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Suspension of The Society for the Protection of Minster Lovell

At the end of last year the Chairperson resigned, followed by two other committee members. The Society has made repeated unsuccessful appeals for a Chairperson and Secretary. Due to a lack of interest the vacant roles have not been filled. In view of this the remaining officer, the treasurer, posted a calling notice for an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) that was held on Thursday 5th April 2018 in one last appeal for these positions to be filled. The turnout at the EGM was to say the least abysmal, with only 7 members attending.

As there were no nominees for the positions of Chairman and Secretary it was decided to suspend/mothball the Society until such times as it may be required to campaign against any future developments that might have a detrimental impact on the Village or its residents.

The society has done some excellent work in preventing one housing development and protesting strongly about the other.

There is a need for these activities to continue if we wish to have some influence over the many planning permission requests that will occur over the next few years. Therefore an AGM will be held in June 2019 to either restart the Society or continue with the suspension.

VILLAGE LIBRARY

Thanks to a generous donation from **Minster Lovell Village Trust** we have a lovely eye-catching **Pavement Board** which will be out when the library is in session.

The date of the following session is always displayed on the notice board outside the Village Hall.

We have a good group of regulars who enjoy coming and chatting over coffee and biscuits, as well as those who just come to change their books.

Everyone is very welcome, and it would be particularly nice to see some children over the school holidays.

Unfortunately the session planned for August 14th has had to be cancelled as the Hall is unavailable.

The dates for the autumn are:

Tuesdays 2.00 - 4.00pm

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There is a prayer box in the porch for your confidential prayer requests.

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A warm welcome to new families to the village and confirmation that everyone is welcome to join us for our services and ongoing events.

FORTHCOMING FUND RAISING EVENTS

We will be running a stall at the Old Swan & Minster Mill Family Fun Day on Sunday 12th August from 12.00 – 4.00 pm

Also at the Village Day in Wash Meadow Sunday 26th August from 12.00 Noon Please come and visit our stalls.



CAFÉ CHURCH 4.30 PM The next Café Church

will be on August 5th, October 7th and December 8th

UNITED SERVICES WITH ST. KENELM'S

The next United Service is on Sept 2nd at 11.00 am. Then Dec 2nd at 11.00 am. We were pleased to join St Kenelm's at their Patronal Service on Sunday July 15th.

WELCOME CIRCLE

Welcome Circle begins again in September and has been changed to once a month being the second Wednesday in each month at 2.00pm. We would love to see you.

Please see our Notice Board for future Coffee Mornings and other events.

Pause for thought - If you had a mountain to climb who would you go to for help?

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Sian Whitlock works for the charity Age UK Oxfordshire as community information networker within the West Oxfordshire area.

She has started a **NEW COFFEE MORNING**

Location: Minster Lovell Village Hall Date: 3rd Wednesday of each month Time 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Tea, Coffee and cake available alongside information on a wide range of services for older people (despite this, everybody is welcome), donation only.

Dates: Please note during August there is no coffee morning.

19th September 2018 17th October 2018 21st November 2018 19th December 2018

Sian Whitlock, Community Development Worker – West Oxfordshire Age UK Oxfordshire Mobile: 07827 235448 Normal working days are Tues, Wed, 9am – 5pm









Our MP Robert Courts (opp. page) recently brought up in the House of Commons the bugbear subject of most: potholes in the county, and well he might! The above is but a small sample of the disgraceful state of the A4095 in just the short stretch from the Dovecote to the White Hart.

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Linda

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Just a few hints for the Flower Show

- There is only a few weeks left now to prepare your exhibits for the Show.
- What a challenging growing season we've had, but whatever the condition of your exhibits please bring them along.

Tips for the garden

- Regular dead-heading.
- Water when necessary but mainly at the end of the day.
- Regular picking of your veg helps new growth.

Date for your diary - Flower Show Saturday 18th August in the Village Hall.

Those exhibiting photos, categories are:

1 Birds 2 Togetherness 3 Sunset 4 Partytime. Those exhibiting Craft, categories are:
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District Councillors: Miss Gill Hill & Mr Kieran Mullins.

County Councillor: Mr Liam Walker.

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Minster Lovell Parish Council

Well what a scorcher we have been enjoying of late! We do hope you are surviving the hot weather and indulging in lots of wonderful outdoor activities in the sun. As well the hot weather July 2018 will be remembered for the year England came so close in the World Cup.

Planning

On 1st June 2018, the new Planning in Principle rules came into force. This means that in future the public consultation period for all developments of nine dwellings or less will only be two weeks, rather than the current four. This may result in more Extra Parish Council meetings to ensure that the applications are properly considered by the Parish Council and feedback is submitted on time. The Parish Council has recently reconsidered their Planning Policy Statement to ensure that all the detail necessary is included to enable the Council to make effective and consistent decisions future building and development proposals.

The Council is now looking more closely at the possibility of a new or refurbished Community Hall for the Village, with the majority funded by the forthcoming section 106 monies. This will be discussed in more detail at the July Parish Council meeting and an update will be provided after the meeting. Remember to check the website for the minutes of the July meeting.

Parish Council



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Email: info@minsterlovell-pc.gov.uk Tel: 07712 705865.

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Dog litter bins

The Council has now purchased two new dog litter bins to help alleviate any issues with dog mess being cleared up. These will shortly be erected and ready for use. Overall there have been less dog fouling problems in the Village this summer. Thank you to those people who always clear up after their dog and if you don't please do; it is horrible to step in and take home!

Ripley Avenue update

Following reports of broken nets and football goalposts, the Council has purchased new nets and will be repairing the goalposts ready for the summer holidays. The BMX track remains for children to use, and the Council will make a decision on what is done with it in the future during the Autumn.

News in Brief:

- The Council are currently tendering for a contract to keep the trees in Ripley Avenue and the two large conifers between Ripley Avenue and Cotswold Close tidy and safe, as well as looking for a contractor to undertake the annual weed killing in the Village.
- The Council's annual accounts 2017-18 have been internally audited with some recommendations for improvement in the presentation of accounts and how the Council receives and approves financial statements were made. The annual accounts are now available for public scrutiny until 10th August 2018; please contact the Clerk if you would like to arrange access to these.
- A ban has been agreed on HGV vehicles on local bridges, which will come into force once infrastructure has been built to accommodate this change. County Councillor Liam Walker has been instrumental in getting a restriction on HGV vehicles along the Brize Norton Road. Although this will take some time to come into effect it will be a real benefit to the Village.

 Councillor Sue Bicker has agreed to take on oversight of the allotments for this year and will be regularly attending to check the condition and provide monthly reports to the Parish Council.

Future meeting dates:

- 20th August 2018, 7.30 pm at St Kenelm's Hall.
- 17th September 2018, 7.30 pm at St Kenelm's Hall
- 15th October 2018, 7.30 pm at St Kenelm's Hall

Also a reminder that all Extra Parish Council meetings, which can sometimes be called at short notice, are advertised on our website and agendas will be posted on the Village noticeboards.

I hope to see more of you out and about over the summer.

Alexandra Molton Parish Clerk

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September 24th: Martin Way "The Medieval Archer" Agincourt etc **October 22nd**: Stanley Jenkins "Witney, Old Photographs Part II"

November 26th: John Lindquist "Vietnam Veterans Part II"

December Christmas Party (date and venue not decided)

January 28th 2019: Bill King "Women in World War II"

February 25th: – to be decided

March 25th: Liz Woolley "Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War

1936-39"

April 23rd: Sharon Williams "The Wychwood Project"

We shall be supporting two Minster Lovell village events with fund-raising stands:

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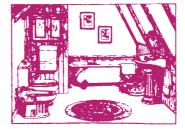


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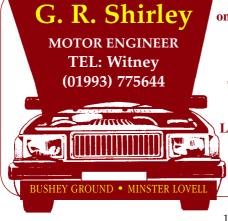
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