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A DoT view

Now that the clocks have gone back, you feel that we are really in the run up to Christmas. And Dorchester News this month has information about several forthcoming Carol concerts and musical events taking place in the Abbey between now and Christmas. Before that, though, there are several treats in store. Firstly there are the November 5 Fireworks on the Recreation ground, which were such a hit last year. Let's hope for good (enough) weather again this year. There is the Narnia exhibition still on, and at the end of the month the DADS production of Aladdin, which promises to be great fun. We should all try to get to see what should be a wonderfully entertaining production for all ages.

On a more serious note, we will remember the fallen of all wars on 11 November, and on 13 November with the service at the War Memorial. This year has been the centenary of the Battle of the Somme which cost so many lives, and we remember that loss in particular.

There is news of the 2017 Dorchester Festival after some uncertainty as to whether or not it would happen. Now we know it is going to happen, a lot of volunteers are going to be needed to ensure it will be even better than the last one. Step up and volunteer. It may sound like it's echoing Lord Kitchener to say 'Your village needs you' but this time the outcome will only be a lot of rewarding fun for everyone who pitches in.

I'd like to offer my congratulations to Dorchester Parish Council who have cleared the bridge over the Thame of all the weeds and growth that were marring it and giving a very untidy impression of the village to anyone arriving from that direction. It now looks so much better. Well done.

Ian Brace

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Caring about a changing climate

I am writing this on St Francis' day, having just heard that the agreement at the meeting of all the governments in Paris about how to limit dangerous climate change has been ratified by enough countries to come into force. It should be a time of rejoicing but there is a strange feeling today because it is increasingly clear how difficult it is going to be to hold the already-happening increase in global temperatures 'well below 2°C' as the agreement finalised.

Aviation and shipping were kept out of the text which means that their CO2 emissions won't be counted in the agreement. That doesn't mean their contribution to global warming is any less, just that it is being in the main forum ignored! There is another group of people working on this, but it does seem a case of the ongoing power of industrial lobbying being unfortunately aligned with some heavy-flying nations' self-interest in the wriggle to evade responsibility. Reading about plans to

expand Heathrow or another airport 'to meet demand' and the limited scope for fuel efficiency gains does make one wonder. Is policy formation in the Department for Business, with so much talk of growth promotion, still alienated from environmental reality? The media talk of politicians rarely draws the two themes together, which seems to me to be preventing public awareness moving forward. The decision about opening up a new channel of extracting yet more fossil fuels through fracking will be an indicator of official resolve.

While it was clearly good news that the Paris accord was signed, there is a danger that people will think now the experts are getting moving the problem doesn't need considering much more by us. There is positive movement. Much of the most progressive environmental planning and investment is happening in China as it tries to plan to move on from its overdependence on fossil fuels. The billions being invested in renewable technologies and improved energy storage capacity so

we are not so dependent on the vagaries of windspeeds and sun are very encouraging and a contrast to the way some western oil companies have reneged on their statements of environmentally-responsible intent in recent years. California is planning to reduce its emissions use by 80% by 2050 and is building a megabattery storing solar power to meet local peak use instead of turning on the gas plant on hot afternoons when people "demand" more air conditioning.

So does a distinctive Christian stance matter or have anything to add?

St Francis taught us about the spiritual benefits of consciously trying to live lightly and in harmony with creation. Should this be kept out of political discussion in furnishing our fragile economy with whatever it claims to need for growth at this vulnerable time in our national history? It is a powerful argument, but perhaps St Francis would counsel reflection on the benefits of consuming less for the sake of our earthly and spiritual home.

From the Rector

In November we leave behind the season of harvest and enter a rich time of personal and national memories with both All Souls Tide and Remembrance Sunday falling during this month. Memories of the past and thanksgiving for the contribution others have made to our lives is important to all of us. Many of you will, like me, have memories of reading the Narnia books yourselves and maybe with children as well. May your remembering be blessed!

**Fair trade chocolate Advent Calendars
available from the Rectory...£3.99**

Remembrance Sunday 13 November

On **13 November** we play our part as a village community in the National Act of Remembrance. We look forward to welcoming members of the British Legion and the wider village community in the Abbey at 10am (please note the earlier time) and sharing the ceremony at the War Memorial at 10.55am (in time for the 11am silence).

Christingle

10.30am 20 November

Our November Family Service will celebrate the light of the world with a Christingle Service.

Please arrive from 10am to make your Christingle

Christmas Services

The Abbey Carol Service will be on **Sunday 18 December** at 6pm. All other services follow the pattern of previous years, and there will be an invitation for each household in next month's magazine.

Memorial Service Sunday 6 November

The Sunday closest to All Saints' Day is a time to remember not only the famous saints like St Peter, St Paul and St Birinus, but also what I like to call the "saints in ordinary". The church calls this All Souls Tide.

There are many people who have had an enormous impact on our lives and shaped and moulded the people we are. Very often these are relatives or close friends; in a village like Dorchester they are also the significant personalities who have contributed to the life of the community. In recent years we have lost from our community a large number of very special people. I hope that the Morning Service on 6 November will be a good time to remember them with thanksgiving and reflect on what we have learned from them.

In particular anyone for whom a funeral of a loved one has been held in the Abbey is warmly invited to attend this service. It will be possible to ask for the names of people that have been important to you personally to be added to a list that will be read during the prayers. There will be lists at the back of the Abbey but you may also telephone the Rectory (**340007**) to ask for a name to be added.

Narnia – a journey of discovery in Dorchester Abbey

This Autumn come and celebrate the 60th anniversary of CS Lewis' *The Chronicles of Narnia* by experiencing Narnia at Dorchester Abbey! Until Nov 22 there will be an interactive exhibition taking visitors through the wardrobe from the cold snow of Winter to the Summer triumph of Aslan over the White Witch. Lots of activities and puzzles with additional drop-in workshops Saturdays and half term 3.30-5.30pm.

See page 10 or www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk for more details.



A party in the garden

A small but enthusiastic working party tackled the overgrown American Garden in the Abbey grounds on Saturday 15 October. The plan is to reinvigorate the area. There is still a lot more work needed but significant progress was made on a glorious Autumn morning. From left to right Megan Parry, Malcolm Ains, Richard Farrant, David Parker, Bill Maish, Kathy Glass and Alan Isherwood.

Computer Confidence – update

Regrettably, as there was very limited response to the notice which appeared in the September Dorchester News asking if residents would like us to resume the sessions in the Village Hall, or take a different approach, no plans have been made to hold further sessions.

However, there is another option. Age UK 'runs a wide range of one to one IT lessons and gadget drop-in sessions across the county'. These are designed to help people 'get on line and get the most out of laptops, tablets and smartphones'. They 'offer both beginner and more advanced support in a relaxed and friendly environment'. Tel **0345 4501276** for more information.

As our sessions were a Parish Council funded initiative, I have returned the kit and handbooks to Geoff Russell. Thanks to the Council, and to the volunteers who came and assisted at the sessions earlier this year.

Margot Metcalfe

Advent Prayer from Revd Jon Roberts

Christmas and the run up to it are always an exciting and busy time of year. It's also a time of year when our local churches are busier than ever, with many people coming and going to a variety of services whether or not they're regular attenders.

We, the church, always enjoy this time of year; we always work very hard to provide for the people in our parishes, but this year we're going to do something slightly different.

As a team of local parish churches we're going to pray, not just as we do every year but this year we're going to pray for the presence of God's Spirit to bless the lives of everyone who comes to church, and for us to have the grace to respond in ways which best witness to the love of God.

We're going to pray for each person we come into contact with throughout Advent and Christmas, we're going to pray for the love of God to be in their lives.

We're going to pray that they will enjoy and be fed through our services and through contact with us the family of God.

We're especially going to pray that those searching will find, that those interested will be welcomed, and that we your local church can best know how to serve our parishes; and that we may be blessed with new relationships in this most exciting time of year, the time of year when we get ready to welcome Jesus Christ into our world and into our lives.

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Pre-School News

The children at Pre School have been having lots of creepy crawly fun looking at caterpillars, dragonflies, earwigs and earthworms. The main display is based on the book 'Superworm' and the children have been enjoying learning new words from the book and joining in with parts as the story is read. Lots of crafty creepy crawlies have been added to the display which is looking great. They have made a wormery and have been watching the worms wriggling around and making tunnels in the earth. The children enjoyed playing with cooked spaghetti which felt like worms, and making biscuit caterpillars and jelly and angel delight wormeries!

The AGM was held on the 13 October - many thanks to all the parents who volunteered to be on the committee, both continuing members and new faces. The Pre School cannot run without the committee and so the support of parents is vital.

October 14 was an open morning for the Primary School and Pre School. Some of the older children from Pre School spent time looking around the Primary School in preparation for applying for school places for September 2017. They came back to Pre School very excited to tell everyone what it was like. Meanwhile, some prospective parents enjoyed looking around the Pre School and getting a feel for the friendly, fun setting. Hopefully we will see more new faces at Pre School soon!

Louisa Margison
On behalf of Mathew Kestner - Pre School Chair



Festival Film

Voting offline

If you would like to vote for the Festival film (see opposite page) but prefer not to use the internet, you can let me know your favourite three films from the list below by post or phone

- Casablanca
- Local Hero
- Mamma Mia
- Some Like it Hot
- Singin in the Rain
- Four Weddings and a Funeral
- Hot Fuzz
- The Kite Runner
- The Italian Job (1969)
- Raiders of the Lost Ark

Steph Forman
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Hempcroft Allotment News

The Dorchester Allotment Society

Annual General Meeting was held on 22 September 2016 in the Village Hall. The meeting was very well attended this year with over 40 members being present. Rents were paid and seed catalogues were collected. Apologies were received from a number of people, including Matt Thompson, Gillian Johnson and Mark Townson.

The Committee comprises Edward Metcalfe (Chairman), Mark Townson (Treasurer), William Downey (Allotment Manager) and Stuart Poole. A plea was made for more members to volunteer to join the Committee.

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman presented the accounts of the Society. These continue to be in a healthy state with over £560 held in the account or as cash. Last year the balance was £760. The Committee has invested £137 in weed matting as a stock item for sale at cost to members, and invested £64 in new water piping to install in those areas of the allotments that do not have easy access to a tap. The weed matting cost

will be recouped through the year.

Following the substantial rent increase two years ago there has been no need to increase the rent or the subscriptions this year. The rents are gathered on behalf of the Parish Council who pays for the water that is used on the allotments.

Seed catalogues were available for collection at the meeting and members were encouraged to order seeds from the catalogue because the Society derived some income from this. The Kings seed catalogue contains many colour photographs of the vegetables or flowers, which will be a great help in identifying which seeds one might wish to buy.

A number of issues of common interest were discussed at the meeting. There is the perennial concern that some dog walkers are not behaving responsibly when they bring dogs across the allotment on the public rights of way. There have been complaints received that bonfires have been used on the allotments to burn household material brought onto the allotments. This is strictly forbidden.

Proposed Dorchester Art Exhibition

There is a proposal to include an Exhibition of Art by Dorchester artists to be included in the **2017 Dorchester Festival** early in May, with the aim of showcasing the talents of the many artistic residents of Dorchester. At the present we are in the planning stage and it would be helpful to know how many would like to participate by exhibiting or helping to organise the event. So please don't be shy and email Bill Maish at w.maish@btinternet or phone on **01865 341580** to find out more and commit to participating.

This is the time of year, i.e. rent collection time, when some people decide to give up their allotment. We now have some good plots available ranging from small squares to half size (5 pole) plots. If anyone is interested, then please contact me (**340160**) or Bill Downey (**340065**).



Edward Metcalfe

28th April—7th May 2017

With a huge THANKYOU to all those who responded to my note in an earlier Dorchester News I'm delighted to say that next year's Festival is definitely going ahead!

Do get in touch if you'd still like to help however little time or skills you think you have - there really is a role for everyone and it's a fun way to meet new people and get involved.

We have some amazing events planned as well as popular returns, so keep the Festival 10 days free in your diary—there is plenty that you won't want to miss, from The Tallis Scholars and Showstoppers (the improvised musical) and a Bond themed Big Band night to the scarecrow trail and duck race, and, for the first time, a dog show!

Sue Ryder is our chosen Charity for 2017

We're delighted to announce that we'll be working with Sue Ryder Nettlebed, hoping to beat the fantastic £50,000 that we raised to share with PACT last year. Sue Ryder provide incredible palliative care for people with life-limiting conditions and have helped friends and relatives of many people who live here in Dorchester.

Vote for the Film Night film!

There is to be at least one film night and we'd like you to choose what you would come and see on the big screen. Go to the Festival website (dorchesterfestival.com) and click on the film night picture to vote. We've made it easier for you by producing a shortlist of 10 through some rigorous local research. See the box opposite for the list of films and how to vote offline.

Follow us on Twitter & Facebook to hear news as the schedule is finalised



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These beautiful 21 x 9.7cm cards show angels from the Nativity scene in the Shrine Chapel window. Colour printed on glossy quality card with 'Happy Christmas' inside they cost £4.50 for 10. To buy your cards complete the attached form and send it with payment to:

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Cards can also be bought from the back of the Abbey from early November.

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Remembrance

Each year at this time we stop and remember those who died whilst serving their country. This year marks the 98th anniversary of the costliest period in the history of British armed forces in terms of lives lost, the Great War, or as we now know it, World War I. And this year we remember the costliest battle of that war, the **Battle of the Somme, which lasted from July to November**. In that time the British army suffered over 400,000 casualties, the French 200,000 and the Germans 500,000.

Almost every community in Great Britain lost men in the war, who are remembered on the War Memorials to be found in every town and village, and many lost men on the Somme. Dorchester lost 19 men during that war, two on the Somme: Private Albert Kirby, who was killed on the 30 July and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, and Private Arthur Brain, killed the following day, 31 July, and buried at Mametz. Of Arthur Brain, a fellow soldier said 'If ever a man deserved the VC it was Arthur Brain.'

Many of us also have family members who were lost in this battle. We are now too young to have known them, but their stories and sacrifice are sometimes remembered within their families. My great uncle fell on 14 October on the Somme and I carry his name, as did my father, and as does my son and my eldest grandson, in order that his sacrifice is remembered within the family.

Visiting the graves and battlefield is a moving experience. Nick Treadaway, who died earlier this year, wrote the following poem after a visit to the Somme in 1994. I am indebted to Carole for allowing me to print it.



An August Day On The Somme

Bright sun on corn stubble
Covers gently rolling hills
And nurtures farm villages newly built
For a whirlwind swept these placid fields
And its work in copse and hollow and undulation
Will remain forever, for the harvest was men.

Young and innocent, proud and strutting
They marched with orders to take the horizon.
But the horizon came to them
As a scythe of steel, explosion, mud and gas
And laid them in ragged rows
To be gathered as corn stooks
And buried in neat rows of black and white.

Skylarks now sing in the peaceful blue
As if to say, nature has healed
And corn will grow again next year.
Therefore weep no more for departed souls
Who are at peace and will rest now to eternity.

NJWT 1994

On 11 November, let us remember all of those who gave their lives for their country in any of the conflicts and for whichever country they served. If you attend the service at Dorchester's War Memorial on Sunday 13, you will undoubtedly feel..., but if you are not there, you can still honour the fallen in your own way.

Ian Brace





St Birinus School News

Village News

The Isle of Wight was the venue, where Tom, Thomas, Abbie, Tabitha and Amelie and I enjoyed our residential trip joining with children from St Blaise School, Milton. Having arrived around 2pm on Monday afternoon, we certainly were extremely busy with a range of activities. To give you a flavour of some of the highlights: Body boarding was a fantastic whole afternoon activity on the beach, where the children were able to put on their wet suits, attach their body boards and then catch the amazing waves on the beach – they certainly slept that night. Thursday morning saw us take our turn in the Side by Side Buggies, which we looked forward to all week (apart from the excitement of the shop – obviously). Other activities included



climbing Jacobs ladder and an in-door climbing wall; abseiling and zip wiring; volleyball and mini Olympics; balance beam and Nightline (which is hilarious if you are watching the action!); archery and swimming. It was certainly action packed.

The group were well fed with a good variety of energy food – I think they may have been told to look after the teachers in the dining hall as they tried to pile our plates with so much food, you had to be quick to stop them.

We have also had several visitors to school over the first half term. Firstly, a big thank you to Mrs Gauden for coming into school on a day close to the European Day of Languages to teach Fox and Owl classes some German phrases – the children enjoyed the sessions, especially the breakfast. Secondly, we welcomed some very special visitors from South Africa to our Thursday assembly; they were then able to visit classes to speak to the children – a great experience.

It was great to join the Abbey congregation for their Harvest Festival worship on the 2 October to share the service with the



community. Thank you to the children who read so beautifully and at very short notice.

Each month, we have our Writers of the Month – this recognises children who have shown a great improvement in their writing during that month. Congratulations to Aiden Kitson, Mickey Bell, Kodie Curtis, Jake Sullivan-Webb, Chiana Cleak, Axl-Zayvier Taylor, Amelie White and Leona Shijo.

As you read this we will just be coming back from our half term holiday with visits to the Narnia Exhibition to help with our Big Write work. And of course the season that is too early to mention will be creeping up on us.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

On Thursday 6 October the Shillingford Group Meeting for members of Dorchester on Thames W.I. and members from Wallingford, Warborough, Shillingford, Benson, Berinsfield, Clifton Hampden & Burcot met at the village hall. Our speaker, Colin Oakes, gave us a lively talk entitled "Gutsy Women, A History of Women's Achievements in London". It was soon evident that there were many great women throughout our history, from *Boudicca* to Queen Elizabeth II, who were very gutsy indeed!

Our president, Pauline, has informed me that we have received many compliments and thank you cards for hosting, as well as our food and decorations, and we should like to thank all the committee and members who helped organise and run the event so well. A pleasant evening was had by all.

On Thursday 13 October Elizabeth Parker gave a talk entitled 'Love in a Box- the Shoebox Charity'. This wonderful charity often called Operation Christmas Child organises shoeboxes of gifts for children overseas from age 2 to 14. When I made up one of these boxes last year I actually found it a lot of fun and very rewarding to



choose items that I thought would be useful and give delight to a child. Members and visitors to the meeting joined in by taking away boxes to be filled for this year's campaign. Please bring in your filled boxes to the next meeting in November or deliver to Linda Hender, tel: **01491 826031**.

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 10 November** at 2.30p.m. in the **Dorchester Guest House**, Martin Sirot-Smith will talk about 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washingtons'. This should be an interesting talk. Please note the change of venue.

On **Thursday 8 December** at 2.30p.m. in the village hall, our Christmas Tea Party with 'Christmas Crackers'.

Interested? Did you know that the W.I. is the largest and most dynamic voluntary

women's organisation in the country with more than 219,000 members. General information on the whole organisation can be found on www.theWI.org.uk or look us up on Facebook

www.facebook.com/thewi

We do campaign and debate on issues through our Annual Resolutions but lots of our members just want to have a pleasant social get together once a month, perhaps learn new skills, listen to an interesting talk, enjoy a cup of tea together, (or glass of wine!) and read our monthly magazine News & Views.

We welcome women of all ages and backgrounds. For more information do call Pauline Kenway-Jackson on **01865 340746**, Gill Haworth on **01865 340775** or Susan Jupp on **01865 341066**.



Saturday
19 November

**Abbey
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2.00-5.00pm



NARNIA

..a journey of discovery in
Dorchester Abbey

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- 13th & 20th September
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- 4th & 11th October

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Abbey Museum

The Abbey Museum has had a very successful year with nearly 6,000 visitors and a successful Gift Shop. Thank you to all the Museum volunteers.

We are opening a few extra Saturdays for the *Narnia* events.

Christmas Shopping Afternoon

We invite you on **19 November** from 2.00pm to 5.00pm for our special Christmas Shopping afternoon with unique stocking fillers ideas.

Please support our extra opening and we look forward to seeing you then.

Anne-Marie Joffrin
Dorchester Abbey Museum Curator

From appreciative visitors...

The following is an extract from a letter received by Mari Metcalfe as a Museum volunteer:

'Dear Mari,

It was just a week ago that we visited Dorchester on Thames on our boat...and are now back home catching up...

We so enjoyed talking with you at the Museum and listening to some of your thoughts and plans for the future... Walking round the Abbey was special and we hope that we will have further opportunities to make it a place of personal pilgrimage...'

It is gratifying to know that the efforts of the volunteers are appreciated.



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Japanese student, Mamiko Moda, wrote 'Thanks to my hosts and their kindness, I could spend a nice Christmas here instead of staying at home alone. I am grateful to you all.'

Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987. To find out more or be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org, or call **020 7739 6292**.

Abbey Herb Garden

On Saturday 8 October the Abbey Herb Garden was given an Autumn tidy up. Thanks to everyone who helps with the herb garden during the year and also the biannual maintenance. The date for the spring session will be published early next year.

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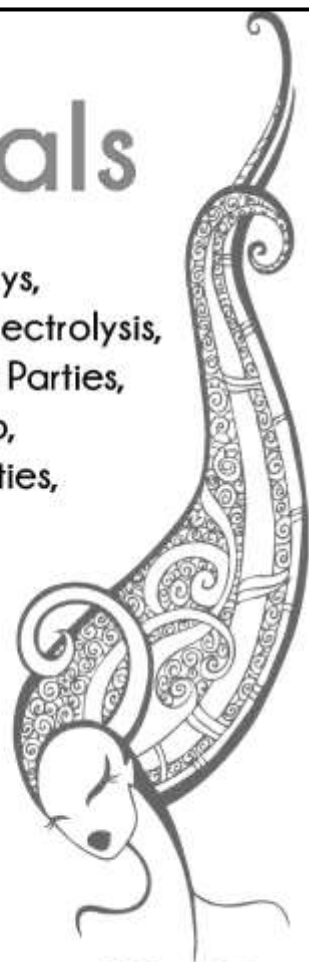
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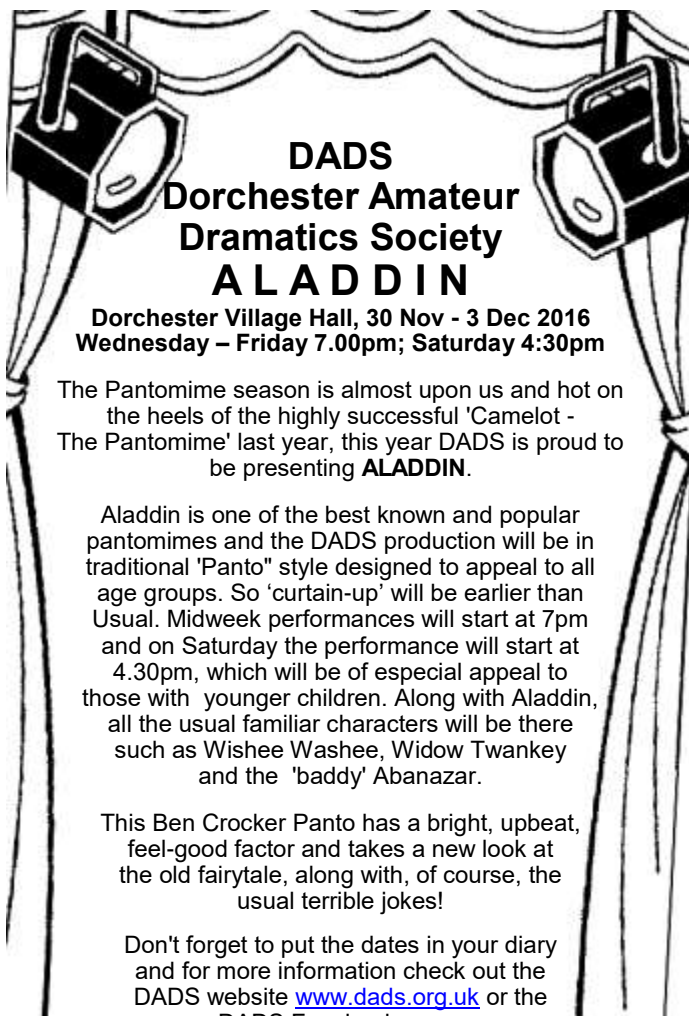
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Sunday 13 November, 10.00am-4.00pm

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Star Walk

Friday 25 November, 6.00pm-8.00pm

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Hedgelaying

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Learn the basics of laying a Midland style hedge, or refine your skills, during this two day hands-on workshop with Clive Leeke. All tools provided. £75 (discount for Earth Trust Friends); 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.

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Tickets can be booked in advance at £35 per head. Wine, beer and schnapps available to purchase or you are welcome to bring your own.

Contact me if you would like to book.



Claire Andersson
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Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

Wednesday 23 November 2016

7.30pm Abbey Guest House

Dorchester's World War II Evacuees - an exciting new local history project.

A collection of material donated to the Dorchester village archive by the Bowditch Family includes many items kept by Mrs Stephanie Bowditch, who was the billeting officer for evacuees in Dorchester during World War II. This collection, untouched until now, includes lists of evacuees and host families (billets), letters from evacuee families, and accounts of efforts to acquire coal, blankets and food, setting up the communal kitchen and organising Christmas parties.

A group from Dorchester Abbey Museum and the Dorchester Historical Society have started work on the collection, but there are many gaps. We will tell you about the story so far but we would love to know more.

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

Gail Thomas
Chairman

Please note change of venue



Evacuee mothers and children in the Hankey's garden, Dorchester, late 1939

Mary Tame's books

Some books from the late Mary Tame's collection have been passed to the Dorchester Historical Society and these will be offered for sale at the November meeting of the Historical Society. Donations will go to Mary's charities.

Gail Thomas

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Division 4

24/09/2016	Coleshill Utd	7	2	Dorchester Res
01/10/2016	Drayton	3	1	Dorchester Res
15/10/2016	Dorchester Res	0	5	Burghclere Res

North Berks Charity Shield

17/09/2016	Long Wittenham Athletic	8	0	Dorchester
24/09/2016	Berinsfield	4	1	Dorchester
01/10/2016	Dorchester	5	4	Sutton Courtenay

Sports Pavilion gets a new flat roof

Anyone with a flat roof on their property will know that they can be a problem. The trick is to have a flat roof re-covered just before it starts leaking, but judging when to do that is either down to luck, or a good Surveyor.

The flat roof on the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground had done very good service, but although it was watertight (just) it was in poor condition. The Parish Council therefore decided to have it re-covered and this work was carried out in the summer.

The cost of the work was just over £5,000, but a grant of £1,875 was obtained from SODC, towards this, with the balance paid by the Parish Council. Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, cabinet member for grants at South Oxfordshire District Council, said: 'We are delighted to have awarded a grant for the sports pavilion roof in Dorchester – we are passionate about helping our communities maintain and improve their facilities, and ultimately helping to make sure our towns and villages remain great places to live.'

There is continuing discussion about the future of the Sports Pavilion, whether it should be refurbished, extended or replaced. Whatever its future, however, at least its roof was fixed whilst the sun shone.

Mike Stimpson



Chairman of Dorchester Parish Council, Chris Hill, inspects the flat roof.



Tennis Club Quiz Night

The Tennis Club held a very successful quiz night on Saturday 8 Oct. After ten rounds of challenging questions, and a hearty supper, the teams were running very close. With only 10 points separating all nine teams, the eventual winners being Mike Stimpson's 'New Balls Please'. The event raised over £500 for the club and the money is going towards funding our new hitting wall and court maintenance. So if you fancy hitting a tennis ball please come up to the courts and have a go. Club sessions are on Sunday mornings and Tuesday evening, plus there are coaching sessions for adults and children. Please contact Claire Andersson (claire@claireandersson.co.uk) or Chris Smith (chrisccsmith@btinternet.com) for more details.



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Dorchester Lecture 2016

The Friends of Dorchester Abbey Annual Lecture for 2016 was given on 29 September by the distinguished former Chief Constable of Thames Valley, Sir Charles Pollard. He had given as his title *'Tackling Crime in London and in the Thames Valley'* but his subtitle could well have been *'My role in it.'* He took his audience through his career using it to illustrate the massive changes there have been since he began, the importance of a few key aspects of policing and the presence of terrorism throughout this period.

When he started as a bobby on the beat his two methods of communicating with others were a whistle and the use of a public telephone in what we all think of now as a Tardis. Now, of course, personal radios, body cameras and vast information retrieval systems are commonplace.

It was salutary to be reminded of the terrorist threats that there have been throughout this period. The horrors of the July 2005 bombings in London may have overshadowed what happened in the mid 1970s when the IRA exploded bombs in the West End of London, Harrods, outside the Old Bailey and in the garden of 10 Downing Street. He was at this time a young inspector stationed at Marylebone having to take decisions as to the most appropriate course of action when a warning call came in. Was it a hoax or not? What should be done?

Later in that decade came the era of peaceful demonstrations, some of which were not. He helped to develop the policy of talking to the leaders of demonstrators to assist them to achieve their objectives in peace. This was a fundamental principle of his philosophy of policing, namely to engage with the community and thereby to obtain its respect and assistance in keeping that community safe.

After the riots during which Blair Peach met his death he had a hand in drafting what is now the Public Order Act 1986, probably taking advantage of the fact that he had earlier been sent by the police to Bristol University to take a law degree.

On his promotion to Sussex he found himself overseeing the ill-fated 1984 Conservative Party Conference and was early on the scene at the Grand Hotel where a substantial bomb had failed to kill the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, but had killed and injured many others. He had been illustrating his lecture with contemporary pictures and news clips. Such a picture of a seriously injured Norman Tebbit on a stretcher was shocking and effective as a reminder of the horror of the event.

He became Chief Constable here in 1991 and he set out some of his responsibilities. Three million people live in the area,



which contains Aldermaston, Windsor and Chequers as well as being one that is immensely varied, from Slough in the east to the agricultural west, Milton Keynes in the north and industry and academe to complete the mix.

He was in charge when the Blackbird Leys car racing problems hit the headlines and he had to reassure Kenneth Baker, then Home Secretary, that he had a plan to control things and therefore to be patient. Fortunately the plan worked and he and the politicians were off the hook. That also led to a new aspect of influencing behaviour, namely by redesigning the streets and street furniture. The local community had an input too and the problem has not resurfaced.

Another event to hit the news-stands was the continuing series of demonstrations against the construction of the Newbury bypass. 'Swampy' became a national figure and he and his fellow demonstrators threatened to disrupt the completion of the road. It was inside information, or intelligence, which finally enabled the police to outwit the demonstrators and allow the contractors to complete their work.

Intelligence, Sir Charles said, was, and is vital in tackling terrorism. It will not be available if there is no trust between the community and the police. Communication is therefore essential.

This was an interesting and stimulating lecture from a most successful policeman whose thoughtfulness came across both in the lecture and in his off the cuff answers to the many and varied questions his talk had prompted.

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On the 3 September, Anne-Marie Joffrin and Ellie Ribeiro Beaman (curator and assistant curator, respectively) took Dorchester Abbey Museum to Oxford!

Every year, the Pitt Rivers Museum holds a festival highlighting an aspect of their eclectic collections, and this year's theme was 'Archaeology'. We saw this as an excellent opportunity both to showcase Dorchester Abbey Museum, and to broaden our 'outreach' and bring the museum out to the wider community. We were joined there by our Museum Mentor, Dr. Lauren Gilmour, and by Rev.



Professor Martin Henig, a leading Romanist.

Having arrived with cars brimming with display boards, Roman pottery, activities for children, and books to offer for sale, not to mention a loaf of 'Roman' bread, we set about building our miniature museum in a small gazebo. It was incredible what Anne-Marie managed to cram in there! Included within our museum TARDIS were displays of intact Roman pottery from the Allotments site, Neolithic hand tools from the local area, a selection of display boards illustrating the archaeology of our village, the recent geophysical survey of the Dyke Hills, a spread of Roman pottery for handling, and some of the many books that the museum shop offers for sale. We also had an area outside the gazebo, housing

Dorchester Abbey Museum at Pitt Fest 2016



a wide range of children's activities, including 'mini digs' in sand and gravel trays with original artefacts to hunt for, a mosaic jigsaw, an opportunity to make your own mosaic to take home, and a lot of different colouring and activity sheets.

The weather, as is so often the case with archaeology in this country, wasn't really cooperating, but, despite that, we had many waterproof-clad children drawn by the lure of finding buried treasure in our dig trays. Ellie worked with the children, talking to them about the sorts of things archaeologists might find, and what we can tell from them.

Meanwhile, in the rather drier gazebo, Anne-Marie, Martin and Lauren welcomed a wide range of interested people and introduced them to our museum. The 'Roman' bread was distributed and (mostly) enjoyed, and in fact played an important role in tempting people into our gazebo! Martin Henig gave an 'Archaeology Soapbox' talk - 'Dorchester: the City that Never Died' - which was well-attended despite the miserable weather. We all engaged with a lot of people who might not have visited the museum in its Dorchester location, but who now know what we have to offer during the museum season (Easter to end of September).



And the bread? Well, if you'd like a taste of Roman life, why not have a go at making this yourself? You will (k)need:

- 500g Spelt flour (Spelt is an ancient form of wheat with a sweet, nutty flavour)
- a sachet (about 7g) of quick-action yeast (no, the Romans didn't have this! They would have used wild yeasts, and if you have a sourdough starter, you can experiment with that)
- about 10 g of that very expensive and luxurious commodity, salt

Abbey Museum

- a couple of tablespoons of honey
- some herbs and spices loved by the Romans - I used a teaspoon each of ground coriander, caraway seeds and nigella seeds.

Mix together the flour, salt, yeast and spices. Add about 300ml warm water with the honey stirred in, and form a dough. Knead with enthusiasm for five to ten minutes. Form into a round, place in a bowl covered with clingfilm, and allow to rise in a warm place for a couple of



hours or so. Turn out, gently prod all over, and form into a Roman loaf. Now, we have some beautiful carbonised loaves from Pompeii that are circular, scored into wedges and have a cord baked into the circumference to allow them to be carried home from the baker's oven. I couldn't find any string in the house that wouldn't melt in the oven, but you may wish to experiment with cotton string. Form into a round, lightly score with a sharp knife into eight segments like cake slices, and for added authenticity you could stamp the top of your loaf to show which bakery made it. I didn't have an authentic Roman bakery stamp, so I used what was to hand - a long Lego brick. It did the job. Allow to prove for at least half an hour, then bake at about 220 degrees (I usually start off on the hottest setting for ten minutes and then turn it down to 180 for another ten). It's done when golden brown and sounds hollow when knocked. Enjoy your Roman bread!

Ellie Ribeiro Beaman

Focus on... Ride and Stride

When asked by my sister Susan Jupp if I would accompany her on her Ride and Stride walk this year as she would be on her own I assented without hesitation. I learned long ago to expect trouble if you do not regard a request from your elder sister as a command. The plan was to register at Dorchester Abbey as soon as it opened at 10 o'clock, then walk to the churches in Warborough, Newington, Stadhampton, Chiselhampton, Toot Baldon, Marsh Baldon, Berinsfield, and back to Dorchester to sign out by 6.00 pm. The plan assumed reasonable weather, and that our combined map reading skills would preclude unintended diversions.

A welcome modification to the plan came when Judy Parker decided to join us. The weather forecast for Saturday, 10 October was less welcome. For once it was correct, and it was raining steadily as we registered shortly before 10.00 with Rosemary Byrde, who was comfortably - comparatively speaking as it was distinctly cool - settled with a deck chair under the Lych Gate to the Abbey. Another participant, James Pratt, was about to leave on his bicycle, festooned in waterproof clothing.

The countryside did not look its best in the rain as we walked to Warborough, where the plan began to go awry. The welcome was just too beguiling, and the rain outside too uninviting. We chatted for too long. By the time we left we were already an hour behind James Pratt's registration time.

The walk to Newington was knocked off course when we found ourselves in Berrick Salome. Map reading was always my strong point, but I was to blame for failing to spot a path to our left just outside the village. I should have realised my skills had deteriorated when I had puzzled for five minutes just beyond Overy where the by-pass was on my map, failing for too long to realise that in 1974 when the map was published the by-pass did not exist. However, I was the first to identify where we were, and that Berrick Salome church was within a few hundred yards of us just outside the present village.

If, like me, you don't know this church you are missing something. St. Helen's is just lovely; intimate, with a 17th century gallery and stubby timber-framed tower housing a set of six bells. The welcome was even better, and the last vestiges of ambition to complete our original itinerary ebbed away under the influence of chat, tea, biscuits and shelter from the rain. After all, we had added St. Helen's to our list, so what did it matter that we proposed to delete Toot and Marsh Baldons?

By the time we left, we were still more hours behind the hyperactive James on his bicycle. However, we made fairly good progress

to Newington, delayed only by the effort of carrying half the earth of a muddy field on the soles of our boots, and then with great difficulty trying to shed it before we entered the church. The church was dark and empty, with the Ride and Stride register in the porch. Yet again we noticed James had passed through hours previously. We could find no reason to shelter further from the rain.

From Newington to Stadhampton via Ascott looked easy on the map. But maps do not tell you that stiles come in very different



forms, including structures that most resemble Aintree Grand National fences, making climbing over them very difficult for shorter legged Judy and Susan, and we were again handicapped by the inches of mud sticking to our boots. The footpath became indistinct, and we were obliged to trespass in order to keep approximately on course. Fortunately we found ourselves back on track by the time we hit the bigger watercourses, and began to relish the prospects of a pub lunch as we trudged through Ascott Park, with its surviving attractive 17th century dovecot and granary, or was it an icehouse or just a garden pavilion.

I chivalrously gave way to my companions on the issue whether to sign in at the church or visit the pub first, despite the worry that it was almost 2.00 pm and food service could

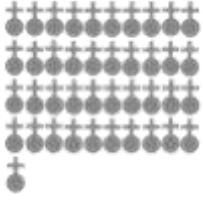
cease. That turned out to be wise. The church doubles as the village hall, and the annual flower and vegetable show was getting into its stride. The welcome was even more fulsome than previously, with a pressing and irresistible invitation to have a free lunch of left-overs from the lunch for the judges of the show. The church is spacious and well suited to its new multi-purpose function. It was warm and dry and the judges' lunch would have won if there had been a category for complete lunches in the show. We began to doubt the need to include Berinsfield in the itinerary; surely we would then run out of time and fail to sign off at Dorchester before the closing time of 6pm.

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Sue Booy greets a tractor-borne participant

James cycled to
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The rain was receding as we accomplished the short walk to Chiselhampton church, past the impressively substantial Georgian manor house in whose grounds it resides. The church, built at much the same time is by contrast a diminutive gem, now redundant but still in good condition, under the watchful eye of the Churches Conservation Trust. The box pews are a particular delight, with the higher class families able to pretty much disregard

what was going on elsewhere in a church service such is the height of their sides. We did not delay long. The rain had just about stopped, and we noted with some shame that James had signed the register at 10.30 am and it was now after 4pm.

It was an easy decision to divert to Drayton St. Leonard and leave Berinsfield for another year. Susan and I were brought up in Drayton. The church's atmosphere does not match that of Berrick Salome or Chiselhampton, but it has a familiar feel, even on a dark and damp afternoon, and as I struggle to master bellringing I regard its bell ringers with awe as being the best around here. It could certainly do with better lighting, which has so transformed Dorchester Abbey.

It became a race against time from Drayton. The rain had stopped and the end was in sight. We accelerated to reach St. Birinus Catholic church before its evening service and arrived just as the first hymn was starting, but happily with the Ride and Stride register still available. From there a short canter back to the Abbey lych gate, to find a sodden James Pratt sitting in the deck chair with the satisfied look of a person whose cycle ride had covered over 40 churches. Still, our tally of eight was not bad, and despite the conditions, we felt equally satisfied with our day, buoyed by the generous welcomes we had received and the beauty of the churches. It was a good day, and Ride and Stride is an excellent format. The sponsorship Susan gathered in is divided between Dorchester Abbey (the individual participant's local church) and the Historic Churches Trust, and to date amounts to £245. Why not give it a try yourself next year?

Richard Farrant

The walkers
walked 13 miles
mostly in rain



RIDE+STRIDE 2016

Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people all over England walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Cornwall to Northumberland. The money they raise helps to save historic churches, chapels and meeting houses for future generations by helping to fund urgent repairs and the installation of modern facilities.

The sponsorship money raised by each Rider or Strider is shared 50/50 between a county church trust that helps historic churches and the individual church of their choice.

Ride+Stride is organised locally by county church trusts with national support provided by the National Churches Trust which runs the Ride+Stride website and provides marketing advice. Ride+Stride started in Suffolk in 1981 as a sponsored bike ride but quickly became a national event.



In Dorchester we take part in the Oxfordshire regional Ride and Stride, organised by OHCT, The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Last year, the 2015 OCHT Ride and Stride raised £137,382.47 including £20,472.09 Gift Aid tax rebate.

Last year OHCT were able to award grants to 45 churches totalling £248,500.

Featherstone Robson Postscript

Following last month's article about Featherstone Robson, I have learned that two of his prints of Dorchester hang on the walls of Dorchester Fireplaces in the High Street, in addition to one in The George that was mentioned. It is good to know that these prints are to be seen around the village.



James meets a fellow cyclist under the lych gate.

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Oona was English born but Irish in much of her upbringing. Her childhood was not all plain sailing, complicated by shyness, asthma, war, and her eldest brother's severe schizophrenia. Family life was shattered in her mid teens by the family's move back to Dublin just after her father's first heart attack, and then his death less than a year later. That coincided with her brother's hospitalisation and sister's entry as a nun into a very enclosed order. Oona was very alone.

University, reading medicine, brought respite. She formed life long friendships. On graduating, she moved to Saginaw in Michigan, USA for a year as a junior doctor. Saginaw was surrounded by real pioneer country. She resisted pressing invitations to set up practice in remote towns who offered to construct clinics specially for her; proposals of marriage from older men whose pride and joy were the frozen deer carcasses on their car roof racks; and, thanks to a very alert policeman, narrowly avoided being shot at point blank range by a deranged alcoholic she was treating.

Back in Dublin, life became more routine; a round of junior doctor positions increasingly specialising in social medicine dealing with children; living at home. That changed abruptly when she met Richard on a package holiday in Turkey. Within six months they were married and she had moved from Dublin to London, and then a year later to Washington DC for two years - probably the happiest of their life together. By the time they returned to London they had two babies, but Oona was able to return to community medicine part time in a deprived area, satisfying her passion for helping babies and children as well as her strong impulsion to contribute to society.



The need for more room and better schools led to a move to Lane Farm, a large old farmhouse outside Maidenhead, her family home for the next 40 years. She later described this as was where her real roots were.

After eight years, in 1984, she and Richard felt they were in a rut, and moved the family for two years to Hong Kong. Oona quickly became doctor for a Vietnamese refugee camp, which she described as the best job in her life. The camp had been a prisoner of war prison and had received no maintenance since. The overcrowding was terrible. The refugees' prospects for permanent settlement were always uncertain. But she was fulfilling real need, the refugees were highly resourceful and determinedly cheerful, and they had very interesting illnesses!

Typically, Oona resisted the luxuries of expatriate life. No maids, no club memberships or cocktail set, the children walked to school. The family thrived, but two years was enough. She missed Lane Farm, and within a week of arriving back she provided a family christmas dinner for 20 people. She returned to work with

children full time, often battling the system to deliver needed help to them, and to judge from comments made by others she did it well. She continued to work beyond normal retirement age, until one day her rheumatoid arthritis made her fear she would drop a child she was handling. She immediately quit.

Ironically, soon after retiring better drugs relieved the arthritis. Lane Farm benefited. She ferried old people (often no older than she was) to hospital and shops. She spent time in Australia, where both her children had settled. She pursued Richard from Land's End to John O'Groats on a bicycle, grumbling that surely it must be better coming down from rather than going up to Scotland. By now in her seventies, she readily consented to do it again the other way round to test her theory.

As Richard reduced his workload in London, she strongly encouraged moving to Dorchester so that he would be back where his roots lay, completely disregarding her relationship with Lane Farm. She was sad that increasing infirmity prevented her from engaging with the community in Dorchester, but continued to enjoy life until frailty absorbed all her energy two months before her death.

Oona had an iron will, but she only applied it to herself; to others she personified flexible generosity. She was private and reserved, but with it went high emotional intelligence and huge capacity to listen and empathise with others. She was a salesman's and politician's nightmare, such was her aversion to economy with the truth or bending with the wind. Best of all so far as Richard was concerned, she was a hugely indulgent and loving partner.

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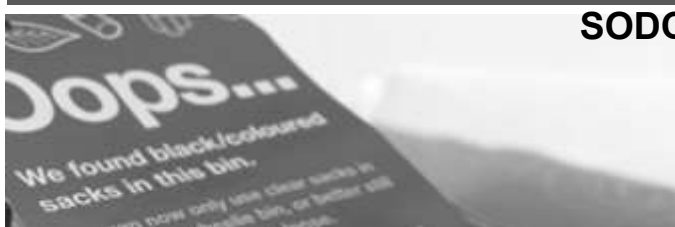
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We've had to do this because some people are putting food waste and dirty nappies into their green wheelie bins, which is contaminating whole truckloads of recycling. In the last nine months more than 100 tonnes of recycling from the district have been rejected because of contamination. View our [video](#) on contaminated waste.

To find out more visit the council's website
[Vale of White Horse District Council](#)

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This service replaces RingGo which will not work in these car parks from 1 November. You will still be able to pay by cash.

To access Connect Cashless you can register for the service via a quick phone call to provide your payment details – One text later and you'll be set up.

Every time you then visit one of our car parks you'll just need to make a quick phone call or send a single text to pay for your parking. You can find more information on the [Connect Cashless website](#)

What bin is it this week?

Check out Binzone – the handy new way to find out about your bin collections from your smartphone.

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Parish Council

November Meeting of the Parish Council

The November meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 9 November 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.

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 Please note new direct line for calls and texting 07745 311439 The e mail is

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

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

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Since our last report we have been busy amending and improving the Draft NDP incorporating the recommendations provided by SODC during August. We will soon be creating maps for inclusion in the document. This will make it easier for us to communicate to everyone and especially the Planning Inspector where the areas we are describing in the text are located in the village. The maps will include such things as the conservation areas, historic buildings, historic walls, the footpaths and green spaces, and areas that would have the least impact on the character of the village if it was used for housing.

When this work is complete and the document is assembled in a professional way there will be a chance for you, the residents, to have your say of what you think of the draft plan. We will notify you of a date for a public meeting where we will present all aspects of the plan and seek your comments. After considering your feedback and making any amendments this may require we will then be in a position to forward our plan to a Planning Inspector for his approval.

By the time you read this we will have had our next meeting which is on 19 October. There will be a further update in next month's Dorchester News.

During the September Parliamentary recess I took the opportunity to meet up with residents in many parishes across the constituency. It is the only recess that does not coincide with school holidays and so it is easier to arrange meetings as more people tend to be around. This annual opportunity for an intensive series of meetings is one that I enjoy and find particularly helpful. Some communities have local issues that they wish to discuss but it is also interesting to see the sorts of issues that are coming up in different communities across the whole area. This year I was particularly struck that many of the issues that were raised were issues that related to local councils rather than directly to Parliament, issues such as bus services and traffic calming. Whilst I am always interested to know the issues that concern people I am limited in what I can do on these issues. I know that many people find it frustrating when it seems that national government and different councils seem to bounce things between them.

As an MP, I deal with issues such as foreign affairs, our defence policy and armed forces, the future of the NHS, changes to the planning system (not individual applications), the Budget and our public finances, the operation of the judicial system, immigration, policing, energy and the environment, prisons policy, and education. The list is not exhaustive. The things that I can best try to help with are, therefore, matters for which Parliament or central Government is responsible. Local councils, in our case County, District and Parish, have devolved responsibility for specific local issues relating to the area

they cover. Most often the quickest way to resolve issues is to go to the body that has responsibility for the particular issue. However at times I know that individuals and communities feel that they are getting nowhere and it is then that I can sometimes intervene in some way but this can only be in seeking constructive discussion or creative solutions or help break through a deadlock. In the end though I do not have any power over local councils to dictate what they must do, nor was it ever thus.

With the Localism agenda there have been significant changes in the relationship between central and local government. In order to allow local councils to run the services that their residents need more and more powers are being devolved and with it the ability to deliver more efficient service and better value for money and to raise finance. Local government spending accounts for about 40% of our national spend so it is only right that it plays its part in economic reform. The government has been asking councils to look creatively at how they can do things differently and show real innovation. In some areas this has been done by consolidating activities and joint working. In other areas sadly things have simply been cut. It is good to see that new ways of working are coming forward in some areas. I was delighted to learn that just as the Government is reviewing its capital assets and divesting of surplus-

es so too the County Council is now looking at its property portfolio to see what it can sell and trying to use its estate in a different way. Similarly the District Council has entered into an innovative joint contract with other District Councils for some of its key services. On the front line the difference is minimal but the cost to the tax payer greatly reduced.

The needs of our population are changing. For example our overall longevity is to be welcomed but it does mean that the cost of care and of medical services are rising hugely and the demand on a variety of other services increases. We are in a time of change and sometimes change can at first seem like something less good. A period of change turbulence can be inevitable. However if we bear with it and embrace change there are huge opportunities for growth and improvement. I am always happy to discuss issues, to explore different ways of doing things and to help access alternative funding where appropriate.

If you would like to know more about my work you may like to be on the circulation list for my regular e-newsletter and special briefings sent on an occasional basis on specific issues. To be added to the list please email me at john.howell@oxfordshireconservatives.co.uk. For more information about my work both in Westminster and in the constituency please do visit my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. You can also follow me on twitter @johnhowellmp or on Facebook www.facebook.com/.howellmp

From your MP... John Howell October 2016

Unitary Debate

The report commissioned by OCC from Grant Thornton came up with an option that suggested a single unitary council but with some decision making devolved to different parts of the county based on the current boundaries of the five district and city councils. A recent meeting of OCC's Performance Scrutiny Committee saw County Councillors from across all parties interested in exploring this option further – and the OCC Cabinet has now agreed to do that. The key features are:

- A strategic unitary council with overall responsibility for determining a framework of delegation of powers and budget.
- Constitutionally established area boards reflecting the administrative boundaries of the current city and district councils exercising these delegated powers and budgets.

This model is still a single unitary, but builds on existing strengths and familiar geography, rather than starting from scratch. At this stage it is just a possible option that OCC is keen to explore further while acknowledging that there needs to be a lot of detailed negotiation in the weeks and months ahead.

Grant scheme launched for open-access children's services

A £1m start-up fund has been launched by OCC to help community groups develop and deliver open-access children's services. Local solutions for open-access provision – such as 'stay-and-play' - will complement a comprehensive new service for 0-19-year-olds across Oxfordshire, which ensures the most vulnerable children are protected and that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. As part of OCC's continuing investment in early intervention, and in addition to the £1m fund, new teams of 'locality workers' will advise and support community groups delivering open-access sessions – as well as other universal services such as schools, health and early

Lorraine Lindsay-Gale October 2016

years providers. Council-funded open access provision will continue to be offered at the new children and family centres, and other buildings as part of the new 0-19 service from next year. I will continue to work with the Berinsfield Children's Centre support group who are working hard to find a way to maintain services in their village as it is one of the centres that OCC will not be funding under the new arrangements. I delighted that Dorchester and Warborough & Shilvingford Parish Councils have offered sizeable donations to their fund.

Minerals and Waste Plan examination in public

The long-awaited Examination in Public of the proposed Minerals & Waste Core Strategy for Oxfordshire was held in Oxford from September 20 – 30. The Inspector conducted a very thorough investigation and I am pleased to report that he took serious notice of the issues that PAGE, OXAGE and BachPort have been working so hard to bring to the fore: the proposed Local Area Assessment figure for sand and gravel being too high, the level of minerals re-cycling in the county being under-estimated, the balance of extraction between the West and the South of the county being unnecessarily skewed, and the inadequate consultation conducted by OCC running up to the publication of this latest version of the Strategy. OCC has already offered to make changes to the Plan, however these modifications were very minor. The Inspector has decided to issue an Interim Report by the middle of October outlining his reaction and requirements going forward. By the time of my next report we should know where we stand.

Pedestrian crossing at Berinsfield

I think many people know how long I have been campaigning for a pedestri-

an crossing between the bus stops on the A4074 – nearly eight years. During that time I have managed to get a 40 mph speed limit on all the roads approaching the roundabout. This and street lighting are prerequisites for the installation of a crossing. However the financial squeeze prevented me from being able to help fund a crossing when our Councillor's Stewardship Fund was withdrawn. So I am really delighted that SODC have agreed to find the money. Both councils are now working together to get plans drawn up as quickly as possible. If all goes well Berinsfield could have a crossing in the New Year. Fantastic.

White lines in Warborough

It isn't often that the county council gets praised and thanked! But since I managed to pressure OCC Highways into putting intermittent white lines on the A329 outside the primary school many people in the village have come up to tell me that they have worked and wanted to thank OCC for solving the most upsetting traffic congestion problem the village has had to deal with for a long time. I hope anyone travelling through the village at peak times will have noticed the difference!

Housing plans for OxforDs rejected

Plans to build thousands of homes to deal with Oxford's housing crisis were rejected by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) when the Oxfordshire Growth Board, made up of council leaders, met in September to approve plans to deal with the city's housing need identified in a 2014 report. The Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment said neighbouring councils needed to provide 14,850 houses to help Oxford cope with its increasing demand. Oxford would look to build another 550 houses, while Cherwell would contribute 4,400, Vale of White Horse 2,200, West Oxfordshire 2,750, and South Oxfordshire would build 4,950.

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

PACT Carol Concert

Back by popular demand, PACT's annual carol concert is being held once again at Dorchester Abbey on **Sunday 11 December**.

There will be a children's tea party from 4pm-5pm with fun activities for the children and refreshments for all. This will be followed by the carol concert at 5pm-6:30pm including performances from the Abbey Choir and professional soprano Erin Hughes as well as lots of opportunities for the congregation to join in for classic Christmas carols.

The carol concert is free to attend but there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for PACT's award-winning therapeutic support services for adopted children.

We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to bring friends and the whole family to join in the festivities and support PACT's vital work.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance via PACT's website: **www.pactcharity.org/carols**

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Our next concert will feature the Verdi Requiem – always hugely popular.

By the 1860s Verdi was acknowledged as the leading Italian operatic composer of his time, his fame resting on *Rigoletto*, *Il Trovatore*, *La Traviata*, *Aida* and many others. When Rossini died in 1868 Verdi composed a *Libera me* for what was intended to be a jointly composed Requiem, but this never came to fruition. Instead the *Libera me* became the basis for the dramatic and powerful Requiem Verdi composed in tribute to his hero and friend Manzoni, who died in 1873. Manzoni was an author, politician, patriot and an important figure in the unification of Italy.

The *Libera me* provided much of the music for the brooding opening *Requiem Aeternam* and the thrilling *Dies Irae*, whilst the Latin text inspired the diverse moods of this monumental work of the imagination, described by Hans von Bulow as an 'opera in ecclesiastical clothes'. Verdi was in fact an agnostic all his adult life but was a man of profound conscience and spirituality. In his Requiem are found the basic essentials of humanity – piety, emotion, agitation and hope. Against this background, it is interesting to note that the Requiem was performed several times by prisoners in the concentration camp of Terezin during the Second World War.

The concert takes place in Dorchester Abbey on **Saturday 26 November**.

The choir is partnered by the Elgar Orchestra and conducted by Christopher Walker. A strong group of soloists includes Elizabeth Roberts (Soprano), Susan Legg (Mezzo Soprano), Mark Chaundy (Tenor) and Christopher Foster (Bass)

Tickets are £20 and £15 (reserved) and £12 unreserved, and are available six weeks before the concert from **01865 407395** or tickets.bensonchoral@gmail.com

Dorchester Abbey Christmas Concert for the Oxford Children's Hospital Thursday 1 December, 7.00pm

The Dorchester Abbey Christmas Concert is a fabulous evening of song and readings. This popular event has become the perfect way to commence the Christmas season.

The Choir of Winchester Cathedral will be performing once more, joined by a number of high profile readers including award winning actor, Toby Jones; star of *Miranda*, Patricia Hodge and BBC's *World Affairs* Editor, John Simpson CBE.

Since the first event in 2006, the concerts have raised over £250,000 for the Oxford Children's Hospital, helping to provide additional specialist medical equipment and new facilities for young patients from across the region.

This very special event will also mark the 10th anniversary of the Children's Hospital and launch a series of events and fundraising activities to celebrate this important milestone.

Tickets - which include wine and food – cost from £25 to £70 each.

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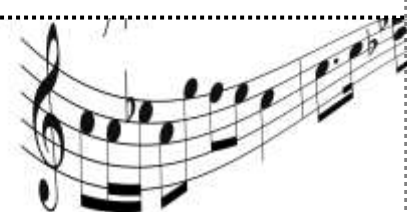
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William came to Wallingford

1066 commemorations are coming to a close.

However, the English did not submit after their defeat at the Battle of Hastings in October 1066! A highly organized Norman campaign of intimidation and attrition saw one town yield after another, with the most important being Dover, Canterbury, Winchester, and finally Wallingford.

The Norman army probably arrived in Wallingford in late November/early December. They crossed the Thames outside the South Gate, so more or less at Bradford's Brook and pitched camp on the Crowmarsh side of the river.

Over the next few days the details of the eventual surrender of the English were negotiated with Archbishop Stigand, who had a residence inside the town. After concluding successfully the army moved north to Great Berkhamsted where the Prince Edgar and other nobles and the Archbishop of York formally surrendered to William.

Wallingford Museum's special exhibition **'1066 - William comes to Wallingford!'** will close on 30 November. It features William the Conqueror's impact on Wallingford - including his crossing of the Thames here with his army 950 years ago after the Battle of Hastings.

There is still just time to visit the Museum this year!

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Wallingford Gardening Club Herbaceous Borders

At the November meeting, Geoff Hawkins returns to give a talk about how to design, plant, and look after herbaceous borders.

Geoff worked as Head Gardener at the Mill Court private estate in Hampshire, and retired from there after 35 years. As a head gardener he ran the small estate of 30 acres working in greenhouses, vegetable and fruit gardens, herbaceous and shrub borders as well as looking after the trees, ponds and natural features on the estate.

Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on **Thursday 10 November**. Visitors very welcome £2.

Isabelle Darby
01491836867

What's on in Wallingford



'Becoming Roman in Oxfordshire: excavations at Marcham/Frilford'

Gary Lock returns to present a talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the excavations at Marcham / Frilford. Gary is Emeritus Professor of Archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University.

Extensive excavations at Marcham / Frilford have exposed a complex of Iron Age and Romano-British evidence in the form of structures, features and material culture. It seems that during both periods this site was a focus for religious and ritual activities suggesting strong elements of continuity and change in the ways people worshipped over approximately 1000 years.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 9 Nov, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.**

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twhas.org.uk

Wallingford Country Market Now preparing for Christmas.

Seasonal Baking, Crafts, Cards and Plants, (including wreaths), will be on sale from the beginning of November, as well as all our usual products. Do pop in some time - you may be surprised at what you find.

Orders can be placed for most items we sell, but particularly Mince Pies and other Christmas baking. Special jars of preserves make an ideal gift.

Our last Market for 2016 will be on **Friday 23 December**. We re-open after Christmas on Friday 13 January 2017.

For further enquiries, please contact the Market Manager, (Tel: **01865 890649**), or visit us one Friday morning.

Wallingford Flower Club Open Meeting

Wednesday 9 November 2016

7.00pm for 7.45pm

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What's On November

Cinema: Performances start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Tues 1	The Magnificent Seven (12A)
Wed 2	Live from ROH, ballet Anastasia at 7.15
Thurs 3	The Infiltrator (15)
Fri 4	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (12A)
Sat 5	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (12A)
Sun 6	Devotion2Dance , Performanze Academy's mini-movie, 3.30pm
Sun 6	Little Men (PG)
Mon 7	Little Men (PG):
Tues 8	(Louis Theroux) My Scientology Movie (15)
Thurs 10	Revolution – New Art for a New World (U)
Fri 11	Inferno (12A)
Sat 12	Inferno (12A)
Sun 13	The Girl on the Train (15)
Mon 14	The Girl on the Train (15)
Tue 15	The Girl on the Train (15)
Wed 16	Alan Bennett's Diaries Live , author in conversation plus Q&A 8pm
Thurs 17	American Honey (15)
Wed 23	Starfish (15)
Thurs 24	Starfish (15)

LIVE

November 11 and 12. **ITHAKA**, Encore Elite, Sinodun Players' senior youth group, will be delving into the realms of Ancient Greece with this short play written by Elite director Ginny Avery. The play is inspired by the plight of Penelope, queen of the bountiful island of Ithaka. It tells the story of how she hopes for the return of her beloved husband Odysseus whilst trying to appease the demands of her many unwanted suitors. Performances take place in the Club Room, two 45-minute shows each night, at 7pm & 8.30pm. £5.

November 19, 20, 26, 27. **Kinecroft Academy of Dancing Annual Showcase**. Performances at 2.30pm and 7.00pm Saturdays, 2.30pm Sundays.

December 3 **Dillie Keane**, music and comedy, one-woman show from founder member of Fascinating Aida. 7.45pm. £15

NB IMPORTANT PANTO NEWS

Tickets on sale from November 18 for Sinodun Players' annual panto, **The Pied Piper** which takes place January 13-28 (except Sundays and Mondays). adults £10 (Tues-Thurs), £12 (Fri, Sat). children under 16, £6 throughout.

Tickets and further information, including late additions to cinema programme are available online

www.cornexchange.org.uk or box office 01491 825000.

Guidance on the use of drones Thames Valley Police

Thames Valley Police have issued a reminder about guidance around the use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles – essentially flying robots.

The aircraft can be remotely controlled or can fly autonomously using inbuilt software-controlled flight plans. Designed for designated purposes by the military, they are becoming increasingly popular among members of the public.

Misuse of a drone can lead to a criminal offence being committed.

If you are considering using a drone for recreational purposes, Thames Valley Police would advise that you consider the following guidance:

- Do not fly the drone above 400ft in altitude or further than 500metres away from you horizontally.

If you wish to fly one that exceeds the limits above, you will need to seek permission from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) – please visit the Q&A section on our website for more details.

- Avoid flying it within 150metres of a congested area or 50metres of a person or vehicle.
- Use your common sense and fly safely - making sure you can see the drone at all times.
- If you are using one with a camera, make sure you inform people before you start recording and be aware of your surroundings.

Drone technology is not unsafe but a minority of users continue to fly them irresponsibly.

Breaches of drone regulations (Article 166 & 167 ANO 2009) are investigated by the police and, while Thames Valley Police would not look to criminalise people for innocent misuse, other enforcement outcomes can be considered.

Further information is available on the CAA website

Wallingford U3A

Our October speaker was local historian Mrs. Judy Dewey who spoke on the Civil War in Wallingford. Mrs. Dewey is a very popular speaker and her audience was enthralled by the breadth and detail of her talk. After the talk questions came thick and fast. It was a great afternoon.

Our November speaker, on **2 Nov** will be Tony Hadland, who will tell us about William Gill Victorian Explorer and Spy.

Our Meetings are held at 2.00pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always made welcome. Talk, Tea and Biscuits.

We are forming a new group. 'iPads and Tablets for beginners.' Phone Christine on **01491 834598**

The U3A is for people over 50, no longer in full time work, who want to follow up interests, make new friends, go out and about and enjoy life. Come and join us.

For more information about what we do please visit our website Google u3awallingford. or phone Hermione on **01865 858024**

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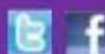
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Day by day

Tues 1 Nov	Narnia Exhibition Until 22 Nov Dorchester Abbey
Sat 5 Nov	Village Fireworks Display Recreation Ground From 5.30pm
Sun 6 Nov	3 before Advent 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Memorial Service
Tues 8 Nov	Short Communion 10.15am
Wed 9 Nov	Parish Council Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 10 Nov	WI 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washingtons.' Martin Sirot-Smith Abbey Guest House 2.30pm
Sat 12 Nov	Dorchester v Sutton Courtenay North Berks Cup 1.30pm Recreation Ground
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.00am Remembrance Service
Thurs 17	Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Belcher Court (see p16)
Sat 19 Nov	Abbey Museum Christmas Shopping Afternoon 2.00-5.00pm Abbey Museum

Church services in the Abbey appear in red.
More details can be found at :

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

For details of services at St Birinus RC
Church go to:

www.stbirinus.co.uk

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during **November**.

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Sun
20 Nov **Christ the King**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Jon Roberts)

10.30am
Christingle

Tues
22 Nov **Narnia Exhibition**
Closing concert
Dorchester Abbey
5.30pm

Wed
23 Nov **DoT Historical Society**
'World War II evacuees.'
7.30pm
Abbey Guest House

Thurs
24 Nov **Service at Cheshire Home**
11.30am

Sat
26 Nov **Benson Choral Society Concert**
Verdi Requiem
7.30pm

Sun
27 Nov **Advent**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

6.00pm
Beauforest Evensong

Wed
30 Nov **Aladdin**
DADS
Village Hall
7.00pm

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 9.30am to 9.40am by War Memorial (p.13)
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

Blessing of Marriage

10 Sept Daniel and Kate Apperley

Holy Baptism

11 Sept Grayson Beren Osborne

18 Sept Kai Harben Shahbaz
Pahlabod

25 Sept Tristan Robert
Marshall-Luck



Dorchester Village Hall

200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of
the September draw.

1st Prize	£75	No.61	Mrs S Jupp
2nd Prize	£45	No.85	Mr M Russell
3rd Prize	£25	No.139	Mr & Mrs Hawes

The next draw will be in December, 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.

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

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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; **edwardsbrenda148@gmail.com** or telephone **01865 343062**.

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

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.morecycling.co.uk**

ANIMAL WELFARE

RSPCA (wildlife): **0300 123 0206**
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Useful Information

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Green Furlong, Berinsfield **01865 340771**
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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.

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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; **07745 311439** (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency); **parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk**.

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

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Contact details for Church Wardens and other Abbey information are on the notice board in the Abbey.

ABBEY WEBSITE

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

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Dorchester Abbey Museum E-mail
museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 4 Nov **Black**
Fri 11 Nov **Green**
Fri 18 Nov **Black**
Fri 25 Nov **Green**

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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