

Dorchester News

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**Dorchester News
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A DoT view**

The Autumn Flower Show is upon us and St Birinus school autumn term is about to begin, both marking the end, or nearly the end, of summer. September can often give us some glorious days, so let's hope for some this year.

With autumn come some innovations. *The Dorchester Flyer* has got underway as a replacement for the subsidised bus services that have now been withdrawn. With two journeys to Wallingford and back each Friday, it gives you a chance to get to the market easily. Even if you usually drive to Wallingford, this is the day of the week when parking there can be very difficult, and *The Dorchester Flyer* takes the stress out of that. See page 27 for details.

Later in the autumn there will be the Narnia event at the Abbey—an interactive exhibition running from October through much of November. See the ad on page 15 for details of the event and the timings, including workshops to create some of the activities. An event of this kind requires considerable support from volunteers to make it happen. The ad for volunteers on page 4 gives some details about how you can get involved and be a part of this experience.

We have a serious and senior policeman coming to the village on 29 September. Don't worry, though, he's only coming to give the 2016 Dorchester Lecture. Sir Charles Pollard promises to be fascinating, with glimpses into some of the major events of the past forty years, in the policing of which he has been involved. Make that a date for the diary.

Ian Brace

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Talking Point

Revd. David Haylett

It seems to me this year that, as a nation, we have seen extremes in all sorts of areas of our lives. We started the year with celebrations of the longest reign of any monarch in our country's history and then the Queen's 90th birthday. Celebrations which began well ahead of the actual birthday in April and continued until after the "official" birthday in June. Celebrations which went on for so long that the Queen made a comment which suggested that she was heartily fed up with hearing *Happy Birthday* sung over and over again. (I sometimes wonder if she thinks the same thing about the National Anthem.

Things then seemed to turn sour with the referendum and the decision by quite a narrow majority to leave the European Union.

That immediately triggered a fall in the value of the pound, revealed a fairly massive

split in the Conservative Party, a split which seems to have been healed, or has it just been papered over? Only time will tell. It also seemed to be the trigger for an even more serious split in the Labour Party, with the Leader, supported apparently by the 'grass roots' having a major dispute with the majority of Labour MPs and mass resignations from the Shadow Cabinet.

Brexit also seems to suggest that future funding for research, trade relationships, and the right to live, work and travel freely where we choose have ceased to be certainties.

Then our near neighbours, France and Germany, were hit by a wave of terrorist attacks culminating last week (as I write this) with the horrific spectacle of an elderly French Priest having his throat cut by Islamic extremists as he celebrated Mass, an event which triggered our Archdeacon to circulate clergy here with a warning to be vigilant.

Then we have the devil and the deep blue sea choice facing electors in the USA, Trump versus Clinton, both sides have their supporters and detractors, but the world has to live with their choice.

One wonders where it is all going to end.

In the aftermath of the referendum vote, the Archdeacon of Berkshire, (who lived in Long Wittenham prior to her appointment as Archdeacon) wrote: 'What I am convinced about is that, as followers of Christ, we must now work hard to heal, reconcile and love in an anxious society where racist voices are beginning to be heard. Let us hold fast to the words of Desmond Tutu:

*Good is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, through him who loves us.'*

Amen to that.

From the Rector

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer – as David's Talking Point suggests on a national and global scale it has been an uncomfortable period for many. In September our Team Churches will be counting down to the arrival of our partners from South Africa at the end of the month. I hope you will want to meet Natalie, Theresa, Sarah and Cheeks and hear about the work they have begun which we are helping to develop. We have much to learn from one another. Sarah and Cheeks will be staying with me so do greet them if you see them in the village. If you would like to meet them or offer them hospitality do get in touch with me – all of them will be at our Harvest Festival Service in the Abbey on October 2.

Fellowship of St Birinus Evensong, 18 September

On **18 September** at 6pm we will be joined by members of the Fellowship of St Birinus, their friends and family.

The Fellowship of St Birinus is an honorary fellowship awarded by the Bishop of Dorchester to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to church life either on a special and particular occasion or over a period of time. Everyone is welcome at the Evensong in the Abbey to support our choir, our friends and our guests.

Confirmation

The Bishop of Dorchester will conduct a service of Confirmation in Dorchester Abbey at 10.30am on **Sunday 30 October**. If you would like to know more about being confirmed, please speak to your vicar. Amongst the candidates, it looks like there will be a number of young people so do contact the Abbey Office (**01865 340007** or **admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk**) for details of the day of preparation we are doing.

South African visitors

We are very excited about the visit by key leaders of the Burning Bush Ministry, which provides food and hospitality to pre-school children in the village of Boegoeberg, South Africa.

Sarah, Susanna (Cheeks), Natalie and Teresa will be arriving on **Sunday 25 September** and leaving on **Monday 10 October**. This means that they will be able to join us at our Harvest Festival celebrations, and also visit the various lunch clubs, coffee mornings and mid-week services around the Dorchester Team. There will be time for sight-seeing too - we will be showing them Oxford, and taking them to London and the seaside.

The two Saturdays are also important. On the first of these, **Saturday 1 October**, we will be meeting to discuss the future of our link with the ministry. Since we first linked up three years ago a great deal of thinking has been put in to ways in which the ministry can become self-supporting, an essential sustainability goal. It promises to be a fascinating day, with discussions around how best to meet the ever-increasing need of the ministry for food as it reaches out to more and more people, while at the same time having to deal with severe water restrictions which put pressure on its ability to grow food and hold livestock.

On the second **Saturday, 8 October**, the visitors will be guests at a Diocesan event which will be looking at these issues of food and water security from a regional and international perspective.

All are warmly invited to all of the events.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be an opportunity to celebrate the harvest of our own allotments and gardens and hear about some of the difficulties in producing fresh food in the allotment garden at the Burning Bush Project. The service will be followed by the Harvest lunch to which everyone is warmly invited. Please pop into the Abbey from 20 September to sign up!

New Bishop of Oxford

At the very end of September Steven Croft will begin his formal ministry in the Diocese (he is already legally the Bishop of Oxford) with a special service in the Cathedral. He is trying to meet as many people as possible across the Diocese and there will be a special service in the Abbey for our part of the Diocese on **Sunday 9 October** at 3.30pm- - do come and meet him.

See the letter from the Bishop of Oxford opposite—Ed

Thanks from Dawn Dudley

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to so many friends in Dorchester for the overwhelming kindness and support following the death of my beloved husband, Nick.

Dawn Dudley

Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

Wednesday 28 September

7.30pm in Dorchester Village Hall (back room)

Jane Thick will give a talk on 'Art through the eyes of the Historian'. Using the works of art as historical evidence – Jane says this means **not** taking them at face value, but treating them rather as something constructed to convey a message. Her talk will focus on what paintings and prints can and cannot tell you about the past.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome to our talks and outings.

Gail Thomas
Chairman



The Abbey's Narnia Exhibition Needs You!!!

22nd October to 22nd November 2016

Please help make the Abbey's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Narnia Exhibition* a great success

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to be:

- 'Meeters and Greeters'
- School Visits Helpers
- Art/Craft Workshop Helpers
- *Dramatic Personae* (i.e. dressing up as a Narnia Character!)

Full guidance provided, so you don't need to be a Narnia expert – just enthusiastic!

For info or to offer help, please contact *Margaret Craig*, the *Abbey Education Officer*: education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk or tel. Mon/Tues 01865 343164

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From the Bishop of Oxford

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Thank you for your various messages of welcome and for your prayers following the announcement of my nomination as the Bishop of Oxford. It's an enormous honour and privilege to be appointed to this role and I look forward very much to serving the communities of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire in the coming years.

My Confirmation of Election as Bishop of Oxford was held on 6 July, and I have now paid homage to Her Majesty the Queen and resumed my place in the House of Lords. I will continue to meet with the senior team in Oxford and plan for the autumn.

Ann and I hope to move to the new See House in Kidlington at the end of August and I will be working to a normal diary in the diocese from early September. My inauguration is set for Friday 30 September in the Cathedral.

There will then be four Welcome Eucharists at which I will preside and preach, one for each Archdeaconry:

Reading: Wednesday 5 October 19.45
Reading Minster

Dorchester: Sunday 9 October 15.30
Dorchester Abbey

Oxford: Wednesday 12 October 19.30
Church of the Holy Family, Blackbird Leys

Buckingham: Thursday 13 October 18.00
All Saints, High Wycombe

I would like to meet as many people as possible over the first few weeks in post so please put one of these dates in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope to visit the parish clergy of the Oxford Area in October and November. I am also planning a series of Deanery Days from November to July to begin to get to know and to listen to the whole Diocese. During those visits I look forward to engaging with lay people and clergy and getting to know the wider community as well as the church. I also look forward to being out and about across the whole Diocese Sunday by Sunday.

You can discover something about me in advance from the Diocesan website, should you wish to do so. I was formed as a parish priest in Halifax. I was shaped as a thinker and writer in Durham and through travelling the country as Archbishops' Missioner. I have been forged as a Bishop in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, seeking to recall the Church here and elsewhere to the mission of God.

I'm conscious I will have a much to learn in my early years in Oxford. Please pray for me: for the gifts of humility, wisdom and gentleness for this new ministry. Pray in the words of the ordinal that my heart may daily be enlarged to love this great Diocese to which God has now called me.

I'm looking forward very much to working with Bishop Colin, Bishop Andrew and Bishop Alan in the coming years and with the rest of the senior team. I'm conscious that the Diocese owes a particular debt to Bishop Colin for his care and leadership during the long vacancy.

Based on the listening I have done so far, I will focus my ministry across the whole Diocese in three areas in the early years: on engagement with children, young people and young adults; on enabling lay discipleship in the world and on engaging with the poorest communities across the Diocese. These priorities are not a new Diocesan strategy. That may emerge over time. They are initial themes for my own engagement with the whole Diocese and I look forward to taking them forward with you.

I believe that the Christian faith and the Christian Church will become ever more central in the life of our nation and the world in the 21st Century as people seek again for meaning, for values, for purpose and for hope.

God has called the Church to be a community of mercy and kindness, reflecting the nature of Jesus Christ and telling the good news of his love. Together we are called to be a community of missionary disciples: faithful, united, hopeful, creative and rejoicing in God's grace.

I look forward very much to meeting you, to knowing you and being known and to working with you,

In Christ



Email: bishop.oxford@oxford.anglican.org

Twitter: @Steven_Croft

Blog: <http://blogs.oxford.anglican.org>

Surgery Car 2016

Did you know that there is a Surgery Car Volunteer Service?

If you need to visit Berinsfield Surgery, make an appointment with the GP for a forthcoming Wednesday morning. Mention that you will be using the Dorchester Surgery Car service.

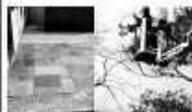
Then call Dorchester Fireplaces on **01865 341452** before 2pm on the Tuesday before the appointment. Give them your address and phone number.

Dorchester Fireplaces will notify the volunteer who will collect you at 10am from your home and take you to the Surgery.

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Lunch Club for Retired Dorchester Residents

The Lunch Club will start up again on **Wednesday 5 October**. This Club was started many years ago by Lettice Godfrey with two other helpers, to provide a home cooked lunch during the winter months on a Wednesday for retired people living in the village on their own. Now we welcome couples as well as single people.

The plan is to have 40 members who are divided into two groups for lunch in the back room of the Village Hall, each group of 20 attending once a fortnight in rotation. There is also a special Christmas and Easter lunch for both groups together in the main room of the Village Hall. There are three teams of cooks who cook the lunch in rotation.

At present we do not have 40 members and therefore would welcome any new residents who would like to join us. It is a lovely sociable occasion with a delicious home cooked lunch at a charge of £5 to cover expenses. **We would welcome new members, if you are interested in joining us as a new member please let Susan Jupp know as soon as possible (phone 01865 341066)**, so she can allocate in which group you will be. (If you would require transport to the Village Hall, this can be arranged). Before October Susan will write to all members to give the dates of the Wednesdays each member can come.

Susan Jupp (co-ordinator for the Lunch Club)



Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw.

1st Prize	£75	No.149	Mrs M Stevenson
2nd Prize	£45	No.14	Mr N Forman
3rd Prize	£25	No.46	Mr D Joseph

The next draw will be in September, so join now for a chance to win!

The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to raise funds for the village hall. There are only 200 tickets and some are still available at £12 for the year (4 draws from when you join). To join, contact Elaine Moore on **340441** or email **admin@dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk** for a form.

Fix My Street

Have you seen Oxfordshire County Council's web page called FixMyStreet? Go there to report things like potholes, burst water mains, sinking kerbs, broken street lights, even uncut grass. Don't just have a good moan about these things, take two minutes to report them at:

<https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/> and tell the County Council about it. Who knows, they might even fix it!

CALLING YOUNG SINGERS



Do you know a child aged between 8 and 12 years of age who would like to receive professional singing lessons and sing at Dorchester Abbey?

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 5pm

Children singing at Services/Events at least 10 times a year will receive the singing lessons free.

**For more information please email:
admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk**



Friends of Dorchester Abbey
& Beauforest Society

The 2016 Dorchester Lecture



Sir Charles Pollard QPM
Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police from 1991 to 2002

Tackling Crime in London and the Thames Valley

7.30pm Thursday 29th September

Sir Charles was involved in policing the National Front and Socialist Worker demonstrations in 1979, the Winter of Discontent, the Iranian Embassy Siege, the Brighton Bomb, the Hungerford Shooting and the Blackbird Leys riots. He will be recounting his experiences and sharing what can be learnt for today.

Tickets £10
Available from www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk
& Hair of Dorchester



Pre-School News

At the end of last term we said farewell to 17 of our friends at pre-school to start their new adventure at 'big' school in September. We look forward to seeing many of them across the playground at Dorchester School.

The new term in September will feature the exciting topic of 'Mini Beasts'. There will be some exciting creatures visiting the setting and we will go for walks to hunt for bugs and creepy crawlies. We will also be celebrating harvest festival.

We hope to change our big shed into an outside classroom which will enable us to still get outside to work and play even if the weather isn't very good.

We look forward to another new school year and to welcoming new children to the setting. There are places available for September if you would like your child to be part of this wonderful pre-school. For information please contact Helen Morris (Pre-School Manager) on

manager@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk.

Matthew Kestner,
Chair

Narropera returns to Dorchester

Così fan tutte, Mozart's last Italian comic opera, comes to Dorchester Abbey courtesy of The Mozart Narropera Trio on **22 October 2016**, the second in a series of narropera performances in the beautiful Shrine Chapel.

The Mozart Narropera Trio presented an enthusiastically received debut Dorchester narropera performance at the beginning of June, of Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro'. Narropera is an entertaining, novel way of approaching an operatic masterpiece. One singer, one violinist and a pianist/narrator reduce the opera to 90 minutes of uninterrupted story-telling, in song and spoken word. German star soprano sings nine arias from four different characters, with the story of the whole opera delightfully threaded between these musical numbers. The violin part is arranged so as to act as a contrasting 'voice' of equal importance, thereby creating an intimate, chamber-musical approach to the whole. Entertaining, intelligible, approachable.

Sat 22 October. 7.30pm, Shrine Chapel, Dorchester Abbey
Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, narropera, 90 minutes without interval.

Bookings, from Oxford Playhouse, will open at the end of the month: tickets @ £20 include a complimentary glass of NZ sparkling Sauvignon Blanc with each ticket.



Dorothee Jansen,
The Mozart
Narropera Trio
in performance
of
The Marriage
of Figaro,
Bayreuth, Ger-
many, in May



St Birinus School News

Our summer term certainly kept up a good pace as we reached the end of term in July – here are some of the highlights:

- The Year 6 children took part in the Diocesan Leavers event and service in the Abbey, at this the children were able to join in several workshops before ending the day with a service to guide them on their way to the next challenge. This group have always been a great lead in all our singing activities and they were able to lead on one of the songs during the singing workshop – it was brilliant to hear them.
- Caroline Seed prepared a brilliant Shakespeare workshop for the children in Red Class, the children had the opportunity to act some of the scenes from Shakespeare's plays and I know, they particularly enjoyed shouting Shakespearean insults at each other. It was a great introduction to what can sometimes seem a challenge for primary aged children. Thank you Caroline.
- Avast me hearties, t'was Pirate day to be sure! It was certainly the hottest days this year to be dressed in a variety of costumes, but we all had fun making flags and boats, finding treasure and walking the plank. It was great to do something completely different at the end of term. Thank you to Mrs Harding and her sister, Alison for organising the day.
- In the Abbey on the last day, we held our Leavers service dedicated to the Year 6 children as they prepare to leave us. They are a great group and I have had the pleasure to work with them throughout this year and certainly wish them well for their next exciting adventure. During the service Dr Boakes kindly awarded his Literacy Prize, which this year went to Grace and Sophia. As always I would like to thank Dr Boakes for all his work with the Year 6 children each year – it is very much appreciated. This is the fourth year to present the Luke Chadney Cup for Enthusiasm and Contribution, which was generously donated by Mr and Mrs Chadney in memory of their son, Luke. This year, the cup was awarded to Nat Gauden, who the staff felt had made a valuable contribution to school by willingly helping others in need of a friend or just needing someone to talk. Well done Nat – well deserved.
- Finally, we awarded our annual 100% Attendance Certificates - this year the following children have achieved 100% attendance - Olivia Amott, Thomas Lester, Jacob Clewley and Theo Beaman. A fantastic effort!

As you read our news, we will be preparing to start a new term on **Monday 5 September** – this is very exciting as the school returns to a four class organization – which has always been our long term plan, however we have managed to bring this plan forward. Therefore, we warmly welcome Miss Sarah Guest, who joins us as the Year 1/2 teacher. Moving to four classes we thought it was important to have new class names, therefore from September our classes will be as follows:

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| Foundation / Year | - Hedgehog Class |
| Year 1 / Year 2 | - Squirrel Class |
| Year 3 / Year 4 | - Fox Class |
| Year 5 / Year 6 | - Owl Class |

We are certainly looking forward to another exciting year at school.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

Tennis Club News

We have a new practice Hitting Wall replacing part of the fence on the second court. All villagers are welcome to use it as long as the court is not in use. It is an excellent way of practising your groundstrokes – can you keep the ball within the red and white lines?

Tennis coaching for juniors will resume in September from 3.45pm on Tuesday afternoons starting **Tuesday 13 September**. Contact Claire Andersson if you are interested.

Drop-in adult coaching continues every Friday morning at 10.00am – all standards welcome. £10 per session. We normally stay afterwards and play for an hour or so if anyone wants to join in then.

The Tennis Club will be running the tea-room to raise funds for court maintenance on **Saturday 17 September** – please come along and enjoy delicious home-made cakes and scones, not to mention the 5 star service!

And see below for details on the end of season tournament and the upcoming quiz-night.

Claire Andersson

Claire@claireandersson.co.uk

Sunday 11 September End of Season Tournament

‘The Woodley Trophy’
Mixed Doubles

Meet at 2.00pm at the courts, with or without a partner, all welcome

£6 per head including Pimms and afternoon tea

Saturday 8 October Tennis Club Quiz Night

Dorchester Village Hall

Doors open 7pm for
7.30pm start

£8 per head including hot supper

Please contact Jill Corran to book your team
Jillcorran@hotmail.com

Royal British Legion Dorchester and District Branch. Chairperson

I have now left the village and moved to Cornwall. Unfortunately my replacement as chairman is now unable to take up the role, so at present I am continuing as chairman from our home in Cornwall.

I do not mind doing this for the immediate future but it is important we find my replacement. There has to be an official branch in the village in order to conduct ceremonies such as the Remembrance Sunday Service and to have a branch we need a committee which includes a chairperson.

So, if there is anyone out there who feels they could fulfil this role, it does not take a great deal of time over the year then please contact me on the number below or by email to simoncmadden@gmail.com

All is in hand for the Remembrance Sunday Service in November. The Poppy Appeal will be organised by Taz Evans and Jackie Lynch Blossie.

This is not a demanding job but a very important one for a great cause especially now it is the centenary of the First World War.

Simon Madden

DOGS News

Our first 9-hole event of 2016 recently took place in the evening at **The Springs Golf Club**. The golf scores were ‘varied, interesting and amusing’ but as ever, the social gathering afterwards was the best bit.



Golf and Social : Sunday 4 and Monday 5 September.

‘**DOGS on Tour**’ This is our annual two-day outing, this time to the New Forest, with an overnight stay in a nice hotel. There’s a round of golf both days and non-golfers go off to do other things, such as visiting local attractions, spa treatments and so on. All come together for dinner and a social evening on the Sunday. This year’s tour is now closed for entry, but it’s worth thinking about for 2017.

Golf: Monday 3 October

The Peter Crawshaw Memorial Salver.

This is a pairs competition, with two players playing each hole, but only the better of their two scores being counted for their team score. This year we’ll be at **North Oxford Golf Club with the first tee at 10 am**. If you aren’t a DOGS member or if you haven’t got a preferred playing partner, we’ll match you up with someone you’ll get along with. It’s a great way to join in and have fun.

Golf: Friday 28 October

Our final outing for 2016 is at **Badgemore Park Golf Club** near Henley starting at 10 am. It is the decider for many competitions, but it’s open for anyone who wants to play. The golf course is always in great condition and it has a number of ‘interesting’ holes.

Social

Friday 4 November

The highlight of our social season, the **DOGS Dinner** is to be held in **The White Hart Hotel**. Many of the attendees don’t play golf they just come along for a fun night out. Come and see for yourself.

For more information call Mike and Jan Rimmer **01865 343719**



RULES

- The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on-Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield, or with a Dorchester allotment.
 - No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 20, 25 and 26, where three entries may be made.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and clear immediately afterwards.
 - Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.
 - 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

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

Section 2 - Fruit

- Apples, Cooking 5
- Apples, Dessert 5

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

Section 3 - Flowers

- Flowering plant in pot, pot not to exceed 8" diameter
- Foliage plant in pot, pot max 8" dia
- Dahlia - 1, 6" diameter and over
- Dahlias - 3, 3" to 6" diameter
- Rose - 1 bloom any type
- Roses - 3 stems, one variety or mixed
- Flowering shrub - 3 stems, one variety
- Berried shrub, including hips - 3 stems, one variety
- Michaelmas daisies - 3 stems
- Annuals - 3 stems, one variety
- Annuals - 5 stems, all different species
- Biennials or Perennials 3 stems, one variety
- Biennials or Perennials 5 stems, all different species

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

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

Section - 5 Domestic

- Bakewell Tart
- Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- English muffins - 3
- Meringues - 5
- Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 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"
- 'A building'
 - Subject beginning with "V"

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

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

- Age under 5 years
A drawing of Mummy or Daddy
- Age 5 - 8 years
A vegetable monster
- Age 9 - 15
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We hope that all our members and friends have had an enjoyable summer. New members are very welcome.

We still need more members for the Committee. A big thank you to Hayley Poole who has become the Minutes' Secretary, will produce the News Letter for members and will take over from me, Jill Love with publicity including the article for the Dorchester News.

Despite the weather our Summer Garden Party at the kind invitation of Chris and Pauline Kenway Jackson was a success. It was a friendly and delicious occasion where I was able to introduce my American friend Judy to an English Tea, including scones, strawberry jam and cream. Of course she also met lots of interesting ladies.

We should like to thank all the helpers and cake makers who helped to make our fund raising events a success at the Abbey Tearooms on Sundays 10 July and 14 August.

11 August at Henley-On-Thames, members, husbands and friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on The Waterman cruising along the Thames. Hobbs and Sons were most helpful with our disabled friends allowing those cars to be parked in their yard close to the boat and the crew being on hand to help. Many thanks to Susan Jupp for arranging this happy event in the sunshine .

Thursday 8 September

2.30pm in the Village Hall
From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers
Kate Lace

Thursday 6 October

Dorchester-on-Thames WI hosting the Shillingford Group at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Gutsy Women-A History of Women's Achievements in London
Colin Oakes

Members coming to the Shillingford Group meeting which we are hosting please remember to bring £5 for your ticket. It is hoped that as many of our members as possible will attend where members from five other WIs will attend. WIs who are members of this Group are:- Wallingford, Warborough and Shillingford, Benson, Berinsfield, Clifton Hampden, Burcot, and Dorchester-on-Thames. Oxfordshire Federation Adviser Christine Denton. This event is only open to WI members, the tickets are £5 to include the speaker and a light supper. Helpers are urgently needed for this event:- to help set up the tables and chairs, prepare the food, to help at the event and to clear up at the end.

Please let Susan 341066 or Pauline 340746 know if you can help. Times for your help will be announced at the September meeting.

Thursday 13 October

2.30pm in the Village Hall
Love in a Box- The Shoe Box Charity, Elizabeth Parker
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We look forward to meeting you at our meetings.
President-**Pauline Kenway-Jackson** 01865 340746
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Division 4		Result
02/07/2016	Dorchester v Watlington	Dorchester win by 16 runs
09/07/2016	Sunningwell v Dorchester	Sunningwell win by 32 runs
16/07/2016	Dorchester v Minster Lovell II	Minster Lovell II win by 8 wickets
23/07/2016	Dorchester v West Ilsley	West Ilsley win by 5 wickets
06/08/2016	Dorchester v Deddington	Dorchester win by one wicket
13/08/2016	Dorchester v Uffington	Uffington win by 17 runs
Division 8		Result
02/07/2016	Sunningwell II v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 9 wickets
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Scything for Improvers

Sunday 4 September, 9.30am-4pm

Scything is the traditional way to tackle long grass and tall weeds. Develop your technique during this one-day workshop with Clive Leeke. £50; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Fantastic Foraging

Sunday 4 September, 10am-2pm

This month's Sunday drop-in is all about foraging for food. Find out what's growing around the Earth Trust Centre and learn what yummy things you can cook with it. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

Wetland Wildlife Walk

Sunday 25 September, 9.30am-11am

Enjoy a guided walk around Thrupp Lake (OX10 3NG) with local ecologist Ben Carpenter and find out about some of the wetland wildlife that lives there. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

Foraging Walk

Sunday 25 September, 11am-3pm

Discover the autumn bounty around the Earth Trust Centre and nature reserve and use what you find to create something delicious. £15; booking essential: 01865 407792.

As always, more information can be found on our website www.earthtrust.org.uk. All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated.

Hempcroft Allotment News

In June I reported on The National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners' concerns about the use of glyphosate-based herbicides for weed control on allotments. In a non-binding resolution, the European Parliament (EP) called for a ban on all uses of glyphosate-based herbicides (such as Roundup) in private and public green areas, including spraying in and around public parks, playgrounds and gardens. MEPs also said a new glyphosate licence should be limited to 7 years instead of 15 years. The EP also called for full disclosure of the scientific evidence behind an assessment of glyphosate by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Environmental and transparency organisations have called for the full publication of this evidence, and criticised glyphosate producers for their reluctance to publish carcinogenicity studies evaluated by EFSA.

The EU licence for glyphosate ran out at the end of June 2016, although an assessment of the weedkiller by the European Chemicals Agency will not be completed before the end of 2017. In March 2016, the Commission was unable to muster enough support among EU member state representatives to extend the lease of glyphosate.

Continued →

Hurst Water Meadow Trust News

New Trustee

We are delighted to welcome Louise Aukland as a new Trustee. Louise and her family recently moved to Dorchester, and her children attend the village primary school. She is a graduate of Oxford University where she did an M.Sc. in forestry and, later, a PGCE. Now she is a secondary school science teacher. Louise has experience in conservation volunteering and in introducing children to the countryside and its wildlife. As a Trustee she will take the lead on education, and she has already taken three parties from the primary school to the Hurst for afternoons of bug catching and river dipping.

Summer on the meadows

Some of our Trustees spent an interesting day walking the meadows with representatives from Natural England and from the Floodplain Meadows Partnership discussing the work that the Trust has been doing and planning for the future. It is encouraging that both these organisations are interested in the progress that we are making.

In July the hay cut was taken from the Hurst and Overy Mead Piece. Our thanks to local farmer Andrew Townsend who cut the Hurst and removed the bales without delay. Shillingford farmer, Stephen Cook, kindly arranged for his contractor to cut Overy Mead Piece for us, but unfortunately the bales were left for several days which led to trouble: two bales were pushed into the River Thames where they are impeding navigation, and two were set alight. The fire brigade had to be called for the first bale fire, but on the second occasion a Trustee caught the offenders and the fire was doused in time.

Dog fouling campaign

In the past Trustees and volunteers have undertaken the unpleasant job of removing dog faeces from the meadow paths. By doing this we were disguising the extent of the fouling problem so, instead, we have been encircling the offending piles with bio-degradable coloured chalk spray. This warns walkers and volunteers not to tread in the foul mess and, perhaps, will prompt dog owners to be diligent and 'pick up'. It would be great if all dog owners could help in combating this problem; if you have any suggestions please get in touch.

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...Hempcroft Allotment News continued

Mark Townson has sent me a report by Burges Salmon on the debate on glyphosate use. The EP vote was non-binding but has significant implications whatever view is taken of the scientific evidence. Caught between claim and counter-claim the EC on 29 June 2016 extended the current approval of glyphosphate for 18 months (rather than 7 years) pending review by the European Chemical Agency and continued non-binding recommendations to minimise the use in public parks, playgrounds, gardens and pre-harvest.

The AGM is being planned for **Thursday 22 September** in the Village Hall at 7.00pm

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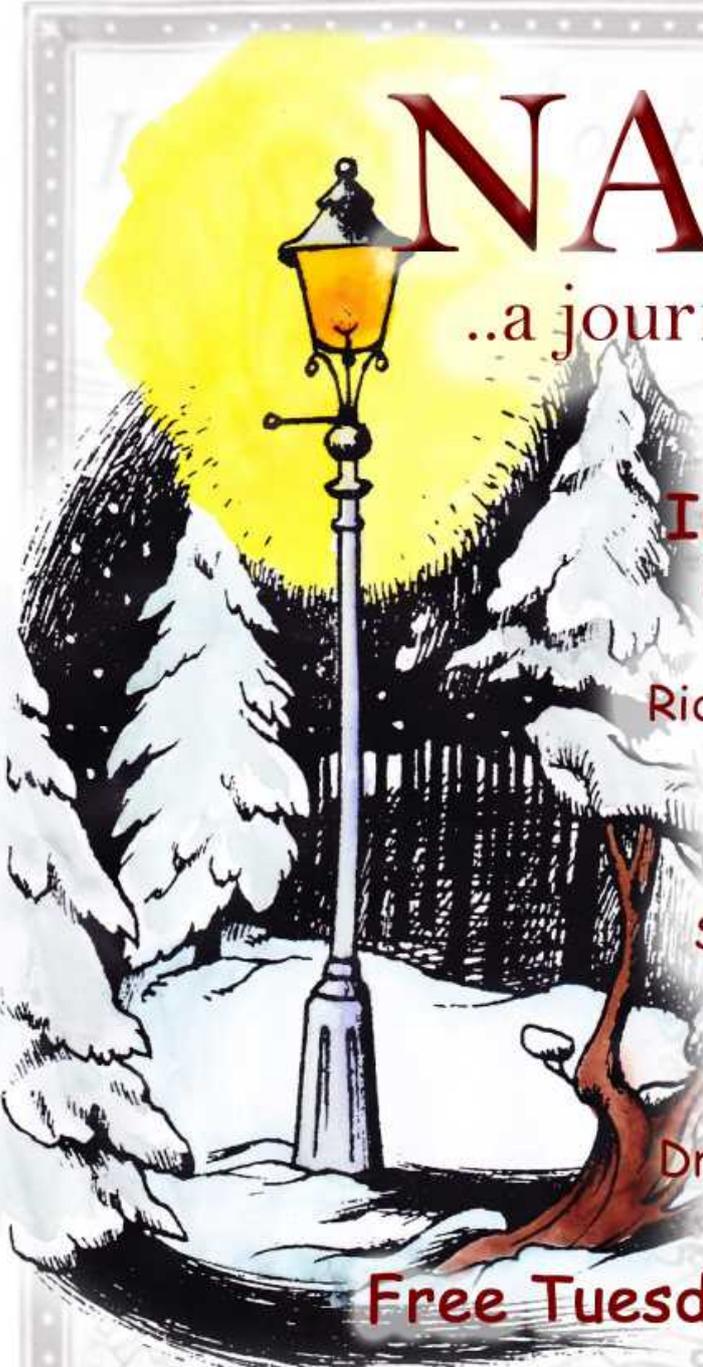
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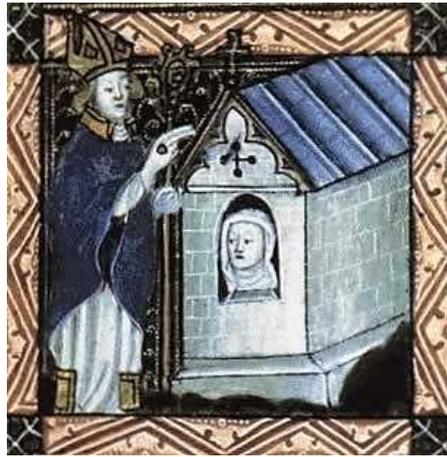


Hermits and Anchorites

A hermit is a person who withdraws from society and lives a solitary life, usually for religious reasons. From the 3rd century AD Christian hermits lived in caves or other isolated dwellings mainly in the Egyptian desert for which reason they have been known as the Desert Fathers or Desert Mothers. Those who formed groups constituted the first monastic communities. The aims of such hermits was to achieve spiritual inspiration and guidance by means of solitude, austerity, self-sacrifice, meditation and prayer. Some Christians still live the life of a hermit as do some members of other religions such as Hinduism and Buddhism.

Anchorites (female: anchoresses) were a type of hermit. They became widespread in the Middle Ages ending in England with the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the 16th century. Anchoresses usually outnumbered their male counterparts in the later medieval period.

In general, anchorites lived in permanent isolation enclosed in a small cell (an 'anchorhold') usually attached to the parish church. The cell had a 'squin', a



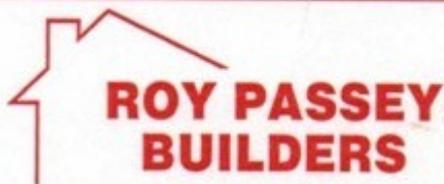
small window allowing the occupant to see the church altar, hear Mass and receive Holy Communion. Food, alms and other necessities would be passed through another opening which also allowed visitors to converse with the anchorite when seeking spiritual advice. Some anchorholds had more than one room and possibly a garden. One or more servants were needed to bring food and remove waste.

Typically, in the presence of a bishop, the person intent on an anchoritic vocation

was sealed up into his/her cell after the last rites had been administered to signify the anchorite's death to the outside world. Some anchorites achieved an international reputation for providing spiritual guidance and were sometimes consulted by eminent people including royalty. Famous examples of this include the anchoress Julian (or Juliana) of Norwich (1342-1416) who was a mystic, theologian and spiritual writer. It would be interesting to know about possible adverse psychological and physical effects of the anchorite way of life. However it seems that this aspect has been little studied.

The illustration is a 15th century depiction of the enclosure of an anchoress by a bishop. It is reproduced by permission of the Master and Fellows of Corpus Christi College Cambridge. Further details of anchorites including archaeological evidence and pictures of some surviving anchorholds can be found in an article by Mari Hughes-Edwards called *The World of the Medieval Anchorite* (<http://www.buildingconservation.com/articles/anchorites/anchorites.htm>)

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Focus on... The Discovering Dorchester Project

During July, in recent years, a big hole has appeared on the northern side of the Hempcroft Allotments, and for several weeks people are to be seen standing or sitting in it, and scraping at the ground. This is the annual dig of the *Discovering Dorchester on Thames Project*.

If you don't know about it, this is an archaeological project jointly organised by the Institute of Archaeology at Oxford University, Oxford Archaeology, an independent archaeology and heritage practice, and Dorchester Abbey Museum. We know from the very name of Dorchester that the village sits on the site of a Roman town and this project seeks to add to our knowledge of what that town was like and how it worked.

Apart from an announcement in Dorchester News that it is

coming, the most obvious reminder that it is about to happen is the arrival of a digger at the end of June to remove the topsoil from the 30m by 20m 'trench'. That takes about a week and then those who dig by hand move in.

They are led by Paul Booth, the Project Director from Oxford Archaeology, and the first wave of hand diggers are mostly undergraduate archaeology and anthropology students at Oxford for whom the Dorchester dig is a required part of their course. This year there were around 25 of these. Their first job is to complete the extraction of the top soil. The excavations are covered at the end of each year's dig by a geo-textile permeable membrane. This is the black material that looks a bit like black bin bags, but I am assured that bin bags are only used when absolutely necessary! Once this level is reached the mechanical digger has to work very carefully so as not to damage the site below, and there is only so far that it can go. Then for about the first three days, the diggers are clearing by hand the last of the topsoil and lifting the membrane. After that, they can really get to work.

For the third and fourth weeks of the dig, the undergraduates are followed by a group from the Department for Continuing Education of Oxford University and others

with an interest in archaeology. These people will have paid for a two-week training course and to gain experience of a live dig which will count towards their qualification. They have a training schedule and check lists of activities to experience and skills to learn, and the

the way that the trainees do, but, by arrangement, can offer the time that they can give. If you can give a couple of mornings or afternoons then you are likely to be allocated to a sorting and cataloguing role in the tent; but if you can give more time then you can be trained to dig and participate fully in the process, and get to understand how a dig works. You find that it works very slowly and with great care so as not to destroy any of the often delicate evidence that is being uncovered, or miss the small items such as coins and nails.

Human diggers are, of course, just that: human. This means that occasionally they miss something. So in come the metal detectors which are used to check the spoil that has been thrown away. This way items that have been previously overlooked will sometimes be discovered.



process is overseen and inspected by the Department for Continuing Education. As for the undergraduates in the first two weeks, this includes talks given by the project leaders, which are held in the larger of the two white tents that are

6,000 nails
6,000 other small finds
200,000 fragments

erected. If you venture through the allotments at these times and see few people actually in the trench, then they are probably in the tent being taught about archaeology by Paul or one of the other senior team members or specialists from the University.

Also in the last two weeks, local people from Dorchester are invited to join in.

There is no fee for villagers, who are welcomed as part of the community role that the dig plays. Being a village digger provides a fascinating insight to what is below our feet and into the archaeological process. Villagers do not have to commit to a full two weeks in

And there are a lot of items. Archaeologists often spend weeks at a dig without finding anything, driven only by the belief that if they keep on going they will be rewarded. But students and trainees could well become dispirited if they find nothing. At Dorchester, though, it can be almost guaranteed that everybody will find something, and that is one of the reasons why this dig is so popular for training.

Dorchester was one of only two walled Roman towns in Oxfordshire, and the dig is in the south-western corner of the Roman town on what was possibly an open, gravelled area, serving as a market place or other public space. Evidence of buildings though, has been found, some of them probably Anglo-Saxon, built after the Roman period.



So far the dig has yielded a staggering estimated 200,000 fragments of pottery, animal bone and building materials, and around 12,000 so-called 'small finds' – objects that are recorded individually, with around half of these finds being simple nails. Clearly the Romans used a lot of nails in their wooden buildings and many of them are now slowly revealing themselves.



We shouldn't forget, though, that the Roman period lasted for around 350 years, which is plenty of time in which to use a lot of nails.

Other finds have included horse head buckles and Samian pottery from Gaul, which provided the fine tableware for much of the Roman Empire. Some of these finds are on display in the Abbey Museum and are well worth a look.

The main find this year has been evidence of a wall made of cob. It has long been hypothesised that some buildings of the time were made of cob, and there are several much more recent buildings in Dorchester that are still made of cob, such as Cob Cottage. Finding evidence

amongst the team that they may just have found some hard evidence that supports the hypothesis of cob walls. That could be a significant step in confirming our understanding of the development of Roman building techniques.

It is this sort of discovery that makes worthwhile the weeks of working in the trench, and, for the undergraduates, camping out at Queenford Farm during the week. You'd think that they would hope fervently that the rain holds off, but not so. It is, apparently, easier to see the change in soil colour when it is slightly damp than when it is dustily dry, so a little bit of rain is welcome, but preferably at night when they are tucked up in their tents.

If you are interested in the Discovering Dorchester Project, there is a comprehensive 40-page book that is available free from the Abbey Museum that will tell you all about the history and the archaeology. Get a copy of that and then, next year, volunteer as a digger. You could wait until next year's Open Day to find out more, when

you'll get a guided tour and have the workings explained, and which 150 people attended this year. But

that may be leaving it late if you want to get involved. The dig may continue for only another couple of years, by which time the team will have enough evidence to start writing up their findings. So if you are interested in the dig, get along there next year or you might miss this very rare opportunity to discover the past.

A view from a volunteer

What am I doing here, scraping the earth at the bottom of a trench? Hottest day of the year, my back feeling as though it will never unfold again, but wait a minute, an oyster shell!....

Lunch time brought the welcome news that to keep us out of the heat the afternoon lecture was to be preceded by a talk from our respective team leaders on an archaeological skill. Many of the volunteers taking part in the dig were students on the certificate or diploma courses in archaeology at the University of Oxford's Department of Continuing Education and daily talks complemented the practical experience. I was there fulfilling a childhood dream to take part in helping unearth the past. It was fascinating. I soon learnt to keep changing position to prevent getting stiff while gently scraping away the soil. I also soon learnt that oyster shells are not the least extraordinary on a site of this period.

The meticulousness of the process intrigued me; the precision in the three dimensional recording of the location of significant finds, the bagging and labelling of finds and the maintenance of the layers within a patch being excavated, the care when leaving for a meal break to empty and upturn buckets and barrows, to cover tools in case of a sudden shower and not least to wash one's hands.

The professional archaeologists and team leaders were very tolerant of a complete novice, teaching and explaining the purpose of different skills and giving gentle encouragement in correcting errors. I found the other more experienced volunteers generous in passing on tips and advice from their previous digs. I was touched too by the pleasure other volunteers expressed when in the last moments of the dig I uncovered the front of a bronze brooch, a trifle more significant than another oyster shell.

All in all an enjoyable time. Come and join me next year and find out for yourselves.

Diana Vass
Village Volunteer



Horses head buckles found at the dig.

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of Roman cob walls has proved elusive because of the nature of cob, which is principally packed mud. Over the last 2,000 years it will have weathered and decayed to nothing and disappeared back into the soil. This particularly happens in rural areas where it is likely to be ploughed in. So there is excitement

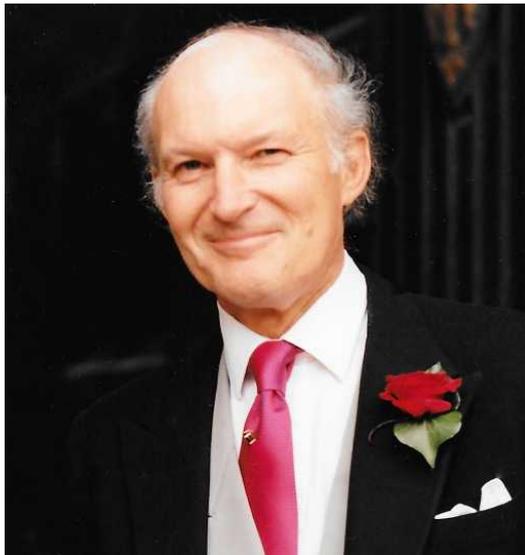
With thanks to Paul Booth, Project Director, Oxford Archaeology .

Nicholas Eric Dudley

1938-2016

Nick was born on 28 December 1938. He was the cherished only child of Maisie and Eric Dudley, for whose love and support he regularly expressed his gratitude (as exemplified by the pair of silver candlesticks which he commissioned Rod Kelly to make in their memory for the St Birinus Chapel in Dorchester Abbey).

He grew up in Luton and was educated at Bedford School. He first met Dawn when he was 16, during his school holidays. After school they both moved to London to study, Nick at St. Bartholomew's Medical School, where he qualified in 1964. They were married in 1965 and at their Golden Wedding Anniversary last year they both described it as a 'match made in heaven'.



As a junior doctor he worked in London, Birmingham, Bristol, Oxford and Melbourne (Australia). While training he was the first to identify and publicise the beneficial use of Methylene Blue to detect parathyroid glands during surgery, a revolutionary technique which was then adopted internationally.

Nick, Dawn and their four young children arrived in Dorchester-on-Thames in 1971 and three years later he was appointed Consultant Paediatric and General Surgeon to the Radcliffe Infirmary. Church House in Dorchester-on-Thames became Nick's cherished family home for the next 45 years.

As well as working at the Radcliffe Infirmary, and then the new John Radcliffe Hospital, he held clinics at the Churchill and Manor Hospitals and in Thame and Didcot. During his career he made many contributions to the advancement of both general and paediatric surgery. He and a colleague in Sheffield were the first surgeons in Britain to perform a laparoscopic adrenalectomy for patients with Cushing's disease. Typically modest, he said that his successes merely came from a genuine love of what he did every day.

Passing on his expertise to the next generation was important to him: Nick was Chairman to the Royal College of Surgeons' Court of Examiners and an Admissions Tutor for medical students at Oriel College, Oxford (whose oarsmen he also coached, continuing an interest in rowing acquired as a boy at Bedford). Students taught by him on the wards speak of his high level of care for his patients, his exacting standards and his ability to communicate.

In 2001, whilst examining at Al Quds University in the West Bank he was struck by the challenges faced by the medical students there. Over the ensuing 15 years Nick assembled a group of 12 surgeons, physicians and paediatricians who annually visit to deliver bedside teaching at hospitals in Bethlehem, Hebron, Ramallah, East Jerusalem and Gaza City. This summer two 'Nick Dudley Memorial Fellows' are studying in Oxford, funded by donations given at his Memorial Service to the charity IMET2000.

Nick embraced many opportunities that the vibrant village of Dorchester-on-Thames had to offer. He became a member of the Parish Council and regularly supported village activities including DADS, the Annual Flower Show and events in the Abbey. His two allotments kept him fit with the growing and picking of vegetables and soft fruit. He loved the Oxfordshire countryside, regularly joining the Warburton Walkers, and was a keen supporter of the Water Meadow Trust, walking daily on the Hurst with his two Pointers.

Interested by the history of the village, he wrote a chapter for the book "Dorchester Abbey and People" (ed. Kate Tiller), covering the years 1987 to 2004 during which Reverend John Crowe was vicar. He coordinated, collated and annotated the photographs for the Millennium Album (a detailed record of Dorchester in the year 2000, now on display in the Dorchester Museum). During the Millennium year he organised a commission from David Harber for a gilded sundial to go on a buttress of the Abbey. Together with his friend Roy Tudor-Hughes, he raised money to commission a Silver Cross for the St Birinus altar.

For a couple of years he organised special performances of the DADS annual pantomime, followed by a tea party at the George Hotel, for a remarkable group of children, whose lives he had transformed with corrective surgery. He had an ability to make all those around him feel important, as he was genuinely interested in and kind to others. He had a large circle of friends, many of whom live in the village.

Nick enjoyed travelling abroad, both for work and pleasure. Whilst abroad, he developed passions for photography and Scuba Diving, combining the two in close-up pictures of marine life. His enthusiasm for what he did in his spare time was infectious and he regularly recommended a particular Ballet production or exhibition he had seen and wanted to share.

Upon retirement, he enrolled as a weekly boarder for a year at West Dean College, Chichester. He studied antique clock restoration, at first practising on his own clocks but soon taking commissions to complete in his workshop.

He was a family man who provided an idyllic upbringing for his four children. He fostered in them a love of the outdoors. He always found time to support and encourage them to discover and nurture their individual talents. Generous in all respects, he would offer to do DIY jobs for them in their new homes or to treat them to tickets to a Rugby International.

Nick had a genuine love of children, and with the arrival of ten grandchildren he continued to show an intense love and interest in every one of them. They in turn loved being in his company and his unique sense of humour and fun. He organised family celebrations at which he became the life and soul of the party.

Nick fought various illnesses with great strength and bravery, always making light of his plight. Christianity was central to his life.

He died at home on Palm Sunday with a Palestinian "holding cross" in his surgeon's hands, hands that had improved the lives of so many.

Nick Dudley was a caring and compassionate surgeon, surgical pioneer, teacher, craftsman and devoted husband and father. He is deeply missed.

Blaise Stallworthy

Pat Owen 1931-2016

Pat was born on 13 March 1931 to Frank and Elsie Johnson in Hampstead, London. She was an only child. Her parents were both strong and ebullient characters, traits which Pat most definitely inherited. She was brought up in Guildford and was a day girl at Tormead School between 1941 and 1947. Her passion for art and creativity led her to the Guildford School of Art until 1952. Classmates included the sculptor Dame Elisabeth Frink and photographer Jane Bown.

In the early 1950s she helped out at the Compton Pottery which began from an evening class run by Mary Watts, wife of the great Victorian artist G F Watts. It had become a thriving village industry. She decorated pottery and mugs there. Pat also commuted to London and worked at the Arts Theatre Club, painting sets and stage managing. It combined three of her passions – London, theatre and art. She kept every programme of every play and concert she went to at that time – right up to “Sweeney Todd” the last production she went to five years ago.

From 1952 to 1956 Pat worked at the Ministry of Works in London, a Government department which had responsibility for post war building projects. Pat was involved in the tracing office there – an art which has undoubtedly disappeared with today’s photocopiers and scanners. Pat often bemoaned the fact that she was always being superseded by machines!

From a very early age Pat showed great aptitude for dancing. She became an extremely accomplished Scottish dancer



and gained her teaching certificate in 1955, going on to demonstrate and teach for nearly 50 years. She loved to go to the regular dances at the Drill Hall in Guildford and it was here that she met Keith. They were engaged in July 1955 and married a year later.

Over the next 59 years Pat and Keith enjoyed all the homes they created. Brightwell and Dorchester played a huge part in their lives.

They moved to Brightwell in 1965 and lived there for nearly 30 years. Although a confirmed city lover, Pat adored the intense social whirl that the Village boasted and their calendar was packed. She was also secretary of the Womens Guild there, organising speakers and visits. Pat and

Keith were both heavily involved in setting up the Village History Group which still continues today.

In 1994 they came to Dorchester and had a wonderful life here, getting involved in the museum, the history group, and particularly enjoying the Abbey concerts. Pat became involved in GADFAS, the Goring branch of NADFAS where she became secretary, booking the monthly lectures and getting involved in the numerous trips and visits.

Pat and Keith’s first home together in 1956 coincided with the creation of her first Christmas card – a tradition which continued more or less until last year. Her skill as a calligrapher was also recognised and sought after – there are several examples in the Abbey and she even received a commission from Lambeth Palace. Wherever Pat lived she would go to art classes and be a part of painting groups. She regularly attended the Sunningwell Art School and she was an enthusiastic member of the Thursday painting group in Dorchester.

In health and illness Pat was a singularly tough character. She had a magic smile and we will never forget the shoulder-shaking giggles. Her creative talent, which she never believed, was phenomenal. As her dementia advanced and she lost the ability to draw, she absolutely loved to colour and it was a joy to see her doing that. What is so brilliant is that Pat will live on in the form of the paintings and sketches that many have on their walls today.

Remembering Johnny Chick

Earlier this year a good friend of many Johnny Chick succumbed to cancer. The photo shows Johnny and me in the 1960s travelling by boat from Dorchester-on Thames to Lechlade. I recently completed this sentimental journey alone in memory of the happier times my friend and I shared on this voyage.

Johnny Remembered

*The memories of yesterday, flash up into my mind,
I see you, happy, smiling, easy going, thoughtful, and kind.
School holidays to treasure, discoveries to be had,
Village life of much excitement, youthful joys forever glad.
Way back in 67’, an adventure duly planned,
A small boat was acquired, then under our command.
Stocked up with our provisions, tent, food, maps and all.
Up the Thames we travelled, Abingdon the first port of call.
Daytime we travelled northbound, Thames showed us the way.
The seagull engine humming happily, new sights all the day.
Night time camping riverside, evening meals were made
After days arriving safely, At the beautiful Lechlade.
Within a week returning, back safely home again,
Dorchester sights appearing, whilst cruising up the Thame*



James Pratt, left and Johnny Chick, right

Johnny lived at the Pigeons, Rotten Row, Dorchester. His sister Cargie & Brother Steve now live near Hendred. Jerry Stonhill, also a relation was a well-liked patron of The George Hotel for many years. Johnny’s *Legacy will be his kindness, and enthusiasm for life, a true gentleman.*
RIP Johnny

James Pratt

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Dorchester's World War 2 Evacuees

An exciting new local history project

Some of you will know that Mrs Stephanie Bowditch at Bishop's Court Farm (mother of the late Miss Anne Bowditch) was the Billeting Officer for Dorchester during WW2, effectively managing the village's evacuee programme.

The material donated to the village archive by the Bowditch family includes many items she kept from that time, untouched until now, including lists of evacuees and host families (billets), letters from evacuee families and local

hosts, accounts of efforts to acquire coal, blankets and food, setting up the communal kitchen, organising Christmas parties, and dealing with the local authority, the Oxfordshire evacuee programme, and the WVS, as well as the London boroughs from which most of the children came.

How can you help?

This exciting find, relating to an important time in Dorchester's recent history, deserves serious attention. So a group of us from the Museum archive team and Historical Society have started sorting through the material, making lists and attempting to piece together the 'story' of evacuees in Dorchester. We know that preparations for receiving evacuees began long before war broke out. We also know that a London school, Thomas Road,



E14, and its teachers, including Mr Hook and Miss Cox, were evacuated to Dorchester, requiring double shifts in the village school. And that later evacuees included mothers with young children.

As well as starting to identify who went where, we have found a few local families who remember 'their' evacuees. But we need more.

- Did your family act as a billet for evacuees? Where did you live at that time?
- Can you remember their names and where they came from?
- Do you have any letters or photographs you would be willing to share?
- Do you have any 'stories' about that

time? For example, we know there was a desperate coal shortage, both at the school and in homes.

- Are you still in contact with any Dorchester evacuees? Would you share their contact details?
- If you have arrived in the village postwar, do you know whether your house ever had evacuees?

What will we do with what we learn?

- Prepare a 'poster' about evacuees to accompany the forthcoming Narnia exhibition (the Pevensie children in the Narnia books were evacuees)
- Catalogue the collection for the archive
- Follow up particular aspects of the story, e.g. the London school
- Write it all up

Please contact us if you can help in any way. We'd love to hear from you.

Margot Metcalfe

(metcalfe.margot@btinternet.com, tel: 340054, 14 Queen Street), Gail Thomas, Megan Parry, Denise Line, or leave a note addressed to 'Evacuee project' in the Museum (open 2-5 every day until 30 September).

IT Confidence – future sessions

Between September 2015 and Easter this year the Parish Council funded monthly drop-in sessions in the Village Hall aimed at providing advice and hands-on assistance in using devices such as I-pads and tablets (we had no takers on using PCs). It also provided some equipment and handbooks.

In spite of having up to five willing volunteers, most of the time we had only a handful of regular attendees, so we feel we need to rethink the best way of reviving the sessions to meet demand, or even if such demand exists. Do we stick with straightforward i-pad/tablet tuition and troubleshooting, or do we focus more on particular themes, such as researching family history, shopping, and email, or go for a combination of the two approaches?

Before resuming the sessions, however, we need to assess whether there is still any real demand, and to collect more information on what is most needed, so that we can plan the best format. If you think such sessions might be helpful and you would like to participate, please contact me by **September 15**, giving some idea of your own particular needs and interests.

Margot Metcalfe

metcalfe.margot@btinternet.com,

tel: 340054

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There will be 'Drop-in' clinics on:

Monday 26 September 8.30 – 10.30am

Saturday 1 October 8.30 – 11.00am

Friday 7 October 2.00 – 4.00pm

Thursday 20 October 4.00 – 6.00pm

Friday 21 October 11.00am – 1.00pm

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Saturday 17 September 7.30pm

Brahms Songs - Ilona Domnich: Vergebliches ständchen, Wie melodien zieht es mir, Sonntag, Meine lieder; Jake Muffet: Op. 86: Feldeinsamkeit, Nachtwandler, Über die Heide, Versunken

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Maki Sekiya, Catherine Edwards piano

John Lubbock conductor

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Saturday 24 September 7.30pm

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Sunday 25 September 7.30pm

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From your county councillor... Lorraine Lindsay-Gale August 2016

Proposals for unitary council

Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire's district/city councils have issued the following joint statement:

With a new Prime Minister and new Secretary of State now in place and a number of pressing economic and policy issues to work through at national level, we recognise that it is sensible to take the time to understand how the government intends to take forward devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire and other areas before presenting further proposals for reforming public services and changes to council structures in the county.

Following discussions with civil servants all the Oxfordshire councils have agreed to work together to discuss areas of common ground, assess potential options and establish whether we can agree a way forward building on the work we have both done to date. We have agreed to postpone publication of both the Grant Thornton and PwC studies, and pause plans for consultation until these plans have been jointly developed.

Our aim has always been to seek investment in housing and transport infrastructure, to improve skills training and develop the local economy. This investment is needed if we are to reach our potential, and therefore agreeing a way forward with government is a high priority for all of us.

Oxfordshire bucks trend in hospital delays

The number of people delayed in Oxfordshire's hospital beds when they no longer need to be there has fallen more than 45%. The latest figures are in marked contrast to national numbers, which saw Delayed Transfers of Care (DToc) rise by 25% between May 2015 and May 2016. The improvement in Oxfordshire is the result of a joint initiative by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG), Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford Health and Oxfordshire County Council, to move people out of hospital more quickly when they have been appropriately treated and no longer need to be there. The £2m initiative, launched in December 2015, includes: funding extra temporary care home beds where people can stay until they are ready to return to their own home or move to a permanent care home; and the recruitment of more home care staff to support people in their own homes.

New SODC Contact Numbers

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

Our new department numbers are:

Planning - **01235 422600**

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

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Elections - **01235 422407**

Car parks - **01235 422417**

Community safety - **01235 422590**

Street naming and numbering - **01235 422344**

Parish Council Notices

September Meeting of the Parish Council

The September meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 14 September** in the back room of the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. The agenda will be displayed on Village notice boards and on the village website - 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.

'Newcomers' Welcome and Information Evening

On **Tuesday 18 October** the Parish Council is holding an event which, although open to all, is particularly aimed at everyone who has moved to the Village since March 2014. Clubs and societies are encouraged to promote their activities (free of charge) to these recently arrived residents as a way of attracting new members. All groups who wish to take advantage of this opportunity should apply to the Parish Clerk for free display space as soon as possible. Light refreshments will be served from 7.00 p.m. until 9.00 p.m.

More information will be available in the next edition of 'Dorchester News'.

New Village Notice Boards

The new notice boards that have recently been installed, both on the wall outside the Co-op and on the Queen Street end of the Village Hall, 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 are enclosed, with two-thirds of the space behind locked doors and reserved exclusively for local, non-commercial activities. Organisations wishing to display information should try to limit the size of their notices to A5 rather than A4. They should place the notice behind the door on the left (this is not locked) and if the content conforms to the requirement that it relates to local, non-commercial activities it will be allowed to remain on the board.

Please note that commercial notices are not allowed on the village notice boards and they will be removed. The correct way for businesses to communicate with village residents is to advertise in 'Dorchester News'!

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

More information about the Village is available at www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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The Dorchester Flyer

New Minibus Service to Wallingford off to a flying start!

The Parish's new mini-bus service to Wallingford has got off to a flying start! More than 40 villagers have registered for the service, and it has been much appreciated by the first users.

For an experimental period the bus has been free, running on Tuesdays and Fridays, to see which day had most demand. It seems clear that Fridays are the most popular, so the bus will run on Friday mornings from now on.

The timetable is being reviewed in the light of experience, and will be notified to those who registered to use the service, and posted on bus stops in the village.

For the first four weeks the service has been free! From now on, to make the service sustainable, there will need to be a small charge to all users. Sorry, bus passes can't be used.

The charges will be: £1.50 per single journey or £3.00 return if you buy a 'Dorchester Flyer' card giving 10 journeys for £15.00. (£4.00 return for one-off trips.)

Tickets must be purchased in advance; the bus drivers cannot take money.

Lily's has kindly agreed to sell the tickets

Lily's Opening times are: Monday–Saturday 9:00am–5:00pm; Sunday 10:30am–5:00pm; Closed Tuesdays
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Thanks to everyone who has used the service already.

And if you haven't used it, do try it!



The first passengers get ready to board the Dorchester Flyer

Neighbourhood Development Plan

You may recall that the draft Dorchester Neighbourhood Development Plan had been sent to SODC and a number of 'statutory consultees' including Historic England, the Environment Agency and Natural England at the end of March to which we received a positive response. The response from SODC was delayed as they have been focussed on the new district wide development plan (Local Plan to 2032) until recently.

We are arranging a series of meetings to work on suggested revisions to create a final draft before it is reviewed by a Planning Inspector followed by a parish referendum. We will include a village amenity space for a future extension to the cemetery and other possible village facilities. We may need to consult the village residents prior to producing the final draft document.

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.

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A fund-raiser in Paris

Hi everyone, you may remember that I took part in the London to Paris bike ride fundraising event for Breast Cancer Now at the beginning of July. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who very kindly donated to my JustGiving page, the ride was extremely difficult but very enjoyable and cycling into Paris on the evening of the France vs Portugal Euro cup final was definitely an experience to remember! In total, the group raised over £270,000 for the charity so thank you again!

Georgie Lucas



We have had a really busy summer here at Footsteps, with many of our fabulous fundraisers going out

and competing to help disabled children improve in mobility and learn to walk.

We had six runners in the British 10k – a fantastic race which we enter each year, with participants running through the heart of London. Charity manager Maggie ran this year and said ‘although I was as red as my Footsteps T-Shirt by the end of the race, I really enjoyed it! The atmosphere was amazing’ Our runners raised a fantastic £2,000.

One of our supporters, James Howard did **six** triathlons back-to-back over one weekend at Blenheim in June. He is pictured with his wife Lucy, who also did her first ever triathlon for us as well. The couple wanted to support the charity as we helped their son Aiden, who has cerebral palsy. The Howards were told that he would never walk, however with Footsteps therapy, Aiden rapidly progressed beyond their wildest dreams and



learned to walk! The Howards raised a spectacular £2,000 to help other children like their son.

An amazing local company – James Gesner estate agents - raised a whopping £7,000 by holding a charity golf day with over 120 local business people involved. The Plough at Long Wittenham have been kindly supporting us for years now with their ever-popular Wittfest event – a two-day mini-festival which has become a local fixture.

Our summer raffle this year has an iPad as 1st prize – if you are reading this before the 9th you can still pop into Footsteps and buy some tickets. In fact, if you are passing, why not pop in to say hello and see first-hand the amazing work that we do here in the heart of Dorchester?

John Masefield House

Leonard Cheshire Disability’s John Masefield House held their Summer Fete on Saturday 23 July in Burcot. The fete was opened by John Howell, Conservative MP for Henley, after a RAF Benson helicopter fly-past which was much enjoyed by all fete-goers as they moved around the grounds to sample all the stalls and attractions on offer. David Williams, JMH volunteer coordinator said: ‘The weather was sunny and warm and it was good to see so many people enjoying the afternoon. Thank you to all who came along and supported this event, especially our volunteers, friends and resident’s families who set to their tasks and ensured the fete was a big success. Thanks also to all the visiting attractions who provided everyone with such terrific entertainment throughout the afternoon.’

The fete raised £1,200 on the day which will go toward the JMH Dining Patio Appeal.

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Further details, and how to book, can be viewed at:

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Main events:

'An Afternoon with Agatha Christie's Grandson':

Mathew Prichard in conversation with Judy Dewey. 3.30-5pm on Sat at Wallingford Corn Exchange. £10.

'Who Killed the Vicar?'- an interactive murder mystery play by Chris Martin, performed by the Cholsey Dramatic Society. Fri 9th at 7.45pm at Wallingford Corn Exchange. £10. Sat 10th at 7.45pm at the Cholsey Great Hall. £10.

Two different Agatha Christie Exhibitions (with new material) on Sat and Sun: at Cholsey Old School, Church Road, 11am to 4pm, and at Wallingford Museum, 10.30am to 5pm. Entrance to each £2.50 (if not on Guided Walk).

Agatha Christie Trail Guided Walks:

from Wallingford Museum to Cholsey at 10am on Sat and Sun, including return by Heritage Bus on Sat or Heritage Train on Sun. £10 ticket (turn up on the day) also includes both exhibitions. (Sandwich lunch available in Cholsey).

Cream Teas at Cholsey Pavilion

Sun 2pm to 4.30pm at Cholsey Pavilion, courtesy of Cholsey W.I. Miss Marple and Hercule Poirot may drop in!

St. Mary's Church, Cholsey

The 10th Century Church and churchyard, resting place of Agatha Christie, will be open 11 am to 4pm on Sat and Sun.

Red Routemaster Heritage Bus Rides

the bus will be travelling to and from Cholsey and Wallingford throughout Sat. £3.50 adults, each way (if not on Guided Walk).

Heritage Train Rides

trains will be running to and from Cholsey and Wallingford throughout Sun. £3.50 adults, each way (if not on Guided Walk).

Free exercise classes and new courses for women in September

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For details go to:

www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2016/2016-08/free-exercise-classes-and-new-courses-offer-women-august-and-september

What's on in Wallingford



Wallingford Historical and Archeological Society

Regular Wallingford History Walks now on offer!

Surviving the Death Railway – the Missing Story

Hilary Custance Green talk to the Wallingford Historical and Archeological Society (TWHAS) will use memoirs, letters and images, to tell the story of a POW, Barry, on the Thailand-Burma Railway in WWII, and his wife, Phyllis, in Britain. During the three and a half years of silence Phyllis corresponded with the relatives of the 68 men under Barry's command. This is a personal story of a man and wife set 6,000 miles apart told through an amazing collection of letters from (mostly) women, from all walks of life, none of whom had news of their menfolk for three and a half years.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 14 Sept, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church**, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

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What's On September

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September

- Thurs 1 NT Live, **The Deep Blue Sea**, 7pm
- Sun 4 **Chicklit** (15)
- Mon 5 **Chicklit** (15)
- Tues 6 Notes on Blindness (U)
- Wed 7 **Maggie's Plan** (15)
- Thurs 8 **Maggie's Plan** (15)
- Sat 10 **The BFG** (PG), 10.30am
- Sat 10 **Jason Bourne** (12A)
- Sun 11 **Jason Bourne** (12A)
- Mon 12 **The BFG** (PG)
- Tues 13 **The BFG** (PG)
- Wed 14 **Swallows and Amazons** (PG)
- Thurs 15 **Swallows and Amazons** (PG)
- Sat 17 **Finding Dory** (U), 10.30am and 2.30pm
- Sat 17 **Swallows and Amazons** (PG)
- Thurs 22 NT Live, **The Threepenny Opera**, 7pm

LIVE

September 2 and 3: **Wallingford BunkFest** events.

September 9 at 7.45pm: **Who Killed the Vicar?** Murder-mystery play by Chris Martin, performed by CADS, Cholsey's dramatic society. Part of the Wallingford-Cholsey 'Celebrating Agatha Christie Weekend'. Tickets £10.

September 10 at 3.30pm **An Afternoon with Agatha Christie's Grandson**. Mathew Prichard in conversation with Judy Dewey, curator of Wallingford Museum.. Rare chance to hear about the real Agatha Christie. Tickets £10

September 16 at 8pm. **Charlie Baker. HaHaHa for Silver Star**. Stand-up show in aid of the Silver Star Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Tickets £12.50. This show was due to take place in June and those tickets are still valid.

COMING UP

October 1: **Pole Fitness Academy - Theatre of Dance**. The PFA team will perform a variety of acts including hula hooping, belly dancing and pole...and much more. Evening of great entertainment suitable for all ages. 7.45pm. £8

October 19 to 22. **The Tempest**. Sinodun Players present Shakespeare's play of enchantment, magic, love and intrigue. Against a backdrop of a truly original and outstanding staging, a soundscape of haunting music, lighting and costume, the Bard's final masterpiece promises to be an audio and visual treat. Tickets £10. (Group booking discount available.)

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Wallingford Gardening Club Garden Visit - 8 Sept 2016

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden programme concludes with a visit to Cedar Lodge, Dyson's Wood, Kidmore End.

Our host, Richard Bisgrove, will give us a guided tour of his garden.

Richard is a landscape designer, adviser, author and academic. In 1972 he redesigned the garden at Trinity College, Cambridge. At present he is a member of staff at the University of Reading. His main interests are in the restoration and management of historic gardens and garden history, especially 19th and early-20th century. Richard is also interested in the work of Gertrude Jekyll, William Robinson and planting design.

Cost will be £4 which will include tea and biscuits.

This visit will be held at Cedar Lodge, Dysons Wood, Kidmore End, RG4 9EY at 5.30pm (note: earlier than our usual time!) on **Thursday 8 September**. Visitors very welcome.

Isabelle Darby
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Wallingford U3A

Two trips in October.

- The *Sunken Cities* ---- *Egypt's Lost Worlds* Exhibition at the British Museum. **Monday 17 October**.
- Sonning Theatre to see *Blithe Spirit* **Saturday 29 October**

Monthly Meeting on **September 7**. Dr.Martin Holmes will speak on Edward Heath. Dr. Holmes has an encyclopaedic knowledge of recent history/ politics. His spell binding lectures are an absolute delight.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm in Crowmarsh Village hall. We are very pleased to be welcoming a number of new members. Visitors are always made welcome to the talk, and for tea and company afterwards. For more information about how we operate and what we do please visit our website Google u3awallingford, or phone Hermione on **01865 858024**.

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).

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Further information will be available later on this month, including a list of
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Sat 3 Sept	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester II v Eynsham II 1.00pm Recreation Ground
	Wedding of Darren Andrews and Janice Willis 2.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 4 Sept	Trinity 15 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booy) 10.30am Morning Service
Mon 5 Sept	St Birinus Primary School Term starts
Thurs 8 Sept	Dorchester WI <i>From Guns and Roses to Hearts and Flowers</i> , Kate Lace 2.30pm Village Hall
Sat 10 Sept	Autumn Flower Show 9.00-10.30am staging 2.30-4.00pm viewing Village Hall Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester v Risinghurst 1.00pm Recreation Ground Blessing of Marriage of Daniel Apperley and Katherine Anderson 3.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 11 Sept	Trinity 16 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12 noon Baptism Tennis Club End of season Tournament 2.00pm Recreation Ground
Tues 13 Sept	Short Communion 10.15am Drop in workshop Make our Aslan sculpture 3.30-5.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Wed 14 Sept	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall (back room)

Church services in the Abbey appear in red.
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For details of services at St Birinus RC
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Thurs 15 Sept	Mobile library 2.55-3.15pm Opposite War Memorial Chiropodist Belcher Court (see p11) Classic Car Show , George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm OSJ Music for autism 12.00 noon Dorchester Abbey Derek Paravicini Jazz Quartet 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey'
Sat 17 Sept	OSJ Brahms' Requiem 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 18 Sept	Trinity 17 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev Jennifer Morton) 10.30am Family Service 12.00 noon Baptism 6.00pm Fellowship of St Birinus Evensong
Tues 20 Sept	Drop in workshop Make our Aslan sculpture 3.30-5.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Thurs 22 Sept	OSJ Violin recital, Jan Schmolck 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Fri 23 Sept	OSJ Rising Stars 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sat 24 Sept	OSJ Michel Tirabosco pan pipes 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 25 Sept	Trinity 18 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booy) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00 noon Baptism

Sun 25 Sept	OSJ Opera gala 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Wed 28 Sept	Dorchester Historical Society <i>Art through the eyes of the Historian'</i> Jane Thick 7.30pm Village Hall (back room)
Thurs 29 Sept	Mobile library 2.55-3.15pm Opposite War Memorial Dorchester Lecture <i>Tackling crime in London and the Thames Valley</i> , Sir Charles Pollard 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey

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 7.30pm Abbey Fishmonger 9.30am to 9.45am by War Memorial (p.25)
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
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www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

23 July	Clive Ian Hazell and Leanne Dawn Edwards
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Dorchester Gardens Open Saturday July 9th

Despite a lack of sun on 9 July, the village Open Gardens was a huge success with around 300 visitors and raising nearly £1,400.

In all, 13 gardens were open for inspection, and in case you weren't amongst the lucky visitors, here is a flavour of some of the gardens that were on display. It can be quite surprising what lies behind a house with which we are familiar or the other side of a wall where we don't usually go.

There are water gardens that take their

inspiration from Monet, and classical gardens with the goddess Hebe in charge, as well as cottage gardens and more formal gardens

Lawns were tended, flower beds weeded and vegetables encouraged to grow as big as possible, all for the pleasure of the visitors who had come to see these works of nature's art. Hosts and hostesses were on hand to tell the interested what the various plants were.

Unfortunately we only have space to show a few of them here.

