


# The Haseleys



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# Summer Garden Party at Haseley Court

The residents of The Haseleys are invited to the  
beautiful gardens of Haseley Court

## July 10th - 2pm to 6pm

Tea and cakes will be served on the  
lawn and the bar will serve Beer,  
Pimms, Wine and soft drinks.



There will be a Plant sale,  
Bottle Tombola and Raffle

## Ranger Stu

Will be there with his amazing,  
adorable wild animals, a special treat  
for children (and adults) of all ages.



And music will be provided from the  
Summer sounds of the amazing

## Jonny Hepbir Jazz

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads  
Further info: [hazel@greathaseleyvillagehall.com](mailto:hazel@greathaseleyvillagehall.com)

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## **Lots of Help Needed .....**

**.... to help make the Summer Garden party at  
Haseley Court a truly memorable event.**

**See page 8 for the details of what's required**

## Foreword

This month we have:

- More on the natural history of Haseleys from the brilliant Richard Sheehan.
- Another “Wine of the Month” article from the amazing Bruce Seymour-Taylor.
- A fascinating book review from the outstanding Victoria Barry.
- And much more ....

Many thanks to Elisabeth Spencer for delivering the magazine for many years, and to Emma Coode for taking her place. There is no magazine in August.

Colin and Gill

## Events in July and August

- Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall
- Bible Study House Group, Tuesdays at 7.30 pm: Contact Sally Ann Dennis on 01844 278029
- History Group weekly work on the churchyard on Wednesdays starting at 10.30, weather permitting.
- Rubbish Collections: Grey Weeks: July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>, Aug 17<sup>th</sup>, Wed Sep 1<sup>st</sup> (following Aug bank holiday). Green weeks: July 13<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>,

## Fitness Activities

- Thursday 6-7pm: Interval training with Sharon on the Great Haseley recreation ground. Book via [www.fitandtonic.co.uk](http://www.fitandtonic.co.uk) or just turn up
- Monday and Fridays 9.15-10.15am: Yoga at Gt Milton Neighbours Hall with Yoga Lizard Hayley Bamford. Contact Hayley on 07825794662 / [www.yogalizard.co.uk](http://www.yogalizard.co.uk)

## Fixtures on the Cricket Pitch in July and August

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| • Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> July: TCC v Kimble    | • Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Holton Friendly             |
| • Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> July: Holton Friendly | • Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug: Holton Friendly            |
| • Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> July: GHCC v Bodleian | • Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug: TCC v Chalgrove            |
| • Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> July: TCC v Tetsworth | • Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug: Holton Friendly            |
| • Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> July: Holton Friendly | • Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug: GHCC six a side tournament |
| • Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug: GHCC v Baldons    |  |
| • Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug: TCC v Dinton      |  |

**Don't Miss Out: 200 people have subscribed to the email information service that gives people in our community frequent updates on what's going on. To join the group receiving these updates, simply email [haseleyupdates@gmail.com](mailto:haseleyupdates@gmail.com) asking to be included.**



## **Haseley Coffee Club**

I had hoped to restart the Haseley Coffee Club in July but due to current government guidelines that is now not possible. As some (lucky) people may be on holiday during August, I propose to start having it again in September. If we can start, it will be the second Thursday of the month, 10 am to noon in the Village Hall. Look forward to seeing you then.

Jane Simcox

## **Notes from the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Five councillors were present at the June meeting. It was wonderful to be back in the Village Hall, face to face, long may it continue. Nine members of the public joined us for this exciting milestone, including our new County Councillor, Freddie van Mierlo.

Mr Simcox congratulated Cllr Suter on being elected Chairman, having served as Chairman himself for many years, Mr Simcox offered any help if required. Mr Simcox asked when back issues of The Haseleys will be available on the website. Cllr Lindsay confirmed that all back copies were stored in the cloud and needed to be transferred to the website. However, each issue takes up a large amount of storage space, and a solution needs to be found to compress the file size.

It was noted that the chairperson's board in the Village Hall needs to be updated.

The Internal Audit was conducted between 7 May and 5 June 2021 and followed the agreed Scope of Work. The audit concluded that the control objectives had been achieved throughout the financial year, and that the P&L and Balance Sheet were fair reflections of what has taken place. The Parish Council is very grateful to Dick Heinrich for his time and support in auditing the accounts.

The Financial report was reviewed. Income for the month was reported from the Allotments and from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy).

Cheques over £100 were written to BHIB (insurance) for £454.41 and Ridgeway Rural Services (£468) for grass cutting. It was also agreed to purchase 10,000 credits for the Haseley update emails at a cost of £70.93.

Cllr Suter continues to progress the option of Faster Broadband for the parish. The 39 expressions of interest have been forwarded to Openreach who plotted the locations and calculated that they could provide cover for 129 premises. The scheme won't be progressed unless there is a sufficient number of households interested to enable the entire capital cost to be covered by the DCMS voucher scheme and other grants. Without these grants, householders would have to contribute upwards of £1000 to have the connection installed which is generally deemed unpalatable. Cllr Suter will organise a further marketing push in the village and have a table at the village party on 10 July. Please drop by if you are interested or have questions.

The Chairman reported two applications had been received for the casual vacancy but one candidate had withdrawn from the co-option but had expressed an interest in applying should a co-option take place following the resignation of Cllr Sheppard. The remaining candidate attended the meeting following his presentation, the Chair thanked the candidate for putting himself forward and their commitment to the village. On being put to the vote it was Resolved to Co-opt Mr Chris Groves onto the Council – welcome Chris!

County Cllr van Mierlo introduced himself as our new County Councillor and reported he had sent through his priorities and encouraged people to sign up to his newsletter. He is also contactable by email or phone. Freddie welcomes applications to the County Councillor Priority Fund and is keen for local communities to benefit now rather than spread the £15k funding over the two year period. There are no set qualification criteria, however, Cllr van Mierlo is keen to support projects that might not benefit from other funding streams.

District Councillor Newton reported that the application for Chalgrove Airfield had been withdrawn, however, it was highly likely Homes England will submit a new application relocating the airfield to the north of the site with housing development moved to the existing airfield. Concerns around infrastructure still remain. There is no news on Harrington development, however, if development at Chalgrove does not go ahead it is seen as more likely that Harrington will.

There has been a supply problem to residents for new brown garden waste bins mainly due to the service being brought back 'in house'. Car parking rules changed from last week in an effort to regularise parking charges across the District. Every car park should now offer one hour free parking but Sunday parking charges now apply so check parking notices carefully!

In reports from the committees, Cllr Pickett reported the allotments looked amazing, there was a good community spirit amongst the allotmenters; Cllr Woodrow reported plans for the Village Party on 10 July were progressing well (and will be able to ahead despite the extension to Covid restrictions).

The following planning applications were discussed or noted:

P20/S3244/FUL – Land to the Northwest of Stoke Talmage, Stoke Talmage: The construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure, including inverters, substation compound, security cameras, fencing, access tracks and landscaping. No further comment

P21/S2087/FUL – 2 Windmill Meadow, Rectory Road, Great Haseley: Extension of existing garden by 7,578 square feet, for the purpose of creating a wildlife pond, wildflower meadow and vegetable garden. Resolved to support the application

P20/S3905/FUL – Manana, Latchford Lane, Great Haseley: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new chalet style house and garage (Amendment 1).

Resolved that the amendment did not alter the original reasons for objection as agreed on 16 November 2020

P21/S1632/RM (Reserved Matters) – Land North of Ryctoe Lane, Thame: Reserved matters following outline permission (P17/S4441/O) for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The erection of up to 180,000 square feet (up to 16,722 square metres) of B2/B8 with ancillary B1(a) and B1(c) together with parking, drainage, landscaping (structural and incidental) and highway works. The application was noted.

The minutes of this meeting will be available on the Parish Council website ([www.greathaseley.pc.co.uk](http://www.greathaseley.pc.co.uk)) after they have been approved at the next meeting which is to be held at 7.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the Village Hall.

### **Your Parish Council:**

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- County Councillor: Freddie van Mierlo, [Freddie.vanmierlo@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Freddie.vanmierlo@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **Parish Council Vacancy**

There is currently a Councillor vacancy on Great Haseley Parish Council.

The Council is therefore looking for a committed individual with good communication skills, who enjoys being part of a team and has a passion for serving the community. This unpaid position involves working for the local community as part of a team of 7 Councillors. The Parish Council usually meets in the evening on the second Monday of each month. The work of the Council is organised into the following specialisms: Planning, Rights of Way, Allotments, Communication, Environment, Playing Fields, Village Hall. Councillors may need to work on or attend meetings on the area they are responsible for between the regular monthly meetings.

If you would like to know more, please contact any Councillor or Andrea Oughton on [clerk@thehaseleys.co.uk](mailto:clerk@thehaseleys.co.uk)

If you would like to apply, please email or write to the Clerk at 30 Rectory Meadow, Chinnor OX39 4PJ with a summary of your relevant experience. The closing date is Monday 5 July 2021. Applicants will be asked to attend the meeting on 12 July 2021.

## Summer Garden Party – Help Needed

The residents of The Haseleys are invited to the beautiful gardens of Haseley Court on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July for a Summer Garden Party, providing a wonderful opportunity, after so many months, to socialise and to meet those who have moved here over the last year or so!

To make this a truly special event, the organisers would really appreciate lots of help. They need:

- Help to set up before the start and clear up at the end
- Help with car parking
- Help with setting up and serving teas

If you are able to help, please contact Hazel ([velvetbrown@btconnect.com](mailto:velvetbrown@btconnect.com) / 07780604904 or Susi ([susimorganproperty@gmail.com](mailto:susimorganproperty@gmail.com) / 07976982218).

In addition, the organisers need:

- Donations of cakes, traybakes, biscuits and sweet goodies (please contact Hazel for Friday drop off or deliver to HC on Saturday morning).
- Donations of plants (please provide in advance to Lynda at The Old Shop, Rectory Road - leave by the front door)
- Donations for the Bottle Tombola (wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, jars of stuff (please drop off at The Old Post office, Rectory Road % Gill 07717781642).

All costs to be covered - by a donation for Ranger Stu from GHPC, and proceeds from the bar, teas, raffle, tombola and plant sales.



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## The Natural History of Haseley: Voles

The garden is riddled with voles - not only are their burrows all over the place but I also find them wondering around in surprising places (one even fell out of a friend's jacket pocket the other day!). However, despite this, I barely give them a thought; neither, I imagine, do most people. This is a shame as voles are both endearing little animals and an important part of the country's biodiversity.

We have two flavors of vole around the Haseleys: the Field vole (*Mirotus agrestis*), sometimes called the 'field mouse', and the Bank vole (*Clethrionomys glareolus*).

Field voles - distinguished by their greyish-brown fur and very short, pinkish tail - are possibly the most numerous mammals in Britain (with a UK population of over 75 million) and can be found across most of the country, with the exception of some of the offshore islands and Ireland. They are typically creatures of grassland, although in practice they can be found almost anywhere, and are almost exclusively herbivorous, mostly eating grass but occasionally nibbling at fruit and other vegetation.

They sometimes make burrows in the earth but more often live above ground, in a network of grassy tunnels and small spherical nests built under logs or the base of grass clumps. Whilst they are timid animals, wary of people, amongst themselves they can be quite aggressive and noisy, battling each other in defence of their small territories; whenever I go out walking, I can often hear odd rustlings, squeaks and outraged chattering sounds coming from the undergrowth

- most likely field voles having an argument. Because of their abundance they are an important food source for a host of predators (kestrels, foxes, weasels, snakes, etc.) and are the principal food of barn owls.

The Bank vole is much smaller than its cousin (in fact it is the smallest of all British voles) and is a little different in appearance; reddish-brown fur, a slightly longer, hairier tail and more prominent ears. It is also not quite as numerous (with a mere 25 million to be found across the country) and is found mainly in areas of deciduous woodland, scrub and hedgerow. However, what they lack in size they make up for in attitude and are generally much less timid than their larger relatives - they happily run amuck in gardens and it was



probably one of these little creatures that tried investigating my friend's jacket pocket.

Their diet consists of green plants, berries and fruits - such as hips and haws - for which they are able to climb the spindliest of shoots and twigs to get hold of. Despite being very happy clambering around the hedgerows bank voles mainly live underground; they burrow networks of tunnels leading to a central chamber (often built underneath protective tree roots) where they create pretty spherical nests out of grass and moss. As with field voles, bank voles are an important food source for a whole host of predators, providing a vital link in the natural food chain.

Next time you watch a kestrel hovering over the fields, or hear an owl calling out in the night, spare a few moments to think of the quiet little vole - some of our most valued village wildlife would not be here without them.

**Richard Sheehan**

## **Eat to Save the Planet**

Summer has always been a time of abundance. There is no better time to begin taking advantage of good quality seasonal food and to think about how what we eat can impact the planet. Here are three tips to help you eat your way to a more sustainable future.

- **EAT LOCAL:** A practice that has become more prevalent over the past year and one that I hope is here to stay. Buying locally grown food (or even growing your own!) supports smaller, more diverse farms that generally farm less intensively, use fewer chemicals and add to the biodiversity of the countryside. It also substantially reduces the carbon footprint of your food, by shortening the 'farm to fork' journey.
- **EAT SEASONAL:** Growing in season requires lower levels of artificial inputs than growing food out of season or transporting it halfway around the world. It can also be much better value and is generally fresher, tastier and more nutritious than food grown out of season. To find out what is best to put on the plate this month, visit [www.bbcgoodfood.com/seasonal-calendar](http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/seasonal-calendar).
- **WASTE LESS:** There are many ways to address food waste, from re-evaluating portion sizes and experimenting with leftovers to storing food in more effective ways; freezing fresh food or buying frozen food is one very simple way to help avoid waste, another is to ensure your fridge is set to the correct temperature - most refrigerators in the UK are set to 7°C, but setting them to 5°C can help food to last up to 3 days longer!

For more information, tips and ideas visit [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)

**Richard Sheehan**

## Wine of the Month:

### Vacqueyras 2018 Maison Bouachon, Southern Rhône

Vacqueyras is one of the nine Rhône regions awarded cru status to recognise their superior vineyards and consistently quality wines. To protect its status, Vacqueyras wines are produced to strict quality controls and produce bold wines that can rival even Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre blend is complex and elegant, with flavours of blackberry, plum and sweet spices.

The vineyards of "Pierrelongue" are set on the high stony terraces of the appellation, called garrigues, which stretch on the southwestern slope of the Lacc de Montmirail. "Pierrelongue" has long owed its name to this land made up of long stones. With "Pierrelongue", Maison Bouachon reveals all the finesse and elegance of a Vacqueyras.

It has aromatic complexity and finesse of ripe plum and cherry fruits with chocolate and peppery notes.

The sweet spices mixed with red fruits stand out, giving a supple, generous and harmonious taste. The melted tannins give a silky wine and a good balance of acidity.

This wine would go well with red meat dishes.

Grenache (60%), Syrah (20%), Mourvèdre (20%)  
ABV 14.00%

Majestic £11.99 (mixed 6)

Bruce Seymour-Taylor



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## Little Milton WI

In June, we went out for a tour of Sunnyhill Vineyard in Horspath followed by a wine tasting in their barn shop. We braved the torrential rain to learn about the vines, but we were just happy to see each other and say goodbye to Zoom! We highly recommend a visit there for local wine, cider & handmade gifts, plus a café and children's play area ([www.sunnyhillvineyard.co.uk](http://www.sunnyhillvineyard.co.uk)).

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th July is a Summer Celebration Garden Party from 7-9pm. Visitors £5. Everyone welcome, contact me if you'd like to join us.

If you live in The Miltons or Haseleys and want to meet new people, join Little Milton WI. We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Details on the Pine Lodge page at [www.littlemilton.org.uk](http://www.littlemilton.org.uk).



## The Haseley Bookshelf: Small Pleasures by Clare Chambers

Publisher: Weidenfield & Nicholson

There was so much publicity about this one, (BBC2 Between the Covers, Radio 4 Book at Bedtime, and longlisted for the 2021 Women's Prize), that I was disinclined to read it because everyone else was clearly doing so. However, it was on one of those low days, when I couldn't really concentrate on anything else, and I took it out with me to sit somewhere that wasn't my own house, and just feel that there were people about, and have a coffee that I hadn't made myself, and this seemed to ask to be taken along for the ride.

And it proved to be a good choice, because it's a lovely, gentle novel, beautifully written, about serious characters and a serious subject, yet with a light touch that makes it almost funny, in the way that Barbara Pym or Penelope Fitzgerald's books are funny.

Set in the late 1950s, in South-East

London, Jean is a local journalist, destined to write about nothing more than local gossip for ever, when she comes across Gretchen, a woman who claims that her daughter is the product of a virgin birth. It is up to Jean to find out if this is the absurd claim it at first appears to be, or whether – perhaps – it is a real miracle. Along the way, she finds that there is some unexpected support for both sides, but in addition, almost without her noticing it, a new world opens up for Jean, a world with unexpected friendships in it, and perhaps, love as the light at the end of a long tunnel.

With a central premise such as Gretchen's, it is impossible that there will be a truly happy ending for everyone. But there is resolution, and in the process of reaching it, there are a lot of touching and evocative moments, and plenty to keep the reader guessing.

It's a lovely summer afternoon read, Clare Chambers has written eight other novels, but this is her first for ten years, and it certainly feels important enough for her to have broken that long silence.

Victoria Barry



## News from The Pine Lodge

On again, off again: We are really very sorry not to be able to support those who had made bookings and planned for parties or gatherings in the Hall that we have had to cancel during June and July. Fingers crossed that 19<sup>th</sup> July will finally enable us to provide unrestricted access to the Hall as before.

However, on a happier note several regular activities have returned to the Hall.

Regular activities include:

- Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne on Mondays at 10.30am (y.cartwright@btinternet.com)
- Yoga with Alice on Tuesdays at 9:30am and Thursdays at 6.30pm
- Advanced Textile workshop on Wednesday 9:30am with Amargeet (amarjeetnandhra@virginmedia.com)
- Yoga and Pilates Friday 9:30am with Lee (lee@grahamcaulfield.co.uk)

For more details about the Hall: <https://www.hugofox.com/community/the-pine-lodge-7832/home>

For more details about events: [linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com](mailto:linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com).

## THANKYOU, THANKYOU, THANKYOU!!

This year the combined work of Great Milton, The Haseleys and Little Milton raised an AMAZING total of £2,832.50!! This is made up of:

- Zoomed Coffee Mornings in Lent £523.75
- House to House collections in each of the villages: £2,308.75

Due to £1,633.25 of the monies collected being Gift Aided by the Donors, this total above includes an extra figure of £407.31.

Thank you to all of the Distributors, Collectors and above all to each of you who gave to Christian Aid this year...

S. A. Dennis

## News From Thame Flower Club

Thame Flower Club has a new home at the newly renovated Neighbours' Hall in Great Milton.

- Date: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 (then every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday)
- Time: 1:30pm onwards (2pm start).
- Finish: 4pm - 4:30pm.
- Membership £38.

For more information please contact Cathy on Tel: 01844 217763 or email: [cat.twitchett@gmail.com](mailto:cat.twitchett@gmail.com)

**If you wish to hire the playing fields or pavilion call Margaret or Mike Howlett on 01844 279409 or email [howlett690@btinternet.com](mailto:howlett690@btinternet.com)**

## Update from Morland House Surgery

**Patient Participation Group (PPG) Update:** Please note that this update has been prepared on 16th June 2021, events, particularly those involving Covid will have moved on by the time you get to read this.

**COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Update:** If you are aged 21 or over, or turn 21 before 1st July 2021 and you have not yet been contacted for your first vaccination, you may book your vaccine online through this website [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination) or by phoning 119.

For up-to-date information please visit  
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**COVID-19 Vaccination Card:** Patients with online access to their medical record (through the Patient Access app) can now view their COVID-19 vaccination record from the home screen of the app. This new feature will automatically be visible for patients who have already had access to their detailed care record and immunisations enabled by their practice. For information on how to gain online access to your medical record, please go to [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk) and search 'Online Access'.

**General Practice Data for Planning and Research:** Morland House Surgery is supporting vital health and care planning and research by sharing your data with NHS Digital. Please do not call our reception team in regard to this, for more information please visit <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-collections-and-data-sets/data-collections/general-practice-data-for-planning-and-research>

**Treatment Resistant Depression (TRD) Clinic:** A new research clinic is available at the Warneford Hospital to help people who are still depressed even though they are taking antidepressant medication. For more information, including how you can refer yourself to the clinic visit here: <https://oxfordhealthbrc.nihr.ac.uk/our-work/treatment-resistant-depression/>

**Unacceptable Phone Calls to Morland House Surgery:** The Patient Participation Group are very concerned to learn that the Doctors and their colleagues at Morland House have been receiving some aggressive telephone calls. We would ask patients to be more respectful of those that really care for us and provide as good a service as is possible under the present conditions. We ask all to understand that everyone has the right to a face-to-face consultation with his/her Doctor, but it is essential that this follows a telephone conversation with the Doctor, who will be able to assess if a face-to-face meeting is a necessity, in which case an appointment will be offered. This really is the only way we can currently work but, in the future, will improve the service offered.

**Visit Morland House Website:** For up-to-date information about our services, please visit [www.morland-house.co.uk](http://www.morland-house.co.uk)

## **Darjeeling Children's Trust**

Some of you will know that I am a trustee of the Darjeeling Children's Trust. A few weeks ago, the Trustees had a desperate plea from residents and the Edward Foundation in Darjeeling for help with funding oxygen concentrators (so as not to have to rely on oxygen tanks) to help treat covid patients. It is a 3-hour journey down the mountain to replenish oxygen tanks and the monsoons with the accompanying landslides were further hampering this. They were desperate. Our charity offered to set up crowdfunding with a target of raising £10,000 to fund oxygen concentrators. I shared this at our Benefice service and the response was astonishing. We met our target in just a few days and we have been amazed by the support we received. We have purchased 10 concentrators and they are already in use in Darjeeling. I believe that our Benefice funded approximately 3/4 of these. If you wish to see a video with an update and a thank you from Darjeeling, you can find it on

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/darjeelingoxygenaid>

Thank you all SO much. The people in Darjeeling are overwhelmed by the generosity of you and others in the UK and Europe

Clare Blakeway-Phillips

## **What to do in the garden in July**

July brings long, warm days that continue late into the evening — perfect for pottering in the garden after work, hosting barbecues, and enjoying your beds and borders as they reach their peak.

### **In the flower garden**

Cut back faded perennial plants to keep borders tidy.

Cutting back growth in hanging baskets can encourage new flowers and foliage and will revive the display. Make sure you feed your baskets well after doing this.

Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums after the first flush of flowers to encourage new growth and further blooms.

Continue to tie in and train new growth on climbing plants.

Prune wisteria now. Just remove the whippy side-shoots from the main branch framework to about 20cm from their base (about five leaves from the main stem).

Prune lupins to encourage more flowers.

Deadhead bedding plants and perennial plants to stop them self-seeding and to encourage further flowering.

Deadhead your roses to keep them looking tidy. Leave the flowers in place if your rose produces attractive hips (seed pods).

Deadhead sweet peas regularly to keep them blooming. Water daily in dry weather.

Capture seed heads from dandelions and other weeds. Collect them before they get a chance to release their seeds and spread throughout your garden.

Keep an eye out for pests on plants, early treatment is best.

Stop rust damaging hollyhock foliage by pruning out affected leaves and/or spraying with a fungicide.

Look out for clematis wilt. Symptoms include wilting leaves and black discolouration on the leaves and stems. Cut out all affected material and dispose of it in your household waste.

Spray ground elder, bindweed and other persistent weeds with a glyphosate-based weed killer as the plants now have lots of leaf surface area to absorb it.

### **In the vegetable garden**

Pepper plants will benefit from being potted on into progressively larger pots.

Train cucumber stems upwards to make the most of the space available. Tie in long stems to vertical wires or use cane supports to create a wigwam of poles.

Pinch out the growing tip of aubergines once they have 5 or 6 fruits. Pick fruits while they are young. You can expect to start harvesting mid to late summer.

Nip off the growing tips of squash and courgette plants to encourage branching.

Pinch out tomato side shoots each week. Cut off any leaves growing below the lowest ripening fruit trusses to improve air circulation and prevent diseases.

Boost your tomato crop by regularly feeding plants with dilute tomato fertiliser once a week. If leaves look pale and yellow, feed more regularly.

Apply a high-potash fertiliser once fruits start to form on peppers, cucumber and tomatoes.

Harvest garlic when the tops start to bend over and yellow.

Pick your courgettes while they're young to encourage more fruit.

Harvest marrows regularly. Marrows that form in July and August should reach a good size by autumn. Let their skins harden in the sun before cutting them later in September or October. They can be stored into winter.

Pick, dry and freeze herbs for using later in the year.

Pick runner beans regularly to prevent them becoming stringy and to make room for developing pods.

Harvest beetroot, peas, carrots, chard, potatoes, salad leaves, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Resist the temptation to harvest more rhubarb stems. Leave the stems in place; this will allow the plant to build up reserves for next year.

Water your fruit and vegetable crops daily in warm weather.

Use grass clippings as a mulch around potato plants to stop tubers near the surface from turning green. Alternatively earth up your potato plants as they grow.

Control slugs to prevent them damaging your crops using a natural pest control.  
Tackle blackfly on broad beans by pinching off any affected growing tips.  
Check for cabbage white butterfly eggs under brassica leaves and squash any that you find.

Clear away any diseased and spent foliage on and around your vegetable plants.  
Clear weeds regularly, as they compete with your crops for nutrients and water.

### **In the fruit garden**

Harvest your summer fruiting raspberries

Thin out the fruits on your fruit trees to produce good sized crops.

Protect fruits from birds and squirrels by placing mesh around your plants.

If you have plants fruiting in containers, make sure you give them a high potash liquid feed to keep them healthy and productive.

Feed lemons and other citrus fruits throughout summer with a citrus fertiliser.

Treat apple scab with a fungicide.

Check the leaves of gooseberry bushes for sawfly larvae, which can completely strip the foliage in a matter of days. Jet them off with water or pick off by hand.

Peg down runners on your strawberry plants to create more plants for next year.

If you don't need more plants simply remove the strawberry runners completely.

Maximise your fig crop by pinching out the tips of side shoots after they've developed five leaves.

Prune your stone fruit trees like plum, apricot, peach and cherry now. Pruning these species in the summer reduces the risk of silver leaf disease.

If you've trained your apples and pears as cordons, fans or espaliers, give them their summer prune now to maintain a good shape.

Prune the fruited stems of blackcurrant bushes after harvesting.

Raspberries are shallow rooted, so they'll appreciate being watered generously.

### **Looking after your lawn**

This is your last chance to feed your lawn with a special lawn fertiliser to encourage healthy green growth.

Water your lawn during hot weather, particularly newly seeded or turfed lawns. Don't allow new lawns to dry out.

If you're experiencing prolonged dry weather, set your mower blades higher to reduce stress on the grass.

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## The Rector's Pint

We have now entered what is called 'ordinary time' in the Church of England's calendar. Basically, these are periods when there are no major festivals. The longest of these begins on the Sunday after Pentecost (Trinity) and lasts until the beginning of Advent.

It is not that nothing happens, but we can't point to festivals as useful teaching aids! So instead of doing that I thought I would tell you a story, something that happened to me recently, although I really don't come out of it at all well.

I could blame the washing machine, which sprang a leak. I disconnected the inlet hose, threw it on the back seat of the car and headed off to Homebase. On the way I stopped at Asda to refuel the car. I was in a bit of a queue, and as I waited, if I wondered if I might need a whole new hose? I couldn't reach and so had to get out of the car and open the passenger door to have a look.

I need to explain at this point that I was driving a perfectly adequate Vauxhall Meriva, it had plenty of life in it even if it was a little scuffed. However, in a moment of design madness someone had thought that it was a good idea to build 'suicide' passenger doors as they were known in the 1950's, ones that have the hinges at the back and not the front (like London Cabs).

I became aware that the queue to the pump had cleared and I could now fill up, I got back into the car and moved forward.

I had not closed the door! The thing was virtually ripped off as it made contact with the very sturdy steel post that you will find next to every fuel pump. The car was found to be 'uneconomic to repair.' I am now driving a very nice little 4-year-old Skoda Fabia estate. It is a rather vivid blue and does sort of make me feel that I have last emerged as a sixty something vicar! (apologies if you drive one and that image upsets you!) In truth, it is a very good car.

Faith is no guard against stupidity! I was reminded of a friend of mine who, many years ago proudly went for a ride on his new bicycle when, as he was careering down a very steep South Wales hill his front wheel detached itself from the bike. He had forgotten to tighten the quick release nuts. He told me that for some reason the one thing that went through his head as he realised that he was facing catastrophe was a New Testament verse 'What is seen is temporal, what is unseen is eternal'. I am afraid that I had no such deep thoughts, but I wasn't facing serious injury or death, only humiliation and hurt pride. My friend got off lightly in the circumstances.

I do take comfort that God still loves me, in the ordinary times of life, and even in the moments of my own stupidity.

The washing machine, you will be pleased to hear, is working perfectly.

Simon

## Church Services and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

As I am sure you will appreciate, it has been just about impossible to plan too far ahead as we plan our Sunday worship.

As we now know that there will be no longer a full lifting of restrictions, at least for the next few weeks, this unfortunately means that there will need to be continued mask wearing, social distancing and no indoor singing when people come to church to worship.

We will therefore stick to the planned pattern of worship for the end of June and the beginning of July, when for two weeks there will be no zoom services. We will then resume in July for a part of the month with the present pattern, a holy communion service in church followed by a zoom service. However, at the end of July there will be a proper benefice service in Little Milton. Is it too much to hope that we might be able to sing hymns!

Please do look at the details with times and dates below as well as the details for our annual parochial church meetings.

Simon

Sunday 4th July

- 9.00am - Holy Communion - St Mary's Great Milton
- 11.00am - Pets Blessing service - St Peter's Great Haseley (this service will be held outdoors, weather permitting)

Sunday 11th July

- 9.00am - Holy Communion - St Peter's Great Haseley.
- 11.00am – zoom service
- 12.00am Annual Parochial Church meeting – St James Little Milton

Sunday 18th July

- 9.00am - Holy Communion - St James's Little Milton
- 11.00am – zoom service
- 12.00am Annual Parochial Church meeting - St Mary's Great Milton

Sunday 25th July

- 10.00am - Holy Communion, United benefice service - St James Little Milton
- No zoom service
- 11.30am - Annual Parochial Church meeting - St Peter's Great Haseley

### Family Service with Pets' Blessing.

On Sunday 4 July at 11.00 am there will be a short Family Service in St Peter's Churchyard (outdoors, weather permitting - which means we shall be able to sing). All pets and their humans, and humans without pets, are most welcome.



## John Howell writes ....

I know from mail received that many of you were hoping to see all COVID restrictions removed this month and will be disappointed that the date has been pushed back to 19th July. In recent weeks there has been growing unease at lifting all restrictions on the proposed June date. The Delta variant is a serious concern and the advice from experts was that we should wait a little longer until the vaccine has been offered to all adults. Whilst I am amongst those very much looking forward to all restrictions being removed there is some sense in waiting just a little longer. Looking at the situation in Oxfordshire, while cases may have gone up 6-fold, the numbers of hospitalisations and deaths have not. This shows the importance of vaccination. There is also an inherent fairness that every adult should be offered the opportunity of vaccination before all restrictions are lifted. We have to remember that when the Prime Minister announced the Roadmap to Recovery the dates were the earliest at which each stage would be introduced and not finite dates. We must take the long view, get everyone vaccinated and do all we can to avoid restrictions having to be imposed again later in the year.

As we carefully and cautiously continue our journey out of lockdown, we must be mindful that the coronavirus outbreak continues to affect all of us, but especially unpaid carers, who have been supporting relatives, friends and loved ones who may be disabled, ill or elderly. Carers must be recognised for the difficulties they are experiencing, respected for all they are doing, and provided with information and support to keep themselves – and those around them - safe and well. Yet, a lack of awareness of carers and the physical and mental cost of caring persists. Throughout the pandemic we have worked to support all unpaid carers, including young carers, who have the added pressures of work, schooling and their own health and wellbeing issues to manage. This has included making carers a priority group for Covid-19 testing and vaccination and asking local authorities to identify unpaid carers and support them. We have provided funding to Carers Trust to support unpaid carers experiencing loneliness during the pandemic and to Carers UK's helplines, information and support services. Carers make an incredible contribution to the life of this country. Together, we must support their wellbeing, help them achieve their life goals and create more carer friendly communities – making caring more visible and valued. Supporting our carers supports us all – thank you.

If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me, if possible, please email me at [john.howell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.howell.mp@parliament.uk). If you cannot email you can write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1 0AA or PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD. Please be aware that remote working means that it is taking longer for mail to get through to me.

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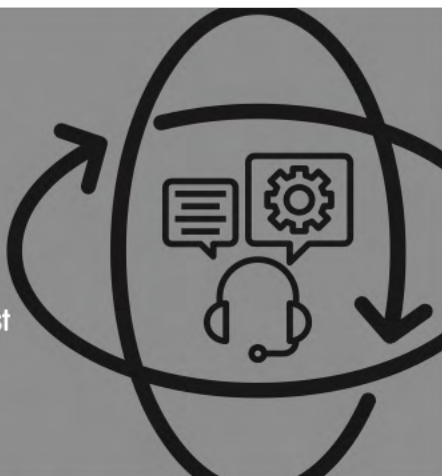
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