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October 2017





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Dorchester News October 2017 A DoT view

October is a month of transition. The last vestiges of summer can still be seen until quite late in September. But with the coming of October, even that has gone; we start putting on thicker jumpers; and by the time October goes out the clocks have gone back, the afternoons have closed in, and we can usually feel the beginning of the chill of winter.

Looking over our shoulders, though, we must congratulate Dorchester's cricketers on their summer achievements. The Dorchester Second XI have ended top of their league, having lost only one match. Well done, guys.

But it is also a month for looking forward. For gardeners and allotment holders, it is the month to get digging, to clear out the remains of the 2017 harvest and start preparing for the next one. The one that will win you a prize in one of next year's Flower Shows if you didn't manage it this year. That's what I tell myself, anyway. And what an Autumn Flower Show it was. With over 300 entries it provided a great display of the gardening, growing, and culinary skills of the village. The major prize winners are given in the article on page 18-19.

We can also look forward to the Realms of Glory exhibition in Dorchester Abbey which starts towards the end of the month and continues until January. There will be plenty there for children and adults alike.

I shall be looking forward to the Tennis Club Quiz Night on Saturday 14 October—always a good night out in the Village Hall, but mostly I shall just be enjoying the change in the seasons that comes with this month.

Ian Brace

Cover: Autumn on Martins Lane



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My son turned two this summer, and my wife and I are very aware that he's going through some massive changes. His language is taking off and he's chattering away to us all the time, seemingly in a language only we can recognize. His body movements are growing in confidence and he's riding his little balance bike lots. And we're more able to have conversations with him now, to explain things, which he seems to be understanding more and more, and he's telling us more about what's going on inside his head... which is fascinating!

I never cease to be amazed at the little phrases and thoughts he comes out with, seemingly out of the blue. He's not only parroting back what we say, but also very clearly processing the concepts, ideas,

and notions in what we say, and sometimes just turning upside down what we might think is a completely normal and very common sense way of understanding something. He really is a very innocent and a very new person in every way. Parenting has probably been the hardest thing I've done in my life so far (and we're still only just beginning!); and a lot of the time it's really not much fun! But as a priest in the Church of England, in some sense my business is the growth of people and communities, and growing into the likeness and presence of a God who is Himself a community of loving relationships (Father, Son, and Spirit).

These last few months are the first time I've really thought about sending my son off to school in a few years, and I'm very

excited about that prospect for him, about all those opportunities ahead. But I'm also slightly scared for him, for all that he has to encounter and experience in our world, that can be hard and upsetting. I'm also aware of all the massive decisions we, his parents, will have to make, and I want so badly to make good choices for him. In this season of new terms and new beginnings for so many families, parents, and children, I sincerely wish every blessing upon all those making such big decisions, those taking children to school for the first time, and those who have significant decisions to make for themselves, or those around them in the very near future.

May God be with you.

Team Service Sunday 29 October

Every fifth Sunday we hold a service at which all the parishes in the Dorchester Team can meet together for worship. On **29 October** this service will be held at Berinsfield Church at **11.00am**. The Rector will have just returned from a visit to the Burning Bush Project and will speak about her experiences there and give an update on the project.

Memorial Service Sunday 5 November

The season of All Saints and All Souls is a special time to remember and pray for those whom we love and who have been examples for us and who have died. Each year at this time I send a particular invitation to the families of those for whom we have hosted Funerals and Memorial Services in recent years. This year the service will be held on **Sunday 5 November** at 10.30am – a list of remembrance is read, prayers are said and there is an opportunity to light candles. Normally people receive a letter of invitation for five years. If there is someone important to you that you would like to be included in the list of remembrance who died longer ago or whose funeral service was held elsewhere you are most welcome to contact the office (**01865 340007**; admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) or to sign the list which will be on the large table at the back of the Abbey.

Remembrance Day Sunday 12 November

Remembrance Day is the week after the Memorial Service. I am delighted to tell you that The Chaplain in Chief of the Royal Air Force, The Venerable (Air Vice Marshall) Jonathan Chaffey has accepted an invitation to give the sermon at the Remembrance service in the Abbey and will join us at the War Memorial

Fishmonger

The travelling fishmonger comes to Dorchester every Tuesday and will stop between 9.30am and 9.50am (9.40am in winter months when weather bad, but 9.30am in summer months) in High Street near War Memorial.

Tea Room anniversary

August Bank holiday Monday (one of the more beautiful days of the summer) was the day we chose to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Abbey Tea Room. With bunting, 1970s prices, and visits from many long standing customers (and a few completely new ones) we had a lovely afternoon. Towards the end of the afternoon we were joined by members of Lettice Godfrey's family including two great, great nieces who have been named for her! Members of the tea room team then enjoyed a wonderful celebration cake made by Vera Baker (one of the original helpers) and refreshments organised by Christina Stores (current Tea Room leader)

As the season draws to a close I'm sure everyone would like to join in a big Thank You to *all* the tea room helpers and bakers and especially to Christina who is now relinquishing her leadership role.



Members of Lettice Godfrey's family in the Tea Room courtyard
See p17 for more about the tearoom anniversary

Abbey Guest House Extension

Over the last couple of years Dorchester Abbey has been examining ways of improving and extending the toilet facilities at the Abbey and improving the administrative accommodation. It is intended that the latest proposal will go on display in the Abbey in November and that groups with specific interests, and anyone else, will be invited to find out more information and make comments on the proposals. Look out for more details in next month's Dorchester News.

Lunch Club final update

The Lunch Club will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from October to Easter at 12.30pm in the back room of the Village Hall. *However there are two exceptions to this rule: 11 October and 22 November are replaced by 4 October and 29 November.* In summary, the dates the Lunch Club will be held up to Christmas, are:

4 October
25 October
8 November
29 November
13 December (last one this year)

It is very important that you let me know by phone or letter (13 Watling Lane) two days before each date i.e. the preceding Monday, if you wish to attend. Alternatively if you wish to come to all those dates then tell me by **Monday 2 October** so that I know you will be doing so. This is for catering purposes as I do not have the facilities of a freezer and do not want to waste food or have insufficient food!

I thank most sincerely all those people who have offered me help in running the Lunch Club after my plea last month. If there is anyone with a car who would be willing to occasionally transport a resident wanting to attend the Lunch Club but unable to do so without transport, then that would be much appreciated, please contact me.

Susan Jupp
01865 341066

Pre-Christmas 'Come and Sing' with Dorchester Abbey Choir

On **Friday 27 October** 7.00pm, Dorchester Abbey Choir is hosting a come and sing open rehearsal where we will begin working on some of the music we are singing over the Christmas period and especially at the Abbey Carol service on Sunday 17 December. We start this far in advance of Christmas as there is lots of other music to prepare along the way during the Advent season.

Do come along and have a sing – no further obligation, but it is also a chance for people who think they might like to join the Abbey Choir to try us out. We start singing at 7.00pm in the Abbey and finish at about 8.15pm after which some of us seek liquid refreshment across the road after our exertions.

If you would like to join us on 27 October or would like to know more about the Abbey Choir or Junior Choir, do get in touch on **01491 836310** or jibwallingford@tiscali.co.uk. Alternatively, just turn up on the evening; you will be very welcome!

There is also a Junior Choir (term time Fridays 6.00pm until 6.30pm) and a Song School for Juniors on Wednesdays run by Christine Cairns. Both groups welcome new members and they will be doing Christmas too!

Jeremy Boughton

The Children's Society Donation Boxes

The Children's Society is a Church of England charity which aims to help children in need with practical help to make lives better for thousands of children who are neglected, living in poverty, or in fear of violence and exploitation. One of their methods of collecting donations is through a network of collecting boxes distributed to volunteers who are invited to put into the box any loose change they may wish to donate.

There used to be a Dorchester network set up originally by the late Denise Boden but it has partially lapsed recently. I have contacted the remaining members of the network and have agreed to reform this network with those who still have these boxes, and to recruit more participants.

The process is straight forward. If you would like to volunteer call me by email on w.maish@btinternet.com and I will arrange for you to be given a clear plastic small collecting box. All you are asked to do is to place in it any spare change you may wish to. Once a year, I will contact you to collect the box, then send in your donations to the Children's Society, and provide you with an empty box for the following year.

The process will be completely private and discrete, but I will need to have your name, address, telephone number and email address so that we can keep in touch.

I look forward to hearing from generous volunteers.

Bill Maish

The C of E Children's Society Collecting Box Coordinator for Dorchester on Thames

Abbey Museum



Above: A party of schoolchildren taking part in a learning session at Dorchester Abbey Museum.

A full report of Abbey Museum activity is on page 12

This seat, adjacent to the South direction bus-stop just north of the War Memorial, has been repaired and is functional again after quite a while. Thanks to Malcolm Corry for sending this.





It has been an up and down sort of summer but we are now at the end of it. A bit of TLC on the winter crops at this time of the year will bring rewards later on. Inspect the brassicas, removing any yellowing leaves, clear the soil around them of weeds and draw soil up over their roots to give the plants extra support against winter gales. Stake and tie in tall growing crops such as kale, broccoli and of course Brussels sprouts. Hoe between the carrots and parsnips, again drawing soil over the shoulders of the roots to prevent greening. If possible give all of the crops feed with a liquid general fertiliser to help build them up to withstand the rougher weather. Check over cloches and fleece to make sure they are fit to use if required. Sow outdoor winter hardy lettuce to harvest next spring and greenhouse lettuce to harvest over the winter months. If not already done, plant garlic as soon as possible, Onion sets can be planted well into October but delay planting shallots until late October/early November.

Now is the time for lots of lovely winter digging! Remember that the clocks go back an hour at the end of this month so grab every minute of daylight on the allotment that you can before the dark days of winter are upon us. Rough dig over heavy ground and leave it in lumps or ridges to be broken down gradually by the winter frosts and rain.

Edward Metcalfe
01865 340160

The 138 bus!

The 138 bus service runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, from Dorchester to Wallingford. It provides a service from Dorchester war memorial at 10.26, 11.11 and 12.56, with return journeys at 11.00 and 12.45.

The bus goes north through village via Meadside, High St and Abingdon Rd, then down the by-pass to Wallingford. So to get to Wallingford passengers need to get on the bus going north (towards Berinsfield roundabout).

Bus passes can be used and the bus will stop anywhere on its route where it is safe to do so.

Currently the service is being trialled, to gauge the level of demand from the village.

Securing the future of the Fleur De Lys

The sale of the Fleur de Lys is suspended until late November. Following the public meeting in July, a small group is working to ensure that the Fleur remains a pub by mounting a community bid to purchase it.



Who we are.

The working group comprises Jason Coe, Mike Davies, Richard Farrant, Chris Hill, Melanie Hill, Ed Metcalfe and Ollie Margison. We are all local residents. Talk to any of us.

Progress so far

We have decided how a bid would be legally structured and how it would need to be financed. We have decided that the most realistic approach to running the business will be to lease it to a tenant. We have secured sufficient funding from the Plunkett Foundation, a charity specializing in fostering community businesses, for an independent professional business valuation, which is about to take place.

How would a bid be financed?

A bid for the pub would be made by a newly created Community Benefit Society (see September's Dorchester News for more detail on what this is). The Society would issue shares, probably of £100 each. Investors can purchase up to 1,000 shares (ie worth a maximum of £100,000). Preference would be given to small shareholders if the demand for shares exceeds the amount needed. Shareholders have one vote each, regardless of the number of shares held, to ensure there is genuine community ownership of the project. No dividends are paid on shares, but interest up to 2% over base rate can be paid if the Society

can afford it. The shares can be withdrawn by the Society at their face value after three years if the Society can afford to do so. The Society's profits must be reinvested in the business or another local charity. In summary, shareholding is not so much a financial investment as a commitment to a community project. We want as many shareholders as possible.

What do we need from you?

We need to know what you want from the Fleur de Lys. For example, wholesome food at a good price or something fancier? Sunday roast lunch? A quiet drink or event evenings or periodic live music? TV for sports and other events? Pub games? Childrens' play area in the garden? A cafe during the day? Is the car park needed or could the space be used better for something else, in which case what? What else could the Fleur provide? We need to know your priorities.

We need to know whether you are prepared to participate by pledging to buy shares, and an indication of how much you might put up.

We need to know if you know someone outside the village who might be able to help our bid, whether they are individuals willing to invest or businesses or other organisations who could help in some other way.

A survey to help answer these questions will be circulated soon. In the meantime, please think about what your answers will be.

What next?

When we have your views from the survey and the professional business valuation we will have a much better idea of what our target is and what might be feasible. We can prepare a proper business plan, investment strategy and share issue prospectus. We can enter into informed discussion with the present owner of the Fleur. We can inject realism into the strong support expressed at July's meeting for the idea of a Community owned Fleur de Lys.



St Birinus Primary School News

As I write this on the first week of term, it is very exciting to see the school continue to grow and this year, we welcome the following children to our school – in Hedgehog Class: Molly, Martha, Delilah, Patience, Lori-Mae, Ella, Jacob, Rufus, Hugo, Rozalla, Harley-Jay, Bella, Jeremiel, Isla, Harvey; in Squirrel Class: Millie and in Fox Class: Jace and Louise. It is great to have them with us and takes our school roll to 95 children.

The time is approaching when parents of children preparing to start school are selecting their school (closing date for applications are **15 January 2018**) with this in mind; we are holding our Open Morning at 9:30am on **13 October 2017** for a chance for prospective parents to come and see the school in action. We would love to share our school with you and allow our children to share their work throughout the school, so I hope you will be able to come and visit us. Invitations will be sent out with further details. However, if you require any additional information or would like to visit at a different time, please phone the school (**340081**).

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School



Pre School News

The Autumn term has started well with new faces finding their feet and settling into Pre School life. This term's main topic is 'All About Us' so they are enjoying getting to know each other. The children will also be looking at Autumn colours, number 1 to 10 and leaf shapes. Events this term include Harvest Festival and Halloween. We'll be going for walks around the village and the allotments to look at the vegetables and find the biggest pumpkin! The Pre-School AGM is on **October 19** at 8.00pm at Pre-School. This is a chance for parents to learn more about Pre-School, join the volunteer management committee and get involved in their child's education. Parental support is really important to the running of the Pre School and we welcome any volunteers who would be able to join the committee. It involves two meetings every term, some email communication, and assisting with fundraising activities. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Louisa Margison
Pre School Secretary

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Hurst Water Meadow Trust News

Meadow matters

Our thanks to Andrew Townsend for cutting the hay on the Hurst meadow again this year. It was cut on 26 August and baled on 29 August, the cut having been delayed by wet weather earlier in the month. Andrew will use the hay for his livestock during the winter.

The later cut allowed flowers such as knapweed to set seed which was enjoyed by flocks (or charms) of goldfinch. Also, from late July onwards there were reports of barn owls hunting over the Hurst in the evenings.

Thank you to regular walkers in all three meadows for your diligence and help over dog mess and litter, especially picking up the odd wrapper or empty can that has been discarded. This is much appreciated.

Money matters

Having completed our annual accounts up to the end of March we are beginning to look ahead at how Brexit might affect us. Last year our total income was £13,700, of which £6,000 came from farming grants. Almost all the rest came from donations and associated tax credits. We spent a little over £12,000, of which £9,000 was for land maintenance (mainly tree surgery beyond the competence of our volunteers, and tractor mower running costs). Other significant costs included fees of £1,200 for preparing our new 10 year land maintenance plan, and £650 for our liability insurance.

The reality is that our total actual expenditure is dwarfed by the unaccounted value of the weekly work of our land management volunteers. This exceeds all our expenditure put together. They gain a real sense of personal ownership of the meadows, as well as good exercise and learning new skills. They meet on Tuesday mornings and some weekends. Contact Chris Smith to find out more about Tuesday sessions (chriscsmith@btinternet.com) or Graham Beland about weekend sessions (belandgraham@gmail.com).

We have to plan that Brexit will mean lower farming grants, perhaps none, and we will become more dependent on donations. Small amounts from lots of people will go a long way to keep us solvent. If you might consider making a contribution to our work please contact me and I will be pleased to send you more information. Thank you.

Gillian Johnson (Hon. Secretary)
on behalf of the Trustees
01865 340925

email: admin@hurst-water-meadow.org.uk

Website: www.hurst-water-meadow.org.uk

Dorchester News online

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

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



REALMS OF GLORY

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REALMS OF GLORY A CELEBRATION OF ANGELS

Dorchester Abbey will be hosting a Celebration of angels with an exhibition, interactive family themed workshops and a Celebration of Angels in Music concert which is open to everyone. The exhibition will be open from **22 October** until **6 January** between 9.00am to 4.30pm, excluding services.

Central stage will be given to a series of hanging angel painting reproductions with kind permission from the National Gallery in London. An angels trail will lead the visitor through the Abbey, exploring the role of angels in the journey of life.

Half term fun can be had at daily angel themed craft workshops geared towards primary school age children. A choice of afternoon sessions are available to keep the kids entertained and happy including make your own; trumpets, stained glass angels plus wings and halos.

A draw your own guardian angel competition is open to all ages. The concert will be held on **Wednesday 29 November** at 6.30pm. Check the Dorchester Abbey website for more information: www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Workshops

Half-Term, 1.30-3.30pm

22/23 Oct: Angelic Angels

24/25 Oct: Stained Glass Angels

26/27 Oct: Angelic Trumpets

Saturdays, 1.30-3.30pm

28 Oct/25 Nov: Wings & Haloes

4 Nov/2 Dec: Angelic Angels

11 Nov/9 Dec: Stained Glass Angels

18 Nov: Angelic Trumpets



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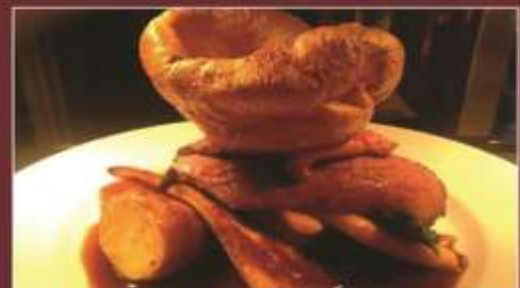
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Chris Wardley on: *'The Great Exhibition of 1851: how and why a quarter of the population visited London in the summer of 1851'*



Chris is a retired Chartered Civil Engineer. After graduating from the University of Manchester his career developed into senior roles with large United Kingdom construction contractors. Latterly he ran his own business representing clients of the construction industry.

After retirement his early interest in industrial archaeology, inspired by living in the northwest and both of his grandfathers having been engineers in the cotton industry in Bolton, developed into an interest in the industrial revolution generally. This led to his developing some illustrated talks on aspects of this of which this is one.



A meeting took place on Monday 31 July between Chris Hill and Viviane Quirke

representing the Dorchester Parish Council and Geoff Waddle, Anthony Dumper and Russell Bates representing the Abingdon and District Angling Alliance. They explained that the Association had experienced serious loss of income as well as distressing destruction of fish and other animals (such as cygnets) as

New fencing around the fishing lake on Drayton Road

a result of predation by otters in and around the lake, to the extent that the Angling Alliance may not be able to continue to manage the lake.

The Parish Council meeting on 9 August was attended by Lesley Wright, Trapping Coordinator for the Wild Otter Trust, who

spoke of the need to prevent otters from accessing fishing lakes, which are not their natural feeding

grounds. It was therefore agreed by the Parish Council that a fence was the best solution. However, the Angling Association also agreed that a number of steps would be taken in order to minimise the visual and environmental impact of the fence, as well as maintain public access to the lake so that members of the local community will still be able to take their children and grandchildren to feed the ducks.

Chris Hill
Chairman of the Parish Council



Left a cygnet, and right a carp, attacked by otters.



Royal British Legion

This is the final call for volunteers to join the committee of the Dorchester and District branch of the Royal British Legion.

The branch was established in 1952 and has been raising money for the charity and supporting ex service personnel from the poppy appeal and local events for the past 65 years.

The remaining committee members have been busy running the branch for the past 30 years.

Due to diminishing membership and a lack of volunteers willing to serve on the committee and act as officers for the various roles, it has been decided that we can no longer continue as a full independent branch. If the branch closes, we can no longer hold the Remembrance Sunday Service with the parade and band at the War Memorial as these activities would not be permitted under the RBL Standard.

We can, however, continue to fund-raise and hold the Remembrance Sunday Service if we become a sub-branch of another branch e.g. Benson RBL Branch.

If we get some volunteers for the committee then the branch can remain as it is, if we do not receive any volunteers then our only alternative is to become a sub branch of the Royal British Legion which will permit us constitutionally to hold the Remembrance Service with band and Standard at the War Memorial. The Benson branch has agreed to be our parent organisation in that event.

The AGM will be held at the White Hart Hotel, Dorchester at 7.00pm on **Friday 17 November** 2017 to formalise the decisions that need to be made for the future.

Remembrance Sunday Service at the Abbey followed by the service at the War Memorial is on **Sunday 12 November**, see Dorchester News for details.

Should anybody be interested in joining the committee please contact me on **07831 392343** or simoncmadden@gmail.com, you do not need to be ex service to join.

Simon Madden.
Chairman

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Victorian wall painting of the Annunciation from the Lady Chapel 9 x 20cm

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Cricket Results

Oxfordshire Cricket Association



Division 4			Result	Division 8 South			Result
19/08/2017	Dorchester v Uffington		Uffington win by 7 wkts	19/08/2017	Uffington II v Dorchester II		Match conceded by Uffington II
02/09/2017	Dorchester v Deddington		Dorchester win by 4 wkts	02/09/2017	Letcombe v Dorchester II		Dorchester II win by 92 runs
09/09/2017	Bampton v Dorchester		Bampton win by 4 wkts	09/09/2017	Dorchester II v Marcham II		Dorchester II win by 8 wkts

Final league table: Division 4

	P	W	L	T	NR	Batting	Bowling	Points	Total	Runs/Wkt
Brill	16	12	2	0	2	58	64	250	372	27.99
Bampton	16	12	3	0	1	59	63	245	367	31.52
West Ilsley	16	8	5	0	3	47	55	175	277	19.59
Marcham	16	8	7	0	1	52	54	165	271	18.24
Dorchester	16	7	8	0	1	59	48	145	252	25.85
Uffington	16	7	8	0	1	41	58	145	244	14.09
Sunningwell	16	6	7	0	3	39	45	135	219	18.66
Deddington	16	5	9	0	2	32	51	110	193	14.12
Swinbrook	16	0	16	0	0	24	38	0	42 *	10.49

Final league table: Division 8 South

	P	W	L	T	NR	Batting	Bowling	Points	Total	Runs/Wkt
Dorchester II	16	12	1	0	3	61	59	255	375	34.07
Chalgrove	16	11	3	0	2	53	64	230	367 *	20.05
Letcombe	16	11	4	0	1	54	75	225	354	20.23
Steventon II	16	8	6	0	2	40	57	170	267	15.48
Sunningwell II	16	8	8	0	0	47	49	160	256	16.62
Watlington II	16	7	7	0	2	45	59	150	226 *	18.12
Marcham II	16	2	12	0	2	25	47	50	122	11.95
Uffington II	16	4	11	0	1	22	29	85	106 *	13.48
Kennington II	16	1	12	0	3	19	39	35	93	11.5

* Points amended for irregularities

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Abbey Museum Report

I have been in charge of the museum for the last two and a half years, and my priorities remain those I was recruited for, including my curatorial duties, but also looking towards what a museum should fulfil in terms of community and values.

The curatorship is guided by the Accreditation guidelines which are in fact quite straight forward to follow with the priceless advice of our Museum Mentor, Lauren Gilmour, professionals from the Southeast Museum Association, the Woodstock County Museum and, last but not least, the Ashmolean Museum and Oxford Archaeology...

In relation to community and values, you could say this is more difficult to define and to implement.

Nevertheless, museum professionals constantly – and rightly – remind us that museums are a community place where everyone should be welcome one way or another. From a cheerful 'good morning' to 'welcome to our museum, where we offer 6000 years of history' we immediately interact with our visitors and offer a warm welcome.

We can now say that our villagers - our elders, younger couples and families with small children - are coming back to the museum on a regular basis on their way to the tea room, to buy greeting cards and small gifts, to allow children to re-discover the museum space at weekends or simply to meet our volunteers on rota.

Conservation and curation are not only about keeping objects or archives from the past in display cabinets or boxes for future generations, conservation and curation are about communicating and handing history to our community today in order to relate the past to the present.

Your visits to the museum made a big impact...

When you know that one volunteer doing between 6 to 8 rotas within our six months opening generates between £200 to £300 in economic value and the museum shop is also now generating substantial revenue in addition to these rotas you understand why we care for our volunteers and are very grateful for their dedicated time. We wouldn't be able to keep our museum open without them. These revenues are still a starting point for the huge task of handing back to the public our collection and local Social History archives. In the very near future you should be able to view the collection and displays on the museum website, and most of all we will be showcasing our Dorchester collection and history to a wider public and researchers.

The South East Museum Association cares for their small museums and offers full professional advice and grants to those museums that have gained Accreditation. We have to continue to fight determinedly to promote our museum, and make it economically viable, working hard on following the accreditation recommendations, if we are to keep this valuable community asset open and thriving. Many small museums will struggle in these years.

We have a lot to offer but only with your continued contribution and visits.

Anne-Marie Joffrin

Christmas at the Museum

Sunday 12 November

Join us for Christmas At The Museum! We will be open for shopping, including perfect stocking fillers, beautiful local craft and stunning wall plaques, plus greetings cards, stamps and books. Enjoy a drink and Christmassy nibbles whilst you browse! Sunday November 12, 2.00-5.00pm

Museum Education news

I volunteer as the Museum's education and outreach person. This season, we've welcomed several school groups into our museum, including groups from our local village school. I greet the children and give them a brief run-down on local archaeology and history, before (if time allows) running some 'hands on' workshops with them – we handle Roman pottery and try to work out what it can tell us about life in Dorchester 2000 years ago; they reconstruct a Roman mosaic; handle prehistoric stone tools; or excavate real artefacts in our dig trays. We also taste some 'Roman bread' that I make for most visiting school groups!

It's been particularly enjoyable working with our local school, because each and every one of those children lives directly above some very interesting archaeology, and I was able to tell them what lay underneath their houses! (By the way, if you're interested, some areas of Berinsfield overlie a Roman pottery factory (making pots to send north and south along the Roman road that runs through Dorchester and then Berinsfield). And did you know about the late Roman cemetery near Tenpenny and Haven Close? How about the Bronze Age burial mound that was once where our recreation grounds are now?)

I also occasionally volunteer with Margaret Craig, the Abbey's Education Officer, when she runs 'Anglo Saxon Days', which is always lots of fun, and this year we have worked together on establishing a 'Roman Day', using her extensive experience as an educator and my background as an archaeologist. We ran the first two of these during the summer term and they have proved to be very successful. We were able to visit the Allotment dig as part of these days, which was an exciting extra bonus for the children, and we'd like again to thank the team of archaeologists who welcomed us onto site and prepared activities for the children.

As part of Dorchester Festival, I was able to represent the Museum as part of the '20 Dorchester Things to do before you're 99 ¾' event in the Abbey. I set up some hands-on activities, similar to what we offer school parties, some display boards and of course, some tasty Roman bread (and the recipe, which a lot of people took home). Our initial and most obvious appeal was to children, who wanted a go in the dig trays or to make a Roman coin, but I was able to engage a lot of older visitors, who also enjoyed the opportunity to handle pottery and other items.

Next season, we hope to have a small 'children's area' in one corner of the museum, where there will always be history-themed activity and colouring sheets available, and coloured pencils. We're always looking for ways in which to be more welcoming and accessible to young families, so any further suggestions are appreciated!

Ellie Ribeiro Beaman



QUIZ NIGHT

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30 Years of DOGS

Many great events took place in Dorchester in 1987, but one stands out as being a bit special. A small band of unlikely sportsmen met in the bar of the White Hart Hotel and came up with the idea of forming a new golf club even though there wasn't a golf course in the village! Surprisingly, unlike the majority of late evening pub discussions this was followed through and Dorchester Golf Society (DOGS) was launched.

That was 30 years ago and DOGS continues to be an active club based in The White Hart Hotel. Most importantly its original intentions remain the same; to provide opportunities for visiting different golf courses along with reasons to meet regularly for non-golfing social events. The success of this combination is evidenced by us usually having more people at our social events than we do for our golfing outings.

To highlight this remarkable record and in celebration of our 30th anniversary we are having a special 'DOGS Dinner' in the White Hart on **Saturday 28 October**, to which all current, past and potential members are warmly invited. We are especially keen to welcome ex-members who have played in the society during this 30-year period, along with people who might be thinking about joining us in the future. Don't be shy, we'd be delighted to see you.

If you are not a member but would like to come and celebrate 30 years of DOGS, just give me a call on **343719**.

Mike Rimmer
Captain DOGS



Autumn Flower Show 2017 Photographic Competition

Helen Russell won the Blackwell Photography Cup at the Autumn Flower Show with this stunning entry, as a subject beginning with X, Y or Z.

The full list of winners and more photographs are on pages 18-19.



Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Potential Routes

The government has published a map of potential routes, left, for the proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway.

Of particular interest to residents of Dorchester is the southern sub-option, S4, which appears to pass to the south of Dorchester. It would appear that this would only be considered if Option A for the main route, from Milton Keynes to Aylesbury to Thame, was chosen, rather than one of the more northerly routes.

An Action Group has been started with all parishes affected by the proposed routes actively involved. Anyone who wishes to receive an update should send their contact details to Geoff Russell, Parish Clerk at parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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Intermediate Wildlife Photography

Sunday 8 October, 10.00am-3.00pm

In each of these workshops professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. This workshop will cover macro photography. £80 adult, £70 child (14 to 16yrs), subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential: **01865 407792** or online

Leatherwork

Saturday 14 October, 10.00am-5.00pm

Make a made to measure belt whilst learning all about bevelling, stitching, riveting and dyeing leather. With Maud van den Broecke. £80; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online

Natural Dyeing

Saturday 14 October, 10.00am-4.00pm

Discover the wide range of plants that can produce dye and find out how to extract and fix colour. £40; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online

Basket Weaving

Saturday 21 October, 9.30am-5.00pm

In this practical workshop you'll learn how to weave a frame basket in a session lead by Catherine Tregaskes, from Crafts for a Sustainable Future. £50; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online.

Build a Bat Box

Monday 23 October, 10.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-3.00pm

Help bats prepare for hibernation by making a shelter to put in your garden. All tools and materials provided. Two 1.5hr sessions available, with 6 places for individuals or families/groups in each session (cost is per box not per person); ideally there should be one adult with each box being made. £15 per box; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online.

Mud Pie Mania

Tuesday 24 October, 10.00am-11.30am

Drop in for Mud Pie Monday - buckets of mud and buckets of fun! Join us either in the Earth Trust Centre where youngsters will have the opportunity to get creative (and messy) in our mud kitchen. Please bring your own spade/trowel if you have one. Wellies and waterproofs advisable. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Woodland Adventure

Wednesday 25 October, 10.00am-12.00pm

An expedition for 5 to 8 year olds. Use your detective skills to discover our secret destination where we will explore, build and play! Activities will be aimed at the 5 to 8yrs age group but younger/older siblings are also welcome to join in. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Wildlife Wednesday at Neptune Wood

Wednesday 25 October, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday normally visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve each school holiday, but this

half term, we're heading to Neptune Wood! Come out and play, and explore this fascinating and under-explored area of our nature reserve. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Family Bushcraft

Thursday 26 October, 10.00am-4.00pm

Bring the whole family and go wild in the great outdoors! Explore the woods, make shelters, learn how to make a fire and use a knife safely. We'll cook on the fire but bring a packed lunch too. £22 adult, £17 child; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online?

Discover and Play

Friday 27 October, 10.00am-12.00pm

Forest School for the under 5s. Join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Tree Climbing

Friday 27 October, 10.00am-5.00pm

Use ropes and harnesses to explore Little Wittenham Wood's treetops in 1hr sessions with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company. The minimum age is 6 years but there is no maximum, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends can all have a go too! Spectators do not need to pay. £20 per participant; booking essential: online at <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/tree-climbing-events/>

Spooky Dusk Discovery Walk

Friday 27 October, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Do you dare come out to the woods tonight?! Join us for a moonlit Halloween walk to experience the local woodland at night. Torch and courage essential! £6 adult, £3 child; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online.

Online bookings can be made at www.earthtrust.org.uk and may be subject to a booking fee.

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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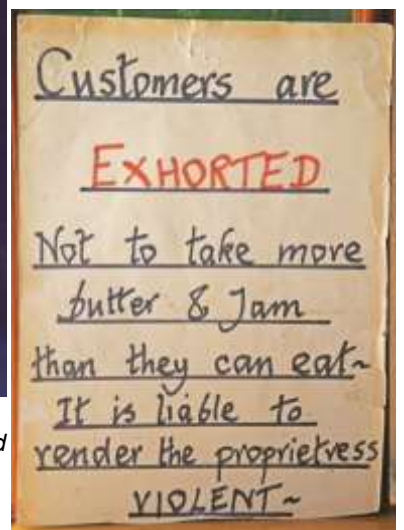
Dorchester Tea Room celebrates its 40th Birthday

On Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August, Dorchester Abbey's Tea Room celebrated 40 years since it first opened its doors to visitors with a special tea room day and a volunteers' party.

Dorchester put out the bunting for a birthday tea room opening serving 1977 cake at 1977 prices. Regular customers made a special visit with family and friends to sit around the communal tables and share their experiences over the years. The infamous founder, Lettice Godfrey BEM (British Empire Medal), was remembered for her incredible generosity and ferocious approach to those who took too much butter and jam with their scones. As always, customers calculated their own bills and were pleasantly surprised by the 40p cake!



Above: Lettice Godfrey and Left: her famous tea room notice



Above: Four of the original tea room team: (From left) Vera Baker, Beryl Fisher, Connie Green, Joan Blackwell

Below: Vera Baker with her anniversary cake



In the evening over 50 volunteers past and present got together to raise a glass of champagne and eat cake (what else?) to celebrate 40 years of welcome and fundraising for charity – an incredible achievement. They were delighted to be joined by some of the original Tea Room team and Lettice Godfrey's family.

Since 1977, the Tea Room has grown from a small village initiative to attracting international visitors and raising regular commentary in the national press. Many visitors come back every year and bring new generations of their family to the very English experience that is a Dorchester Tea Room visit.

The Tea Room is run entirely by volunteers, nearly 30 in all, from Dorchester and neighbouring villages, who give their time as cake makers, teapot ladies, washers-up or servers. All profits (nearly £15,000 in 2016) are paid into the Abbey's General Fund; approximately 75% goes to charitable causes world-wide, and 25% to the maintenance of the Guest House and Abbey

Below: Canon Sue Booy, with Christina Stores and Margot Metcalfe, current and past Tea Room Managers, and Lettice Godfrey's family, including two great great nieces called Lettice.



The Autumn Flower Show 2017

More than three hundred entries were a sure sign of your continuing support and the show went really well on the day. On behalf of the committee, thank you all for your hard work in preparing all those amazing exhibits, and thanks to all those who came along to see.

It is once again my pleasure to tell you that the judges were impressed by the continued high quality of the entries in our small but perfectly formed show.

A highlight this year was the first presentation of the Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup. Jenny presented the cup after retiring from the committee and she and Jerry Nudds each gave more than thirty years of service to the show. We owe them a lot, and their knowledge and experience will be much missed – thank you both. We now have Jenny's cup and the Jerry Nudds plate for a Gentleman's Fruitcake, so neither will be forgotten.

I would like to thank the committee members for all their hard work, i.e. for: schedule agreeing, poster making, poster sticking, email sending, plant growing, plant preparing, trophy collecting, trophy chasing, trophy polishing, judge booking, hall booking, hall preparing, banner hanging, paperwork doing, loads more paperwork doing, prize card stamping, email sending, money managing, float preparing, tea readying, raffle prize organising, entry collecting, picking-up-

scattered-small-change-off-Christina's doormatting, entrant minding, judge minding, result running, prize card scribing, final checking, tea making, tea selling, plant selling, raffle selling, door guarding, prize giving, non-winner consoling, hall clearing, hall tidying, left-behind-entries delivering, probably-quite-a-few-I-forgot(ing), and sorting the schedule for the next show. Welcome to our new

committee member John – he survived surprisingly well. And thank you to Dan Duke and Ian Brace for their publicity work.

The Spring Show will be on Saturday 7 April 2018 – we look forward to seeing you there.

David Wilkinson



Trophy winners

Children's classes

Make a paper hat

1st Alistair Mucklow

2nd Florence Townson

3rd = Aemilia Fordova

3rd = Charlotte Bristow

Adult Trophy Winners

Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup – best tomatoes

John Myres

Runner Bean Plate – best runner beans

Mike and Sue Kitson

Pat Cheese Potato Cup – best exhibit of potatoes

Charlotte Bennett

Vegetable Collection Plate – best collection of veg (Class 1)

Donna Watkin

R Belcher Onion Cup – best onion exhibit

Charles Dickerson

Best Vegetable Award – best vegetable exhibit (not class 1)

Charles Dickerson

Fruit Plate – best exhibit of fruit

Donna Watkin

Best Kept Allotment Tray – best allotment

Charlotte Bennett

Blackwell Photography Cup – best photo in show

Helen Russell

Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate – Gents fruit cake

Howard Exton-Smith

Victoria Sandwich Award

Nick Foreman

Rose Plate – best rose in the show

Steph Forman

H C Smith Dahlia Cup – best exhibit of dahlias

Wendy Rapp

Floral Art Cup – best floral art exhibit

Donna Watkin

Britain in Bloom Cup – most points in flower classes

Alison Myres

Amey Rose Bowl – lady with most points in the show
(other than flower classes)

Donna Watkin

Amey Tankard – gentleman with most points in show

Charles Dickerson



Above: John Myres with the Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup.





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The huddled man skirting his field
Can scarce deflect the blast to stand erect
But birds in black go air-dancing
Unknowing such earth-bound restriction
Unthinkingly aerobatic

The wide-winged hawk can hold his effortless height
Contemptuous eye coldly searching
But the black birds cannot be still
They must display their disregard
And flaunt their madcap challenge to the wind

Timid brown Jenny wren-skittering at the bush foot
May glimpse the pirates when they land
And shrink from their strutting confidence
No vulgar colours here just unholy black
An age-old uniform of mastery

Alderman pheasant will carefully step to shelter
When under a grey storm's driving cloud
The rooks are a-wing again, tireless, driven to perform
With endless ease to master the impossible
As we watch and wonder how and why.

John Pickard



Benson Choral Society Advance Notice

The next concert of the Benson Choral Society will be held in Dorchester Abbey on **Saturday November 25 2017**.

There will be two works, The Mirror of Perfection by Richard Blackford and the Maria Theresa Mass by Haydn. The Mirror of Perfection sets the Canticles of St. Francis of Assisi to music and has been acclaimed as a modern choral classic.

Richard Blackford is one of the current pre-eminent concert and media composers of the UK. He lives locally in Blewbury.

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Nearly five million older people targeted by scammers

Single people more likely to be duped into responding than married counterparts

More than two-fifths (43%) of older people – that's almost five million people aged 65+ – believe they have been targeted by scammers, according to new research for the Charity Age UK. Of those targeted, just over a tenth (12%) have responded to a scam – with over a quarter (27%) of single older people responding compared to just under a tenth (9%) of their married counterparts.

The findings – published to coincide with the week-long focus on older people as part of Scams Awareness Month – reveal further differences in how people respond to scams according to marital status. Of those who had previously been targeted by scammers, 16% of single older people paid them money, compared to just 6% of those who were married. And just over a fifth (22%) of those who are single provided personal information compared to just 2% of those who are married.

As well as marital status, age seems to play a key role, with the findings showing that slightly more people in the 75+ age group pay up or give personal or financial information to the scammers.

Worryingly the findings show that two-thirds (64%) of those targeted by scammers didn't report it to an official channel, with well over a third (36%) only confiding in friends and family, and more than a fifth (22%) admitting they didn't tell anyone at all because they felt too embarrassed. Of those who did officially report the scam however, the vast majority reported having a positive experience.



Age UK is warning that, although anyone can be scammed, the fact that many older people live alone and/ or with cognitive impairment leaves them more at risk of being targeted. And in addition to the serious financial losses – some people lose their life savings – the evidence shows that being scammed can seriously affect quality of life and wellbeing. Older people can experience embar-

assment, shame, depression, social isolation and a decline in physical health, with some people even losing their independence and becoming more in need of care.

Age UK offers free information and advice for anyone who is worried about being scammed, including free guides **Avoiding scams**, **Staying safe** and **Internet security** among others. To order free copies or for details of other Age UK guides, including information and advice needed, people can call Age UK Oxfordshire on **0345 450 1276**, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/information-and-advice

Age UK Oxfordshire's tops tips for avoiding scams

Don't rush into anything

If you think you've been offered a great deal, don't agree to it immediately. A genuine offer is unlikely to require an instant decision. Ask your family and friends what they think or call an advice agency such as Citizens Advice Consumer Service on **03454 04 05 06**. For suspected pension scams call The Pensions Advisory Service on **0300 123 1047**.



Make sure the company is reputable

Before you commit to buying, check the seller. Does the company have a contact number that works and a postal address, and is it a member of a trade association? Financial companies must be authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) – you can check at www.fca.org.uk/register or call **0800 111 6768**.



Know who's on your doorstep

If you answer the door to someone you don't know, ask for an identity card and check it. You could phone the company they represent to check who they are. Think about putting up a notice saying you don't buy on the doorstep. If you're suspicious or the caller won't leave, call 999 and ask for the police. See our free guide *Staying safe*, which can be downloaded from

www.ageuk.org.uk or ordered from the Age UK Advice Line on **0800 169 65 65**.

Be wise to cold call scams

Ignore unsolicited invitations such as letters, emails or phone calls offering a brilliant investment or saying you've won a lottery. Never reply to these- it shows your details are active which will encourage scammers to contact you again. Contact the Mailing Preference Service on **0845 703 4599** to have your name taken off UK direct mailing lists. Check your email account is set up to filter spam.



Be aware of new pension scams

New rules allowing people to access their pension pots from age 55 have brought with them new scams. Be cautious of anyone that claims to know about loopholes, talks about overseas investments or says you can get your money before age 55. The FCA lists current scams at www.fca.gov.uk/scamsmart. Visit the Government's [Pension Wise](http://www.pensionwise.gov.uk) website for free and impartial guidance on your pension options.

Report it

Anyone can be taken in by a scam, so don't feel embarrassed or ashamed if it happens to you. If you think you've been scammed, or you've spotted a scam report the scam to the police and contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** to report it and get help. See our free guide *Avoiding scams* or visit our scams page at www.ageuk.org.uk/money-matters/consumer-advice/scams-advice/

Footsteps Foundation

Hello to all in Dorchester from us here at Footsteps. I hope that you had fabulous summer and we can now look forward to all of those autumn events that make the long nights bearable - such as the Dorchester Fireworks! With huge thanks to the Parish council who make the whole thing possible, the village event is back by popular demand. We are sticking to our winning formula, we will have tasty food, top-quality firework display, a great roaring bonfire and a full bar to enjoy a drink with friends and neighbours. There are also some fun new things to keep you entertained...watch this space! Please make sure that you keep the date of the **5 November** free and join us to have a great evening while supporting your local children's charity.

Footsteps are so very grateful for the way that the whole village pulls together to make events like this happen, and we feel extremely lucky to have the support of our neighbours.



Late Spring is a network of support groups run by Age UK Oxfordshire for anyone aged 60 + who has been bereaved. We are very informal and meet twice monthly over coffee and cake to support each other as we mourn. We try to be light hearted when we can and the aim of the group is to support you by being with others who understand and to be a place where you can just be yourself without putting on a brave face.

The Berinsfield Group meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month 12pm to 1.30pm in the Small Hall, St Mary & St Berin Church, Fane Close, Berinsfield OX10 7NE.

Contact Elaine Sawyer on **07827 235427** or email latespring@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

Please come and join us, we shall give you a very warm welcome.



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Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

There have been reports of bins being knocked over in the Kennet Close area of Berinsfield as well as young people still climbing up on the library roof. This roof is over 40 years old and poses great risk of serious harm should someone fall through. Please ensure that you speak to your children and warn them of the dangers of such behaviour. If you have any information in regard to who is doing this, we would love to have a chat with them, so please get in touch.

Dorchester appears to be attracting some unwanted attention and there has been criminal damage to the pavilion recently as well as damage to the defibrillator. These are lifesaving pieces of equipment and it is unacceptable that these have been tampered with. We are appealing to anyone with any information to come forward.

Crime prevention advice

Following a rise of thefts from vehicles we are urging everyone to please ensure that your vehicle is locked at all times. Do not leave anything of value inside of the vehicle especially your keys. Never be afraid to report any suspicious activity, e.g. if you see someone trying door handles call 999 immediately.



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Monthly Meeting - October

The meeting will take place in the back room of the Village Hall on **Wednesday 11 October** commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Agenda will be posted on Village notice boards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website – www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of the meeting. All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public. A resident who wishes to raise any matter of concern is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting.

Dog Fouling in the Cemetery

The Parish Council has recently received some complaints about dog fouling in the Cemetery. There is no objection to dogs being taken into the Cemetery but they should be kept on leads and any dog fouling that does take place should be cleared up immediately by the dog's owner/companion. There are plenty of suitable receptacles and bio-degradable dog waste gloves are available from a dispenser by the Pavilion just across the road.

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) **07745 311439**. Texts are always welcome.

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

A brief but hopefully very welcomed good news report this month.

In an atmosphere of last minute tension followed by an immediate feeling of relief we sent the NDP and associated documents to SODC on 6 September. Everyone who has seen it so far has made positive comments so we hope that this bodes well and will ensure it has a smooth journey through the process of consultation by SODC followed then by a period of scrutiny by a Planning Inspector. These documents are all available on the Parish web site so you can have a look yourself and see what you think.

NDP Supplementary Documents

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/ndp/2017/supplementarydoc>

Consultation Statement

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/ndp/2017/consultationstatement>

Basic Conditions Statement

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/ndp/2017/basicconditionsstatement>

Neighbourhood Development Plan

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/ndp/2017/neighbourhooddevelopmentplan>

We will let you know how the Plan progresses and in particular we hope to be able to estimate when the Public Referendum is likely to be, in due course. The process is very much under the control of SODC Planning and we now have to watch its progress develop. Then, all being well, it's back to residents for referendum and, hopefully, formal adoption.

Chris Hill

NDP Steering Group

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South Oxfordshire District Council is inviting comments on the **Dorchester on Thames Neighbourhood Plan** and supporting documents until **Friday 27 October 2017**. For information on how to comment, please visit www.southoxon.gov.uk/dorchester.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can view the documents at the George Hotel, or the District Council offices (address below) and submit your comments in writing to: Planning Policy, South Oxfordshire District Council, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

I read with interest and some surprise in the last edition of the Dorchester News that the perceived problem with speeding through the village has reared its head again.

It is not long ago that a traffic survey was carried out and the conclusions that were drawn from it were that there were a few drivers who drove too fast along certain roads in the village but that the vast majority of drivers were sensible with their speed through the village.

In view of the proposals put forward can anyone tell me, since the last survey

- 1) how many serious accidents have involved speeding cars on village roads?
- 2) how many minor accidents have involved speeding cars on village roads?
- 3) has there been another traffic survey in the village to back up the "grave concern" that some villagers now have before we go to having speed guns and identifying drivers who may be just one or two miles an hour over the speed limit?

I am all for controlling the speed of vehicles where they are a danger to other road users and so I hope that if this scheme is adopted it will include the checking of the speed of vehicles, in particular motorbikes, on the Dorchester by-pass where there is a serious need for speed to be controlled and where accidents, some fatal do occur.

Yours faithfully
Gordon Roberts

Parish Council's response

The Parish Council would like to know if Gordon's views expressed in his letter to the left represent those of the majority of residents. It would be particularly helpful to hear from those who live along the main route through the village - Abingdon Road, High Street and Henley Road.

The Parish Council wishes to decide on this matter at its meeting on 11 October and so comments should be sent me no later than **Tuesday 10 October**, preferably by email to parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk; correspondence on paper is also acceptable if that is more convenient.

Residents will also be very welcome to attend and, if they wish, speak on this topic at the 11 October meeting which will be held in the back room of the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Geoff Russell
Parish Clerk

Berinsfield Health Centre PPG Meeting - Reminder

The next meeting of The Patients' Participation Group will be held on **Thursday 19 October** at 8.00 pm at The Health Centre.

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What can I dispose of for free, and what will I get charged for at Household Waste Recycling Centres?*

Household Waste No charge

 household waste	 household & garden chemicals	 hard plastics
 mixed paper & card	 gas bottles	 small appliances
 cardboard	 mattresses	 large appliances
 mixed glass bottles & jars	 carpet	 scrap metal
 garden waste	 furniture	

Non-household waste Charges apply Charges may apply

 tyres	 wood & timber
 building materials	Charge Floorboards, doors, skirting boards No charge Wardrobes, tables
 plasterboard	
 hardcore & rubble	

How much will it cost to dispose of DIY waste at a Household Waste Recycling Centre?

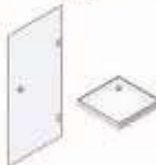
Washbasin or sink
£1.50



Toilet pan and cistern
£3



Shower Door or Tray
£1.50



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£1.50



Bag* of stonework or bricks
£1.50



Car tyres
£5 per tyre



For bigger projects you might want to consider commercial collection


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From SODC...

Modern Slavery - speak up

You may have seen in the news recently that some members of a traveller site in Lincolnshire have been convicted for running a slavery ring. Vulnerable people were forced to carry out work for little or no pay and live in squalid conditions over many years.

This case highlights that modern slavery can happen anywhere and we all have a responsibility to report anything that looks suspicious and could relate to this kind of exploitation. Our community safety team has put together a short guidance note to help you recognise signs of possible modern slavery.

You can read the note here by copying and pasting the link. <http://southandvale.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=33bec1cf8b5523ad47c7183a0&id=ee506f6118&e=eda6ce4f57>

New waste and recycling trucks

Some of our new waste and recycling trucks are already making their way round the districts. This should help to alleviate some of the disruption caused by the old vehicles. The rest of the new £6.5m fleet will be in place by 2 October and will be covered in eye-catching designs to encourage recycling.

With the new fleet, there'll be a change to the way our waste is collected. At present, food waste and recycling (or rubbish) is collected in separate compartments within the same truck. When the full fleet is here, these collections will be by two separate vehicles – one for food waste, another for recycling or rubbish. This will not affect collection days or how you use your bins.

Read about the new vehicles here; <http://southandvale.us8.list-manage1.com/track/>

Council tax discount review

Over the next few weeks we will be checking that everyone who currently claims a 25% single person discount on their council tax is entitled to do so.

This review will involve us working with credit reference agencies to check that our records are accurate and that people are only receiving the discounts they are entitled to.

From your County Councillor...

...Lorraine Lindsey-Gale

South Oxfordshire home care agency rated 'outstanding'

A home care provider in Oxfordshire has been rated as 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), confirming that the county is ahead of national averages. George Springall Homecare is a domiciliary care (home care) agency providing support and care to people in their own homes in the South Oxfordshire area - currently with clients in Wallingford, Botley, Steventon, Shippon, Standlake, Abingdon and Berinsfield. Following an inspection earlier this year it has been given the CQC's top rating of "Outstanding" – which is rarely awarded. The award means that Oxfordshire is now better than the national average for 'Outstanding' domiciliary care agencies with three per cent given the top rating locally compared to two per cent nationally. A total of 86% of local agencies are rated "good" compared to 82% nationally.

Changes to daytime support

As demand for social care grows, OCC needs to make sure there is a secure core service in place for the future. To achieve this OCC is introducing a new daytime service. This follows a review of adult daytime support and a public consultation. From 1 October OCC's Health and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Daytime Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service. This will be delivered from eight centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney. Everyone with eligible care needs for daytime support is guaranteed to receive a service and can choose to receive this from OCC. Most day services in Oxfordshire are provided by community groups - three-quarters of these receive no council funding and continue to flourish. The vast majority of the 47 voluntary sector day services that have received funding from OCC have been awarded transitional grants. Many people who use daytime services have multiple needs and the Community Support Service buildings will be used by all service user groups with staff providing personalised support to meet individual needs. Further information is available at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/mar/changes-daytime-support>

NIC cycling adviser visits Oxford

The Sunday Times journalist Andrew Gilligan was in Oxford on 7 and 8 August in his newly appointed role of cycling adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). Mr Gilligan has been asked to write a report on cycling across Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and the Growth Corridor and how to make it 'world class'. The former London Cycling Commissioner was appointed to the role in July by NIC Chairman, Lord Andrew Adonis. During his visit, co-ordinated by OCC and involving Oxford City Council, the University of Oxford, local cycling charity Cyclox, the Oxfordshire Cycling Network and OxLEP, Mr Gilligan was able to gather information and views on current and future provision for cyclists in the city. Discussions with OCC covered the Local Transport Plan, recent infrastructure achievements, plans for the future including provision for cycle commuters (who account for 19% of all commuter journeys in the city), how to get more people into cycling and cycling's health benefits.



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A Night at the Museum

Friday 27 October

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www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



Wallingford Gardening Club Going for Gold at Chelsea

Thursday 12 October

At the October meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Dr Stephen Head returns to talk to us about exhibiting and competing at the Chelsea Flower Show. Steve is particularly proud of leading a team that won Gold and 'Best in Show' for a Courtyard Garden at Chelsea 2010.

Steve is a well known local environmental consultant, who is passionate about his interests. He is a popular speaker on gardening and wildlife having made many radio and TV appearances, and has been the national co-ordinator for the Wildlife Gardening Forum for many years. Steve has led several UK environmental charities, and was a board member of the Exmoor National Park Authority for eight years.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on **Thursday 12 October**.

Visitors very welcome £3.

Advance notice of future events :-

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Wallingford U3A

Dr Martin Holmes made a most welcome return visit to Wallingford U3A on 6 September to share with us his views on Tony Blair and his post Iraq reputation. As ever we were treated to a brilliant and most entertaining lecture.

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What's on in Wallingford



Art & Design in the Chilterns Wednesday 12 October

Dr Graham Twemlow, a local retired University academic, will talk at The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about 'Art & Design in the Chilterns'.

Being designated an Area of Outstanding National Beauty, the Chilterns has played host to many artists and craftsmen. Graham's illustrated talk will investigate 20th Century artists and designers who lived and worked in this part of the world. Key works by Eric Gill, John Piper, Paul & John Nash, Clare Leighton, Marion Dorn and E. McKnight Kauffer will be discussed, highlighting the contribution they made to the design world.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 11 Oct**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twhas.org.uk

Wallingford Country Market 'Bringing in the Harvest' Friday 6 October

Due to the sudden and unexpected closure of the Regal Centre, we have re-located the market to 'St. Mary-le-More' church until further notice, which is situated behind the Town Hall. Opening times will be 9.30 am to 12 noon

We are very grateful to the Rector, David Rice, for enabling us to use this lovely building for our market. Friday tea/coffee will be available during the morning, as usual, served by church volunteers.

Seasonal Baking, Preserves and Fresh Produce/Flowers will be on sale, along with all our regular items, including Crafts.

We welcome new producers, particularly Bakers. Further information from Alison, our Market Manager, **01491 681596**, or do come and visit us one Friday morning.

Wallingford Flower Club Wednesday 11 October

A Flower Demonstration 'Hollywood to Bollywood' by Annette Parshotam will take place at Crowmarsh Village Hall, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh, OX10 8ED

Wednesday 11 October 2017

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Work is progressing on replacing the roof of Wallingford's Corn Exchange. Although the initial £500,000 target has been reached, a further £150,000 is needed to bring the theatre up to the full specification so fundraising still continues. It will be a few more weeks yet before the grand re-opening so watch this space for an update on progress.

Meanwhile, films will continue to be shown on an occasional basis at **The Great Hall in Cholsey Meadows** as part of a collaboration with the Cholsey Development Trust. The October programme will include **Hotel Transylvania 2 (PG) on 27 October at 4.00pm**. This is a children's Halloween animated cartoon and all tickets are just £2.50.

Films for **November's** programme will include **Despicable Me 3 (PG) on Friday 10 November at 5.00pm**. Adults £5, children £2.50. The 2017 film of **Whisky Galore ((12A)** will be shown on the same day at 7.30pm. All tickets £5.

Tickets can be booked online at www.cornexchange.org.uk or bought for **cash** on the door at The Great Hall. More detailed information about upcoming films (and directions to The Great Hall which is on the site of the former Fairmile Hospital) are available on the website.

Special charity concert

Cholsey Silver Band will be performing a very special concert in St Mary-le-More church in Wallingford on **Saturday 21 October** and will be donating all profits to the Corn Exchange's roof appeal.

The evening will consist of a lively programme of music showing the sheer versatility of this talented band guaranteed to set toes a-tapping. The playlist will include *Oh Listen to the Band, Alfie, Is This the Way to Amarillo, All That Jazz, Come Fly With Me, Benedictus, Slaidburn, Mack the Knife...* and many more. Solo turns will include Howard Brett on the flugelhorn and Debbie Parker on the euphonium.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and is scheduled to finish at around 9.30pm with a break for refreshments. Tickets are £10 adults, £5 children and will be on sale at The Wallingford Bookshop, The Music Box, KP Stationers, Just Trading and Wallingford Information Centre. They will also be available from the Corn Exchange foyer on Friday and Saturday mornings and can be booked online at www.cornexchange.org.uk.

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Sun 1 Oct	Trinity 16 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Harvest Service
Sun 8 Oct	Trinity 13 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Tues 10 Oct	10.15am Short Communion
Wed 11 Oct	Parish Council Monthly meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Fri 13 Oct	St Birinus School Open morning 9.30am
Sat 14 Oct	Tennis Club Quiz Night 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 15 Oct	Trinity 18 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd Caroline King) 10.30am Family Service 5.00pm Evensong
Mon 16 Oct	2.30pm Service at The Close
Wed 18 Oct	Culham Horticultural Society Abbey Guest House 7.30pm
Thurs 19 Oct	Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Village Hall (see p25)
Sat 21 Oct	Concert Orchestra of St Johns 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 22 Oct	Trinity 15 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist Realms of Glory A Celebration of Angels To 6 January 2018 Dorchester Abbey Realms of Glory Workshop Angelic Angels 1.30pm



Mon 23 Oct	Realms of Glory Workshop Angelic Angels 1.30pm
Tues 24 Oct	Realms of Glory Workshop Stained Glass Angels 1.30pm
Wed 25 Oct	Realms of Glory Workshop Stained Glass Angels 1.30pm Dorchester Historical Society Chris Wardley 'The Great Exhibition of 1851' Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 26 Oct	Service at the Cheshire Home 11.30am Realms of Glory Workshop Angelic trumpets 1.30pm
Fri 27 Oct	Realms of Glory Workshop Angelic trumpets 1.30pm Abbey Choir Come and sing 7.00pm
Sat 28 Oct	Realms of Glory Workshop Wings and Haloes 1.30pm DOGS DOGS Anniversary Dinner White Hart Hotel
Sun 29 Oct	Last after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes)
Tues 31 Oct	

Clocks go back



Weekly events

Tuesday	Coffee in the Abbey 10.30am-12noon Bellringing Practice 7.30pm Abbey Fishmonger 9.30am to 9.50am by War Memorial (p.3)
Wednesday	Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church 9.30am Song School Dorchester Abbey 5.00pm
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

Parish Registers

Baptisms

3 Sept	Charlie Oliver Brooks Teddy Paul Norris
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Holy Matrimony

12 Aug	Tyson Mitchell and Cherrall Howlett
18 Aug	Lee Edwards and Kirsty Holmes
2 Sept	Ben Thompson and Rebecca Potterton

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



The day becomes more solemn and serene

When moon is past—there is a harmony

In autumn, and a lustre in its sky.

Which through the summer is not heard or seen,

As if it could not be, as if it had not been!

Percy Bysshe Shelley

1792-1822

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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.

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Fri 20 Oct **Black**

Fri 27 Oct **Green***

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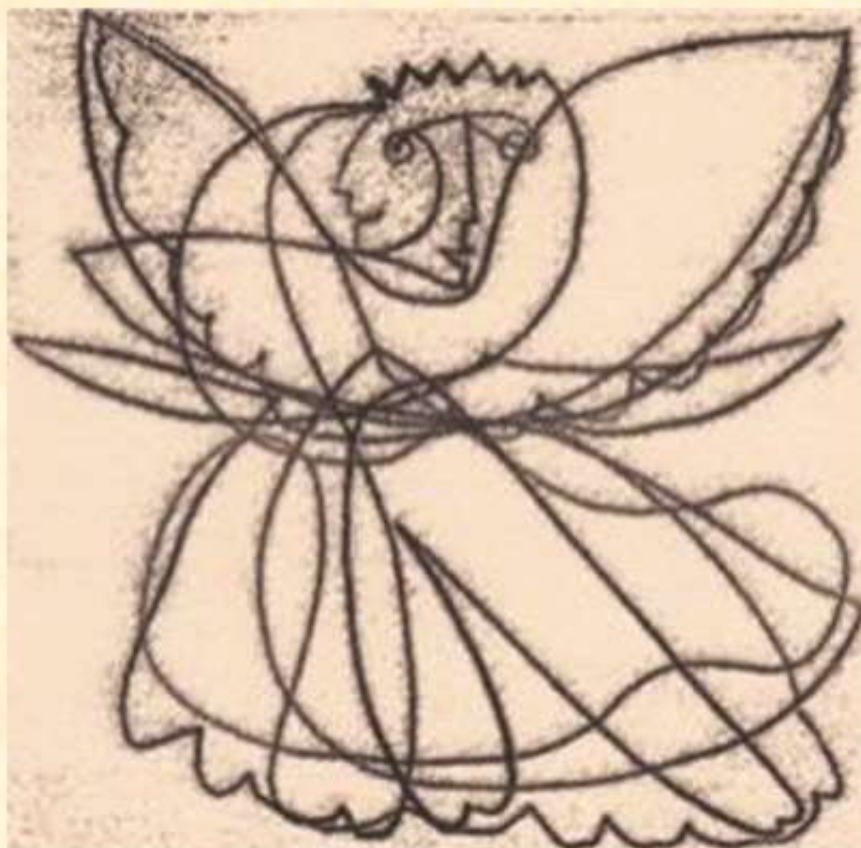
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