



MINSTER LOVELL PARISH COUNCIL

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

We were treated to sunshine and blue skies for this year's Service of Remembrance. It was pleasing to see so many of you attend this community event which takes around 3 months to organise and this year had over 23 contributors and helpers. Well done to our speakers, particularly the children who took part in the service. Please see Dot Holloway's article for a summary of the morning.

2012/13 PRECEPT

The Parish Council continues to analyse and finely balance its financial budgets. This year reflects a 3.5% reduction in costs shared by the electorate on last year. The Council will reduce its costs further next year by funding more functions from existing balances and reducing budgets to the same level set in 2006/7. You will note from your Council Tax advice next year whether the District Council and Thames Valley Police have set their finances in the same way.

DOGS, DOGS, DOGS!

The Parish Council has received a number of reports concerning dogs roaming around Ripley Avenue Play Area without owners, dogs not being kept on leads, dogs being set upon by other dogs and more incidents of dog fouling. We have now enlisted the help of the District Council's Enforcement Officer who is regularly visiting the Village and will fine dog walkers who act illegally. Ripley Avenue Amenity Area is for everyone's use, so please keep your dog on its lead at all times and clean up after it. If these practices continue, the Council will ban all dogs from the field.

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

A Committee has now been created to organise a village event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year. Saturday 2nd June has been set and a Jubilee Queen and her Consort will be chosen at a Youth Disco in March 2012. Full

details will be published in due course. If you would like to join this active Committee, please contact Chairperson Judy Balmer on 01993 771457.

SALT COLLECTION MORNING

Oxfordshire County Council has set up a new scheme to help limit their highway salt expenses. It will only re-fill all existing highway salt bins once and has delivered approx. 1 tonne of salt to the Parish Council to use as it sees fit. The Parish Council felt that the salt should be distributed to parishioners to help keep the footpaths and roads salted and held a collection morning on 12th November for this purpose. We were pleased to hand out nearly 100 bags of salt to parishioners, some of whom shared vehicles with less mobile neighbours. I'm sure some fortunate parishioners would like to thank Mike & Ann Ford who were kind enough to think of them and delivered a bag.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Looking ahead to the next few months, the Parish Council will be working on the following:-

- Obtaining quotes for the **village grass cutting contract**. Please forward any comments that you may have on the standard of cuts undertaken this year.
- Continuing to participate in consultations and representing the Village in West Oxfordshire District Council's **Draft Local Development Framework**. For more information see www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/LDF.cfm.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The forthcoming meetings are **Monday 19th December and Monday 16th January**. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the village noticeboards and website at least three days in advance of the meeting. A question time for parishioners is currently held at the *beginning* of meetings.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like to comment on an agenda item or propose an item for discussion, please write to the Clerk at 91 Brize Norton Road or by email to info@minsterlovell-pc.gov.uk and your comment will be added to the discussion.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR COUNCIL AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Approximately 180 people attended, the morning was mild dry and sunny. Minster Lovell Scout Group, village children, representatives from the RAF and Royal British Legion processed to the War Memorial. The service began at 10.30, and was led by David Haley (Chairman Minster Lovell Parish Council), Fr. Adrian Gabb-Jones representing St. Kenelms Church and Steven Hodge representing The Lighthouse Church. The Methodist Church was represented by Ken Mumford this year as Rev. Peter Goodhall was unable to attend.

The service began with the hymn 'Judge Eternal Throned in Splendour', the organist being Mrs Margaret Lawley. The Bible reading was by Mrs. Dawn Haley and contributions from local organisations were read, Scott Haley (8) beautifully reading for Minster Lovell.

The hymn 'Thine Be the Glory' was sung and prayers began the act of remembrance. Wreaths were laid by many Village organisations including St Kenelm's Church, Minster Lovell Cricket Club, Minster Lovell Sports and Social Club, The Women's Institute, 4Bs club, The Scout Group, Minster Lovell Playgroup, The Mothers Union, Minster Lovell Parish Council, RAF Brize Norton and West Oxfordshire District Council.

The Roll Of Honour was poignantly read by Luca Balmer and Sam Walker and the two minute silence was held (sadly interrupted by one passing car) before the Last Post was played by Nicky Jones on her bugle. 'They Shall Not Grow Old' was read by Mr. Peter Kay and the service concluded with The National Anthem and The Grace.

Refreshments were provided by The Lighthouse Church. Thanks to The White Hart for the use of their car park and the marquee.

'It is not important to wear a poppy and honour the war dead - it is absolutely vital. It is one day out of a lifetime. Small gratitude indeed.' Comment and article by Dot Holloway.