2023.

**The accounts** were presented to the meeting prepared by the Treasurer, Rob Paul, and independently examined by Brendan Hunter. The accounts were

accepted by the meeting and the PCC extend their thanks to Rob Paul and Brendan Hunter.

**The Annual Review** was prepared by the Secretary, and there was a Churchwardens' Report, report on Deddington Deanery Synod given by Michael Haynes and Benefice Safeguarding Report prepared by Lindsay Mills, Benefice Safeguarding officer. Copies of the accounts, reports and Minutes of the 2019 APCM are all available and can be picked up from the Church. Dale thanked everybody involved in preparing the reports. Dale reminded everybody that there are opportunities to join Services online. Check the C of E website [www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org) or the Diocesan website [www.oxford.anglican.org/](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/) livestream. You can also join Dale and members of the Benefice at 6.00pm on Sunday evenings via Zoom. The Weekly Sheet gives full details.

Bishop Steven of Oxford is encouraging everybody to pause at 11.00am each day (if their work permits) to say The Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm.

**WELL DONE TO MICHAEL HAYNES** who took part in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride/Stride on September 12th. He cycled around 33 Churches in the Deanery in 5 hours and raised £342.00 in sponsorship. 50% of this comes back to St. Laurence's Church.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES** but please keep them at home until it is possible to re-open the Church properly. Regrettably, we are unable to collect cans at the moment but thank the proprietors at New Road Stores for allowing the collection of loose change.

**DOG BAGS** – We have received a fresh supply of dog bags which have been placed in the Church porch. Please only take what you need.

*Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email [office@bloxham-benefice.co.uk](mailto:office@bloxham-benefice.co.uk)*

St. Laurence's Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 [sujerich@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sujerich@yahoo.co.uk) and Marlene Cowell 720750 [marlenecowell196@gmail.com](mailto:marlenecowell196@gmail.com)



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## MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

Milcombe Charities (Village Hall Committee) held their Annual Meeting on September 1st postponed from the spring.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman - Rev. Dale Gingrich

Minute Secretary - Marlene Cowell

Bookings Secretary - Amy Jackson

Members of the Committee are Sally Ashmole, Sacha Cowley, Rachel Pomroy, Suzette Watson.

**The Village Hall is currently closed** and will probably remain so until December depending on guidelines for public buildings. In the meantime, Raychel Pomroy has offered to flush the toilets and run the taps on a weekly basis, the Hall is receiving a monthly clean by Elaine Silman and Amy Jackson has offered to carry out a risk assessment when required before opening.

No bookings are being taken at the moment. Thanks were extended to Richard Hazel for his work as Treasurer and he has also to be thanked for his efficient handover of informa-

tion. He has also set up an email address for the Hall which will reach all Committee members. [villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com](mailto:villagehallmilcombe@outlook.com)

**THE VILLAGE HALL URGENTLY REQUIRES A TREASURER.** If you feel able to take on this task, please contact the Chairman, Rev. Dale Gingrich (office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk) or Marlene Cowell (marlene.cowell@milcombe.com) or the VH email as above. Richard Hazel has left some helpful information for whoever takes over.

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TILL FURTHER NOTICE

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## MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

## TEA AND TOAST

Now meeting at 9.00am on Friday mornings via ZOOM.

Pat Smith is hosting and it is for anyone whether they have been to T & T before or not and will be an opportunity to have a chat whilst drinking your own cuppa and even eating your own toast! Joining details are the same each time

<https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/76201675295?pwd=ajRSdjrQTFUzQUJaWmo3WERpTmPEUT09>

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**THE NURSERY IS OPEN AND THERE IS AMPLE PARKING SPACE. VISITORS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP TO SOCIAL DISTANCING. NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT YOUR AUTUMN BEDDING AND WINTER BULBS.**

**THE USUAL TREES, SHRUBS, COMPOST AND A WIDE RANGE OF CONTAINERS ALL AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

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