
Thanks for the Memory

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Some 16 years ago my husband, Michael and I decided to purchase our first home together. Having both come from a small village and an even smaller hamlet in the Cotswolds we were unable to afford the stone cottage as we had hoped. Instead, we purchased a little bungalow in Milton-Under-Wychwood. We both spent our childhood with friends playing in the rolling countryside on warm summer days and walking through neighbouring woods full of bluebells, primroses and violets. My first impression was that we were a million miles away from this because Milton-Under-Wychwood seemed to be almost of city proportions!

Then, one day by pure chance, as we were driving along we noticed the sign to the woods at Bruern. As we approached on foot through the fields, through the gate and down the track we were greeted by what can only be described at the most breathtaking sight I have ever seen. It was a carpet of blue as far as you could see and a wonderful, sweet, flowery smell. Neither of us had seen anything like it. We were both so overwhelmed that we invited our family over to witness its beauty. Even today, after all these years, every time I go it still amazes me and it just gets better and better. Our son, Harry, has now been many times. Lately, we have a six month old black Labrador puppy called Molly and I am very much looking forward to introducing her to the bluebell wood too.

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Milton Village Hall refurbishment

When embarking on the refurbishment project, the Milton Village Hall Committee did not fully appreciate how much work would be involved. Once plans were drafted and agreed upon they had to be submitted to WODC. As soon as the plans were passed, Building Specifications were written-up, which is a lengthy process and is still in progress. To obtain grants, quotations are required from three contractors, e.g. for curtains, heating, lighting, ceiling etc. The whole process of applying for grants is lengthy and involves much form-filling. Various repair jobs have been carried out in the past 12 months and we hope to do more this year. The floor has been sanded, which in itself makes a big difference to the Hall. Small touches, like the new sign on the front of the building, the repair and cleaning of the runners on the partition, making it easier to use, boxing in of the electric meters, decorating in the entrance hall and ladies' toilets and new rear gates have all improved the appearance of the hall. The Committee hope that everyone will continue to support the Village Hall.

Hall Management Committee