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July/August 2016





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Dorchester News July/August 2016 A DoT view

This month we must bow to what has become inevitable and see the effective end of bus services through the village, with the exception of one service each way for schools. The evidence is clearly that for most of us this won't make much difference, but there are people for whom having access to a bus service is important. For these people the Parish Council is working to try to provide provision. At the moment there are a number of unknowns about what is being proposed that make it difficult to respond to, but if you think that you might use the community bus being proposed then go to page 23, read the proposals and sign up for it.

Something that you won't need a bus for is a stroll around the open gardens of Dorchester on July 9. Let's hope for good weather, and then this can be a lovely afternoon when you can get to enjoy other people's gardens, be inspired by them sometimes, and get to see bits of the village you might not ordinarily go to.

The memorial service for Mary Tame was held on 2 June. In accordance with Mary's wishes we are not publishing a formal tribute. But we are including some personal reminiscences and photographs to remember her by.

As usual there will be no separate issue of Dorchester News for August, so we wish everyone a happy summer and we'll be back in September.

Ian Brace

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I don't know about you but, although summer is nice, it isn't my favourite time of year. It's the garden! Gardens in summer look lovely, I know, but everything grows so quickly—especially the lawn—and we have a pretty big lawn. It took me the better part of three hours to do the mowing last weekend, and by the end of it I was hot, thirsty, a bit grumpy and bitten by all sorts of insects. I know I will have to do the very same thing in a few short days.

It's not that I don't like gardens. They are great for socialising, for barbeques, parties, even just sitting out and talking over a glass of wine in the evening. But I'm honestly not too fussed about walking back and forth in the hot sun doing "outside hoovering" as I call it. Of course, the double-standard here is that I will gladly run nowhere at all on a treadmill at the gym, or spend hours cleaning the car, fixing the lawnmower or, when I was younger, the motorbike. Anything, apart from the mowing, in fact!

Fortunately, apart from a bit of woodwork and occasional heavy lifting, the mowing is my only involvement in the garden. It is my better half who is the real gardener in our house. If I like nothing more than tinkering with machines, she loves nothing more than growing seedlings, pricking them out, nurturing them into mature plants and patiently watching them grow, flower and fruit. I like eating the fruit, and I suppose that a bit of mowing now and again is a price worth paying.

It strikes me that it is not at all unusual for people to bring very different things to the relationships, marriages, families or communities of which they are part. In fact, this is one of the strengths of being part of something bigger than just me. My wife loves the gardening; I do other things; together we accomplish more than either of us would on our own. It was nearly two thousand years ago when St Paul wrote, in one of his many letters to

his churches, that living in a community was like being part of a body, with the individual members of the community being like the different parts of the body. His point is that because we are all different, our shared life is greater than the sum of its parts. A body that was just one big eye couldn't do anything else.

This point is especially clear in a village, where our community so depends upon the people who live here and who bring different special gifts to our life together. In the two years I have been involved in the community here, I have met many committed people, each potentially offering something unique and irreplaceable. We really do depend upon one another.

This month, I am thinking about what the different people in Dorchester have given me in my time as curate here—at least, when I am not thinking about mowing the lawn—and I am grateful to God.

Team Service Sunday 31 July

All are invited to St Katherine's Church, Chiselhampton for our Team Service at 10.30am on **Sunday 31 July**

From Revd Dr Michael Lakey

On **Monday 8 August** at 7.30pm, Bishop Colin will formally welcome me into my new role as Curate in Charge (Associate Team Vicar) of the Bridge Group of parishes at a licensing service at Dorchester Abbey. As you can imagine, I am extremely happy and excited to be joining the Bridge Group and cannot wait to begin getting to know you all.

To contact me: from August 8 my details are,
Mobile: **07586 323325** Office: **01865 340007**

Discovering Dorchester Excavations 2016

Public Archaeological Fieldschools Sunday 10 July to Friday 22 July

This summer the Discovering Dorchester archaeology project, run jointly by the University of Oxford, Oxford Archaeology, and the people of Dorchester, will be continuing this year with its 7th season of excavations. Returning to our trench in the Dorchester Allotments, we will continue uncovering Dorchester's ancient past, with our public excavations running from Sunday 10 July to Friday 22 July.

Local residents are welcome to come and volunteer with us for free, with no experience necessary! Come and learn how we excavate in the trench, carefully peeling back layers of history, or help out with our finds work. If you would be interested in getting involved please email edward.peveler@arch.ox.ac.uk for more information.

If getting your hands muddy seems a bit too much, but you are still interested, then please do come to our Open Day on **Saturday 16 July**, 12pm – 5pm, where there will be artefact displays, site tours, and plenty of other activities, for those of all ages with an interest in archaeology.



Wednesday 13 July
7.30pm
Marsh Baldon Village Hall
OX44 9LI

All are welcome at our July Filling Station meeting – refreshments, informal worship, a Bible-based talk and prayer ministry.

No meeting in August. We resume in September.

[For more information: Liam 07738 004176]

Lunch Club Tea Party

On Monday 6 June the Dorchester Lunch Club and invited guests had a wonderful tea in a marquee in the stunningly beautiful garden at Cranmer Cottage, by kind invitation of Hilary Warburton. I would like to thank everyone who came for their very generous donations to the Air Ambulance Service; a fantastic sum of £257 was raised for this very worthy charity. I would also like to thank the sandwich, scone and cake makers for their hard work in giving us such a delicious tea.

It would be lovely if the invited guests not yet members of the Lunch Club, joined us on a regular basis when we start our regular lunches in October. There will be further details about the dates in the September Dorchester News.

Susan Jupp
(Co-ordinator of the Lunch Club)



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Pre-School News

The topic for this term is 'Under the Sea' and the children in pre-school have been busily making a mermaid and star fish collages using different textures to feel. We are looking at the book Rainbow Fish and are carefully putting sequins on to the collages to look sparkly in the setting.

We had a good time over at the school hall doing some P.E. We were stretching as tall as the sky and as small as an ant. We really worked well as a team in the team games and had a few sports race practises in preparation for sports day next month.

Being the last term of the year we will be busy with school visits starting really soon to aid the older children's transition to Big School in September. We have enjoyed Mrs Harding and Mrs Holubowicz coming to visit us.

The rest of the term promises to be busy with visits from the librarian and a tortoise (not at the same time!), a picnic in the park, afternoon tea, a music session, cake sale and summer raffle, sports day and the school leavers disco. We'll all be ready for a well earned summer break when term ends!

Matthew Kestner,
Chair

DoT WI continued...

We happily welcome new members. Women from 18 years upwards may join and no upper age limit!

We will also need other people to serve on the Committee.

Many of the current committee have given to the Institute another year of their time.

For example, I will not be doing this job for DOTWI or even be a member of this Institute next year.

I have just started a new evening WI in Sandford- On -Thames meeting on the second Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in SOT Village Hall.

Remember that you can have a dual membership, paying just the local fee to your 2nd Institute. This year it was £18 for the full year.

Jill Love
Publicity and Assistant Treasurer



St Birinus School News

As I write this we are approaching the end of the year with our Year 6 children bracing themselves to move on to their next school – an exciting but nervous time!

I have often mentioned, in our news, the Big Write and how it is making an impact on the children's writing across the school. As part of this process, we are always thinking of exciting new topics, visits and events that will inspire and motivate the children to write. On the 23 May, the whole school went on one such outing. We all went to the Winchester Planetarium to explore the universe and the science investigations around the centre. It was a great day and certainly added to my knowledge of the planets. Since the visit, our 'Big Writes' have included a recount of the visit, persuading someone to go to a particular planet (not necessarily a real one!), space poetry and a space story.

Our Musical Evening was next on the agenda – this was an opportunity for the children who learn a musical instrument or drama, either in school or in their own time, to perform in front of an audience. It was absolutely fantastic to see the amazing talent we have within school from the children just starting their musical/dramatic journey and others further along their path. We were also joined by the Abbey Song School, who were our special guests for the evening. The event is such a highlight!

On the last afternoon of Term 5, we invited parents and grandparents in to school to take part in the NSPCC Board Game Day, where for a small donation everyone had a great afternoon playing their board games – there was certainly a great atmosphere around school and we raised £80 for the NSPCC at the same time.

At the beginning of Term 6, Blue and Red Class were out and about – firstly to support their topic on Italy, Blue Class visited Pizza Express to learn how to make a pizza with of course the excitement of bringing their creation back to school and eating for their lunch. The following day, Years 5 and 6 went on their annual visit to St Birinus School, Didcot to take part in the Moon Buggy Challenge. Prior to the actual day, the children (and staff) had been extremely busy building their moon buggies and producing some amazing shells to decorate their craft. On the day, they were up against other local primary schools in a variety of challenges and categories, as well as trying out some of our activities within the school.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher
Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

The Memorial Service to celebrate Mary Tame's Life was held in the Abbey on Thursday 2 June. This was very well attended by family, friends and ex pupils, the Women's Institute was well represented by Pauline Goddard the Chairman of the Oxfordshire Federation and of course by many members of our and other nearby WIs. It was a very joyous occasion, remembering the friendly, caring lady that she was, combined with a certain firmness which always kept us all focused. At the beginning of the Service the outside was dark but as the ceremony progressed the sun shone through the beautiful stained glass windows and continued through the rest of the day.

On 9 June Nick Brazil talked to us about 'Artistic and Literary Footprints of the Thames Valley'. A very interesting talk, highlighting artists, poets and authors. Many that I have never heard of like Cecil Aldin and Eric Kennington an artist in both World Wars. Also Lawrence Binyon whose words *For the Fallen* are spoken at Remembrance Services throughout our land and beyond.

Sunday 10 July 2.30-5.00pm Abbey Tea Rooms Please make cakes and scones. Helpers needed. Monies for our Institute funds. If you have not already filled in the list offering help and to make cakes, then please contact Susan Jupp **341066**

Also on **14 August** at 2.30-5.00pm Abbey Tea Rooms

Thursday 14 July 2.30pm Village Hall: 'Bishops, Sex and Money' with Tony Stafford

11 August Henley Boat Trip. More details nearer the time but please let Susan Jupp have the money now as she has already paid.

OAP £12.50 Younger £15.00

Cheques made out to Susan Jupp personally. **01865 341066**

Thursday 8 September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. 'From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers' with Kate Lace

6 October 7.30pm Shillingford Group Meeting. Dorchester Village Hall hosts DOTWI

Please keep this date free, tickets will be £5 each and will be on sale at the July meeting.

Very urgently needed for the 6 October Meeting the loan of an Electric Key Board. If you have one you are willing to loan please contact Susan Jupp on **01865 341066**

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The London Chorus Concert

I would like to thank so many of the residents in Dorchester for their support by coming to the concert in the Abbey on 14 May to hear the London Chorus and the Instruments of Time and Truth give a wonderful concert in memory of my husband, Douglas, he would have loved it. The London Chorus really enjoyed their visit to Dorchester and a good deal of money has been raised for Parkinsons from a variety of sources through donations, sponsorships and concert goers in recognition of Douglas. So a big thanks to you all.

Susan Jupp

DOGS News

Aunt Sally evening at the Fleur de Lys, 7 June

A good turn-out for a light-hearted social event proved conclusively that the Fleur's regular players have nothing to fear from DOGS' Aunt Sally 'throwers'. A number of sticks had to be retrieved from the neighbouring garden and the evening was completed in the bar (as tradition demands).



Future events



Monday 18 July, 5.00pm. Golf. Just 9 holes at the Springs GC (just up the road from us). We take advantage of an early evening tee-time to encourage busy people and juniors to turn out. This is one of the three reduced-hole events scheduled this summer as a way of offering low cost golf with less of a time commitment. Cost £10

Saturday 13 August. Social. Babecue hosted in Jan and Joey's lovely garden in Watling Lane. Freshly cooked meats, a variety of salads and home produced desserts. Tented dining arrangements with sensibly priced drinks. All welcome.



Tuesday 16 August, 5.00pm. Golf. 11 holes at Huntercombe GC. This is DOGS' second reduced-hole outing this summer. It is a highly-regarded well-established golf course with many interesting features. Cost £15. Followed by an optional meal at the White Hart Hotel.



For these and other matters call Mike and Jan Rimmer **01865 343719**

Recent Cricket Scores

		Result
06/2016	Deddington v Dorchester	Deddington win by 54 runs
11/06/2016	Uffington v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 55 runs
04/06/2016	Risinghurst II v Dorchester II	Risinghurst II win by 68 runs
11/06/2016	Stanton Harcourt II v Dorchester II	Stanton Harcourt II win by 5 wkts

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RULES

1. The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on-Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield, or with a Dorchester allotment.
2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 20, 25 and 26, where three entries may be made.
3. The **number** of exhibits in Class 1 must be the same as in the corresponding class **where applicable** and **in a container**.
4. All entry forms, together with fees, to be submitted **not later than 7.00 pm. on Thursday evening** before the show.
5. All exhibits in classes 1-39 must have been grown by the exhibitor. All exhibits in classes 42-55 must be home produced by the exhibitor. All pot plants must have been owned for a minimum of 4 months.
6. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, stands etc. Every care will be taken of the exhibits but the committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.
7. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the opinion of the judges shall be final, but the committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.
8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.
9. All exhibits for competition must be staged between 9.00 am and 10.30 am on the day of the show.
10. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and clear immediately afterwards.
11. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.
12. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules will be disqualified.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

and
Plant Sale/Raffle
in
DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL
on
Saturday 10th September 2016

Staging 9.00 am - 10.30 am

Viewing 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and
presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

Exhibitors will be competing for:
The Amey Rose Bowl, The Rose Plate,
The Amey Tankard, The Fruit Plate,
The R Belcher Onion Cup,
The Floral Art Cup, The Runner Bean Plate,
The Britain in Bloom Cup, The Best Vegetable Award,
Vegetable Collection Plate,
The Best Kept Allotment, The Pat Cheese Potato Cup,
Victoria Sandwich Award, The HC Smith Dahlia Cup,
The Blackwell Photography Cup and
The Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate

Section 1 - Vegetables

- 1) Collection of 4 different types of vegetables (see rule 3)
- 2) Potatoes 5 white
- 3) Potatoes 5 coloured
- 4) Carrots 3, foliage 3" max
- 5) Parsnips 3, foliage 3" max
- 6) Onions 5 from sets
- 7) Onions 5 from set/seed max 3" dia
- 8) Shallots 7
- 9) Beetroot 3
- 10) Runner Beans 5
- 11) Longest Runner Bean 5
- 12) French Beans 5
- 13) Marrow 1, fit for table (up to 12" long)
- 14) Peppers 2
- 15) Tomatoes 5
- 16) Tomatoes, Cherry type 7
- 17) Cucumbers 2
- 18) Courgettes 3 (4-6" long)
- 19) Herbs - 4 bunches in water (space 12"x12")
- 20) Any other vegetable (see rule 2)
- 21) Squash 2
- 22) A disaster vegetable

Section 2 - Fruit

- 23) Apples, Cooking 5
- 24) Apples, Dessert 5

- 25) Berry Fruit (see rule 2)
- 26) Any other fruit (see rule 2)

Section 3 - Flowers

- 27) Flowering plant in pot, pot not to exceed 8" diameter
- 28) Foliage plant in pot, pot max 8" dia
- 29) Dahlia - 1, 6" diameter and over
- 30) Dahlias - 3, 3" to 6" diameter
- 31) Rose - 1 bloom any type
- 32) Roses - 3 stems, one variety or mixed
- 33) Flowering shrub - 3 stems, one variety
- 34) Berried shrub, including hips - 3 stems, one variety
- 35) Michaelmas daisies - 3 stems
- 36) Annuals - 3 stems, one variety
- 37) Annuals - 5 stems, all different species
- 38) Biennials or Perennials 3 stems, one variety
- 39) Biennials or Perennials 5 stems, all different species

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 40) 'Ruby Anniversary' (max 18" x 18" x 18")
- 41) 'Red, white or rose' in a wine glass (max 12" x 8" x 8")

Section - 5 Domestic

- 42) Bakewell Tart
- 43) Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- 44) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 45) English muffins - 3
- 46) Meringues - 5
- 47) Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 48) Pot of Chutney - sealed with plain screw top lid

Section 6 - Photography and Art - All unmounted, not exhibited previously. Classes 49 & 50: Conventional or digital camera (*must not be manipulated or enhanced in any way*) Max 8" x 6"

- 49) 'A building'
- 50) Subject beginning with "V"

- 51) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4
- 52) An unframed picture painted by exhibitor - state size on entry form

Section 7 - Children All own work please - state age on exhibit

- 53) Age under 5 years
A drawing of Mummy or Daddy
- 54) Age 5 - 8 years
A vegetable monster
- 55) Age 9 - 15
Design a book cover

ENTRY FORM

Please return no later than **7.00 p.m. Thursday, 8th Sept** to: Christina Stores, 55 High Street (post through letterbox please)

Class Nos

Full name of Exhibitor Telephone no.....

Address..... Entry fee 5p per class.....

Email address (for Flower Show reminders and schedule only).....



Holiday Nightmare is Am-Dram Dream Show

All *Exclusive* by Hugh Morrison was performed by DADS (Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society) 18 to 21 May.

A package holiday that is somehow less than perfect is perhaps within the experience of most DN readers but being caught in no-man's land between rival armed forces and having to hide from their tanks is a mercifully rare occurrence. It is in this context, however, that Hugh Morrison has set his very amusing comedy about 'the British' abroad and class war between the 'working man' and the self-styled 'intellectual elite'.

The action takes place by the pool of Las Cantatas Hotel on the Central American island of San Itairi. This clever use of just one set kept the pace flowing while the 'Solarflair' holiday company rep, Trisha Heddy (a clever caricature created by Jane Brooks) made sure that everyone was fully aware of all the entertainments on offer in other parts of the 'all inclusive' resort, where the buffet was open all day but only served food at meal times.

The play opens with Ian Hurst (Mark Williams) – a London-based art critic who has just interviewed the celebrated local conceptual artist Miguel Corantes – complaining about the hotel to his office. The call is cut short by the arrival of a new group of 'chavs' (as Hurst calls them). Angie Belper and Pauline Beswick (the chavs) are brilliantly played, respectively, by Christine Jones and Sue Kitson - two well-established DADS members with distinguished cvs – immediately followed on stage by DADS debutants Lois Axenderrie and Dominic Flanagan in the roles of courting couple Karen Kay and Steve Trout – two very welcome additions to the DADS talent pool.

It is clear that Hurst has nothing in common with these new arrivals. Karen, however, is studying art through a WEA course and when she realises that Hurst is not only the writer of one of her set books but has also just met Corantes, one of her heroes, she is deeply impressed. Somewhat overwhelmed by the attention he is receiving from this pretty girl, Hurst (another role that further demonstrates the versatility of Mark Williams) responds in a way that annoys Trout and the hostility between the two men is a thread that binds the rest of the story together.

Much of the play's comedy is centred upon Angie and Pauline – the archetypal Britons abroad. Angie is worried about having to



The cast and author with director Rachel Winslet-Morris centre.

eat foreign food so her suitcase is full of English delicacies such as pizzas, burgers and 'Vesta' curries. For Pauline the main concern is that there should be space in the luggage to take home a plentiful supply of duty free cigarettes and Scotch whisky.

For Trisha – the long-winded rep with a preference for using three words where one would do – these are the holiday-makers from hell. Angie and Pauline have strong views about bathroom hygiene, carry cameras at all time to record 'evidence' and have Watchdog's 'phone number in their handbags.

Angie is clearly attracted by Ian Hurst but is disappointed to learn that he lives in a flat near Wimbledon Common while her home in Macclesfield not only has its own off-street parking but also a conservatory, just like all the houses in her smart street.

Ian is keen to return to London as soon as possible but the airport is closed due to industrial action and he is forced to remain at Las Cantatas. The political situation on the island rapidly worsens so that by the next day this incongruous group is forced to remain uncomfortable in each other's company. Even Trisha has no further information for them at this time.

Soon the rumble of tanks is heard and the group finds itself in the middle of a battle between the fascist government's troops and the supporters of the worker's party, the side which Ian Hurst tells them he supports. At this point there are spectacular special effects created by Simon Ratliff, which are brought to an end when the worker's party claims victory and the arrival on stage of Miguel Corantes (Ed Metcalfe) resplendent in classic revolutionary battle-

dress complete with machine gun and dark glasses. This is a role in which Ed Metcalfe carries off with great authority and presence. In fact it is easy to see why the new workers' party government would have made him Minister of Culture.

Miguel's invitation to spend the rest of their holiday at the Presidential Palace, with its private beach, banqueting hall and huge wine cellar, means that Angie and Pauline will have no further cause for complaint and Trisha can take the rest of the day off.

Rachel Winslet-Morris, who is well-known for a string of very successful starring roles in past DADS productions, decided to broaden her experience by directing *All Exclusive*. Her casting, interpretation and management of the play cannot be faulted. Some unusual extra pressure was added to the normal directorial responsibilities with the advance knowledge that at least one of the performances would be attended by the writer, Hugh Morrison.

This pressure became even more intense when it was realised that the piece is so new that Hugh had never actually seen the work performed. Previous performances in Australia, Ireland and Lancashire were not exactly convenient for a writer who lives in North London. As our group shot of cast, director and writer clearly shows, the experience was clearly entirely satisfactory. I'm not surprised! Please write another one soon, Hugh.

Geoff Russell

More photographs of the production appear on the back cover.

Hurst Water Meadow Trust News

The last two months have seen rapid and luxuriant growth of vegetation on the meadows, while the air has been full of bird-song. Our volunteers have been busy mowing paths for the benefit of walkers, and scything areas of excessive growth especially round the recently planted trees in the Hurst and at the far end of Overy Mead Piece. Four volunteers share mowing duties operating the ride-on mower, and there are mid-week working groups wielding scythes and rakes.

The meadows are providing opportunities for learning skills and undertaking research:

There are now seven young volunteers: six have been taught to scythe, four to lay hedges and one to operate the ride-on mower. Secondary school students are working with the Trust as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award submission, and one student completed his school work placement requirement to a high level of satisfaction. His placement involved learning about and undertaking Health and Safety compliance, land management, leadership and organisation. He led working parties and taught a new volunteer to scythe.

Wildlife surveys are on-going with monitoring of bird nest boxes, dawn birding walks, laying and checking reptile mats, setting mammal traps. Visiting school and pre-school children are able to witness the inspection of mats and traps, both of which can reveal surprises (look at the blog on our website to see photos of the grass snake, toad and field voles).

At a more advanced level an MSc student from Birmingham University is undertaking a hydrological survey on the meadows studying the interaction of groundwater and surface water, floodwater retention and aquatic ecology. You may see this student with his auger when you are walking in the meadows.

The Trustees hope that everyone will enjoy using the meadows throughout the summer.

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Hempcroft Allotment News

We are now well into the productive months of summer and whilst planting of runner beans is happening many crops are now being harvested. Weeds are also prolific at this time of year and timely use of the hoe is necessary to keep them under control. This has been a good spring and summer for growing crops. I looked back at some old July/August Allotment News articles and this has not always been the case. In 2011 there was an exceptionally dry spring and drought was declared in five southern counties. In 2012 the problems with the contaminated manure that we had obtained from a local farm came to light. Farmers had been spraying fields with a herbicide containing aminopyralid and this survived the passage through the digestive system of cows and ended up in the manure that we dug into our plots.

Let us hope that the summer continues with lots of sunshine but appropriate amounts of rain at night to relieve watering obligations.

Edward Metcalfe



Earth Trust July events

Moth Night

Saturday 2 July, 9pm-11pm

Join us in the Earth Trust arboretum for an evening of moth trapping with Marc Botham. Suitable for adults and older children; younger children will enjoy tomorrow's Marvellous Moths drop-in session. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: **01865 407792**.

Marvellous Moths

Sunday 3 July, 10am-2pm

Drop in to the Earth Trust Centre and find out all about marvellous, magnificent moths! We'll be taking a look at what was caught in the live moth traps the night before. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Botanical Illustration

Sunday 10 July, 10am-4pm

Learn some invaluable tips and techniques from RHS Gold Award winning botanical illustrator Romilly Swann. For beginners/intermediates. £30; booking essential: **01865 407792**.

Discover and Play

Friday 22 July, 10am-12pm

Forest School for the under-5s. Join the Earth Trust for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. Forest School offers hands on learning experiences in a natural environment. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Clumps Club

Monday 25 – Friday 29 July, 9am-5pm

Wild adventures for 7-11yr olds! A different activity each day (see website for details), including wild survival and nature detectives; join us for one or all five. Look out for Clumps Club for 12-14yr olds coming up in August. £30 per child per day, book all 5 and get 1 day free; booking essential: **01865 407792**.

Summer Fruit Tree Pruning

Sunday 31 July, 10am-4pm

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Natural Dyeing

Sunday 31 July, 10am-4pm

Join us at the Earth Trust Centre to discover the wide range of plants that can produce dye and learn how to extract and fix colour. £30; booking essential: **01865 407792**.

Plenty more Summer Holiday activities coming up in August, please see our website for details:

www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

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There is plenty of food around naturally in summer so we don't need to feed as much. It's more about supplementary feeding. Various seeds and even cereals broken up to prevent young birds from choking is important.

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Place mealworms on the tray and you may even be lucky enough to attract **Green Woodpeckers** who will also be digging around in ants nests in lawns trying to get the ants to eat.

Summer is a good season to have a suitable bird food in numerous forms for numerous species, and you could really attract large volumes of birds to enjoy. A myth that abounds is that feeding birds during the summer will make the birds dependent or lazy. Studies have shown that wild birds typically receive no more than 25 percent of their daily food from feeders, and for many garden species the total is even lower.

What is important is to feed your birds, good nutritious food, that sustains and fortifies them. Not just bread that bloats them, with very little benefit. Feeding with just bread could mean our birds have full bellies but low in energy, meaning they are less able to collect enough food, to feed their growing young, that could end up dying through lack of food. So by all means feed the birds in summer, but do so wisely

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The Green Man

In the south east corner of the Abbey shrine area above the doorway to some ancient stairs you can see this Green Man. Carvings like this are common in churches, sometimes occurring in profusion as in the cloisters of Durham Cathedral.

Although prominent in medieval churches in Europe, it has been thought that the notion of the Green Man is actually pagan in origin and symbolic of the rebirth of Spring each year similar to the Jack-in-the-Green figure in English May Day parades. However, complicating this interpretation is the fact that the Green Man has featured in various religions and cultures (including in Middle Eastern and Indian art) since at least Roman times. Actually the name Green Man is recent having been coined by Lady Raglan in an article she wrote for the *Folklore* journal in 1939.

The common feature of the Green Man in sculptures, woodcarvings, pictures (and some pub signs!) is the so-called 'foliate head' in which, as in the Abbey example,

leaves sprout from his face (and sometimes other parts of his head) or his face is surrounded by leaves and possibly branches. Green Men who spew leaves from their mouth are called 'disgorgers'. Although the figure can look like a benign man (or occasionally a woman), he can also take the form of a cat or other animal, a threatening demon or a beast. One view is that grotesque forms of the Green Man in churches were meant to serve as a warning to observers about the consequences of sin.

Many intriguing examples of the Green Man can be seen in various locations in the Oxford area not only in churches but also on the exterior of some Oxford colleges, as well as other buildings sometimes of relatively recent origin.



A Little Book of the Green Man by Mike Harding contains good illustrations of some of the above points. Green Man photo by kind permission of Frank Blackwell.

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Focus on... The Village Flower Show

Last month we featured a village institution that has been around since before the first parish magazine in 1888. This month we have another—the Village Flower Show or as it is known nowadays the Dorchester Flower and Produce Show.

The August 1888 edition of the Parish Magazine has a report of The Flower Show which had been held on Thursday 26 July in the Girls' School Room. As this was a Thursday, the school summer holiday would probably have started by then. A total of 150 prizes are listed as being the 'chief awards' which suggests that several hundred entries were made, which are described as 'decidedly fine and well grown'. A total of £13 2s 3d was given in prize money to entrants whose names included Greenaway, Cherrill, Atkins and Holliday. The Dorchester Band played all afternoon and the prize-giving was made at 7.15pm, by Mrs Poyntz and Mrs Blunt, after which the Vicar (Mr Poyntz) thanked the organisers, called for three cheers and, everyone went home. The school children's patchwork quilt had been raffled and won by Mr Mackett. Like today, the classes weren't confined to flowers and vegetables, but included needlework, knitted rugs, darning (in six levels of difficulty), dolls clothes, boys' handiwork (no more is specified) and six levels of hand writing (for boys). There were even needlework and knitting classes for four, five and six year olds, both girls and boys.

This wasn't, of course, the first show. It was clearly already a well-established annual event and references are made to previous shows, but we don't know when the first shows were held.

The report of the Flower Show for the following year, 1889, held again on the last Thursday in July, specifies 200 prizes being given, at a total cost of £13 9s 9d, which is an average prize of 1s 4d (roughly 6p). That doesn't sound much but is equivalent to about £7 today, and



the first prizes would have been considerably more. The same calculation shows the total prize money given amounted to over £1,500 at today's values. The Flower Show was serious business.

It was paid for by raffles, a 'small entrance fee' for villagers to see the exhibits, but mostly by subscriptions. Mr J S Balfour MP gave £1 1s (nearly £125 now), and four other gentlemen each gave £1. A further fourteen local people gave 2s 6d or upwards led by the Revd Poyntz at 10s 6d. (His wife also gave the prizes again this year.) There is a warning in the report, though, that the number of subscribers was decreasing and prize money may need to be reduced if the show was to keep its head above water. This was a warning given in each of the two following years, but the show survived and went on.

But there were changes.

The show came under the control of the Dorchester and Burcot Horticultural Society. It seems to have had no permanent home for a few years, being housed in a marquee in Mr Greenaway's field some years, Mr

Shrubb's field, and occasionally even the lawn of the Manor House. The number of classes was also considerably reduced.

Two years' ago we printed an account of the 1914 Show written for us by Jenny Nudds from contemporary reports. That year the show was held in a marquee in Frank Shrubb's field at Overy (where the Cricket Club had once played). To enter, you generally had to be a member of the Horticultural Society, there was an entrance fee of 3d (about £1.50 now) and for most categories you had to be a cottager, that is earning your living by manual labour. Some of the handicraft classes now have a distinctly unusual feel to them, including a working man's dinner, a darned stocking, and a collection of Queen Wasps, which was won by Ernie Cross, with 800, all neatly pinned in rows to a card.

It was also now more than just a flower show. It had moved to August Bank Holiday Monday, then, of course, at the beginning of the month. From the mid





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1890s it had expanded with side shows including bowling for the pig, hoop-la and a lucky dip. Teas were served and once again the Dorchester Brass Band played. (Some years it was the Chalgrove Band.) In the evening there was dancing. The event sounds like it was beginning to feel more like a village fete.

This, though, was Monday 3rd of August. The following day Great Britain declared war on Germany. There would be no more Flower Shows until 1920.

Following a further hiatus during WWII, the Fete and Flower Show, as it had now become, was not a permanent fixture in the calendar and during the 1950s did not happen every year, and then folded completely in the 1960s.

However, in 1970, a group of residents got together to revive it. The new Village Hall, which had been bought in the late 1960s, needed funds to buy equipment such as tables, and a flower show was decided on by a group of residents as a fund raiser. They formed a committee and the Flower Show returned, now in September. Two of that original committee, Jenny and Gerry Nudds continue on today's committee, demonstrating an amazing commitment to ensuring the show continues.



In 1974 the Spring Show was added, and every year since, two shows a year have been scheduled. This, too, is a remarkable run of more than 40 years and is probably the most stable period in the life of the Flower Show, running without interruption, held at the same venue, and to what are essentially the same set of rules for all this time. There have been occasional years when the Spring Show has had to be cancelled because weather conditions meant that there was little to show. That occurred most recently in 2013 when the very cold and wet spring led to the cancellation of the Spring Show. But that does not detract from the remarkable stability of the show over this lengthy period.

The rules have been occasionally updated. They were challenged in the 1980s by Michael Hugh-Jones who entered a loaf of bread bought from Exon's and jar of Rowntree's jam, to make the point that the rules did not say that items had to be home made. They were quickly changed.

Of course without the work put in by the committee there would be no show. They organise the event, decide what the categories will be, and arrange for judges to attend. On the day before the show they really spring into action, still following an up-dated version of the highly organised system devised by the late Chris Norman. On Thursday evening, once all the entries are in, each competitor is assigned a number to protect their identity, all the entries are logged onto a computer system, and place-labels for each entry are made under the appropriate category. Friday is spent setting up the hall and organising the space for each category. At one time, this would be achieved by drawing squares on the table clothes, which were numbered so that each competitor placed their entry in their square on the day of the show. Now there is just a card to show the category, and one for each entrant with their number on it on the table; placing the entry on it means that no-one can see it, giving the entrant anonymity and reducing the workload for the committee. These days we must thank the Flower Show Committee - Alison, Christina, David, Gerry, Janet, Jenny and Jenny - for ensuring that the flower show happens.

However, they are struggling to maintain two shows a year and need further volunteers if we are continue with both.

Over the years the size of the show measured by the number of entries has varied. Currently around 200 exhibits is normal, but there were times when 400 was the benchmark. That the figure is lower now may be because fewer of us are enthusiastic gardeners than in years gone by, or our gardens are smaller and contain less variety. One of the reasons may be that many allotment holders tend not to enter, although there is nothing to stop them, and you only have to wander around the allotments to see some magnificent examples of vegetables.

Or perhaps it is that we are too averse to the thought of our offering not being good enough. On that score you don't need to worry. Exhibitors are not identified unless they win a prize, so if those drooping lilies or sagging cake are yours, no-one knows. But if you win, then your triumph



is there for all to see.

How do you win? Knowing what the judges are looking for certainly helps. It is not always the best presented display that wins. The judges are people skilled in their area of expertise. For fruit and vegetables there are standards set by the Royal Horticultural Society which you can look up, whilst in most other categories it is likely to be a mixture of the experts knowing what is good, with some accepted conventions you should meet. For example, with jam, be aware that a jelly is not a jam (you'll get disqualified) and jar lids should be new – you can re-use old jars but not their lids. If you do, you will not win. If you've ever wondered why Champions sell jam jar lids on their own, this is why.

Gone are the days when first prize could pay for a night out; in 1950 the first prize for a collection of vegetables was £1 10/-, equivalent to £48 at today's prices.

The main motivation now is the fun of pitting our skills against those of our fellow villagers, or just taking part, to be part of this continuing event which has been a part of village life for probably more than 150 years. Any profits are still used to support her Village Hall and the community and we should continue to support our show and make sure it goes on for our lifetimes and those of our children. So encourage everyone to enter, especially the children; no-one will be humiliated. And come on you allotment holders – you should be proud of what you grow and should show it to the world at the Dorchester Flower Show.

Or volunteer your help on the Friday and Saturday of the show, you'll be very welcome, and make sure that our show has a good future and not just a lengthy and fascinating past.

Mary Tame
1914-2016



Mary asked that no tribute should appear, so we reproduce Frank Blackwell's portrait taken for her 100th birthday and, opposite, two personal recollections.

Mary Tame and the WI

Mary was a staunch supporter of the WI. She may have joined when she was in her late teens. Certainly we know she became a member of the Baldon's WI when she started teaching at the Baldon's school and I think was their President for many years. She joined the Dorchester WI as soon as she moved into the village and was elected onto the committee in 1986, serving as Vice President, Vice Secretary and Vice treasurer over many years, and was often called upon to chair meetings or take the minutes.

Mary was a strong believer in the principles of the WI to educate and emancipate women in the workplace, society and the home. She also was very keen on the idea of the resolutions the WI instigate to lobby the government, and felt that the WI had succeeded in important causes brought about in Parliament. Mary was also a founder member of the Wallingford WI Country market and every Friday she could be seen selling her own hand made rush mats and baskets, home grown vegetables, fruit, jam, seeds and eggs and was on the Market committee for many years.

Mary was a keen supporter of Denman College, the WI College at Marcham (which incidentally is now open to non WI people including men!) and attended many cookery and craft courses there. In fact her last visit to Denman College was last year, when she was taken by Sue Ingham to visit a rag rug making course so she could talk to the tutor, who she had met many years ago on a WI excursion to York. Mary was herself an expert rag rug maker. One of the many skills Mary gained through WI was needed on occasions to judge jam at the Dorchester Village flower shows, and of course she won several prizes in the shows over the years in a variety of different categories she entered exhibits for.

Mary also never flinched at lobbying MPs on issues she felt needed changing, for example she wrote to Mr Heseltine, our MP at that time, pleading to stop the closure of beds at Wallingford Community Hospital, to which he replied that there was little hope of anything being done to stop it, but that didn't deter her from continuing her lobbying! She very much enjoyed the WI excursions to places like York, Exeter and Chester, and was quite capable of walking most of us younger members off our feet, while marching around the sights telling us lots of historical facts of things we should be looking at, while not appearing in the least bit tired herself!

When Mary became too frail to attend some of our monthly meetings and moved to Rush Court, she continued to support us, not only as our Honorary President, but taking a real interest in our programme and activities and was still perfectly capable of giving advice when needed right up to her death. We miss her.

Susan Jupp

(member of Dorchester WI)

Memories of Mary

We only really got to know Mary when Sue and I moved to Dorchester, in 1988. Although Mary still had her car, she preferred not to drive long distances so, every so often, she would ring Sue up and ask whether she would like to go on an "expotition". Sometimes it was quite local, often in connection

with an article she was writing for the Dorchester News. Sometimes it was further afield, often to visit relatives, even as far away as her beloved South Wales.

Mary would often regale us with stories of her travels further afield, North America and, particularly, her church visits to France and beyond. Then one day she bemoaned the fact that she had never been able to visit the abbey at Fontevraud, in Normandy, where Richard Lionheart is buried, and now it was too late. Our answer was that no way was it too late and we would take her there. Once she had overcome her surprise and realised that, even in

her mid-nineties, there was nothing to stop her going, she willingly agreed and we made arrangements: dates, ferry bookings, accommodation with a family who had lived in Dorchester and now ran a guest house in Normandy – sadly I forget their names.

Come the day, we set off for Portsmouth and the ferry to Normandy then drove down to St. Savin where we were to stay. En route we stopped at Angers to look at the cathedral, but the car park was down by the river and the cathedral at the top of the hill. Mary took one look at the cobbled street leading up to the cathedral and said "I can't do hills!" So we each put a hand under one of her elbows and she traipsed up the hill, cobbles notwithstanding, as if she were whizzing round Waitrose.

Arrived at the guest house, Mary was welcomed like the old friend she was and they had set aside a ground floor room for her, to save her using the stairs.

We finally reached Fontevraud at which point Mary set off on her own to "potter round" – her words – the abbey. It must have been at least a couple of hours before she reappeared, even though we kept an eye out for her as we went round ourselves. Happy and her curiosity satisfied, we set off back for the overnight ferry and home to Dorchester.

How many others at that age could or would even contemplate such a trip? And Mary did not even seem to be tired after the trip.

John Ingham



Mary on the day of her retirement in 1974.

One of her favourite pictures

Courtesy of John Ingham

From your district councillor...

John Cotton

June 2016

New Telephone numbers

The new SODC telephone system at 135 Milton Park is now up and running and hopefully everyone will be aware of the new contact numbers, but just in case you are not, these are given on the page opposite.

Oxfordshire Vision

Work continues on our bid for unitary status and devolution with our consultants PwC. The media recently reported that the work had pretty much hit the rocks with the withdrawal of South Northants and Cotswold. In fact, the work with PwC and the government had identified that 'crossing the county boundaries' would require primary legislation and as the parliamentary timetable for the next session is already full, the two non-Oxon Councils agreed that it would be best for them to withdraw. Our Plan continues to evolve and be refined, and the best source of information is the web site.

www.oxfordshire.vision/

Planning and Development

Since the last report, the High Court found against us in the Judicial Review, meaning that we now do not meet the Five Year Land Supply. This is disappointing as in January this year in the Appeal against development in Greyhound Walk Thame, the Secretary of State said we did have one. This means that developers are in a much stronger position to force their applications through using the appeal system, and it makes it all the more important for our communities to get Neighbourhood Plans in place as quickly as possible, whilst maintaining a high standard.

Helping People Find Homes

We've launched a brand new service to help people looking for a suitable home - it provides users with a personalised action plan that explains exactly what options are available to them, and what they should try first. It's available through our Homechoice website. The web address is:

www.southoxfordshirehomechoice.org.uk/

New section 106 bulletins for Towns and Parishes

If you're interested in how we're securing and spending infrastructure money in your area, head to the websites for our latest parish by parish bulletins on the funds we're raising through Section 106 agreements.

www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/delivering--infrastructure/section-106/se-0

PCSO update

Each year we provide £100,000 to part fund six PCSOs. Between 1 January and 31 March 2016 our PCSOs organised and attended a number of events, including visiting schools in Didcot to engage with staff, pupils and parents and to address parking issues, attending a Schools' Community Action Day in Thame, and holding a well-attended fraud awareness event in Wallingford which received very positive feedback. They also assisted 227 victims of crime.

Neighbourhood Planning

The independent examiner has recommended that the Berinsfield neighbourhood plan should not proceed to referendum as it doesn't meet the basic conditions. We are now discussing possible ways forward with Berinsfield parish council.

Continued in next column...

From your county councillor...

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

June 2016

Proposals for unitary council

As previously reported, Oxfordshire's District Councils have appointed consultants PwC to prepare a report on the future of local government in Oxfordshire, and OCC has appointed consultants Grant Thornton to do the same. The districts' previously preferred option that comprised four unitary councils, including parts of Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire has collapsed because of legislative issues relating to cross-border authorities. It is unclear whether the reduced size of four unitaries that don't include the neighbours could be viable.

PwC will report in June, followed by Grant Thornton in July. All councils will then submit proposals to central government in the autumn, following a period of public consultation. In advance of this, stakeholders can participate in a 'call for evidence' here:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/oxfordshire-evidence

Subsidised buses update

Bus subsidies will end on 20 July. A full update on the work that has taken place to minimise the impact of the withdrawal of the subsidies (including using public buses for home to school transport, allocating S106 funding where available and the launch of a new pilot scheme using the downtime of our fleet vehicles) can be obtained from the OCC website here:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/subsidisedbuses.

Oxfordshire's adult social care services in top 5%

Recently announced results show that last year, Oxfordshire's Adults Social Care services ranked as the 6th best of 152 upper tier authorities in achieving outcomes judged against the 'Adult Social Care Outcome Framework'. This framework measures how well services achieve outcomes that are most important to people and informs the development of reporting local priorities and progress to citizens. Last year Oxfordshire performed above the national average on 20 of the 27 measures included in the framework.

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John Cotton continued

Rubbish And Waste – Garden Waste Discounts

Don't forget, if residents sign up to our garden waste service in June or July, they'll get 10 per cent off their annual fee. Existing garden waste customers can order an extra bin at the discounted rate. Full details are on our web site in the 'Recycling Rubbish and Waste Section at

www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/household-collections/garden-waste

Grants

The Capital Grants Scheme window for applications is now open until 1 July 2016 for decisions by 15 October 2016. Full details are on the web site in the Grants And Community Loans Section at;

www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/community-advice-and-support/grants-and-community-loans/capital-grants

There will be opportunities later this year;

□ Round three open: 1 August to 30 September 2016 for decisions by 10 January 2017

□ Round four open: 31 October to 23 December 2016 for decisions by 1 April 2017

New SODC Contact Numbers

Main customer service number is **01235 422422**.

Our new department numbers are:

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Building control - **01235 422700**

Environmental health, food and safety - **01235 422403**

Licensing - **01235 422556**

Elections - **01235 422407**

Car parks - **01235 422417**

Community safety - **01235 422590**

Street naming and numbering - **01235 422344**

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale continued

Oxfordshire care home wins rare 'outstanding' status

Vale House, a 40 bed specialist dementia home in Sandford on Thames, has recently been inspected by CQC and as a result was given the most positive grading available to the inspectorate. It is the first in the county to be rated 'outstanding' by the CQC – a feat achieved by only one per cent of homes in the South East. The home is privately run and the organisation is 'not for profit'. OCC buys 25 of the 40 beds in the home and has ambitions for similar projects elsewhere in the county.

Eighteen locations for new children and families service

A £2m boost to the future provision of children's services in Oxfordshire has been agreed by OCC's Cabinet with a further £1m of one-off funding set to help communities keep yet more of the current children's centres network open. The plans build on the brand new service for 0-19 year olds agreed by the Cabinet in February and deliver services from 18 locations with strengthened outreach services – as opposed to the eight originally proposed. The new £14m service includes £2m of additional money agreed by county councillors in February and would provide a safe, effective and co-ordinated system that targets resources on protecting the most vulnerable families - and works hand-in-hand with schools, health services, voluntary and community groups. By combining children's social care and early intervention in one seamless service, it represents a completely fresh approach to delivering services for children, young people and their families at a time of rising demand and reduced Government funding.

Berinsfield Children's Centre

A Steering Group has been established to support the Berinsfield Children's Centre which is one of the centres that will see their funding withdrawn under the new arrangements. The Group that includes the County Council, the Parish Council, the Church, Soha Housing, Employment Action Group, Berinsfield Information Centre, The Community Foundation and Action for Children will work to try and keep the Centre open. The Group is seeking opinion and support from Berinsfield residents and the surrounding villages. If anyone thinks they could help to keep this valued facility open, please get in touch with either myself or a member of the Parish Council.

Positive results from transfers of care initiative

A new initiative by OCC and NHS has seen the number of delayed transfers of care reduced by 30% since December 2015, despite higher demands over the winter and a reduction in hospital beds. The Oxfordshire health and social care system has long struggled with the timely discharge of patients from acute and community hospitals to the next stage of their care. This is often referred to as 'bed-blocking' or 'delayed transfers of care', which are costly to the system as a whole and can increase people's dependence rather than promoting their independence.

The initiative involved the block purchase of 150 care beds and the development of an integrated hub to manage assessments and bed allocations.

Parish Council Notices

July and August Meetings of the Parish Council

The July meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 13 July** and the August meeting on **Wednesday 10 August**. The venue will be the Village Hall and the meetings will start at 7.30 p.m. The agenda for each meeting will be displayed on Village notice boards and at www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk at least three clear days in advance.

All are welcome to attend and, at the beginning of the meeting, may raise any matter of concern.

Dog Fouling

It is regrettable that there is still a small minority of dog owners who fail to clear up the mess after their pets have fouled pavements and footpaths. The Parish Council provides dog waste bins in several places and has recently installed dog waste bag dispensers in three locations: on the footpath alongside the Village Hall, next to the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground; and at the end of Manor Farm Road. These waste bags are provided free of charge and can be used by any dog walker who has failed to come prepared.

The bags can, of course, be used by anyone who is keen to clear dog mess but this really is a job that should be carried out by the owners/minders. To remind people of their responsibilities, which are a legal requirement, several new notices have been displayed.

New Village Notice Boards

New notice boards will shortly be installed both on the wall outside the Co-Op and on the Queen Street end of the Village Hall. These notice boards have been funded by donations made in memory of the late Ethel Higgins, who was universally regarded as the best source of all village information.

The new notice boards will be enclosed so that posters will be protected in bad weather and most of the space will be reserved for local non-commercial activities.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), 5-7 High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7HH

Telephone (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency) **01865 340759**

e-mail: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Cllr Chris Hill, the Chairman of the Council, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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Future Bus Services

You have probably seen in the news that bus services in Oxfordshire are being cut, and this will affect us in Dorchester.

- The 97 will cease to operate after 23 July 2016
- Service 114 will operate on Mondays to Fridays only and will provide a single journey in each direction between Wallingford, Berinsfield, Culham and Abingdon, primarily to cater for school and college movements.
- The T2 that serves Berinsfield is also being withdrawn.
- The X39/40 by-pass buses to Oxford, Wallingford and Reading will continue as now.

The 97 appears not to have been extensively used by Dorchester residents, but it is important for a number of people. The X39/40 is not really accessible to people with less than good mobility.

The village voice:

We carried out a survey included the Dorchester News, and thanks to the 32 people who replied.

Key results:

- **91% thought that the Parish Council should take the lead in exploring the possibility of a local mini-bus service, and support working with other villages.**
- **78% would use a Parish Council provided, reliable and minimal cost mini-bus service**
- **Most (91%) would be prepared to pay for individual journeys.**

The Proposal

The Parish Council has therefore looked at the options and concluded that for a trial period a one day a week timetabled service should be established commencing when the 97 ceases. The Parish is negotiating with the County to use an Oxfordshire County Council 16 seater Mini-Bus with Driver, and with Disabled Access, available between 10:15 and 14:30.

We envisage that the bus would run into Berinsfield, for access to the Post Office, Library etc, and into Wallingford via Shillingford. It could connect with the X39/40 buses at Berinsfield or Shillingford.

Cost has to be decided but ultimately the service will need to be self-funding. Full details will be developed during June and July.

It is hoped that this will be a well-used Community Service. It will be adjusted to reflect your needs.

In the end it will be use it or lose it. So let's give it a try!
Rob Ballantyne



Sign Up!

For legal reasons this service would only be available to those who sign up for it. If you think that you might use it, please notify the Parish Clerk of your wish to be included in the Mini-bus User List.

No commitment at this stage!

We will keep you informed of progress.

Please give;

Name and address

Phone number

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It would help us to plan the service if you could also say:

How often might you use the service?

Which destinations would be most useful to you?

Please return to:

Parish Clerk The Pigeons, High Street, Dorchester on Thames OX10 7HH

or email: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Neighbourhood Development Plan Report

The anxious wait to discover the outcome of the SODC analysis of our Pre Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan may now be over. At a meeting on 26 May the interim response from our SODC Planning officer was quite positive with no major omissions or changes so far found necessary. We are awaiting written confirmation of this in the next few days. One key factor that might make changes necessary is the impending SODC Local Plan 2032 that will be published at the end of June. Our NDP must complement and reflect the Local Plan so assuming this is the case we may not need to make further changes to our Plan. If this remains so, then we will produce a professional version of the plan and present it to the Planning Inspector in July. Following their response, we may need to incorporate some changes recommended by the Inspector before we can publish the Plan (hopefully in the autumn) to the residents of the village, for their consideration and to vote for at a referendum in the following two months to accept the findings of the Plan.

We cannot stress too strongly the importance for all residents to engage in this process. We will all have recently read about housing projects being imposed on local villages such as Chinnor, Wallingford, Benson and, most recently Stadhampton. These have been made possible because those villages do not have an approved NDP in place so speculators can apply for planning on any land that is not in the Green Belt. We have been fortunate so far in Dorchester as the whole village is 'washed over' Green Belt which gives us a degree of protection not enjoyed everywhere else. However, we cannot be complacent and we are keen to produce our Plan as soon as possible to help protect areas like the Demesne Field even further. So when the time comes please make sure you play your part!



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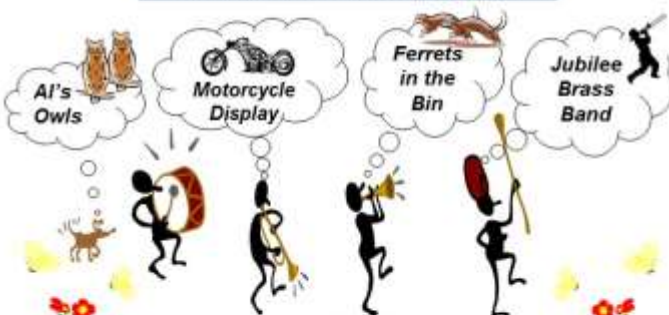
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Wallingford Museum

Family Archaeology Day @ Wallingford Museum

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An actual archaeological excavation will be taking place in the Museum courtyard and you'll be able learn all about how archaeology is done from the experts. At last year's dig a rare **medieval chess piece** was discovered - now on display at the Museum! You'll also be able to take part in some '**hands-on**' work - pot-washing, sieving, and much more. Then you can find out how to begin to identify the sort of pottery that helps to date the finds from archaeology, and even try making your own pots for fun!

In addition our expert, Steve Head, will be on hand to **identify your fossils** and any other objects you might have dug up. Steve will also be able to show you some of his own fossil collection from around the world.

Also **explore the delights of the Museum** - find the Roman skeleton, the woolly mammoth bones, spearheads, daggers, stones from the lost Priory; handle the cannon ball, search the 'smelly-feely' drawers, and complete a quiz sheet.

Of course, you can also have a good look at this year's **special museum exhibitions** including '300 Years of Cartoons!' - a spectacular private collection showing interesting, and often hilarious examples of the development and use of cartoons from their origins and through the last three centuries - where children can be inspired to draw their own cartoon; '1066: William comes to Wallingford' - why did William the Conqueror come to Wallingford after the Battle of Hastings?; and displays about 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie', and Midsomer Murders (Wallingford is Causton in the TV series).

So there's plenty of **family entertainment** for this special archaeology day!

Entry is by Museum ticket at the door - £5 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until 30 November) but accompanied **children are FREE**. www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Wallingford Gardening Club Summer Garden Visit - 14 July 2016

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden visits are now underway.

On **Thurs 14 July at 6.30pm**, we will be visiting **Blewbury Manor**, Westbrook Street, Blewbury OX11 9QJ.

This is a garden of about 10 acres. Its features include a parterre; flower garden, herbaceous and mixed borders; pergola; decorative vegetable and herb garden; stream planting and woodland area; lake and sunken gravel garden surrounded by hornbeam allées.

There will be a charge of £6, including tea and biscuits. All visitors are very welcome to join us.

Further details from: Isabelle Darby **01491 836867**
Isabelle Darby

What's on in Wallingford



Wallingford Museum

Regular Wallingford History Walks now on offer!

Wallingford Museum is delighted to announce that you can now join a Guided Historic Town Walk on any Saturday morning, until the end of September starting from beneath the Town Hall at 11.00am. Walks last 1 to 2 hours and cost £5 per head, money which will be donated to support Wallingford Museum.

These are general walks covering the rich history of our town, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and 'Midsomer Murders'. They will appeal to residents and visitors alike.

There's no need to book, just turn up at the Town Hall at 11.00am on any Saturday until end-Sept. (Please note; there will be a walk on Sun 4th Sept instead of Sat 3rd, due to BunkFest),

If you'd like to organise a Town Walk like this for your group / society / school at a different time, then please contact Philip Burton on **01491 836200** or pburton6@talktalk.net

Alternatively, we also offer more specialist history walks by arrangement - an in-depth view of the Town or Castle, or of Agatha Christie's 42 years in the town, etc - tailored to your group's interests. (These walks can also be combined with a visit to Wallingford Museum). To pursue this option, please contact Judy Dewey on **01491 651127** or judy@piepowder.co.uk

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 Wed 20 **Mustang** (15)
 Thurs 21 **Chicken** (15)
 Fri 22 **Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie** (15tbc)
 Sat 23 **Alice Through the Looking Glass** (PG) 10.30am
 Sat 23 **Andre Rieu Concert 2016** screened live from Maastricht 7.00pm
 Sun 24 **Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie** (15tbc)
 Mon 25 **Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie** (15tbc)
 Tues 26 **Absolutely Fabulous: the Movie** (15tbc)
 Wed 27 **Elvis & Nixon** (15)
 Thurs 28 **Elvis & Nixon** (15)
 Fri 29 **Me Before You** (12A)
 Sat 30 **Top Cat Begins** (PG) 10.30am
 Sat 30 **Me Before You** (12A)

August

- Fri 26 **The Secret Life of Pets** (cert tbc) 10.30am
 Sat 27 **The Secret Life of Pets** (cert tbc) 10.30am and 2.30pm

LIVE

July 1: **Encore Showcase.** Sinodun Players' multi-talented youth group present a second showing of their special new venture which includes a music video, adverts and a short-story film. At 5.45pm. £5

July 30: **Don't Panic It's Challenge Anneka.** On the Button Theatre Company make a welcome return to the Corn Exchange with their pre-Edinburgh Fringe show. In the Studio Upstairs at 8pm. (NB there is no disabled access)

COMING UP

October 19-22. **The Tempest.** Sinodun Players will be presenting a radical new approach to Shakespeare's final and, arguably, greatest masterpiece. An inventive and entertaining experience for all. £10

NB: Owing to circumstances beyond the Corn Exchange's control, Sinodun Players' production of **The Chalk Garden** (13-16 July) will not now go ahead. Details about replacement bookings for those dates (and the previous week) were not available at the time of going to press, so please check the website for updated information, www.cornexchange.org.uk. Tickets for all other shows and screenings can be booked online or from box office **01491 825000**.

The Corn Exchange will be closing for its annual maintenance check during most of August. The box office will re-open on August 26 at 10am.

Wallingford Corn Exchange Euro 2016 Football Final

If you can't be in France, then here's the next best thing. Come and enjoy the match on the biggest screen in Wallingford - at the Corn Exchange.

The cinema will open on **Sunday 10 July** from 7pm to screen Live BBC1 HD coverage of the Final.

Free admission. The bar will be open throughout.



A short message for our communities in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse, sent on behalf of Local Police Area Commander Superintendent Rory Freeman:

Over the last six months there have been several tragic events in South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse and I wanted to take a moment to reflect on these.

We are one community and I, my officers, my staff, and indeed the entire Force, have also been impacted by these tragedies, as our communities have been.

Although the past months have been challenging, I have been deeply impressed by the strength and resilience shown by the communities in the face of these tragedies.

Thank you; without your help, your bravery and your support we wouldn't be able to do our jobs.

It is our priority to disrupt and deal with the organised and violent crime that we have unfortunately seen recently, and which isn't reflective of our community.

I would like to reassure you that we will continue to work tirelessly to protect our communities from harm, to prevent crime and bring offenders to justice.

Superintendent Rory Freeman

Urgent Village Notices

The Parish Clerk sends urgent village notices via e-mail as the occasion warrants. If you would like to be added to his e-mail list, please send a message to parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk.

When you receive the message, you will view only your own e-mail address: as a security precaution, all other residents' addresses are hidden. This is standard practice to protect your e-mail address.

Dorchester News online

Remember that Dorchester News is available to download from the Abbey website each month (go to the homepage at: www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk and click on Dorchester News) and from the village website (go to www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk and click on the Dorchester News tab).

Remind your friends and family who have moved away from the village that they can catch up with what's going on in Dorchester.

Day by day

Fri 1 July	Oxfordshire County Music Service Queen's 90th Birthday Concert 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sat 2 July	Dorchester Historical Society Visit to Baddesley Clinton 9.15am leave Dorchester Cricket Club First Team v Watlington 1.30pm Recreation Ground Oxfordshire County Music Service End of Year Concert 7.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 3 July	Trinity 6 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Morning Service
Thurs 7 July	Mobile library 2.55-3.15 Opposite War Memorial 7.30pm Team Lecture
Sat 9 July	Dorchester Cricket Club Second Team v Britwell Salome II 1.30pm Recreation Ground Dorchester Gardens Open 2.00 to 5.00pm
Sun 10 July	Trinity 7 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd David Haylett) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Baptism Discovering Dorchester Public Archaeology Field Schools. Hempcroft Allotments Until 22 July
Tues 12 July	Short Communion 10.15am
Thurs 14 July	Dorchester WI 'Bishops, Sex and Money' Tony Stafford 2.30pm Village Hall
Sat 16 July	Dorchester Cricket Club First Team v Minster Lovell II 1.30pm Recreation Ground Discovering Dorchester Excavations Open Day 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Church services in the Abbey appear in red.
More details can be found at :
www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk



Sun 17 July	Trinity 8 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Family Service 6.00pm Evensong
Mon 18 July	DOGS Golf at Springs Golf Club 6.00pm
Thurs 21 July	School end of term service 1.15pm Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Belcher Court (see p13) Mobile Library 2.55-3.15 Opposite War Memorial
Sat 23 July	Dorchester Cricket Club First Team v West Ilsley 1.30pm Recreation Ground Wedding of Clive Hazell and Leanne Edwards 3.00pm Dorchester Abbey John Masefield House Summer Fete 12.00 to 3.00pm
Sun 24 July	Trinity 9 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd David Haylett) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 7.00pm Taize @7
Thurs 28 July	Service at the Cheshire Home 11.30am
Sat 30 July	Wedding of Gary Andrews and Elizabeth Parker 1.00pm
Sun 31 July	Trinity 10 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Michael Lakey) 10.30am Team Service at Chiselhampton

For details of services at St Birinus RC
Church go to:
www.stbirinus.co.uk

Weekly events

Monday	Watercolour Painting 10.00am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.00pm Abbey Guest House. Full details from www.rebeccahind.com
Tuesday	Coffee in the Abbey 10.30am-12noon Bellringing Practice 7.30 pm Abbey Fishmonger 10.00am to 10.05am by War Memorial (p.21)
Wednesday	Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church 9.30am Lunch Club Village Hall 12.30pm
Thursday	Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am – 11.00am Village Hall: (term time only)
Friday	Choir Practice 7.00pm Abbey

Regular events also appear in the Parish
Council's website:
www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

14 May Andrew Stephen Powell and
Mary Melinda Ziemer

Memorial Service

2 June Gwynneth Mary Tame



Day by day

Thurs 4 Aug	Mobile library 2.55-3.15 Opposite War Memorial
Sat 6 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club First Team v Deddington 1.30pm Recreation Ground
Sun 7 Aug	Trinity 11 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Morning Service
Tues 9 Aug	Short Communion 10.15am
Thurs 11 Aug	Dorchester WI Visit to Henley for boat trip
Sat 13 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club First Team v Uffington 1.30pm Recreation Ground DOGS Social Barbeque
Sun 14 Aug	Trinity 12 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd David Haylett) 10.30am Sung Eucharist



Tues 16 Aug	DOGS Golf at Huntercombe Golf Club 6.00pm
Thurs 18 Aug	Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Belcher Court (see p13) Mobile Library 2.55-3.15 Opposite War Memorial
Sat 20 Aug	Bradfield Bell Ringing Course 10.45am Dorchester Abbey Wedding of James Stimpson and Lucy Young 1.00pm Dorchester Abbey Dorchester Cricket Club Second Team v Risinghurst II 1.30pm Recreation Ground

Sun 21 Aug	Trinity 13 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Family Service NB No Evensong this month
Thurs 25 Aug	Service at the Cheshire Home 11.30am
Sat 27 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club Second Team v Chalrove 1.30pm Recreation Ground Wedding of Robert Heathcote and Fiona Moultrie 2.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 28 Aug	Trinity 14 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd David Haylett) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00noon Baptism 7.00pm Taize @7
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Thursday 15th - Sunday 25th September

CONTACTING THE POLICE

To report a non-emergency crime, or to give information to Thames Valley Police, call **101**. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**. In the event of an emergency dial **999**.

HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECT LINE TO URGENT LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Dial **111** to access urgent local NHS health care services. Where possible, they will book you an appointment or transfer you to the people you need to speak to or send an ambulance if they think you need one. For non-urgent health needs you should contact your GP in the usual way.

MINOR INJURIES

The Minor Injuries Unit at Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Road, daily from 10.00 am to 10.30 pm: **01865 903476**.

A&E

The nearest A&E units are at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford (**01865 741166**) and the Royal Berkshire in Reading (**01183 225111**).

SURGERIES

Berinsfield Health Centre: **01865 340558**
Clifton Hampden: **01865 407888**
Millstream Benson: **01491 838286**

ROOM HIRE

ABBEY GUEST HOUSE BOOKINGS

To hire the Abbey Guest House for private functions, meetings, exhibitions, etc, contact Hilarie Rogers on **01865 340007**.

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Brenda Edwards; **edwards.dorchester2@virgin.net** or telephone **01865 343062**.

Please telephone at least 24 hours in advance to arrange collection of the key.

THE COMMUNAL LOUNGE AT BELCHER COURT

The communal lounge at Belcher Court is available for rent. Contact the Scheme Manager, Caroline Major, on **01865 343128**.

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

STREET LIGHTING

Report any problems with a street light to **0800 317802**, available 24 hours a day. Callers will be asked for the address of the site and the nature of the fault.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Ring Oxfordshire Highways on **0845 3101111**, available five days a week, with a 24-hour answering facility. Complaints can also be sent via e-mail to **southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk**.

BLOCKED DRAINS

Ring Thames Water for blocked drains on **0800 316 9800**. Callers will be asked for the postcode of the address where the drains are blocked.

REFUSE COLLECTION

If your rubbish is not collected on the due date contact the contractor direct. Call **03000 610610** and the website: **www.morerecycling.co.uk**

ANIMAL WELFARE

RSPCA (wildlife): **0300 123 0206**
St Tiggywinkles animal rescue: **01844 292292**
Swan Lifeline: **01753 859397**

Useful Information

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

Green Furlong, Berinsfield **01865 340771**
Free Internet access. DVDs can be ordered.

OPENING HOURS

Mon - closed
Tues, Wed, Fri 10.00am – 12.30pm
Tues 2.00–7.00pm
Weds, Thurs 2.00–5.30pm
Fri 2.00–5.00pm
Sat 10.00am – 12.30pm

TRANSPORT

BUS SERVICES

Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from **www.traveline.info**, and **0871 200 2233**, which also provides information about trains, London Underground and Overground and ferries throughout the UK.

OXFORDSHIRE DIAL-A-RIDE

Door to door minibus service for shopping trips. For information please contact **0845 310 1111**.

SHOPMOBILITY

Free loan of wheelchairs and electric scooters to people who need them for shopping in Oxford. For information please ring **01865 248737**.

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), High Street, Dorchester on Thames OX10 7HH; **01865 340759** (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency); **parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk**.

More information about the village is available at: **www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk**

USEFUL CONTACTS

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Revd. Canon Sue Booy
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EDUCATION OFFICER

Margaret Craig
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education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

ABBEY E-MAIL:

admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk
Contact details for Church Wardens and other Abbey information are on the notice board in the Abbey.

ABBEY WEBSITE

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

The Presbytery
Fr. John Osman
Bridge End
01865 340417
www.stbirinus.co.uk



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 1 July	Black
Fri 8 July	Green
Fri 15 July	Black
Fri 22 July	Green
Fri 29 Jul	Black
Fri 5 Aug	Green
Fri 12 Aug	Black
Fri 19 Aug	Green
Fri 26 Aug	Black

Fridays from 7.00am.

Weekly: food waste (in bio-degradable starch-based bag or wrapped in newspaper, in green caddy).

The recycling centre at Oakley Wood (off the A4130) is open 8.00am – 5.00pm seven days a week.

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