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Letter from the Editor

Many thanks to all those people that helped or donated towards our Fundraising stand at the Minster Lovell Festival. We had a 40' marquee and skittles alley and lots of interest. thanks to Brian Barker and Professor Rhys Williams for their donations and Brenda Bennett, Angela Guy, Lyn Lewis, Marion Kew, Cotswold Wildlife Park, The White Hart and Part & Parcel (Witney) for their raffle prizes. Thanks Ed Dunn for your support via the Sports and Social Club, Dave Lewis, Colin Fiford, Wolfgang Mix for help to put up and taken down the marquee, Lyn Blake for the straw bales and Trish Mc Aleer who helped with the skittles.

Its such a pity not to see a Minster Lovell Football Team play this season. When I was kid we cleared the mole heaps and cow pats and skated over the puddles of water. Some weeks were cancelled due to flooding which left our fixtures all behind, so we would take to the buses and sometimes played two games in one day without getting changed! Frank Bryce was our goalkeeper and if he had had the proper coaching we all said he could have played for England, that is if his Mum allowed him to come out to play.

Some of the boys had to do their chores before the matches, like digging half an acre of ground or clearing out Mrs Whitman's chickens and being violently sick in t he process, but it was pocket money for the pictures or Saturday night and fish and chips. Happy Days!

It will soon be Christmas and ideal time to reminisce about the good old days. Happy Christmas to you all!



You can buy exclusive cards/envelopes featuring Minster Lovell, by Roger Coggins, at Graham's Picture Framing Workshop (next to WFS, Burford Road). Many of the views have featured on the front cover of the Village News and include Charterville, The War Memorial, the White Hart, St Kenelm's Church and many more. Graham's books on Minster Lovell "Discovering Minster Lovell" £9.99 and "Minster Boy" £11.99 are still available to buy from The Spar Shop and The Post Office, also Graham's workshop.

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Open every Wednesday between 10 and 12 in Minster Lovell Village Hall.

Do come and join us for drinks, toasted goodies, biscuits and cakes. Your are assured of a warm welcome. The library is also open.

Run by Villagers for the benefit of the Village.

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MINSTER LOVELL VILLAGE TRUST

The Trust exists to manage the sale of the Village Guide books. All profits are available to local voluntary organisations for any project being planned.

For further advice or if we can contribute towards a project for your organisation.

Grant Co-ordinator
Sharon Palmer
spalmer2002uk@yahoo.co.uk
Christine Donahue (Chair)

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Ever wondered what "WI" is all about? The WI is for ALL women of ALL ages

CHECK NOTICE BOARDS FOR UPDATES

Oct 12th Seasonal Bake Demo and tasting
Nov 9th Opals the most beautiful gemstones
Dec 14th St Denny's handbell ringers Christmas Edition
Jan 11th Steven Bruce. Browsing antique shops and fairs
St Kenelm's Hall, Minster Lovell starting at 7.30 pm

Please come along for a visit



MINSTER LOVELL PLAYGROUP

Please put your name down to reserve your place

Open Monday and Friday 9am - 12 noon

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am - 3pm

For more information or to arrange an informal visit

please ring **Vicki Wright** on **01993 705645**, *email* minsterlovellplaygroup@gmail.com

Minster Lovell Sports & Social Club

The Pavilion, Wash Meadow, Old Minster Lovell

For details of events and bookings and all other enquiries:

Please call Ed Dunn on 07792132215

ST KENELM'S HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ENQUIRIES AT

info.minsterlovellvillagehall@gmail.com

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

WASP WINDRUSH AGAINST SEWAGE POLLUTION

windrushwasp.org

Fishing in Minster Lovell. To fish at Wash Meadow is available only to residents of Minster Lovell who must hold a permit. If you wish to obtain a permit contact the **Fishing Bailliff - Mr Paul Woodley** in the village 07946 178415

Minster Lovell Flower & Produce Show

Another fantastic year for our Village Flower and Produce Show!
Despite the challenging weather conditions our gardens have faced this year, support for the 2026 Village Flower and Produce Show remained wonderfully strong.

This year we welcomed 75 individual entrants, compared with 70 in 2025 - an encouraging increase of 7.1% . Between them, our exhibitors produced an impressive 301 entries, only slightly below the 313 received last year - a decrease of just 3.8% year on year.

Considering the difficult growing conditions experiences throughout the season, maintaining more than 300 exhibits while attracting more individual entrants is a fantastic achievement.

Most importantly, the figures show that enthusiasm for taking part on our village show continues to thrive. Whether entering flower, home-grown produce baking, crafts, photography or children's classes, every single entry contributes to this wonderful display and community spirit that makes our show so special.

Our community is growing online too! Our Facebook page now has over 100 members, helping us to share show news, inspiration, hints and tips throughout the year. If you haven't already joined us, please do! We'd love to welcome even more people into our Flower and Produce Show Community

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who entered, visited, volunteered followed us on Facebook or supported the show in 2026

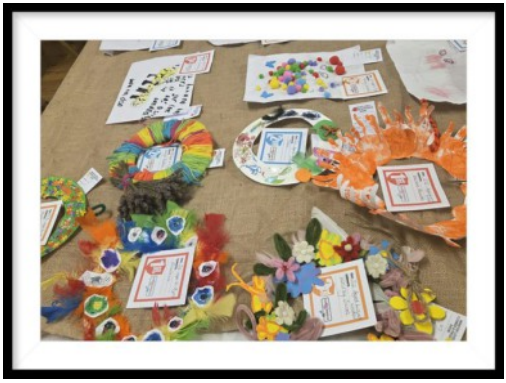
* 2026 Glance: 301 exhibits, 75 entrants, 7.01% increase in people taking part, 100+ Facebook members.

2027 Diary Dates
Come & Chat with the Committee: Wednesday 3rd March - 7pm -Village Hall
2027 Show: Saturday 21st August

Here's to an even bigger and better show next year!







Views from the Flower and Produce Show

Minster Lovell Festival





A great day out was had by all the family.
A big thanks to Ed Dunn and his team !



Minster Lovell Methodist Church

Minister Rev'd Sue Jacobs
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Tel:01608 656732
Lay Pastoral Worker: Mrs Dawn Haley
85 Brize Norton Rd. Minster Lovell Tel: 775675
email: dawn.haley8@gmail.com

A warm Welcome is extended to every one at all our services and events



Community Counts
Saturday Café every week 10.00 - 12.00

Please drop in and try the homemade cakes, filter coffee, tea/squash and make new friends.



Father Christmas Visits at 2.30pm on Saturday Nov. 28th
To the Village hall for the Christmas Fayre which opens at 2.00pm

Stalls and games for all ages
Children might like to bring their letters for Father Christmas



Candle-light Carol Service
6.00pm Sunday 20th
Rev. Sue Jacobs
Festive refreshments follow the service

For the Christmas Morning Service please see the Notice Board
There will be no service at 11am on Sunday December 27th

On behalf of Minster Lovell Methodist and Community Counts
I wish you a very happy Christmas

For further information contact Dawn Haley (Tel 01993 775675 or email dawnhaley8@gmail.com

St Kenelm's Church Minster Lovell

(adjoining Minster Lovell Ruins)

wtparish@btinternet.com
https://.new.witneyparish.org.uk/st-kenelms-minster-lovell//
01993 779492
Please email the Witney Parish for information on Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.



St Kenelm's Church continues to hold a service every Sunday with Witney Benefice Team taking our services. The service is at 9.15 and is usually Communion. Visitors are always very welcome. A notice about services and events is always displayed in the Church porch and on the Witney Benefice website https://new.witneyparish.org.uk/st-kenelms-minster-lovell// or email emailoffice@witneyparish.org.uk

HARVEST FESTIVAL Service 11 October 9.15am, refreshments served after the service. Come along and join us! All very welcome.

FLOWER ARRANGERS We are asking if anyone would like to join the team of flower arrangers? We have lots of visitors who remark how lovely our flowers in church look. You do not need to be an expert at all, just a lover of flowers for people to enjoy. It is just 3 - 4 times a year. Jenny Dunn our flower co-ordinator would love to hear from you, she is on 01993 775242, or contact me, see below.

BINGO

Our Autumn and Christmas Bingo is on Tuesday 19th November in St Kenelm's Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Any donations would be most welcome.

ST KENELM'S SCHOOL

We are delighted that the children, parents and staff will be coming to church for a Carol Service on 10 th December at 2.30. We look forward to welcoming them.

As the next Village News will not be printed until the New Year we do not have any details regarding Christmas Services yet, but nearer the time please check the Notice board by the Church or check the website above or contact me, details below. I know its very early but may we at St Kenelm's wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at Church or in the Village.

Brenda Bennett (bennettgb@btinternet.com)
Joint Churchwarden

Minster Lovell History Club

We have started a new season of talks on September 28thwith Barbara Taylor who gave us an Introduction to the War of the Roses, which was well received.

On October 27th we have our local speaker, Professor Rhys Williams, on "A History of our NHS".

November 23rd we are going to hear about "Black Wantage - true or false" by Dr M A Seaborne from the Wantage Museum.

On December 12th we are holding our annual Christmas Lunch which will be at The Old Swan, Minster Lovell.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to all who attended and contributed towards Anne Cambray's Macmillan Coffee Morning on 26th September where £430 was raised. Well done all!







Strawberry Teas

Once again, a big **THANK YOU** to all my helpers and those who came along to support, and donations of money and raffle prizes for my **Strawberry Teas** on Saturday July 4th. I really appreciate the support and so does the Charity.





If people do not need their baskets, I would welcome them back to create hampers for next year's Strawberry Teas.

Linda Jeffery



ST KENELM`S SCHOOL TRUST

The St. Kenelm`s School Trust is a charity set up several years ago to give a little financial support to children of the village who need to purchase equipment, books, or other materials to further their education, whether it is school, college, university or other higher educational courses.

To be eligible applicants should be under the age of twenty-five, lived in the village for at least two years and attended St Kenelm`s school for at least one year.
If you think you are eligible and would like to apply, please complete the application form below and send it with the receipts of the equipment or other materials you have purchased for your course to:
Mrs J Brown, 29 Upper Crescent, Minster Lovell. OX29 0RT.

APPLICATION FOR A GRANT	
Name	
Address	
Date of birth	
Time lived in the village	
Time/ dates at St. Kenelm`s school	
A brief description of what the application is for.	
Total amount applied for	
Please attach all receipts;	

We look forward to receiving your application
St. Kenelm`s School Trust.

Wash Meadow Trustees

The Trustees of Wash Meadow are appointed by the Parish Council to maintain the land and pavilion that was bequeathed to the Parish of Minster Lovell. A charity was established to manage the land and pavilion.

Like most charities today, finance to meet their responsibilities, is an ongoing challenge. The charity's only source of income is an annual donation from the Parish Council and rental income from the hire of the pavilion and grounds to the Sorts & Social Club (S&SC). The majority of this income pays for grass-cutting and insurance, leaving little for ongoing maintenance.

You may have noticed that we recently erected signs in the car park requesting donation from anyone who has "enjoyed their visit to Wash Meadow and Old Minster" with the hope that visitors will donate. Of course if any parishioners would like to donate as well, that would be most appreciated.

The boundaries of Wash Meadow have been in need of maintenance from overgrown trees and bushes for many years. Many of the river bank trees were removed by contractors. The other, land based, trees and undergrowth were cleared by volunteers. If anyone had any time to help with this activity, please contact the secretary. It is a very rewarding way of giving back to your community.

Flooding of the field has been a regular winter occurrence, but in recent years the wet weather and resultant flooding has started earlier and continued later. As well as making it impassable for visitors, it has resulted in the Cricket Club having to forfeit matches as the beginning of the season, as well as being a significant reason for the demise of the village football club. The Trustees are are working with the S&SC and cricket club to explore solutions and funding to alleviate this flooding and install the necessary drainage.

If any Parishioners would like some logs for the winter, some are available at Wash Meadow, for a donation to the Trust. Please contact the secretary.

If anyone would like to contact the Trustees please email the secretary at robert.dick@rocketmail.com.

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Thank you

To all who supported our **Garden Open Day** 16th August.
Income totalled £1200 which has been split between the National Garden Scheme (Cancer Support) and Cats Protection Charities.

Lynn and David Rogers
113 Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell.

Cotswold Wardens

Cotswold Wardens cleared a number of footpaths around Minster Lovell on 2nd September. These include footpaths

Behind the Old Swan
Leading from Minster Bridge to Jubilee Walk
Bushey Ground
Minster Hall Ruins to Crawley.

Please be aware that this work is undertaken following discussion, and agreement, of Oxfordshire County Council's Public Rights of Way team.

Linda Shelley
Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Just a reminder that we no longer have a house to house collection for the Poppy Appeal, but I am very grateful to the local businesses which support the Royal British Legion by selling poppies and other merchandise.

Boxes of merchandise will be available in the Spar, Post Office, The White Hart and The Fire Sprite as well as the school.

Thank you for all your support. I've had a record number of wreaths ordered this year which reflects the involvement of all our village organisations

Wendy Atkinson
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Mr Paul Lees
Mrs Laura Sednaoui
Mrs Wendy Usherwood
Mrs Suzanne Lees
Mr Andrew Cooper

It has been a busy and hot few months for the Parish Council since the last newsletter, with work continuing on the Minster Lovell Neighbourhood Plan, Community Speed Watch, Art Project and preparations for this year's Remembrance Parade and Service. The Parish Council have now said farewell to Parish Clerk Vanessa Oliveri, wishing her well in her new role. Mrs Kelly Parker was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer on our July 2026 meeting officially starting the role in early August 2026.

Remembrance Sunday: The Parish Council is in the process of organising this year's Village Remembrance Day service to be held at the War Memorial, Brize Norton Road on Sunday 8th November at 10.30. Residents are warmly welcomed to attend and join the Village in the Remembrance Service. If anyone would like to help out in any way with the proceedings please contact the Parish Clerk.

Community Speed Watch: The Parish Council will be introducing a Community Speed Watch scheme for Minster Lovell in the coming months with our Councillor Suzanne Lees taking Lead. Some Councillors and Parishioners have also completed the required training. The aim is to carry out regular monitoring sessions at suitable locations within the Village, including Brize Norton Road and Burford Road, subject to Police approval and safety requirements. Additional volunteers are needed and all training will be provided. If you would be interested in joining the team please contact the Parish Clerk or Councillor Suzanne Lees.

Ripley Avenue Play Area: The repairs relating to the damages that occurred in May 2025 have now been completed. Unfortunately, the Parish Council continues to deal with further damage to equipment at Ripley Play Area. The bucket swing which was repaired in August 2026 has already been damaged again and has had to be removed for safety reasons. the Council is currently awaiting quotations for this repair alongside quotations for the repairs following the damage in September 2025. These will be considered and approved before the necessary work can proceed. The play area is an important facility for children and families in the Village, and the cost of repairing deliberate damage ultimately falls on the community. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and to report any witnessed vandalism or anti-social behaviour to the Police and the Parish Clerk. The Council will continue to monitor the security of the area and progress the necessary repairs.

Minster Lovell Neighbourhood Plan: Work continues to progress the Neighbourhood Plan towards the final stages. Following the well-attended public consultation earlier this year, the Parish Council has agreed further work to strengthen the heritage evidence and policy wording relating to non - designated assets within the Village. Work is also continuing to explore Conservation Area status alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.

Local Plan Consultation: West Oxfordshire District Council is currently consulting on its emerging local plan. At the September Parish Council meeting, Councillors discussed concerns regarding the proposed development of land between Minster Lovell and Witney, particularly the potential impact on the separation between the two settlements. The Parish Council is preparing a formal response to the consultation. Residents are encouraged to view the proposals and submit their own comments before the consultation closed on 9th October 2026

Village Art Project: The Parish Council continues to consider the Village Art Project, for which section 106 funding is available. An extraordinary Parish Council Meeting will be held on the 5th October at 7pm, in St Kenelm's Village Hall, Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell, specifically to discuss the Art Project and the next steps. The Agenda will be published on the Parish Council website and added to the notice - boards.

Parish Council

Website: www.minsterlovell-pc-gov.uk

Allotments: If anyone is interested in having an allotment in Minster Lovell please contact the Parish Clerk. Minster Lovell residents take priority for the allotments and if one is not immediately available we can add you to the waiting list. There will be a one Full plot available after the November 20206 Parish Council Meeting.
Protecting our Village Lime Trees: Residents and organisations are kindly reminded not to attach posters or notices to the Village lime trees at the northern end of Brize Norton Road because it is damaging the trees. The Council agreed at the August 2026 meeting that anything attached to the trees will be removed.
Grant Applications: As part of the precept planning for 27/28, local organisations are welcome to apply for grant funding from the Parish Council. Applications will be considered in October/November with a decision being made at the December Parish Council meeting
Dog Fouling: The Parish Council remind dog walkers to pick after their dog even in the dark winter months, and please put the bags into the bins provided in the Village or take them home.

With different tiers of local Government, it can be confusing to understand who does what, when there is a query or complaint.

In Oxfordshire, the County Council looks after areas such as education, social care, trading standards, transport and highways. All highways issues should be reported on www.fixmystreet.com

The District Council looks after services such as refuse and recycling, reporting fly tipping, noise nuisance, planning, council tax and housing. Contact details below. Unruly dogs and antisocial behaviour should be reported to the Police who need evidence of issues in prioritising possible actions.

The Parish Council has responsibility for allotments, bus shelters, community and play facilities, grass cutting and responding to consultations and planning applications. The grass cutting contractors in the Village carry out their work on a schedule so cannot respond to requests on an ad hoc basis.

All Villagers are welcome to attend Parish Council meetings which are usually held on the third Monday of each month in St Kenelm's Hall, Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell, starting at 7pm. Please see the Council Meetings section of the website for more information.

Other Contacts
Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks - Electricity Outages - 105
West Oxfordshire District Council Main Reception 01993 861000
Missed waste collection - 01993 861025.
Thames Water - Leakline - 0800 714614
Report Highway Problems - www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk
Details of planning applications or advice on applying
website: www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning-and-building/
To report a drone sighting call 01993 842551 and request extension no. 333

Minster Lovell Cricket Club

Minster Lovell Cricket Club celebrated another reasonably successful season with a Dinner and Presentation evening at Burford Golf Club on Friday 2nd October 2026.

It also saw the end of an era for Lyn & Dave Lewis who had been to have served as joint Presidents for MLCC for the past 16 years. A bottle of Champagne and Dinner for two was presented to them by the Chairman, Tim Gush, whom after 17 years of service to the club was also standing down.

President's Day this featured teams from both parties with a Chairman's XI versus the President's XI. After a fantastic game the President's XI had a narrow victory. We all look forward to continued success in 20227

All three teams held their own in their relative divisions:
1st team finishing 6th in division two of the Cherwell League
2nd team finishing 8th in division 5a of the Cherwell League
3rd team finishing 5th in division 9a of th Cherwell League.

The awards for the seasons best performances are listed below and were announced by John Manning.

Mike Kearvell Trophy:
Junior Fielder of the Year — *Louis Schaay-Manning*

Andy Bugler Trophy
Best Junior Batting/Bowling performance — *Freddie Taylor 99 & Jacob Shutie 4-19*

Peter Haley Trophy
U17 Player of the Year — *Freddie Taylor*

Sybil Williams Trophy
U19 Player of the year — *Seamus Rowles*

Les Wilsdon Trophy
Most Promising Junior — *Freddie Taylor*
Freddie averaged 47 in 3rd XI, 47 in 2nd XI and also made his 1sT XI debut.





Chairman Tim Gush then announced the rest of the awards:

Paul Mix Trophy
Overall Most Improved Player — *Fin Lomas*

Les Seely Trophy
Best Senior Batting/Bowling Performance in the League — *Connor Tinsley 118* & Zak Jarvis 6 - 19*

Jake Mawson then gave his view of the season as captain of the 3rd XI, before the awards for his team were handed out.

Geoff Green Trophy
3rd XI Batsman of the Year — *Richard Taylor 308 runs 1 x 100 & 2 x 50*

Aubrey Busby Trophy
3rd XI Bowler of the Year — *Jacob Shuties 16 wickets*

Tom Lock Trophy
3rd XI Player of the Year — *Tom Pollard*

Tony Gardener then gave his review of the season as captain of the 2nd XI before the awards for his team were handed out.

John Haley Trophy
2nd XI Batsman of the Year — *Seamus Rowles 301 runs 2 x* 50

Don Holloway Trophy
2nd Xi Bowler of the Year — *Mehmood Munir 27 wickets*

Albert Balmer Shield
2nd XI Player of the Year — Seamus Rowles

As Olly Mersh captain of the 1st XI had won all 3 awards for the first team, Nathan Harris gave a resume of the 1st team performance for the year.

Aubrey Blake Trophy
1st XI Batsman of the year — *Olly Mersh 639 runs 1 x 100 & 5 x 50*

Dave Lewis Trophy
1st Bowler of the Year — *Olly Mersh 28 wickets*

Minster Lovell Shield
1st Player of the Year — *Olly Mersh*

Rod Harris Trophy
Club Person of the year — Rachel Benyon

“Cricket, tea, sunshine and the occasional run - what more could a Village ask?”

Woodturning - From firewood to a beautiful object

Creating something from wood is always satisfying, but learning to turn items on a lathe can be both satisfying and frustrating at the same time. Any piece of wood often has unexpected irregularities which you overcome as you start to shape it down to something that resembles the object you had in mind at the start! Some woods will allow you to shave constant and regular glistening slivers off for minutes on end, while others send bark and knots flying off all around you. Or you might have to concentrate hard to produce a smooth and predictable cut on a jaggy piece from some exotic tree. Pine, so much used in the building industry, is usually easy to turn as it is relatively soft, though it can have multiple knots, while a piece of tropical wood may be hard as nails and require a really sharp chisel and steady, patient hands.

No matter how long you have been turning, every new piece of wood brings a new challenge. How will you hold it in the chuck (the expensive bit on the lathe which is and adjustable gripper)? As you pick up skills, you soon learn that the first position you mount it in the jaws is just to allow you to cut a better place to grip for the next stage. You'll probably change its holding points at least two or three times if you're making a bowl, and each stage introduces some new techniques.

You don't have to be supremely practical to take to woodturning, you just have to have the patience to learn some techniques and then practice, practice, practice. Before you know it you will be producing a candlestick for Granny, bowls for the house or miniature snowmen for the Christmas Tree!



If you start your journey by looking at the glossy catalogues from the major tool companies, you'll probably get the feeling its not worth the risk of splashing out all that money to discover whether you may enjoy it. So if you're tempted to find out more without needing to spend, check out your local woodturningclub and watch how others do it. Have a go under the watchful eye of an experienced turner. Usually, there are opportunities to buy a good quality second hand lathe and a set of "get you started" tools, which won't make a big hole in your wallet.

And its not just an activity for the blokes, ladies are also very welcome. If you would like to find out more, please come and talk to us. Alternatively, visit our website, www.wowa.org.uk.

West Oxon Woodturning Association meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, Long Hanborough and your first visit is free. We are a friendly, congenial bunch of folk. Some meetings entail watching professional demonstrators showing how to make something, and/or explainng techniques. Over a break for tea or coffee, you may get to talk to others and then resume your seat to watch the item being finished off. Other evenings are practical where you can practise, under guidance, on one of our lathes. the hall is open fro 7pm, and we finish at 10pm or very soon after. Why not come and give us a try?

Swinford Museum Filkins

Some History Club members enjoyed another visit to the Swinford Museum in Filkins in September. Dave Swinford, grandson of the founder and Curator was there to show us around. There is new display every year and this year included the "lock up" where drunks or criminals were put. It was very small and must have been very uncomforable!

It was all followed by a delightful Cream Tea!

They also donated part of a Breast Plough such as would have been used in Charterville, to the Minster Lovell Museum.







Combe Mill

Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, Oxon OX29 8ET

Sun 20th October "In Steam" Woodcraft and Autumn Market

We have invited Wood Turner's Club along with vintage demonstrations, come along and see how it was done in the day. Our special **Autumn Market** with around 16 of our regular stalls along with **Charlbury Morris Dancers** in the afternoon.

Combe Mill a late 19th Century restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode, all machinery running "In Steam", volunteers will be on hand with lots of information. Blacksmiths in the forge, you might just be able to make a poker. Tea Room, Hot Food, Raffle Tombola and Gift Shop, all open.

Adults £9.50, seniors £8.50, accompanied children FREE. Open 10.30am - 4.30pm (last entries 3.30pm). Dogs most welcome.

Sunday 6th December "Christmas Fayre"

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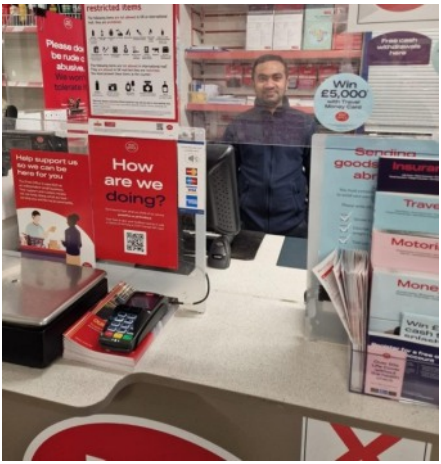
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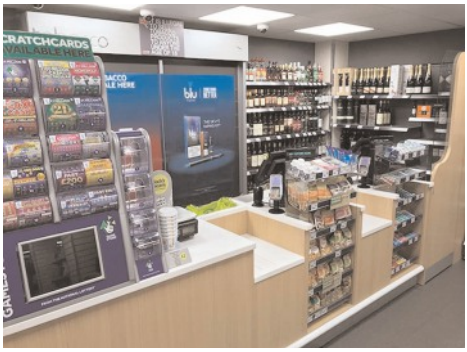
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