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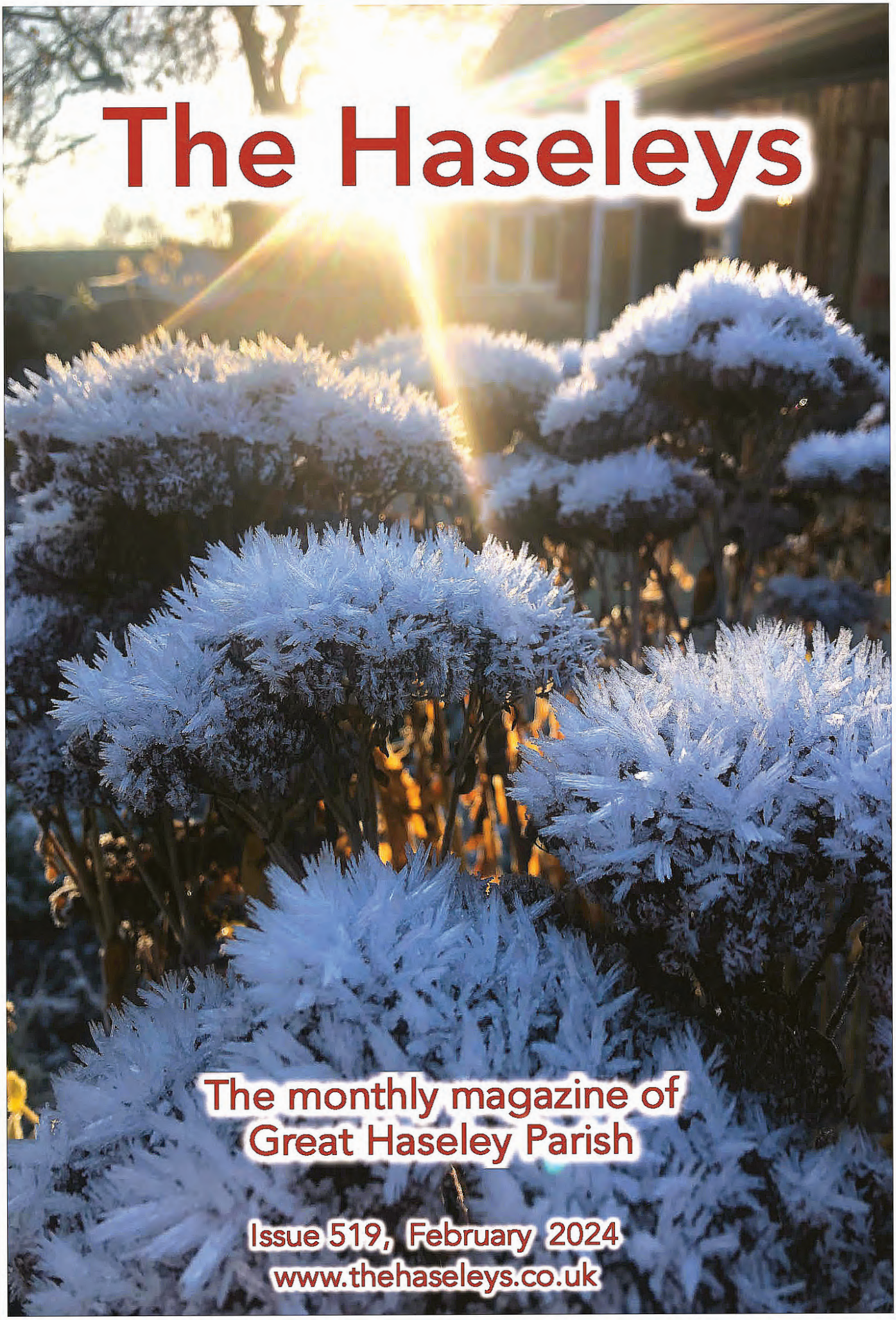

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Foreword

Welcome to first edition of The Haseleys for 2024

In this edition we wanted to draw your attention to an article on pages 8 and 9 about a consultation on the Great Haseley Neighbourhood Priority Statement. There is a link to a survey relating to this in the article and the greater the local support the better

Other things going on in February include hedge planting at the start of the month and a pop up pub on the 1st March to support the GH Sports Club

And theres a recipe to try out on page 32. Enjoy!

Martin and Fiona
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Events This Month

- Sun, 4th February – Hedge Planting Gt Haseley Windmill
- Thurs 8th February - Haseley Coffee Club from 10 to 12 at the Village Hall
- Bible Study House Group - Wednesdays between 2 and 4pm every two weeks. Contact Ian or Sally Ann Dennis on 01844 278029 for details
- Friday, 23rd February – Earthshot AGM Venue/Time TBC
- Friday, 1st March – GH Sports Club Pop up Pub @ Village Hall 6.30pm
- Rubbish Collections:
  Tuesday, 6th February– Green, Brown & Food
  Tuesday 13th February - Black & Food
  Tuesday 20th February Green, Brown & Food
  Tuesday 27th February Black & Food

If you wish to hire the playing fields or pavilion call Margaret or Mike Howlett on 01844 279409 or email howlett690@btinternet.com

Summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2024

The Chairman opened the meeting, it was the first time the Parish Council had met since Deidre Mann passed away in December. Deidre was a parish councillor for many years and her contributions and commitment to the Council were commended. On behalf of the Council and members of the village a Vote of Thanks was given to Deidre for all she had done for the village.

Planning

P23/S4303/S73 - Land off Rectory Road, Great Haseley, OX44 7JS
Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in application P22/S4565/FUL - Variation of approved plans, to allow for single story rear extension Erection of a 4 bedroomed detached family dwelling with integral garage, and associated access and landscaping
Resolved to Object to the application on the grounds of Scale, Overdevelopment of the plot and Unneighbourly.

P23/S4206/FUL - Rycote Lane Farm, Rycote Lane, Milton Common, OX9 2NZ
Farm store
Resolved to Support the application

P23/S4021/LB & P23/S4020/HH - Haseley Court, Little Haseley, OX44 7LL
Works to the existing park and gardens. Tree planting and removal within the park and garden, construction of a new drive and configuration of vehicle access. Reversion of arable farmland back to parkland estate. Construction of a new lake.
Resolved to Support the application

It was noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following application:

P22/S3350/FUL - Land south-west of London Road near Tetsworth, OX9 7AZ
Change of use of land from agricultural to equestrian involving the erection of stables building comprising 2 stable boxes, tack room, and feed store, alongside the creation of a sand school and formation of hardstanding to facilitate access. (as amended to shown turning area and visibility splays received 04 September 2023).

Budget and Precept for 2024-25

Some minor amendments had been made following presentation of the first draft budget in November. Following discussion, it was agreed to set a budget of £16,888.00.
Resolved that the 2024-25 Budget of £16,888.00 be approved.

After discussion it was agreed to keep the Precept at the same level, £16,400.00, which equates to £59.48 per year for a Band D dwelling, a small reduction of £1.94 on the previous year related to the tax base published by the District Council.

Resolved that £16,400.00 be raised for the Precept for 2024-25

Housing Infrastructure Funding1 Road (HIF1)
Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council had written to request support in opposing Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Central Government in their plans to push through the building of the HIF1 road (Housing Infrastructure Funding1) despite OCC's planning committee's decision on 17 July 2023 of resounding vote of 8 to 2 against the plan.

It was agreed that Cllr Suter will contact Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council to find out the extent of support they are seeking.

Oxfordshire County Council Freight Strategy
The publication of the Atkins study into area weight restrictions was noted. The study outlines a process for all villages and towns to request further work to reduce HGVs on inappropriate roads.

It was agreed that Cllr Suter will contact the Chairman of Little Milton Parish Council, who are pulling together evidence to support an application for a weight restriction on the A329

Oxfordshire County Council – Lower Energy Bills for Oxfordshire Residents
It was agreed to support publicising OCC's 'Welcome the Warmth' campaign to install energy efficient measures such as insulation, solar panels and heat pumps in residents' homes.

Cllr Sheehan will highlight the campaign via The Haseleys and social media.

Reports from Committees – Environment: There has been a good response to the request for volunteers to help with hedge planting. Cllr Sheehan highlighted that from 1st January 2024 parish and town councils had a duty to consider biodiversity from time to time. There is no requirement to produce a biodiversity report, but it is recommended that councils consider biodiversity when making decisions which could impact on biodiversity, such as managing buildings, recreation grounds, cemeteries and allotments.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on 11 March 2024, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Please visit the Parish Council website to read full minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Andrea Oughton
Parish Clerk

Councillor contact details

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Cllr Chris Groves – Recreation Ground & Miss Cross Field
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Cllr Jen Webster – Footpaths jenw.ghpc@gmail.com
Cllr Paul Woodrow – Village Hall – paulw.ghpc@gmail.com
Cllr Jake Brown – Allotments – jakeb.ghpc@gmail.com
Clerk – Andrea Oughton clerk@thehaseleys.co.uk

Great Haseley Sports Club

Group Tennis Coaching

Sunday Mornings in Great Haseley

with our highly experienced LTA coach Neil James

Adults & children's (aged 4+) lessons will be starting again in March and run until September. Dates to be confirmed shortly but please do get in touch a.s.a.p to register your interest.

Please contact:
Lucy Foster on 01844 278466
or email to lu.foster@hotmail.com

GREAT HASELEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY STATEMENT CONSULTATION

The Great Haseley Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) is being developed as part of the government's Simpler Approach to Neighbourhood Planning pilot, which aims to test whether a simpler form of neighbourhood planning could empower communities to play a direct role in shaping their neighbourhoods. It aims to identify the needs, desires and aspirations of the local community to inform both the South Oxfordshire Local Plan and, where relevant, be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Consultations for establishing an NPS for Great Haseley began in January 2023, during which we have identified three key priority areas for inclusion in the statement, all with an underlying theme of protecting the natural environment and the rural character of the parish. This statement will only be accepted if we can demonstrate sufficient local support. We would, therefore, appreciate as many Haseley residents as possible to review this summary of the NPS direction so far and comment via the online questionnaire, either by following the link on the Parish Council website (www.thehaseleys.co.uk) or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of the page (which will take you to a pre-built survey hosted by Mailchimp):

NPS SUMMARY

Theme 1: Local Green Spaces and Protected Views

Through Neighbourhood Development Plans, local communities can identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them by designating them as Local Green Spaces, a designation that should protect the site from inappropriate development. A number of green spaces have been suggested as being of significant local value (sites listed and shown on the attached map) to be put forward as Local Green Spaces as a Neighbourhood Priority.

Along with identifying potential Local Green Spaces there also appears to be a Priority to preserve certain specific and iconic views, which show the villages of Great and Little Haseley in their setting, by having them designated as Protected Views, preserving important historical, landscape and architectural features (viewpoints listed and shown on the attached map).

Theme 2: Sustaining Local Character

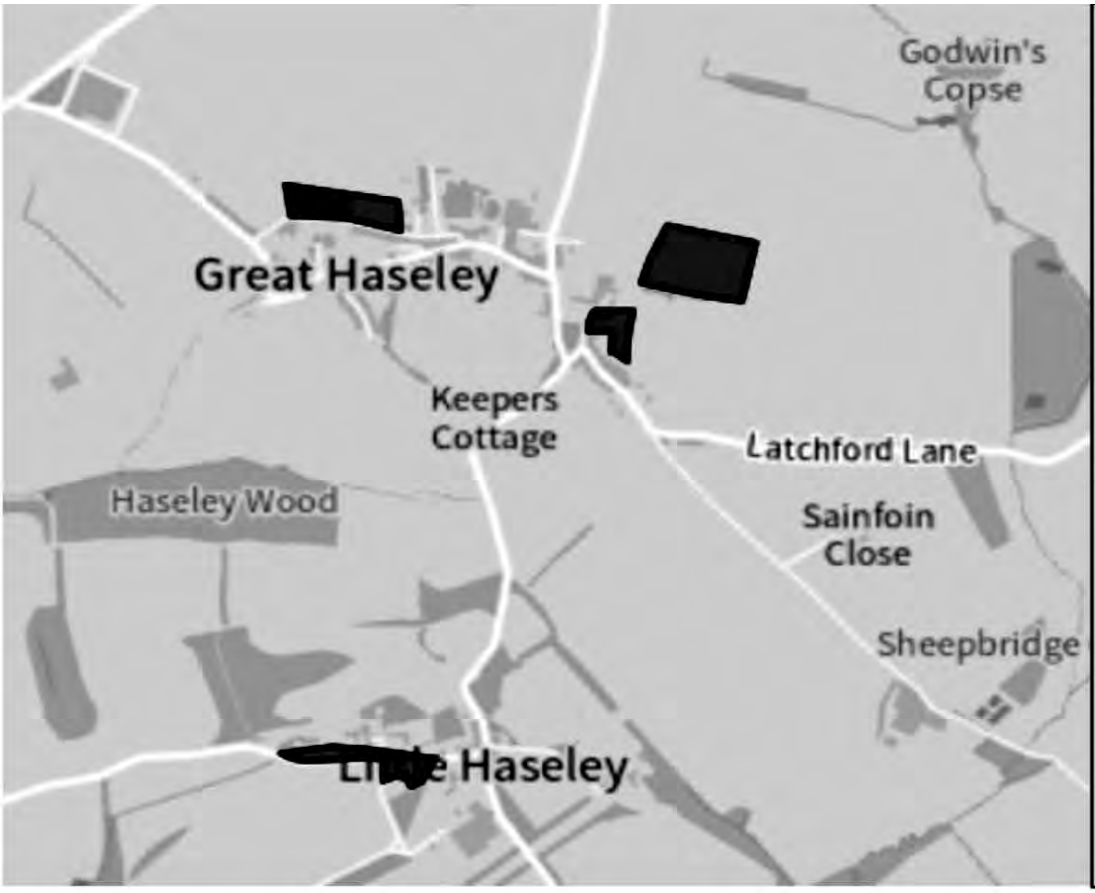
The parish possesses a distinctive rural character – not locked in time, but sensitively changing with the changing demographic and economic circumstances of this part of Oxfordshire. There is a Neighbourhood Priority to sustain this local character and distinctiveness, ensuring any built development within the existing villages is appropriate in terms of scale, setting and materials, ensuring that the sparsely settled character of the landscape and the integrity and character of the local area is maintained and protected, ensuring that the historic features in landscape are preserved and ensuring that the rural setting of the villages is protected.

Theme 3: Community Facilities and Physical Connectivity

Both Great and Little Haseley have few remaining community facilities, with their remoteness also meaning that residents are largely dependent on using their own cars to access facilities in nearby villages. The improved provision of non-car access is one of our key Neighbourhood Priorities, including:

- Provision of safe crossing of A329 to enable access to school bus / current bus service to Oxford / local facilities in Great Milton.
- Restoration of footpath / cycle path to Thame to provide non-car access to our major local town and shopping hub.

Written by Great Haseley Parish Council
Questions or requests for further information to be sent to Tim Suter (chairman@thehaseleys.co.uk)



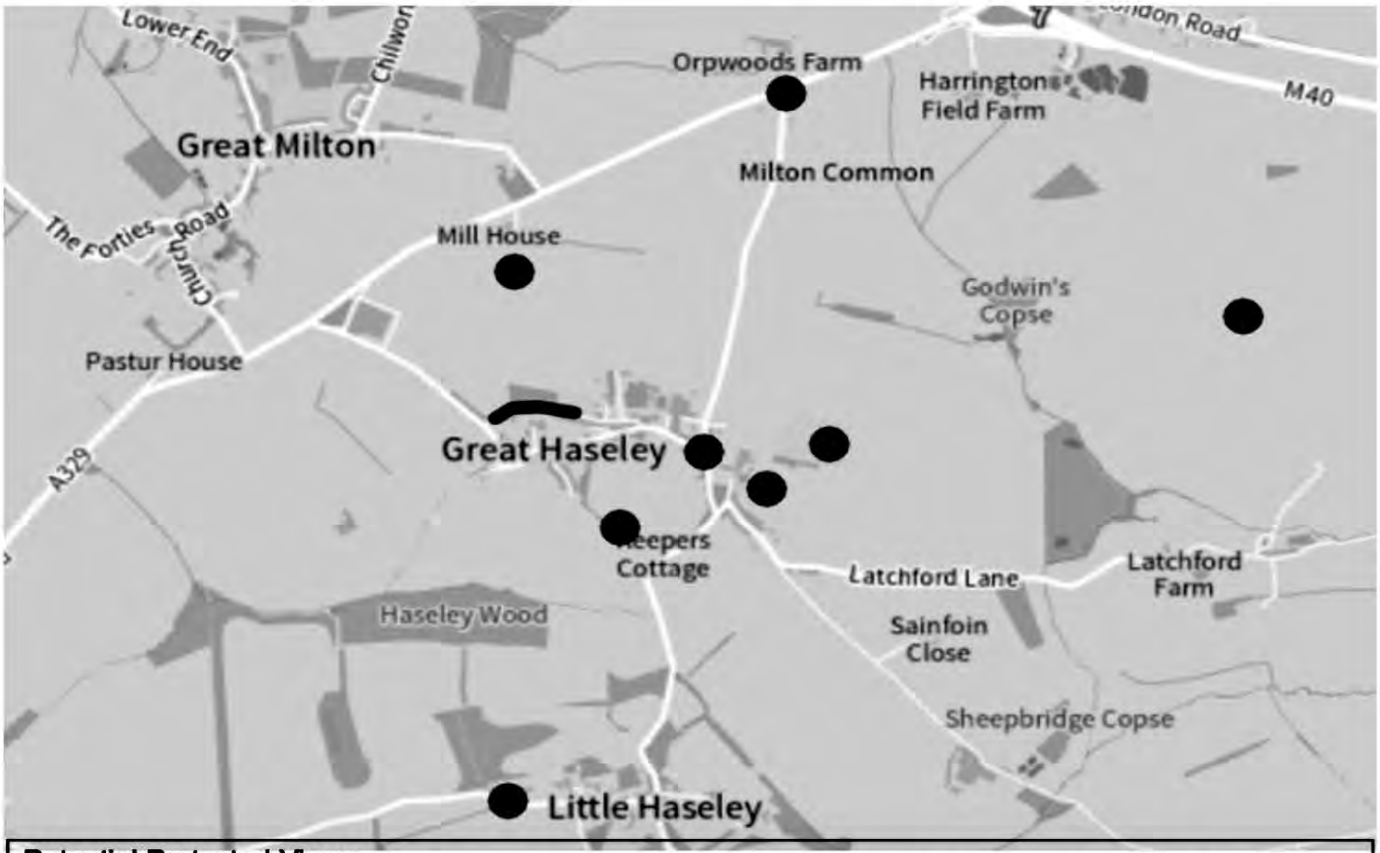
Possible Local Green Spaces

1. Great Haseley Allotments and Miss Cross Field.

2. Great Haseley Recreation Ground.

3. St Peter's Churchyard.

4. Little Haseley Village Green.



Potential Protected Views

1. Great Haseley from Arns Hill
2. Great Haseley from Rectory Road
3. Great Haseley from the Grove
4. Great Haseley from above Latchford Farm
5. Little Haseley from the village green
6. Chilterns from Great Haseley Recreation Ground
7. Chilterns from St Peter's Churchyard
8. Wittenham Clumps, Chilterns and Sinodum Hills from Great Haseley windmill
9. Great Haseley windmill from Back Way

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Great Haseley History Group -

The History Group is now coming down to earth after the epic B-17 event and have received many letters from the families of the crew showing their appreciation. We are now preparing the publication of a book giving the full story of Buttercup and it is hoped it will be ready in the next 4-6 weeks when it will be distributed to all households in the Parish.

We will be looking for another project to undertake but hopefully not quite such a busy one. If anyone has any suggestions as to what this project should be please let me know and we will consider it to see if it is feasible.

Jane Simcox

The Natural History of Haseley: Snowdrops

February, though the shortest month of the year, always seems to be the longest - despite being the traditional start of spring, the long, cold days and gloomy weather just drag on and on, giving the impression that winter will never loosen its grip. Fortunately there is a bright spark in the gloom; snowdrops, bursting their way up through the frosted ground in bright constellations, driving away the dark and showing that spring is indeed just around the corner.

The snowdrop (Galanthus nivalis) is a familiar, easily recognised spring wildflower, found in woodlands, churchyards and gardens across the country. Two bluish-green leaves appear first, followed by a strong stem capped with a leaf-like sheath - protection for the delicate flower as it forces its way up through hard ground, frost and, potentially, snow. The delicate nodding, white flowers - a single, three-petalled blossom on each stem, surrounded by narrow, strap-like leaves sprouting from the base - bloom shortly after and continue to flower until March. The plants often form clumps, and great swathes of flowers, or snowdrop 'valleys', can be sometimes be seen during this time.

Despite its long history in the UK the snowdrop is not a native British wildflower, but has become naturalised from garden escapees; it was probably imported from the damp woods and meadows of central Europe in medieval times and was not recorded as growing wild in this country until the late 18th Century. Its comparatively recent arrival means there is not a huge amount of folklore surrounding this plant, but one seasonal custom was for girls to gather bunches of snowdrops and wear them as a symbol of purity on 2nd February for Candlemas, the Feast of the Virgin Mary. Snowdrops also now form an important early source of nectar and pollen for bees, along other pollinating insects, at a time when very few other food sources are available. Sadly, along with much of our wildlife, the snowdrop is also becoming scarcer and is listed as Near Threatened on the global IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

If you are suffering from a bad case of the February winter blues, go for a wander around the village and keep an eye open for these bright little flowers. The sight of them shining like stars against the dark, muddy ground is almost guaranteed to cheer you up and, if not, at least you will have had a walk in the fresh air and seen a reminder that spring and better times are on the way.

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Earthshot Newsletter –February 2024

A New Year brings many new opportunities, but we'd first like to thank all those who put in time and energy to our various projects in 2023 and over the Christmas period. Together we've managed to make a not inconsiderable change to the village environment, planting new hedgerows, ensuring that our community orchard is used and monitoring the health of our 'blue infrastructure'. This provides a very sturdy base on which to build during the coming year, there are lots of ideas in the pipeline already and I very much hope that many of you will be able to make it to our AGM later in the month to give feedback and see how you can get more involved.

We have a few final winter tasks ahead before the balmy days of Spring and Summer - a further hedge planting day on the 4th and a possible Millennium Wood management day later in the month (TBC). Watch this space.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Hedgerow planting day: Sunday 4th February 2024, Great Haseley Windmill, 10am-4pm. Come and join Wild Oxfordshire and Oxford Conservation Volunteers to complete the planting of mixed hedgerow near Great Haseley's most iconic landmark, with a possibility of undertaking further planting on the Recreation ground should we complete the first task early. Please dress appropriate for the weather, tools and training provided if necessary on the day.
- Haseley Earthshot AGM: Friday 23rd February - time and location TBC (likely 6.30pm at the Village Hall if available). Come and share feedback on the year just past and your ideas on projects for the coming year - or just turn up for a chat and, possibly, a drink or two.

- Millennuim Wood management day: TBC, likely Saturday 24th February, 10am to 4pm - hedge cutting, apple tree pruning, coppicing and weeding. All help welcome, particularly those with experience of pruning.

Parish Council Notices

Are you concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in? A grant is available from Oxfordshire County Council to improve residents homes.

This government-backed scheme targets inefficient homes not heated by gas. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions.

Check your eligibility and apply through the website at welcomethewarmth.org.uk

Great Haseley Parish Climate Action Plan –

In response to the climate emergency, the Parish Council has been developing a Climate Action Plan for the past couple of years. This has now been finalised and is available to view on Parish notice boards or can be found on the Haseleys Parish Council website - thehaseleys.co.uk.

What's happening at THE PINE LODGE – Little Milton

Last month The Lamb and Hall hosted the Seniors new year lunch with an excellent roast beef. At the end of which a wonderful group of children from the village school came and sang carols. Our thanks to The Lamb and the School for a lovely way to start the year.

Regular activities in the Hall include:

Mondays at 10.30 am Yoga & Fitness with Yvonne (y.cartwright@btinternet.com)
Tuesdays at 9:30 am, and Thursdays at 18.00 Keep Fit on with Alyce (alycefwf@gmail.com)
Wednesday 9:30 am Advanced Textile on workshop with Amargeet (amarjeetnandhra@virginmedia.com)
Friday 9:30 am Keep Fit (focus on mobility and stretching) on with Alyce
WI 2nd Thursday of each month at 19:30 contact Kath Stacy (kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)
Crafts 3rd Wednesday of the month at 19:00 contact Kath Stacy (kathstacey@yahoo.co.uk)
Parish Council 2nd Wednesday For further details contact clerk@littlemilton.org.uk
For details of, news, booking info and the online events calendar please view the Pine Lodge webpage at www.littlemilton.org.uk , or contact Linda Lovegrove linda.pinelodge@yahoo.com

Little Milton WI - TONS TOGETHER

In January 17 of us went out for our annual New Year dinner to The Lamb in Chalgrove. A big thank you to Katie & team at the Lamb for the wonderful food and warm welcome. Highly recommend a visit.
Sadly, long-standing WI member Deirdre Mann passed away in December. She was a big character and will be very much missed. Love to all her family and friends.
We're back in the hall on Thursday 8 February for a Mardi Gras Pancake Cook off! Come and have a pancake party with us.
Everyone welcome, visitors £5.

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton, The Haseleys, Stadhampton or surrounding villages, new to the area, want to meet new people, make new friends? Then join Tons Together WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group.
We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pine Lodge at 7.30pm
Too shy to come by yourself or need a lift? Contact us & we'll find you a WI buddy.
Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

The Rector's Pint February 2024

I find that January and February are possibly the hardest months of the year to get through. It is partly the post-Christmas effect. Our 2023 Christmas in all three parishes was remarkably good, and I left our Christmas Day service in Little Milton

with a feeling of joy and goodwill. I was then clobbered by the inevitable bug. I was in bed at 9pm on New Year's Eve, and spent New's Year's Day in a haze, having cancelled a meet up with friends. I did not face the New Year filled with great enthusiasm! I had just turned 64 a couple of days earlier, and was feeling every one of those years.

However, I write this following a rare and crisp frosty morning. The first snowdrops are showing and as I walked with Oscar past the windmill, the sun was rising over the Chilterns. To the south are The Clumps and beyond those, the foggy outline of the Downs; ancient Wessex. I was overwhelmed with gratitude, and with a reminder that moments of joy, when they come, need to be welcomed and cherished.

We are already looking forward to Lent. As usual, there will be a weekly reflective service of Compline every Wednesday at 6pm. There will also be a series of Lent Lunches, and in addition, we will be hosting a series of studies every Tuesday looking at St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. The details are included here, following The Pint. Further details of venues for all the Lent activities will follow once they are known.

On another matter entirely, I have been so struck with how divided things are now. This came to a head for me with the demonstrations around the world relaying to Gaza, and the corresponding rise in antisemitism, not least in London. In December I organised a simple and non-partisan 'vigil for peace' in St Mary's. I hope that for those who did come, they found it helpful. I am grateful to Andrew Meynell for letting me have a prayer he came across some years ago, which comes from St George's Anglican Cathedral in Jerusalem. I believe it still has relevance now.

Pray not for Arab
Or Jew,
For Palestinian
Or Israeli,
But pray rather
For ourselves,
That we might not divide them
In our prayers, but keep
Them both together
In our hearts.

Simon

<u>Lent Lunches</u>

Every year we are pleased to host Lent Lunches around the Parishes. These raise much need money to support Christian Aid and they also have the added joy of bringing people together to share a convivial lunch. We do ask for donations to

cover the costs and also to be able to give generously to Christian Aid. Although we are suggesting a donation of £10.00, any donation will be gratefully received.

There will be three Lunches, all beginning at 12.30pm.

- Weds 28th February, hosted by Jane Jefferis at Northland Cottage in Great Milton
- Weds 6th March, hosted by Scilla Greenall and Anne Maloney at Dellafield Cottage in Little Haseley
- Weds 13th March, hosted by Sally Anne Denis and Jane Willis at Spring Cottage Little Milton.

There is no need to book in advance, do come along.

Lent Course 2024 - The Christian Life in a Turbulent World

If you're interested in how much the historic Christian faith has to teach us about how to navigate the complexities of the 21st century, there will also be a five-week Lent course on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent. The first is on 20th February at The Rectory in Great Milton, and the others will be on 27th February and 5th, 12th and 19th March all at 7.30pm. We will be using Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, one of the earliest Christian writings to provide a framework for our discussions. Everyone is
is welcome, but it would though be helpful to know who will be coming, so please contact me at: simoncronk@btinternet.com 01844 278349.

Benefice Services This Month

February 2024

4th February	9.00am	Holy Communion	Little Milton
	10.30am	Family Worship	Great Haseley
11th February	9.00am	Holy Communion	Great Milton
	10.30am	Family Worship	Little Milton
14th February. Wednesday	7.00pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	Great Haseley
18th February	9.00am	Holy Communion	Great Haseley
	10.30am	Family Worship	Great Milton
21st February.	6.00pm	Compline	Little Milton
25th February	9.00am	BCP Communion	Great Milton
	10.30am	Benefice Family Worship	Great Haseley
28th February.	6.00pm	Compline	Great Milton

March 2024

3rd March	9.00am	Holy Communion	Little Milton
	10.30am	Family Worship	Great Haseley

CHILDREN'S CRAFT MORNING

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THERE IS PLENTY OF PARKING, AND THE CHURCH HAS TOILET FACILITIES

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

February

4th February	11.00am	Great Milton.	Simeon Mitchell
11thFebruary	11.00am	Great Milton.	Alistair Jackson
21st January	11.00am	Great Milton.	Rev Stephen Spain Holy Communion
25th February	11.00am	Great Milton.	Paul Rosentall

For further information please contact Rev Stephen Spain on 01865 763676

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at

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Waterperry Gardens

There are few better places to celebrate the arrival of spring than Waterperry Gardens in Oxfordshire, where the historic ornamental gardens provide the perfect setting for the Galanthus. These wonderful little heralds of spring carpet the old orchard and riverside walks at this time of the year, and winter aconites are also likely to bring a smile to visitors' faces, providing new hints of colour in the garden (normal garden entrance fee applies).

Waterperry boasts beautiful displays of double and single-flowered snowdrops all around the 8-acre gardens and is the perfect excuse for a walk in the gardens followed by a visit to the Teashop to warm up - a lovely way to spend time with friends and family.

www.waterperrygardens.co.uk

John Howell MP writes... January 2024

Even before the Christmas decorations were down, or perhaps before they went up, speculation on the date of the General Election has been hotting up. It could actually be as late as January 2025, but whatever the date, the campaigning is already underway. Not just in the battle for media attention and getting messages out, but also in more subtle ways. In Parliament the increase in emails on specific issues referring to the next Party Manifesto is noticeable. In parliament the use of mechanisms to promote specific issues, such as Early Day Motions and Westminster Hall debates appears to be increasing.

Early Day Motions (EDMs) are motions that formally call for debate in the House of Commons but there is no timeline, simply at an 'early day' and few ever get debated. They are often used on behalf of campaign groups the reality, known by all involved, is that they rarely achieve anything. In any one Parliamentary session there will be well over a thousand EDMs tabled, and at an average cost of a several hundred pounds each, this is a substantial cost to the taxpayer. Given that they are ineffective, along with many colleagues on both sides of the House, I decided some time ago that I would not sign EDMs. Instead, there are many other more effective ways for an MP to raise an issue or lobby government. Whilst EDMs can only be signed by MPs we now have e-petitions which can be signed by anyone. These have much more success in raising awareness of different issues and some do get debated.

There is also a note of caution on Westminster Hall debates. I said above that I have often held a Westminster Hall debate. An MP uses a Westminster Hall debate to raise issues of concern to them. They are formal debates recorded in Hansard, but there are not votes. However, they do get a response from a Minister. So, whilst the debate is important to the MP holding it, the attendance of other MPs is neither critical nor representative of the wider support for the issue. Sometimes it is just not possible to attend.

I have already made public that it is not my intention to put myself forward as a candidate for the next General Election. I have served the Constituency since initially being elected in 2008 and have been returned to Parliament in four subsequent elections. I continue to take an interest in the views of constituents and, with the support of my team, assist those constituents wanting help. However, I am in the happy position of being able to sit light when an email tells me that the senders vote at the next General Election depends on my reply to their email. Such emails often spring from campaign groups and, whilst I will continue to reply with my view, it is really the views of the various Parliamentary Candidates for the Constituency that should be of greater interest. I will have moved on to pastures new.

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Wednesdays: Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Maple Chefs at 1:00-3:00pm

Thursdays: Baby and Bump Cafe at 9:30-11:30am and The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall at 11:00am-12:00pm.

Fridays: Little Chatterboxes at 10:00-11:30am

Family Fun at 10:00-11:30am, 3rd Saturday every month

Check out our Website and Facebook page for more details and look out for our next Paediatric First Aid training, coming in February.

Did you know that it costs nearly £100,000.00 to keep The Maple tree running for a year? Please do get in touch if you would like to help with the fundraising. Our next big event is Daffodil Day at Shotover House on Sunday 17th March. We need volunteers to direct traffic and pedestrians, collect tickets, serve teas, coffees and cakes, and to bake goodies in advance, if you are unavailable on the day.

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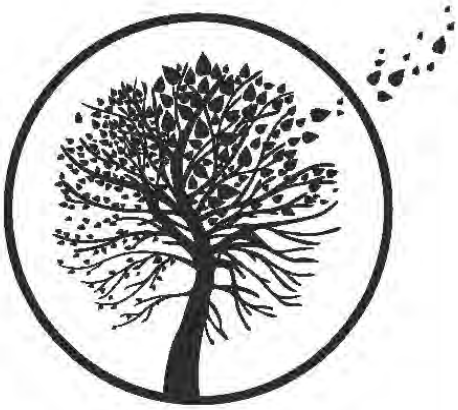

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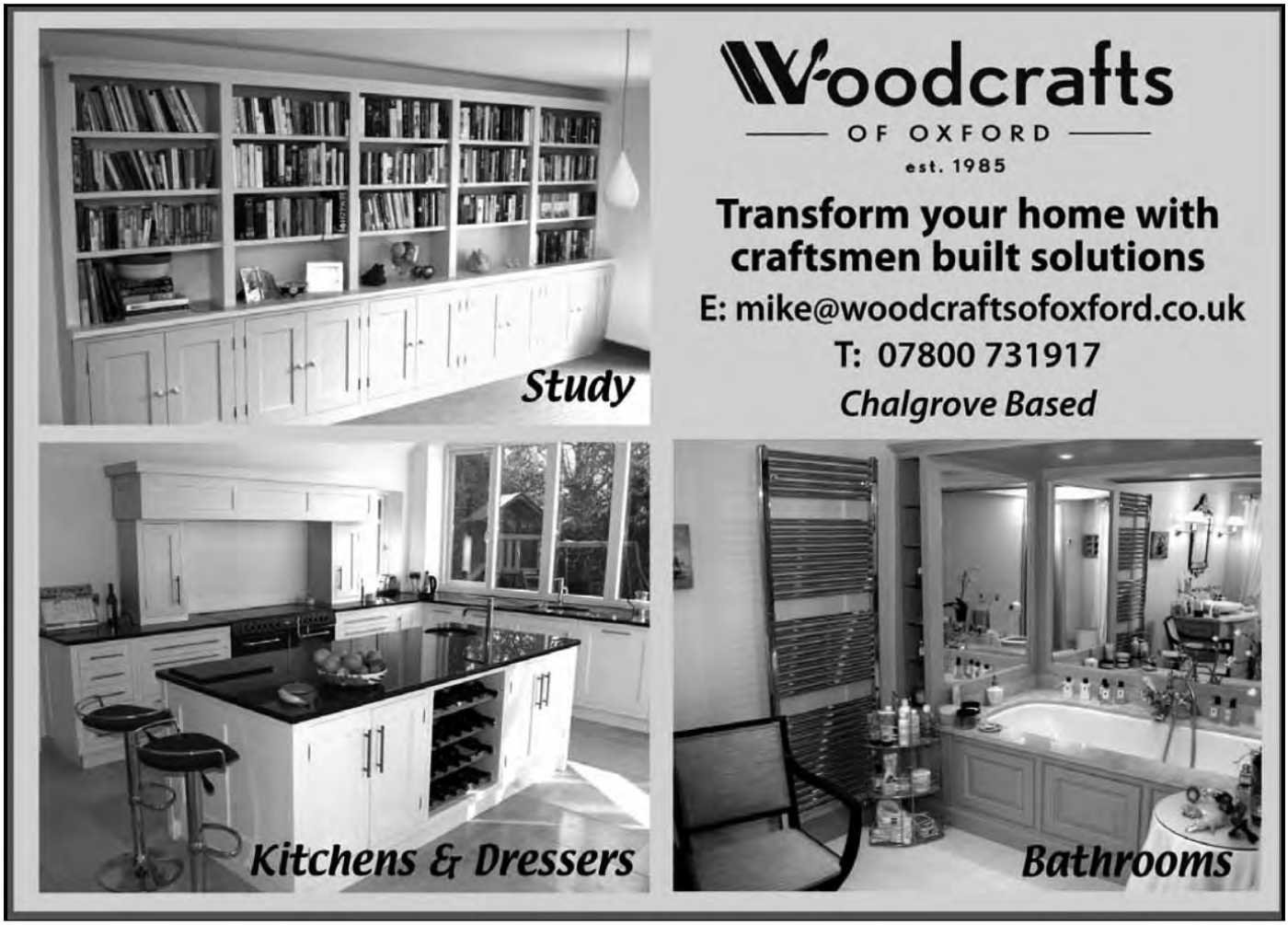

Sausages In Guinness Recipe

By Hazel Leigh

Serves 4

400g Sausages 1 tbsp Flour
One Onion, sliced 440 ml can of Guinness
Clove garlic 100ml Stock
1 tbsp Oil 1 tbsp Tomato puree
Pancetta (or lardons) 150g Mushrooms

Cook the sausages in the oil, for about 10 minutes until browned. Remove from pan. Sauté onion and garlic, crushed, until softened, then add 100g pancetta and cook until browned. Stir in the flour to mop up the liquid and then add the tomato purée, the Guinness and stock. Bring to the boil, then add the sausages and the halved mushrooms. Simmer for 20 minutes until sauce is thick. Serve with baked potato or mash.

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