

Newsletter

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Quickly cleared up, but who did it, why and how can we stop this sort of behaviour

Dumped for others to clear away at the entrance to the field on New Road. This is a national problem exasperated by the recent lockdown and the criminal activity of nonregistered waste collection firms. Local facilities at Ardley and Alkerton now charge for most items taken there for disposal. This escalates the problem and dumping on this scale is becoming commonplace.

Who did it? who knows, there are many opportunists offering a service.

How to stop it? Cameras or surveillance systems that monitor traffic and users is an expensive option but it won't stop it even if it catches some.

If you use a collection service who say they have a licence, get your phone out take a picture of the licence, their van and if you are

brave enough their face. If you are shown a fake licence then you are still liable for the bill to clear it up so do check and don't trust.



Horton Lane Hoglets...

In the UK, we have lost a third of our hedgehogs since 2000. But here in Milcombe we are very lucky to have many of these little creatures sharing our gardens. They can be seen and heard tottering about at dusk in most areas of the village. We live at the Old Post Office in Horton Lane, and we've seen lots of hedgehogs in and around our garden since we moved in a couple of years ago. Last year, we sat quietly at the bottom of the garden at dusk and ended up with a whole family of inquisitive hoglets running around at our feet. This year we spotted some adults nesting in a secluded spot just next to our lounge window. We've been leaving out food and water for them over the last few weeks, and now there is a little hoglet crèche right next to our window that we can safely watch without disturbing them at all. What a privilege!

If you want to learn more about how to protect hedgehogs or encourage them into your own garden, www.hedgehogstreet.org has some great facts and advice!



NEW BUS TIMETABLE FOR 488 SERVICE FROM SEPTEMBER 1st

ALL VIA NEW ROAD

MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM BANBURY BUS STATION BAY 7 TO CHIPPING NORTON

07.40 08.40 then each hour until 16.45 17.45 19.05

Arriving Milcombe

08.00 09.00 then each hour until 17.07 18.07 19.26

MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM CHIPPING NORTON TO BANBURY BUS STATION

07.23 08.40 09.33 then each hour until 15.35 16.33 17.43 18.43

From Milcombe to Banbury Bus Station

06.26 07.11 07.58 09.11 10.06 then every hour to 18.16

SATURDAY SERVICE FROM BANBURY BUS STATION BAY 7

07.40 and then each hour to 17.40

Arriving Milcombe

08.00 and then each hour until 18.00

SATURDAY SERVICE FROM CHIPPING NORTON TO BANBURY BUS STATION

06.45 08.30 09.33 then each hour until 17.33

Arriving Milcombe

07.11 09.11 10.06 then each hour until 18.06

SUNDAY SERVICE FROM BANBURY BUS STATION BAY 7 TO CHIPPING NORTON

09.40 11.40 13.40 15.40 17.40

Arriving Milcombe

10.00 12.00 14.00 16.00 18.00

SUNDAY SERVICE FROM CHIPPING NORTON TO BANBURY BUS STATION

08.33 10.33 12.33 14.33 16.33

Arriving Milcombe

09.06 11.06 13.06 15.06 17.06

ALL SERVICES ARE VIA THE HORTON

HOSPITAL The full timetable will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice board

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.





CHURCH NOTES

SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH

OUR USUAL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES ARE CANCELLED AND OUR CHURCH REMAINS FIRMLY LOCKED AS DO ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH is now open on **SUNDAY** mornings from 8.00am-2.00pm and on **WEDNESDAY** afternoons from 2.00pm-7.00pm. Please observe **SOCIAL DISTANCING** at all times and use the hand sanitiser provided.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES WILL BE SAID AT 8.00am EACH SUNDAY MORNING DURING SEPTEMBER. THERE WILL BE A BENEFICE SERVICE AT ST. MARY'S AT 9.30am TO MARK THEIR PATRONAL ON SEPTEMBER 6th.

Currently no refreshments are served and no singing. **MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES.** We abide by Government guidelines and information supplied on the Oxfordshire Diocesan website www.oxford.anglican.org As everybody will be aware, it is an ever-changing situation and what is written today can change tomorrow!

Parishioners are encouraged to visit the Churchyard to tend graves or to sit on the seats for moments of quiet prayer and reflection, always observing social distancing. It is advisable to wear gloves if touching gravestones or wooden benches. There are opportunities to join Services online. Check the C of E website www.churchofengland.org or the Diocesan website www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream.

You can join Dale and members of the Benefice at 6.00pm on Sunday evenings via Zoom. The Weekly Sheet gives full details on how you can do this.

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 which is very comforting in these stressful times.

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE/STRIDE is still expected to take place on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th** although Churches will not be able to offer refreshments or sign in visitors. Michael Haynes is hoping to cycle again this year on behalf of St. Laurence's. Please contact him if you would like to sponsor him. If anybody else would like to take part, please contact Rachel Payne at Arnsby Cottage next to the Church.

ST. LAURENCE'S QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION by Acanthus Clews Architects takes place on **September 29TH** from 9.30am. All Churches are

inspected regularly every 5 years both inside the building as well as the exterior to ensure that everything is in safe working order, such as the electrics and fire appliances (extinguishers) as well as paperwork such as the Church Log book.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – The PCC was unable to hold the APCM in April as planned and officers elected 2019/2020 have remained in place. Churches are now required to hold their APCM's virtually if it is still not possible to meet physically.

THE DATE SET FOR ST. LAURENCE'S APCM IS NOW TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd AT 7.00pm. IT IS HOPED TO HOLD THIS IN CHURCH. We will still be observing social distancing and face coverings must be worn.

All parishioners are invited to the first meeting which is the Annual Church Meeting for the election of Churchwardens. All parishioners may stay to the second meeting as observers, but only those on the Church Electoral Roll are able to vote. It would be appreciated if all those on the Electoral Roll would do their best to attend. This year has been very different in so many respects, but Church matters still have to be attended to.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – A complete new roll was set up in 2019. For 2020 the roll will be revised only and any new names added. If you are already on the roll and wish to remain on it, it is not necessary to fill in a form this year. If you wish to be added to the Church Electoral Roll or to have your name removed, then please contact Susan Richardson (Churchwarden) at 16 Church Lane.

You can still SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES but please keep them at home until it is possible to re-open the Church properly.

DOG BAGS are available in the Church porch. Please only take what you need. The Vicar and Churchwardens thank all parishioners for their patience during these uncertain times. Please abide by the rules and **STAY SAFE.**

Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email office@bloxham-benefice.co.uk

St. Laurence's Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 sujerich@yahoo.co.uk and Marlene Cowell 720750 marlenecowell196@gmail.com



MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

– The Committee meets via Zoom at 7.00pm on Tuesday, September 1st, kindly set up by the Parish Clerk for election of officers and to discuss the re-opening of the Village Hall following a risk assessment.

This is a good time to be part of the Village Hall Committee to further build on the great community spirit that has built up during the Covid-19 pandemic and ideas such as a fete, street party etc have tentatively been proposed for the coming year. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 1st September at 1900-1940 where committee roles will be agreed – the roles of Chairperson, Treasurer, Bookings Secretary, and Secretary are all currently up for grabs!



September -

Weeknight Offers

Monday - Half Price Burgers

Tuesday - 'Locals Night' - 20% off Food

Wednesday - Curry Night

Thursday - 'Locals Night' - 20% off Food

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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 milcombecp@gmail.com

Covid-19 Community Support – The Parish Council thanks Sam Hughes and all the volunteers providing the village with support during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The funding which had not been spent would be returned to the Parish Council and ring fenced in case it is needed at a later date.

Grit Bin – A new grit bin would be installed at the entrance to Dovecote Close.

Litter Pick – Cherwell District Council was yet to confirm if the Spring Clean was being held this year.

Play Area/Play Equipment Project – Despite the disappointment that Sanctuary Housing would not be providing funds for the new play equipment, the project was continuing and grant funding would be investigated. Please note that the annual inspection by RoSPA was due to take place in July. The Play Area was closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but would be re-opened after a risk assessment had been carried out. However, parents/guardians need to be responsible for keeping a check on their children entering the Play Area, keeping a safe distance and should take wipes/hand sanitise with them.

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.

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

Planning Applications – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

20/01306/AGN Mr Bertrand Facon
Lessor Grange,
Milcombe
Basic agricultural track to provide direct access between the new manure clamp, adjacent to the recently approved agricultural build-

ings, and long term manure field storage or disposal in the centre of the farm

20/01217/F & Mr Christopher Aherne
20/01218/LB The Riggings 1, Horton
Lane, Milcombe
Installation of a slimline oil tank located on the drive at the rear of the property

The Parish Council had made comments on the following planning application:

20/01061/F Mr Martin Nicholls
Hunters Lodge,
Station Road, Milcombe

Erection of
entrance gates, stone piers, and stone walls

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/>

Village Hall – The Village Hall was closed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. A risk assessment was necessary before it could be re-opened. No date had yet been given.

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 worked 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

- 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 1 September 2020**
- **Tuesday 3 November 2020**

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

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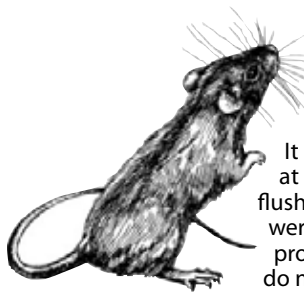
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BLOCKED DRAINS AND RATS

It has come to the notice of the Parish Council that the main drains at the top end of Main Road had become blocked and had to be flushed out by Thames Water. Rats were seen emerging as the drains were flushed. Please can we remind residents that wet wipes, sanitary products of all types, etc. should not be flushed down toilets as these do not disintegrate.

DOG BAGS

Cherwell District Council has run out of free dog bags at the present time. They are hoping to have a delivery sometime in September/early October. In the meantime it is suggested that dog owners purchase nappy bags from Supermarkets. These are actually cheaper than buying actual dog bags. Please remember that it is still an offence not to clean up after your dog. Dog bags must be placed in one of the dog bins situated around the village or taken home and placed in your green bin. They must not be thrown into the hedge rows or left on grass verges.



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THURSDAY

ST. MARY'S members e... from 10.00am-

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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
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