

# ***Dorchester News***

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***September 2017***







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## Dorchester News September 2017 A DoT view

As the summer holidays come to an end, we begin to look forward to autumn and to winter. The pubs will soon be advertising that they are taking bookings for Christmas—some of them seem to have been taking bookings for Christmas all year—and Notcutts will be tempting us to buy Christmas decorations and a new set of lights long before we think about getting a tree.

But before all that, there are lots of landmarks in village life to be enjoyed. The first of these is the Autumn Flower Show, Saturday 2 September. To remind us of that, the front cover this month features a wonderful display from the allotments of last year. Sun may have been a bit in short supply this summer, but I am sure we have enough flowers, fruit and vegetables around the village to make it another great show. And if you don't have any there's always the Victoria sponge or pot of jam that you can enter.

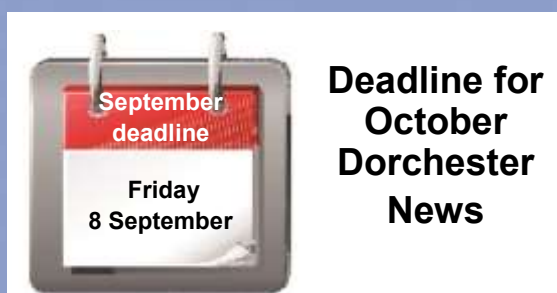
The 'Ride and Stride' event in aid of historic churches will be on the following Saturday. Last year it was so wet only four people from Dorchester took part. Let's hope for better weather and more participants this year.

At the end of the month we shall be honoured to have Dame Helen Ghosh give the annual Dorchester lecture about the future of the National Trust. As a village with a much higher than average number of National Trust membership cards in our wallets, that will get a good turn out I am sure.

If you've got some time before then, why not volunteer to help clear the cemetery and sign up for Speedwatch. All the details you need to know are in Dorchester News.

**Ian Brace**

Cover: In the allotments



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This afternoon I had a most extraordinary experience - two beautiful blue butterflies landed on my hand and sat and basked there for a whole 20 minutes. In fact in the end I had to shake them gently away. I'm not sitting at home writing this particular talking point but in the Italian alps where I have joined my daughter for a few days' walking.

It was easy to say and it sounds simple doesn't it but in reality it's been more demanding but also more rewarding than I hoped. In the demanding box is the sheer difficulty and exhaustion of walking more and more steeply than I'm ever normally expected to - not to mention the very noticeable fact that I'm not getting any younger. Conversely one of the rewards is discovering that I **can** and the joy of

having a daughter who is willing to let me try!!

One of the extraordinary things I've noticed in the more difficult moments is that the conversation in my head has turned to song - many of them Hymns - *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer* (probably an obvious choice); then *Praise My Soul* (sung climbing up a path that had turned into a waterfall overnight) being just two examples.

Often we don't know how important the things we learn are going to be! Words of songs, lines from poems, amazing sights and experiences are all important things for our journeys in life as are relationships and the memories of them. In moments of need or challenge I often recall the wis-

dom and love of particular people - my grandmother's saying about disputes - that it's usually "six of one and half a dozen of the other" is something I often have reason to remember. Elsewhere in Dorchester News you will read the obituaries of two wise, generous and very different people Richard Douglas and Rebecca Slingsby each of whom I know has left a profound mark on the lives of others.

We need this bank of wisdom and memories that we gather throughout our lives - its contents are precious in moments of joy and of sorrow, and in moments of faith and doubt. Sometimes because we strive to recall them but also at times when they enter our minds unexpectedly at times of need and as moments of blessing.

### Harvest

Harvest will be on 1 October and will as always be followed by a Harvest lunch. Last year we gathered to eat food contributions that reflected all that we value about our worldwide culture and cuisine.

### Forthcoming Morning Services

In the September Morning Service we are delighted to welcome Hannah from a newly founded charity Viva whose Doorsteps project is working with young people in East Oxford to build confidence and support them out of the cycle of poverty. In October and November the first Sundays will celebrate Harvest and offer our annual Memorial service. If there is anyone you would like to hear speak at one of these services please contact the Rector.

### A Whistler in the Abbey



I would like to thank everyone who supported me, whether you came to hear the penny whistle music in the Abbey on Sunday 23 July, or if you donated online. I am delighted to say that I raised £417 for Cancer Research UK. Thank you! I was really touched by your generosity.

**David Wilkinson**

### Richard Douglas

Jenny, Gavin and Niall Douglas would like to express their heartfelt thanks for all the letters and cards of condolence they received which gave them great comfort following the sad loss of Richard.

*A tribute to Richard appears on p23*

### Lunch Club

Thank you to all those who responded to my request in the last Dorchester News, the result is that more people requested that the Lunch Club meet for soup and a simple cold meal at 12.30pm to 2.00pm, than the tea option. I would like to start this on Wednesday 4 October and it will be held fortnightly after that date on a Wednesday in the back room of the Village Hall. There will be a charge of £2 per person. Any resident in the village of any age is welcome to come, but priority will be given to the more elderly if numbers have to be restricted due to demand! It will be necessary for everyone who wishes to come to phone me (leaving a message if I am out) on the Monday prior to each Wednesday to tell me that you are coming so I know the numbers I am catering for. The maximum number of people that can be accommodated each time will be 21 people.

A reminder of the arrangements will be put in the October Dorchester News.

**Help needed:** In order to keep the Lunch Club going I desperately need help with the following:

- Help to set up the tables and chairs
- Help with making soup
- Help with washing up crockery and cutlery
- Help with clearing the room putting away the chairs and tables.

So if you feel you could help and get a friend to help with you it would be marvellous. If two or three teams of volunteers of two or three people per team could be found it would mean each team would do their session only occasionally, not every fortnight. The Lunch Club only functions from October to Easter with a break over Christmas. All expenses incurred would be reimbursed. Please consider helping!

**Susan Jupp**  
**01865 341066**

### Fishmonger

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





A great deal went on last term, but so much so I'm not going to tell you all about it here, but save it for next month! The most important event was our amazing Roman Archaeological Experience Days! See the in depth report below. The most important upcoming event is our *Realms of Glory: A Celebration of Angels* exhibition event. The new poster is included in this edition of Dorchester News, but just to let you know we are planning a huge range of great children's and family activities to accompany it! You'll be able to come and try your hand at making some angels wings, as well as seeing the amazing pairs of wings we'll have on display and you can have a photo opportunity with, if you fancy yourself as an angel! We're hoping to have our ever popular pop-up café during some of the family events. We are planning a number of schools workshops too! Make certain to book the dates into your calendar to ensure you come and see the exhibition, find out more about the symbolism of angels in art! More details to follow next month!



*We love dressing up as Romans!*



*Children enjoy re-enacting a pagan rite to the Romano-British river goddess Coventina. They are throwing things into the river in the hope that the object of their curse tablet is recovered!*



*Children get a talk on the local Roman dig in action!*

### Launching our new Roman Archaeology Experience Day!

Summer term saw our launch of our Roman Archaeology Experience Day. This enabled children to visit a working local archaeological dig here in the village, investigating the site of the old Roman site of Dorchester. Schools can book the usual Roman Experience Day at any time during the school year, but it is fantastic to be able to make use of the dig too. The pupils and teachers from local schools absolutely loved it and had a fantastic day of learning about the Romans, what archaeology is about and how it helps to tell us about the past. Children were met by Marcia Agrippina (Education Officer Margaret Craig) and Flavia (museum archaeologist Ellie) who walked to the dig (effectively and excitingly over the old Roman walls, now cunningly disguised as a narrow slightly raised path!) arriving for a short talk by one of the archaeologists about the key features of the site. Best of all the children were able to see the latest finds and make observations about them and engage in finds washing, like real archaeologists!

As with our Anglo-Saxon Experience day, we have a table set up with a wide range of items that reflect the Roman period, such as textiles, jewellery, games, herbs, pottery and foods. They particularly like it when they get to have a taste of the Roman bread!

Children got to visit the museum and examine a range of past finds from the dig in the context of our local Roman related and wider history, as well as handling Roman pot sherds and becoming history detectives. Children also got to investigate mosaics and have fun dressing up as a Roman character!

After their action packed morning in the afternoon children were able to create Roman Curse Tablets linked to the British-Roman river goddess Coventina. Following on from this the children were able to re-enact a Roman river ritual to the goddess. Afterwards we returned to the Abbey to assess what everyone had learned and to light a special candle, thanking them for their visit.

## Hempcroft Allotment News



The Allotment Society AGM for 2017 will be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 21 September** at 7.30pm.

This will be the opportunity to elect your committee members for the forthcoming year, and to pay your rent for the forthcoming year, collect seed catalogues, and meet some fellow allotment neighbours over a convivial glass of wine.

There was a rent increase a couple of years ago and there will be no further rent increase for the forthcoming year. However the Allotment Society Committee is recommending that the annual Society subscription be increased from £5 to £10. This subscription has remained at £5 for well over 10 years. It covers our insurance requirements, compulsory membership of the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners, and provides for general allotment maintenance and improvement. For example Stuart Poole and Bill Downey and some helpers put a lot of work into modernising and extending the water supply system. £5 is no longer enough and we are now eating into our meagre reserves

**Edward Metcalfe**  
**340160**



## Dorchester on Thames

Dear Readers,  
Well what a busy time we have had. In July our President Pauline Kenway-Jackson kindly hosted our Summer Garden Party, helped along by Susan Jupp and Diana Arthurs. Thank you ladies for your help and to all who contributed.

In August we had our Summer Outing to the lovely Waterperry Gardens, what a delightful place; super herbaceous borders and large well stocked garden as well as a craft showroom, quirky garden tools museum & interesting plants for sale. The Waterperry Tearooms supplied a welcome cup of tea and delicious cakes or ice cream. We were very lucky with the weather and had a sunny day after all the rain earlier in the week. Thanks to all the drivers for taking us and Susan for organising. I thoroughly recommend anyone to re-visit in a few weeks time to see the Aster display.

On **September 14** Hilary Beale will be talking to us about the Abingdon Food Bank and on **October 12** Greg Stores will be educating us on 'New Angles on Charles Dickens'. Both at the village hall, 2.30pm.

## Village News

Don't forget we also have our Shillingford Group Meeting – the evening of October 5 with celebrity antiques valuer Jonty Hearnden... should be fun!

For General information:

[www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk)

Please call Pauline on **340746**,  
Susan on **341066**  
or Hayley on **340119**.

**New Members**  
**Welcome!**

**We meet on the second**  
**Thursday of the month at 2.30pm**

## Volunteers sought for 9 September at the cemetery

Over the past year a group of volunteers have helped clear weeds, sow grass seed and spring bulbs on one side of the cemetery path at the rear of the Page Furlong gardens. This has made the area a much more pleasant place to sit and enjoy the surroundings now that the weeds and pile of soil have been removed. The Parish Council are looking at the cost of replacing the waste bins which will also make a major difference.

However, some of the magnificent trees in the cemetery are under threat from the effects of ivy. Once ivy reaches the tree canopy it can strangle the tree and can cause it to go into terminal decline. As you will know ivy is plentiful in Dorchester. It does not take very much time or effort to cut the ivy at about ground level so that it dies back and averts the threat

If you can spare an hour or two on Saturday 9 September from about 10.00am your help will be very much appreciated.

**Chris Hill**



## The new 138 bus and the Dorchester Flyer!

### There is a new bus service in the village!

The service, the 138, 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.

### The Dorchester Flyer keeps flying!

When in 2016 Thames Travel withdrew most of the buses that had ran through the village, the Parish Council was concerned that some villagers would be left without easy access to shops, post offices etc.

The Parish has therefore been supporting the Dorchester Flyer, available to all villagers, which runs to Wallingford on Fridays (Wallingford market day) at 10.15 and 12.00. As the Parish cannot run a public bus service, tickets need to be bought in advance from Lily's

This service has proved useful and popular. The Parish Council has decided that it will continue for at least three months, to enable the impact of the new 138 service to be assessed.

**Support your local buses!**



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

## St Birinus Primary School News

a wonder to see. As we did with our pirate day last year, we split the school in to mixed age groups and each

group were able to try their hand at jousting, collage portraits, illumination and Tudor dancing. It was a great day helped with the fantastic weather.

- Once again, the weather was kind to us for our Sports Afternoon - Well done to all the children (and parents) who took part in the races – it was great to see the enthusiasm. This year had the added excitement of the Sports Cup, which was won by the Yellow team – well done to all groups for supporting each other throughout the races. A big thank you to the Governors for organising the family event and to the PTA for providing refreshments during and after the sports day.
- Over the term, four Year 5 & 6 children had been completing their cycling proficiency training and an external examiner came to test them on their skills. Well done to Tommy who achieved their Level 1 and to Amelie, Tabitha and Tom who achieved their Level 2. Thank you to Mrs White and Mrs Bristow for their help throughout the training.
- At the end of term, each class held their topic afternoons for their parents
- Hedgehog Class performed a small play about Jack and the Beanstalk
- Squirrel Class had an African Drumming Workshop
- Fox Class had a Roman afternoon that even included some marching
- Owl Class had a Rocket Car afternoon, where they were able to build their own cars and then watch as they shot across the playground - it was amazing to watch.
- Kings and Queens Day saw everyone dress up as someone from in and around court life. The costumes as always were
- In the Abbey on the last day, we held our Leavers service dedicated to the Year 6 children as they prepared to leave us. I certainly wish them well for their next exciting adventure. During the service Dr Boakes kindly gave a book to each of the group for their work with him over the year. As always I would like to thank Dr Boakes for all his work with the Year 6 children each year – it is very much appreciated. This is the fifth year of presenting the Luke Chadney Cup for Enthusiasm and Contribution, which was generously donated by Mr and Mrs Chadney in memory of their son, Luke. This year, the cup was awarded to Megan Sadler, who the staff felt had made a valuable contribution to school by willingly helping others in need of a friend. Well done Megan – well deserved.
- Finally, we awarded our annual 100% Attendance Certificates - this year the following children have achieved 100% attendance – Poppy Line and Tom Brooks. A fantastic effort!

As you read our news, we will be preparing to start a new term on Wednesday 6 September and as always we are certainly looking forward to another exciting year at school

**Russell Leigh**  
Headteacher

**Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School**



### Pre School News

The summer term ended on a high with a successful sports day (thankfully done in the dry of the village hall), and the graduation ceremony for children leaving Pre-School mostly as they start at their 'big schools' in September. It was lovely to see another cohort leave the Pre-School as confident and happy children having blossomed under the care of Helen Morris and her team. We wish them well as they move onto the next stage of their education, for some just a few steps across the playground at the primary school. I'm sure they will be popping back regularly to keep Pre-School up to date with what they're are doing.

As this edition goes out, the new school year will have begun and there will be new faces starting their Pre-School journey. There are still places available, and working parents with children turning 3 this term will be eligible for up to 30hrs funding from the government from January. Please contact Helen at Pre-School for further information.

**Louisa Margison**  
Pre School Secretary



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## RULES

1. The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield, or with a Dorchester allotment.

2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 20, 25 and 26, where three entries may be made.

3. The **number** of exhibits in Class 1 must be the same as in the corresponding class **where applicable and in a container.**

4. All entry forms, together with fees, to be submitted **not later than 7.00 pm. on Thursday evening** before the show.

5. All exhibits in classes 1-39 must have been grown by the exhibitor. All exhibits in classes 42-55 must be home produced by the exhibitor. All pot plants must have been owned for a minimum of 4 months.

6. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, stands etc. Every care will be taken of the exhibits but the committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

7. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the opinion of the judges shall be final, but the committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.

8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.

9. All exhibits for competition must be staged between 9.00 am and 10.30 am on the day of the show.

10. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and clear immediately afterwards.

11. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.

12. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules will be disqualified.

## DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

and  
**Plant Sale/Raffle**  
in  
**DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL**  
on  
**Saturday 2nd September 2017**

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Viewing 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and  
presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

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

### Section 1 - Vegetables

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

### Section 2 - Fruit

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

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

### Section 3 - Flowers

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

### Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 40) 'Shades of sunset' (max 18" x 18" x 18")
- 41) 'Storm in a teacup' (max 8" x 8" x 8")

### Section 5 - Domestic

- 42) Treacle tart
- 43) Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- 44) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 45) Cottage loaf
- 46) Jam doughnuts - 3
- 47) Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 48) Pot of Jelly, sweet or savoury - sealed with plain screw top lid

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

- 49) 'Monument'
- 50) Subject beginning with "X, Y or Z"

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

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

- 53) Age under 5 years  
A drawing of our house
- 54) Age 5 - 8 years  
A paper hat
- 55) Age 9 - 15 years  
A scene in a shoebox

### ENTRY FORM

Please return no later than **7.00 p.m. Thursday, 7th Sept** to: Christina Stores, 55 High Street (post through letterbox please)

Class Nos .....

**Full name of Exhibitor** ..... Telephone no.....

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

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





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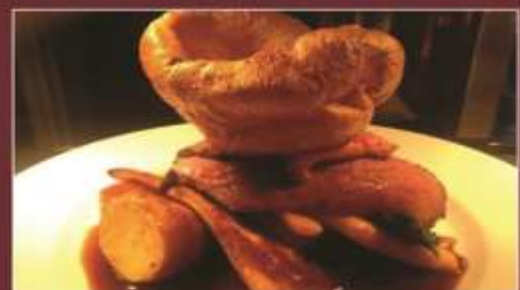
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## A community pub offer:

### The Fleur de Lys

Many of you will know the Fleur de Lys pub in the High Street. It will be put up for sale in mid November 2017. A small voluntary working group has been set up with the intention of buying and transforming it into a community pub.

**What does this mean?** The working group is creating a Community Benefit Society, which will provide local residents with the opportunity to join a new and exciting project to purchase and operate the Fleur de Lys. See the explanatory box for more on Community Benefit Societies.

**What is the opportunity?** After an initial limited refurbishment, the pub will offer drinks and food coverage for 40 people, with 5 rooms on a B&B basis. As a community pub, it is envisaged it will become a hub for local activities, such as school, sport, social and village events. This will differentiate it from The George and White Hart. The pub can either be managed by the Community Benefit Society itself, or leased to a tenant (like the Seven Stars in Marsh Baldon).

**What is the cost?** The asking price for the pub is £650,000 (until we have an independent valuation we do not know if this is the right price). The Community Benefit Society will be financed by shareholders. The price of each share is likely to be between £250 and £500, and of course each investor can buy lots of them. We will decide the details once we have a better understanding of demand and can determine what will generate the largest total investment. Please contact Richard Farrant (**01865 340923**) or Ed Metcalfe (**01865 340160**) to obtain more details regarding shares. Each shareholder has one vote, regardless of how many shares are held. We are currently being advised by the Plunkett Charitable Foundation, who have successfully advised other community pub set-ups. We are also investigating the opportunity of obtaining outside financial support.

**What are your views?** We will soon circulate a residents' questionnaire. Please keep an eye out for it, complete it and return it to us as soon as you can to Jason Coe ([IAM@JASON.CO](mailto:IAM@JASON.CO)).

**Help us succeed** in revitalizing the Fleur de Lys and give something back to the local community. Get involved in a new and exciting project. Our working group currently consists of local residents: Jason Coe, Mike Davies, Richard Farrant, Melanie Hill, Oliver Margison, Ed Metcalfe and John Taylor. We need to finalise our plans in the next 2 months. How can the pub widen its appeal in the community? Can we raise enough money to make it work? **We need your support, as a volunteer or shareholder, or better still both. Contact any of us today for more information.**



We are currently a small group, but with many new members we have an amazing opportunity to do something fun and make a difference together.

### What is a Community Benefit Society?

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The Society operates much like a normal company. There is an annual general meeting of all investors, which appoints a management committee of volunteers and approves the independently audited annual accounts. The management committee has full management powers between general meetings, and is responsible for preparing the accounts. It thus acts like a company board of directors; for example it can recruit employees, buy and sell assets, lease or rent a pub to a tenant, and borrow money. It decides whether to withdraw shares when asked by an investor.

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## Cricket Results Oxfordshire Cricket Association



Division 4		Result
17/06/2017	Uffington v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 7 wkts
01/07/2017	Dorchester v Brill	Brill win by 8 wkts
08/07/2017	Sunningwell v Dorchester	Sunningwell win by 9 wkts
15/07/2017	Deddington v Dorchester	Deddington win by 8 wkts
22/07/2017	Dorchester v West Ilsley	Match abandoned
05/08/2017	Dorchester v Marcham	Dorchester win by 10 wkts
12/08/2017	Swinbrook v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 3 wkts McComb 104 n.o. See right.

Division 8 South		Result
17/06/2017	Dorchester II v Uffington II	Uffington II win by 9 wkts
24/06/2017	Dorchester II v Steventon II	Dorchester II win by 5 wkts
01/07/2016	Marcham II v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 165 runs. Rudling 129
08/07/2017	Dorchester II v Sunningwell II	Dorchester II win by 24 runs
15/07/2017	Dorchester II v Letcombe	Dorchester II win by 5 wkts
22/07/2017	Watlington II v Dorchester II	Match abandoned
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selecting 'mindfulness' from the menu.

## Dorchester's amazing win As reported by BBC Sport

**A village cricket side scored 40 runs from the final over of a league match to secure the most unlikely of victories.**

Needing 35 to win from the last six deliveries of their game against Swinbrook, Dorchester-on-Thames CC looked down and out in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association match. Hosts Swinbrook had posted 240 from their 45 overs in the Division Four encounter.

With an over to go in Dorchester's reply, the visitors were on 206-7, with 54-year-old Steve McComb on strike against bowler Mihai Cucos. The over began with a no-ball which was dispatched for six. Ball two also went for six, effectively giving Dorchester 13 runs from one legitimate delivery. Cucos responded with a yorker, from which McComb was unable to score. Ball four (the third legitimate delivery) went for four and was then followed by another no-ball which also flew to the boundary for four. The next two balls were played for six, leaving the scores level with one delivery to come.

Swinbrook brought the field in, but McComb advanced down the pitch to hit his fifth six of the over, winning the game and bringing up his own century.

'It was an amazing end to the game,' said McComb, who has played for Dorchester for 20 years. '240 is a tough target to chase in our league and we never looked ahead of the rate. I had nothing to lose in the final over and the boundaries weren't huge, so I knew there was a slim chance.'

'I've had an arthritic ankle for many years and I can't run very well between the wickets, as the lads constantly remind me, so I either try to score a boundary or hop for a single! When they brought the field in for the final ball I knew if I got bat on ball we'd be OK.'

Fellow Dorchester batsman Richard Sharman, who was scoring at the time, added: 'I got so excited the scorebook's a bit of a mess, but it was a pleasure to watch.'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/cricket/40917477>

## Tennis Club News



Dorchester Tennis Club  
Autumn Mixed Doubles Tournament  
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## Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

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3rd Prize    **£ 25**    No. 55    Mr J Bell

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

The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to reward supporters and raise funds for the village hall. We need new members to keep the draw worthwhile although there are good odds of winning as there is a maximum of 200 tickets in the draw. A ticket for the year (four draws from when you join) only costs £12. To join, contact Elaine Moore on **340441** or email [admin@dotvh.org.uk](mailto:admin@dotvh.org.uk) for a form.

Thank you for your support!

Elaine

## Community Speedwatch Project Volunteers wanted

A number of village residents have commented that the speed of some vehicles passing through the village still gives concern. Parish Councils are now authorised to arrange speed checks with local residents as volunteers. The measuring is done using equipment on loan from the Police who also supply the necessary training.

By taking part in this scheme, which is under the overall control of Thames Valley Police, the Parish Council will become eligible to apply for a range of traffic calming signs which can be displayed in the village to discourage speeding at all times.

When a vehicle is measured to be exceeding the speed limit the owner will receive a warning letter. If this is the first or second time that such speeding has been observed no further action is taken but should there be a third event the car owner receives a home visit by a police officer. Observations in the Thames Valley Police area are centrally recorded and all offences are added together.

The Parish Council has decided to determine if there is enough interest from residents for Dorchester to start running its own Speedwatch surveys, commencing in September/October. Five volunteers have already advised their willingness to take part.

The Police have provided copies of the following documents which can be provided to you if you are considering being a volunteer:

**Community Speedwatch Briefing** – half day training syllabus; **Speedwatch Briefing Notes** – the instructions; **Speedwatch Protocols** – e.g. Minimum trigger speed no lower than 35mph in a 30 or 40 mph limit; **Speedwatch Risk Assessment**; **Speedwatch Roadside Document**; **Thames Valley Police Indemnity Agreement**.

If you are willing to be part of this team or would simply like more information please contact

[parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

## Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

Wednesday 27 September 2017, 7.30pm,

Dorchester Village Hall (back room).

Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

**Ellie Reid** on: 'Dressing Up the Past: Historical Pageants in Early 20th Century Oxfordshire'



Ellie recently completed an MSc in English Local History at Oxford, and currently works at the Oxfordshire History Centre in Cowley. She is involved in *The Redress of the Past*, a major Arts and Humanities Council funded project examining historical pageants in twentieth century Britain (see [www.historicalpageants.ac.uk](http://www.historicalpageants.ac.uk)), which has collected information from all over Britain and created a searchable database containing more than 550 entries. She is also contributing to a book on Stepney.



### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 14 October  
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Bar from 7.00pm  
Quiz starts promptly at 7.30 pm

£8 entry fee includes supper

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## Dorchester pageants

There is some material on Dorchester pageants in our local history archive – a few programmes and scripts, mainly from the mid-20th century. If you have any items you would be willing to pass on the enhance this collection, we would be very grateful. Here is a picture from the 1963 pageant to get you thinking – recognise anyone?!

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## Earth Trust September events

### Discover and Play

**Friday 1 September, 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.

### Sunday Drop-in: Fantastic Foraging

**Sunday 3 September, 10.00am-1.00pm**

Drop in to find out what food is growing around the Earth Trust Centre and learn what yummy things you can cook over the campfire. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### Drawing from Nature

**Sunday 3 September, 2.00pm-5.00pm**

Take a walk around Little Wittenham Wood with your sketchbook and get top tips on how to perfect your drawings from artist Gareth Lloyd.

Gareth Lloyd is an Oxford-based artist working primarily in pencil and paint. His work is typically based around endangered and protected species, and he welcomes the opportunity to work with conservation organisations to help preserve the animal kingdom through art.

£20; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### Bat Walk

**Saturday 9 September, 8.30pm-10.00pm**

A guided walk with the addition of bat detectors to find out more about these marvellous mammals. £6 per adult, £3 per child; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### Children's Fun Run

**Sunday 10 September, 10.00am start**

A 1km race around the Wittenham Clumps for kids! Please register online and bring a donation on the day. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### 10k Run

**Sunday 10 September, 11.00am start**

After a break last year we're pleased to announce that the 2017 10K Run will take place on Sunday 10th September.

The Earth Trust 10K is a unique cross-country run that meanders through wildflower meadows, woodland, farmland, along the Thames and ends with a challenging hike up (and down!) the iconic Wittenham Clumps.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete, a novice runner taking on their first race or a Nordic walker looking for a new challenge, all are welcome! This is a chip-timed race. Advance entry: £15 adult, £12 child (aged 14-17). On the day entry: £18 adult, £15 child (aged 14-17).

### Wildlife Photography Walk

**Saturday 16 September, 8.00am-10.00am**

Join photographer Andrew Walmsley for a morning stroll around the nature reserve. Check out our beginner and intermediate workshops too. £20; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

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## Hurst Water Meadow Trust News

**Summer on the meadows.** We hope that you have enjoyed the meadows during the summer months.

The flowers and butterflies in the Hurst have been particularly good this year. Many of the wild flowers in the Hurst are 'indicator species' recognised by DEFRA as contributing to the Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier status. An advisor from Natural England makes periodic inspections to ensure that the Hurst meets the qualifying requirements for an annual grant from the scheme, and the flora is of particular interest. The grant helps the Trust to pay for insurance cover, professional tree surgery, countryside skills training, tractor maintenance, and the purchase of hand tools and other equipment.

Our open morning to celebrate National Meadows Day was attended by more than fifty people, some of whom had never visited the Hurst before. A large 'bug hotel' was built, invertebrates were swept up with nets in the long grass and examined, drinks and cakes were enjoyed. Everyone was intrigued to watch Richard Tilley open his mammal traps and find small mammals which could be closely observed before being set free; and there was video footage from the trail camera which showed the larger mammals that frequent the Hurst.

**Dog mess continues to be a problem** and has got worse in recent weeks. This may be because there are more visitors to the meadows during the holiday period but it may also be because other distractions take our attention away from our dogs. If residents see a dog owner fail to pick up after their dog please help by pointing this out to the owner and suggesting that they pick up. An effort by all walkers to combat this problem might be effective.

### Autumn work ahead

Weekly work parties have met throughout the summer, mainly keeping nettles down and clearing vegetation from around recently planted trees. Eleven members of Sonning Common Green Gym joined us one Saturday to work on Overy Mead Piece near the confluence. We hope that they will be back helping us again soon. Autumn and winter work will include remedial tree work, cutting back scrub growth which is encroaching into grassland, and continuing to lay the hedge beside the car park at Old Bridge Meadow. If you would like to join the volunteer workers and perhaps learn to scythe or hedge-lay please let us know. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment but you will be made very welcome and tools will be provided.

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

**01865 340925**

**Website:** [www.hurst-water-meadow.org.uk](http://www.hurst-water-meadow.org.uk)

*...Earth Trust continued*

### Foraging Walk

**Sunday 24 September, 11.00am-3.00pm**

Discover the autumn bounty in the local area and use what you find to make something delicious. £17; booking essential: **01865 407792** or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

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

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## Delightful and Distinguished Show

I am sure that those who bought a ticket to see 'Agatha Crusty and The Village Hall Murders' were expecting to see a comedy. A very funny play is certainly what they got but this should not overshadow the fact that this is also a genuine murder-mystery with an ingenious plot that is eventually explained – in the finest traditions of Miss Marple – by Agatha Crusty (played by Christine Jones in top form). I have to confess that your correspondent was not even close to working out 'whodunnit'.

The Village Hall in 'Chortleby' looked remarkably like the one in Dorchester-on-Thames but there the similarities ended. Instead of a united team of dedicated, hard-working and public-spirited committee members, the village hall committee in Chortleby comprised a number of mostly self-centred individuals who pursued their own special interests with constant back-biting and bickering. It must be said, however, that the events programme at Chortlebury Village Hall looked slightly more interesting – 'Life-drawing' classes, anyone?



*DI Twigg (Mark Williams), Alice (Ann Winslet) and Olivia (Rachel Winslet-Morris) are amused by the discomfiture of Eleanor (Rosemary Mills).*

The play opens with just the hall caretaker on stage. Harry Knott (confidently played by Ian Brace) is a key member of the cast who had many of the best lines, delivered with a finesse that belies the fact that this was the first speaking part that Ian has had since.... well, when he was at school. He had some tricky business to cope with early on when the table at which he is sitting is supposed to collapse. To make something like that appear to be an accident when it has actually been done on purpose is no easy task but Ian accomplished it convincingly.

I dare say that at this point some members of the audience started to worry about the stability of the set as a whole but this had been designed and



robustly created by a team including Graham Beland, Ed Metcalfe, Simon Kitson and other DADS members. It looked great and was in no danger of collapse.

The cast comprised 13 characters (which was certainly unlucky for some). The twins Olivia and Oliver Truscott-Pratt were very similar in both appearance and habits, even down to their unforgettable haughty, snorty 'Hooray Henry' laugh. I noticed, however, that they never appeared on stage at the same time. It was only when I consulted the programme that I realised that both parts were played by a very hard-working Rachel Winslet-Morris, who, as usual, excelled herself.

With two unexplained deaths in the first few minutes of the



*Isabella (Carol Anne Tilley) is about to become yet another fatality.*



play ('Bendy Wendy' of the Pilates group and Barry Cragthorne, a leading light of the Gardening Society), it is not long before the local constable, PC Lockett (Michael Herbert), calls for reinforcements and the arrival of Detective Inspector Twigg (Mark Williams). D.I. Twigg, whose ambition is to become a member of Special Branch (geddit?), is soon in conversation with Village Hall Chair, Eleanor Wagstaff, and the Vicar, Rev. Toby Bishop (beautifully played respectively by Rosemary Mills and Mark Wilkin).



*Oliver (Rachel Winslet-Morris) realises the necklace discovered by Harry belongs to Olivia*

These two have a successful working relationship; it is the Vicar who is actually in charge of the Hall and Eleanor who looks after the day to day running. In their private lives both are unattached and from Eleanor's body language it is clear that she would like the relationship to become somewhat closer. Indeed, she obviously disapproves of some of the vicar's female friends and becomes positively outraged at the thought of the Vicar participating in the Life Drawing class where DADS newcomer Natasha Cornell plays the part of Mandy the model.

Twigg has a particular gift for misunderstanding what he has been told and generally getting the wrong end of the stick (geddit?). It's the kind of role that Mark plays brilliantly – remember Inspector Pratt? Twigg sets out his approach to detective work using a series of acronyms: MOM + DAD = KIDS which can be translated as Motive Opportunity Means + Detection Application Dedication = Killers In Dock Sooner.

It turns out that Twigg and Agatha Crusty have met before and neither holds the other in high regard. Thanks entirely to Agatha, the mystery is eventually solved and explained to the sur-

viving members of the excellent cast. I have no wish to give away any secrets but it **was** an 'inside job'.

The writer Derek Webb worked in advertising for many years before becoming a freelance writer and director in 1996. His plays have been performed in the United States and Australia as well as throughout the U.K.

The DADS performance was cleverly directed by Sue Kitson and produced by Louise Beland with light and sound supplied by Simon Ratliff and stage management from Jane Brooks. The production calls for no less than eleven scenes but these changes were managed efficiently and smoothly while the audience was entertained by the music from a wide range of popular crime shows. It would have made a good quiz.

Thank you, Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society for a thoroughly entertaining evening and for providing cushions for our village hall chairs – something not available in Chortlebury.

**Geoff Russell**



*Agatha Crusty (Christine Jones) has to listen to yet another hare-brained theory from DI Twigg (Mark Williams).*



*PC Lockett (Michael Herbert) and Isabella (Carol Anne Tilley) look on whilst Eleanor (Rosemary Mills) quizzes the vicar (Mark Wilkin) about the other women in his life.*



## Rebecca remembered

Far left: portrait of Rebecca

Left: Rebecca with her reredos painting at Christ Church, Spitalfields

Above: *Bright Rising*, 2013 - the work in the Lady Chapel, Dorchester Abbey

Below: *Breaking*, 2011.





**How do we remember light ?**

Come closer  
and watch the artist collecting it.  
Sketch book poised open in her lap or cradled in one arm like a child  
or balanced on a chosen outcrop of stone.

See her eyes flicker concentration between the subject and the hungry paper, the speed of focus and the brush painting decision  
and presence faster than the mind can think.  
A physical conjuring of new existence that has nothing to do with copying fact.  
Each mark she makes is a signature of being here, breathing in profound time and vibrating to the resonance of place.

On a stormy morning in Gertrude Jekyll's garden on Lindisfarne: a flock of birds curve in my the sea and, glitter for an instant  
against the purple - blue black of a thunderous cloud.

In Gozo on the blistering salt pans under an intense yellow sun.  
Or in Iceland by the roaring Gullfoss waterfall, the brush freezing to the paper in the crystal bitter air .  
Or here in the water meadows of Dorchester, at twilight stalking mist, finding a way to speak the accent of its impossible glide.

When the book is closed the colours, gestures and spaces on the page are gleefully taken back to the studio, and carefully  
opened out to let imagination and memory tussle and argue between description and evocation.  
The little pages of cries and whispers building into a choir of visual magnitude and a bold new work.

**How do we remember movement which is no longer there ?**

Rebecca never painted the static nor did she live it. Her life was never still except by choice in prayer or meditation, in which she  
also found a sensual manifestation in Tai Chi.  
Her strong hands swimming and folding the intangible, pointing, stroking and holding, even in her last days, when her voice had  
dimmed and her eyes were quiet the practiced motion continued,  
still embracing the elements.

Catching fire and asking water to paint flame as the sparks fly upwards.  
Stars were gathered through her telescope and dreamt into saturated nights of pigment.  
Moons and eclipses were collected in her garden, given names and harnessed to music, birthdays and colours of the far universe.  
The volume of oceans were held in a meniscus of paper.  
The weight and sound of the sea's might rising to let the spume dance on the crashing waves .  
So much power of vision given in her epic and intimate works.

**How do we remember beauty which has been so treacherously stolen ?**

When all those setting suns and rising moons cease and their brightness falters on this side of the glass where the reality is a  
reflection, now that the purest radiance has gone.  
How do we reserve and cherish her uniqueness of talent ,inspiration and grace?

We who are lost for words

We who can barely see

We who have never dared to look so deep or joyously drawn the life of a cloud, must now brave our eyes. Staunch the tears because  
they make our sight of her unfocused and that would be wrong and a waste of the clarity that she so gifted.  
That she demanded of us.  
Both in her summoning of spiritual transcendence, smouldering in her art and in the day to day fortitude of her faith  
and in the glory of her presence

come closer  
and see a smile that will last forever

This is how we will remember light

**Brian Catling**

## World War 1 – Remembering Passchendaele

July 2017 marked the centenary of the beginning of the third battle of Ypres, 'Passchendaele', and we have all been moved by the many events and ceremonies held to mark this anniversary, by the tremendous toll of young lives the battle represents, and by the many associated stories of courage, hardship and the struggle to survive.

Dorchester's war memorial commemorates the village's two casualties of this fearful struggle; their story is told in the late Don McGregor's book, *Lest we Forget, the men of Dorchester-on-Thames who fell in the Two World Wars, 1914-18, 1939-45*. (published in 2004, available from the Dorchester Abbey Museum shop). Other information for this short article is taken from the 1901 census, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission web site, and a conversation with Jerry Nudds.

267452 Private **Owen Whiting** of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry was killed on 27 August 1917, aged 30. His body was never recovered, and he is commemorated on the Tyn Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, Belgium, Panel 96-98. Owen was born in Dorchester on 21 September 1886, the eldest child of Joseph and Emma, who lived in Bridge End. He had four younger brothers, a sister (Dora) and a step-brother. He attended both the Infants' and Boys' Schools, and is recorded as a farm worker, aged 14, in the 1901 census. He started his war service in a Territorial battalion, part of 145 Brigade of the 48<sup>th</sup> South Midland Division, and survived the Somme, only to be transferred to the Ypres Salient in summer 1917 in preparation for the forthcoming third battle of Ypres. The Battalion first made an almost suicidal attack on the German blockhouse 'Mon du Hibou', then spent two months in operations in the St

Julien area aimed at gaining the heights of the Passchendaele Ridge. Owen's death came during a joint attack on German lines with the 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Royal Berks, an action in a sea of mud which had to be abandoned, at high cost in terms of loss of life and wounded. Dorchester lost one precious son; many men from local regiments also died during this offensive.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant **Ronald Charles Nudds** died of wounds on 30 November 1917, while serving in 2019 Field Company RE, aged 19. He was born in 1892 at Monks Eleigh, Suffolk, one of nine children born to Horace (later headmaster of Dorchester-on-Thames school, 1905-22) and Martha Nudds, and attended Burford Grammar School. Having moved up the ranks and changed regiments, as Temporary 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant he transferred to 104 Field Company Royal Engineers in July 1917, having written to his brother Silas (Jerry Nudds' father) about the transfer, and the 'show' which 'can't be far off' – the battle of Passchendaele, which ended in November 1917. Ronald Nudds was buried in Nine Elms British Cemetery, Poperinghe, Belgium. The words 'Peace, perfect peace' were inscribed on his gravestone at his parents' request. Four of his brothers and his sister also served in WW1.

While Don McGregor's research is a moving commemoration of the fallen, we have no record of Dorchester men and women who survived WW1 – thankfully many did return, and settled back in the village. We would be very grateful if any families would share their stories with us.

**Margot Metcalfe,**  
**Dorchester Historical Society**



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## Richard Douglas 1939-2017

It is difficult at best, to stand before you and attempt to honour our father - a man who crossed classes, backgrounds and ages; a true gentleman with huge generosity combined with a warm yet very dry sense of humour; he really was one of a kind.

Richard was born in 1939 in Kingston to Edith and Harry Douglas. On VE day, aged four he set off with his father for a walk. His father collapsed and Richard took off on his scooter fetching his mother from over a mile away. An early demonstration of his resourcefulness and willingness to help anyone in need.

He attended Tiffin School in Kingston where his main, perhaps only, focus was on rowing and rugby! We remember being taken to a Tiffin Old Boys rugby match where his old team mates regaled us with stories of Dad's rugby prowess - along with his ability to eat very hot curries! Until the opposition realized he was a 'gently giant' his intimidating size was apparently worth at least one try every time he stepped on the pitch!

His academic studies clearly suffered and when he left school at 16 his mother persuaded Gilbert Ash to take him on as an apprentice, conditional on gaining his qualifications at night school. This was the start of an incredibly successful career in the construction industry. He moved to Costain as a quantity surveyor and then to Amey, moving on with other colleagues when they were taken over. At Balfours he rose through the ranks to become commercial director, an international role involving a huge amount of travel, particularly to the Middle and Far-East and Africa.

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Towards the end of his career Richard moved from construction to commercial property development. Here Gavin had the good fortune to work alongside him learning that you do not need to be a monster to be successful - Richard always worked hard, paid attention to detail, remained fair, honest and somehow managed to gain respect from all that came into contact with him

Richard loved travelling and the whole family benefitted from his wanderlust. Early adventures were mostly in West Wales and France and of all the amazing holidays these are still the fondest memories. Although his sons missed Richard when he was away working when they were young, they enjoyed the opportunity to fly out and stay with him in Jakarta and South Sumatra - memories that have lasted forever. Richard also worked extensively in Africa and one of his favorite places was Tanzania. He spent many hours flying over the bush and vowed to return as a visitor - an ambition Jen didn't share having been charged by a hippo on a previous safari. This was the catalyst for one of the most amazing father and sons' trip you could imagine. Seeing game during the day

and putting the world to rights over a dram or two of whisky by the fire at night. Their relationship moved from father-son to great friends.

Richard loved Dorchester and when not working or travelling he found time for numerous village activities. He was generous with his time, energy, enthusiasm and more often than not his pocket. Two great gifts were always to see the good in people and to remain optimistic in impossible situations. Richard's contributions to the village community included masterminding the resurrection of Dorchester cricket club in the 1970s and serving on the Parish Council and as a School Governor and he was the chair of PAGE. Richard helped raise money for the Sports Pavilion, was a trustee of the Hurst water meadow for over 20 years and supported fund raising for both the Village Hall and the Abbey. Outside Dorchester Richard played a leading role in supervising the development of the now internationally renowned Botnar Research Centre at the Nuffield Orthopedic Hospital.

But Richard's overarching love and passion was his family. He was a pillar of support for the whole family in England and Australia. Latterly he adored spending as much time as he could with his six grandchildren and was incredibly proud of each of them. He was a perfect Grandad - stern when necessary having the gift of a look that was sufficient to get his point across.

Richard was kind, generous and would always find time to listen and give sound and sage advice, no matter what the problem or when it occurred.

Gavin concluded the tribute 'We are the lucky ones to have known him. I know Niall feels the same as I in that we couldn't have ever asked for a more perfect father, role model and friend.'

### Become a Friend of Dorchester Abbey

The Friends of Dorchester Abbey is an association with a legal identity separate from the Parochial Church Council and raises funds to be used exclusively for the restoration, maintenance, embellishment and improvement of the structure of the Abbey Church and the Abbey Guesthouse. These have included major repairs to the roof and stonework of the abbey, new sound and lighting systems, restoration of the historic wall paintings and a new high altar frontal.

The Friends were formed in 1959 and over the years have promoted and supported social events such as concerts, lectures, flower and craft festivals as well as visits to cathedrals and other abbeys.

The subscription is not fixed, but we do ask for a minimum annual subscription of £20. Life membership is also available for a single payment of £300 person or £500 for a couple.

Details of the work of the Friends together with application forms can be found on the Friends' notice board in the Abbey and on the Dorchester Abbey website [www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk](http://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

For further information contact membership secretary, Mrs Honor Juniper: **01865 343228** or email [friends@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:friends@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)



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## Parish Council

### Monthly Meeting - September

The meeting will take place in the back room of the Village Hall on **Wednesday 13 September** 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](http://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.

#### Bishop's Court Farm

Residents may have noticed that for the past several weeks each of the Parish Council's notice boards has displayed a sign headed 'Criminal Damage – Can you help?'. This follows several occasions when wires in fences around the Farm have been cut and notices have been torn down. The matter has become so serious that the Police have been involved.

Obviously any damage which means that a fence cannot be relied upon to retain animals in the area where they have been left is potentially going to allow those animals to stray into areas where both they and members of the public could be in danger. And the removal of notices which, for example, would have given visitors the information which they need to arrange mooring for their boats is not only anti-social but could harm businesses in the village which might otherwise have had some extra customers.

The Parish Council strongly disapproves of these actions and, through the Clerk (contact details below) provides a route for communication between village residents and the Farm which has been shown to be effective and reliable. For those who may not wish to use this service, Scott Ruck, the farm manager, can be contacted directly by email sent to [sruck@belmontfarm.co.uk](mailto:sruck@belmontfarm.co.uk) or on the mobile telephone at **07721 417071**. Any communication sent to him will be dealt with in a timely way.

#### Vandalism at Sports Pavilion

There have been several recent reports about vandalism at the Sports Pavilion, including damage caused by people who have climbed on to the roof where they would be clearly visible from Drayton Road. This has resulted in a substantial repair bill for the Parish Council to pay out of the funds which come from the pockets of local residents.

Even more regrettable has been the damage done to the defibrillator case. It is, of course, the height of stupidity and ignorance to derive pleasure from damaging a piece of equipment whose sole reason for being placed on the outer wall of the Pavilion is so that it will be readily available when it is needed to save a life.

The Police Community Support Officers have been told of these activities and will be including the Sports Pavilion in their patrols. However, should anyone witness behaviour of this kind they should telephone the Police Enquiry Centre on **101** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

#### Speedwatch

The Parish Council is keen that a group of volunteers should be recruited to start running Speedwatch surveys, possibly

starting in October. There is a feeling that traffic speed problems in the village have got worse over the past two years rather than better. Please see the special notice about Speedwatch which appears on page 13 of this edition of *Dorchester News*.

#### Village Leaflets

The Parish Council has recently produced new editions of the Village brochure, first published in 2003, and the Midsomer Murders walking guide, to include photographs of the visit made to Dorchester-on-Thames ('Lower Crosby') by Inspector John Barnaby in *The Ballad of Midsomer County* his only visit here (so far). Paper copies are readily available throughout the village and electronic copies can be obtained from the Clerk.

#### 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](mailto:parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

Cllr Chris Hill, the Chairman of the Council, can be contacted via [chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk](mailto:chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

More information about the Village is available at

[www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk](http://www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

We are very close to submitting the final version of our Neighbourhood Development Plan to SODC for their consideration. It has been a long and bumpy road but after several major changes we believe we now have the best plan for the village we can. Since May we have been working on incorporating amendments that have been suggested from individual residents of Dorchester, Bishop's Court Farm, FODLWOS and other statutory consultees including SODC Neighbourhood Planning Development and Conservation Officers. That done, the last few weeks have been devoted to compiling maps and the supporting documents that demonstrate that we have conformed with the statutory process from day one - can you believe it was late 2012 when we started the process?

We plan to send it to SODC by the end of August. Once it is received by them we lose any opportunity to make further changes. SODC may make changes if they think they are necessary following another six week consultation period. We believe that only minor changes may be necessary as we have taken great care to align our plan with the current and emerging SODC Local Plan and national guidance.

The next step will be for SODC to appoint a Planning Inspector who will independently review the Plan and form a recommendation that it can be put forward for a Referendum by the residents of Dorchester. At this point a simple majority of more than 50% of the voters will be sufficient for the Plan to become accepted and carry legal authority.

**Chris Hill**  
NDP Steering Group

## Are you or a member of your family living with dementia?

Do you have dementia? Would you like a day of friendship, enjoyment, care and support?

Are you caring for someone with dementia and feel that a break in the day would help?

Do you know that there is a local charity, only 20 minutes from Dorchester, in Greater Leys, that could offer you help and support?

Daybreak Dementia Day Clubs offer a day of dementia specialist care and therapies, helping to maintain skills and abilities, to provide enjoyment and companionship, and to allow family carers a break from their care-giving responsibilities.

It is open Monday to Friday, there is no need for a referral, it is available to anyone who is experiencing dementia and memory loss. If you would like to find out more about the Daybreak Clubs or arrange a visit please call **01865 776744** or visit [www.daybreak-oxford.org.uk](http://www.daybreak-oxford.org.uk).

Dementia has become the biggest and most indiscriminate illness affecting our society. There are currently over 9000 people in Oxfordshire with a dementia. Half of these people will be aged 80 or older of whom the majority will be cared for by a partner of a similar age.

Daybreak have been helping people in Oxfordshire for over 25 years. Here is what people say about Daybreak:

*'It is clear to us that she benefits greatly from going to the club – she has friends there, she enjoys herself and always returns with a smile and a much better sense of self-esteem and engagement with life.'* Ms W, daughter

*'He really enjoys going and always comes back with a smile on his face. For my part the two mornings I get on my own are a lifeline and enable me to sort out everyday problems so that when he comes home I can devote myself to him and do things with him that he enjoys.'* Mrs I, wife

*'Daybreak always see the person as an individual with their own unique abilities, interests, preferences and needs and always approach them with dignity, respect, sensitivity and kindness.'* Age UK Dignity in Care nomination.

Daybreak are a small charity and rely upon donations to keep the clubs running. We need more support and would like to invite people to become a Daybreak Friend by making an annual donation of £25.

If you would like to chat with me or pick up a leaflet about the Daybreak Clubs or Daybreak Friends form, I live in Dorchester, opposite the school at School Cottage. (swing and slide in garden)

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**Laura Bristow**

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His mum Tracey said: *'All through his early years it was very obvious that Josh was an active, sporty child. After years of fighting for adequate physiotherapy so that he could participate, we finally found Footsteps. Josh's mobility improved dramatically and because he was finally doing what he wanted to do, his confidence soared. He plays football and golf and has just won gold in Judo at the Special Olympics in Sheffield.'*

We are all incredibly proud of Josh. This is an immense achievement for a little boy who was supposed to spend his whole life in a wheelchair.



Josh, aged 14 receiving his gold medal in Sheffield Special Olympics 2017



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Below are our resolute and determined 'Rider', James with his bike, and 'Striders', Susan, Judy and Richard. We now know that between them, they raised a fantastic £706, to be shared equally between Dorchester Abbey and Oxford Historic Churches Trust. Congratulations to them all once again and a big thank you to everyone who sponsored them too!

Since the Oxford Historic Churches Trust was founded, grants totalling several million pounds have been made to churches in Oxfordshire. A significant proportion of this money has been raised by the annual 'Ride and Stride'. Last year Oxfordshire Ride and Stride raised over £120,000. They would love to do **even** better this year. Ride and Stride is a fun day out for everyone. Last year participants ranged in age from two to ninety years old!



Please do think about joining in. Would you like to walk, ride your bike or even your horse, to raise money for Dorchester Abbey and for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust? If you would, or if you know someone else who might be interested – please do ask them too!

For further information, please contact me on [rosemarybyrde@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemarybyrde@btinternet.com).





## From your MP... ...John Howell August 2017

August is usually a quieter month as many people take a holiday. Parliament is in recess which means that the busy Westminster schedule comes to a halt. However it is not a holiday for MPs, rather an opportunity to spend more time in the constituency and catch up with things. So far this month I have had a number of meetings across the constituency with various groups and individuals and have been able to attend events that the usual Parliamentary schedule does not enable me to do. I have been surprised at the number of people who have stopped me in the street to ask something and begun by apologising for interrupting my holiday! Having said that August is usually a quieter month, this year has been different. In my office, we have not noticed any slowing of pace and the number of phone calls and emails has not diminished. In speaking to other MPs, and also to officers in our local councils, they say the same. We may never know the reason but do worry that August is not giving the opportunity to catch up everything this time around!

One of the things that I have been doing is meeting with local councillors at Parish Councils. I have a rolling programme of trying to meet with council representatives. This gives me the opportunity to listen to local concerns, the issues of everyday life in our villages. It is also the opportunity to say thank you to all those who sit on our local councils. Our councillors at parish level are volunteers who give up a huge amount of their time to work on local issues and make our communities the desirable places to live that they are. Similarly, where invited, I spend time with steering groups of communities working on Neighbourhood Plans. The value of Neighbourhood Plans remains crucial despite some concern over a recent case decided by Planning Inspectors on the border between Henley and Shiplake. The steering groups are groups of people volunteering and seeking to steer their community through a process which will shape its future. They mastermind consultations to learn the views of residents and work to pull it all together into a draft plan. I very much appreciate the hard work that people put into Neighbourhood Planning and hope that everyone in their own communities will support this work where applicable. In September I will be starting a rolling programme of returning to each school in the constituency. There are over 50 state schools in the constituency and over time I have been to each of them. Governors are another group of volunteers to whom I am grateful for their work. Being a school governor can be demanding and requires much commitment. My thanks to everyone who volunteers for all that you do. I am always interested to meet and learn more about what is being done. I hope that all of our residents share my appreciation for your work.

If you would like to know more about my work please do look at my website [www.johnhowellmp.com](http://www.johnhowellmp.com) You can also sign up for my electronic newsletter by emailing me at: [john.howell@oxfordshireconservatives.com](mailto:john.howell@oxfordshireconservatives.com)

### Chiropodist

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## From your County Councillor... ...Lorraine Lindsey-Gale

### Government cash paves way for major upgrade to the A34 in Abingdon

Major improvements to the A34 in Abingdon got the green light on 26 July 2017 after Communities Secretary Sajid Javid pledged more than £9 million of Government funding. Two new south-facing slip roads at the Lodge Hill Interchange will help end years of congestion and pave the way for up to 1,700 new homes in Abingdon. The long-awaited scheme, which will receive up to £9.45 million over 4 years, will also boost growth in the wider Science Vale area, where up to 20,000 new jobs and 20,000 new homes will be created by 2031. This is on top of the £2.3 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund, announced earlier, which will pay for local infrastructure across the country to support local housing delivery.

### Oxfordshire minerals and waste local plan

A plan which will govern how Oxfordshire's minerals and waste needs will be met for fifteen years has received Government support. The County Council's new minerals and waste core strategy, which outlines the planning strategy and policies for the supply of minerals and the management of waste in Oxfordshire until 2031, has received support from the Government's Planning Inspectorate, and following approval by Cabinet on 18 July will now go to full Council in September. Following an independent examination of the strategy, the Inspector concluded that the strategy, with modifications, meets legal requirements and provides a sound and appropriate basis for the planning of future quarrying and waste management in Oxfordshire for the next 15 years. More information can be found here; <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/inspector-backs-oxfordshire-minerals-and-waste-strategy/>

### Oxfordshire councils need £9bn for infrastructure

An independent report commissioned by Oxfordshire's six councils who make up the Oxfordshire Growth Board sets out the investment in transport, schools, hospitals and other infrastructure needed to support the predicted growth in population, jobs and homes to 2040 and beyond. The report by AECOM, a professional and technical services firm highlights the need for long-term investment that will be required to plan for and manage growth in a way that supports the local economy and protects quality of life across the county. Oxfordshire councils are working together to develop a joint infrastructure strategy, detailing the county's key requirements.

### Schools win awards for supporting young carers

Eight Oxfordshire schools have received awards as part of a county council support scheme for pupils who care for family members at home. The Young Carers Standard recognises schools' efforts to identify young carers and provide targeted support to help them achieve their potential. Since its launch in 2013 more than 60 schools have received training and support to deliver the scheme and earn an accreditation. Any school across Oxfordshire can sign up to the programme run by Oxfordshire County Council Young Carers Team. The team offers free support, advice and guidance for schools to identify and support young carers. Schools can work towards the Bronze, Silver and Gold Award level. Schools interested in taking part should email the Oxfordshire County Council Young Carers team: [young.carers@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:young.carers@oxfordshire.gov.uk)



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## Regular Town Walks in 2017 - last chance!

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

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

There's no need to book, just turn up at the Town Hall at 11.00am on any Saturday until 30 Sept.

**Philip Burton**

## Agatha Christie Weekend

*The theme may be murder, but the emphasis is on enjoyment!*



The fourth Agatha Christie Weekend will be held throughout Wallingford and Cholsey from **Friday 8 to Sunday 10 Sept 2017**.

This is an event which is growing each year and attracts tourists from afar as well as being of interest to local residents.

This year's Agatha Christie Weekend features:

- two celebrity talks
- two Agatha Christie Trail guided walks
- two exhibitions
- town walks
- vintage and cream teas
- heritage train rides
- and much more...

In particular, local residents will be interested in a talk on **Friday 8 Sept** at Wallingford Masonic Hall at 8pm: 'The Life and Crimes of Agatha Christie' by John Curran, celebrated Agatha Christie specialist. Tickets £12. Bar available.

John Curran is a popular speaker with a vast knowledge of Agatha Christie's life and work. He is the author of award-winning books: *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebooks* and *Agatha Christie's Murder in the Making*. He will include plenty of references to her local connections.

The Masonic Hall has a Christie connection in that it was used for many years by the Sinodun Players for their performances. Agatha was their President from 1951 until her death in 1976 and she attended a large number of their productions in the Masonic Hall - loving Pantomime in particular! A number of her original letters are on display in Wallingford Museum that she wrote to the Chairman of the Players.



## What's on in Wallingford



## A history of Pettits of Wallingford



At the Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) September talk, Rachel Pettit-Smith will present 'A history of Pettits of Wallingford'.

Rachel's talk will give a history of Wallingford's department store, and a little about the family who ran it from its beginning in 1856 to the present day. The business was started by two brothers and changed and expanded through the years as it passed to later generations of the same family until 1987 when it was taken over by another local family.

Over time it has sold a large range of merchandise and undergone several transformations while continuing to serve the people of Wallingford and the surrounding area.

This talk is very timely as it also complements the 2017 'Pettits: past to present' exhibition at Wallingford Museum.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 13 Sept**, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

[www.twhas.org.uk](http://www.twhas.org.uk)

## 10 Green Flags for Wallingford Castle Meadows

Wallingford Castle Meadows, managed by environmental learning charity Earth Trust on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council, has been awarded a Green Flag for an incredible tenth year running and has received Green Heritage Site Accreditation for the fourth consecutive year.

The prestigious 'Green Flag' is a national award given to parks and greenspaces by Keep Britain Tidy. Sites compete annually to be among the best greenspaces in the country and need to demonstrate year-on-year improvement in order to retain the award. Wallingford Castle Meadows is one of 1,797 sites to receive the Green Flag in 2017. The Green Heritage Site Accreditation, recognises achievements in Wallingford Castle Meadows which is 16 hectares of hay meadow and floodplain on the banks of the River Thames, and contains the remains of one of the greatest medieval castles in England. As well as being historically significant, it's also an important site for wildlife, home to birds, bats, bluebells and more, and is a wonderful place for local residents to have on their doorstep. The Earth Trust has managed the nature reserve for the last 17 years on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council.

If you would like to join the volunteers who help look after Wallingford Castle Meadows, please get in touch: [volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk) or see [www.earthtrust.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/volunteer).



## Corn Exchange

Work has now begun to replace the leaking glass roof of Wallingford's historic Corn Exchange but more cash is still needed to provide additional facilities and to refurbish the theatre.

Volunteer fundraisers have already achieved their original £500,000 target, thanks in part to a major £170,000 cash boost from South Oxfordshire District Council's community grants committee.

However, while enough funds and pledges are available for immediate needs, which include a new roof, and new heating and ventilation, a further £100-150,000 is still required to bring the theatre up to its planned high specification.

Since the Roof Appeal was launched in January, a team of enthusiastic volunteers have worked tirelessly to raise the cash. Grant applications have been sent to numerous charities and trusts, many of which have resulted in substantial donations. Events, such as a barn dance, quiz evening, garden party and a Marathon Show have steadily boosted the amount, helped too by bucket collections after cinema screenings and Sinodun Players' live shows. Members of the public have donated via the online JustGiving site or by placing donations in the foyer collection box when passing the building. Wallingford Brownies, big fans of Corn Exchange pantos, donated £126.

Corn Exchange marketing director and fundraising committee member John Evans said: 'We're grateful too for all the other donations we have had, both large and small, especially the lady who came into the foyer to put £5 in the collection box and apologised that it was all she could afford. That really touched us all.'

Although the Corn Exchange is closed until the autumn, the foyer is open for coffee and cakes every Friday and Saturday morning between 10am and 2pm. Members of the public can take a look at how work is progressing through a viewing panel at the top of the auditorium stairs.

Meanwhile, films are being screened at the Great Hall in Cholsey Meadows as part of a collaboration with the Cholsey Development Trust. Films at Corn Exchange@The Great Hall for September will include:

**Saturday 23:** Sully (12A). Start time 7.30pm. £7 adults, £5 for under-15s.

**Friday 29:** NT Live screening of Yerma, starting at 7.00pm. All tickets £10.

Tickets can be booked online at [www.cornexchange.org.uk](http://www.cornexchange.org.uk) or bought for CASH on the door at The Great Hall. More details information about upcoming films (and directions to The Great Hall) are available on the website.



## Wallingford Gardening Club Garden Visit

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden programme concludes with a visit to Upper Chalford Farm, near Chinnor.

This is a Jacobean farmhouse garden surrounded by fields, old roses, shrubs and perennials. There are unusual trees - an ancient black pine, and Caucasian wingnut tree. Hidden gardens reveal different plantings and peaceful places to sit. Spring fed ponds and stream with damp planted banks lead to reclaimed woodland with treehouse, bog garden and wild flower meadow. Other features include topiary, wildlife ponds, conservatory sundials and donkeys.

This visit will be held at Upper Chalford Farm, between Sydenham and Postcombe, Chinnor OX39 4NH, at 6.00pm on **Thursday 7 September**, and cost £5.

Just turn up - cost £5. Visitors very welcome.

**Isabelle Darby**  
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## Wallingford U3A

Our August speaker, Tony King, went back to 'The Way It Was' growing up in the 40s and 50s. The talk was meticulously researched and illustrated. Many in the audience had their own memories which they swapped happily, later, over tea.

Speakers:

**September 6.** Dr. Martin Holmes on '*Tony Blair ... A Reputation Revised*'. Dr. Holmes is one of our most popular speakers: brilliant, knowledgeable and always entertaining.

**October 4th** George Vardon. *Whiskey Galore*

Outings:

**Thursday 14 September.** Eltham Palace. Birthplace of Henry VIII. It combines a Medieval Palace and an Art Deco mansion. For more information phone Eileen on **01491 825156**

The next Sunday Lunch date is **24 September**.

Wallingford U3A meets at 2.00pm on the first Wednesday of each month in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Come and join us.

To find out more about us please Google U3A, Wallingford; or phone Hermione on **01865 858024**, or Jill on **01491 835994**. Visitors are always welcome.

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

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## Day by day

Sat 2 Sept	<b>Autumn Flower Show</b> Village Hall Staging 9.00am to 10.30am Viewing 2.30pm to 4.00pm  <b>Dorchester Cricket Club</b> Dorchester v Deddington Recreation Ground
Sun 3 Sept	<b>Trinity 12</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Michael Lakey)  10.30am Morning Service  12.00 noon Baptism  1.30pm Baptism
Wed 6 Sept	<b>St Birinus School</b> Term starts
Sat 9 Sept	<b>Ride and Stride</b> (see p.28)  <b>Cemetery Clearance</b> 10.00am  <b>Dorchester Cricket Club</b> Dorchester II v Marcham II Recreation Ground
Sun 10 Sept	<b>Trinity 13</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes)  10.30am Sung Eucharist  12.00 noon Baptism
Tues 12 Sept	10.15am Short Communion
Wed 13 Sept	<b>Parish Council</b> Monthly meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 14 Sept	WI Talk by Hilary Beale <i>The Abingdon Food Bank</i> Village Hall 2.30pm
Sat 16 Sept	<b>Concert</b> OSJ Dorchester Abbey 7.30pm



Sun 17 Sept	<b>Trinity 14</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Jennifer Morton)  10.30am Family Service  12.00 noon Baptism  <b>Tennis Club</b> Mixed Doubles Tournament Recreation Ground 2.0pm
Mon 18 Sept	2.30pm Service at The Close
Thurs 21 Sept	<b>Classic Car Show</b> , George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm  <b>Chiropodist</b> Village Hall (see p29)  <b>Allotments Society AGM</b> Village Hall 7.30pm
Sun 24 Sept	<b>Trinity 15</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd David Haylett)  10.30am Sung Eucharist  5.00pm Evensong with Fellowship of St Birinus
Wed 27 Sept	Dorchester Historical Society <b>Ellie Reid</b> <i>'Dressing Up the Past: Historical Pageants in Early 20th Century Oxfordshire</i> Village Hall 7.30pm
Thurs 28 Sept	Service at the Cheshire Home 11.30am  <b>Dorchester Lecture</b> (see p17) Dame Helen Ghosh <i>What are the challenges facing the National Trust in the 21st Century?</i> Dorchester Abbey 7.30pm

## Weekly events

Tuesday	<b>Coffee in the Abbey</b> 10.30am-12noon <b>Bellringing Practice</b> 7.30pm Abbey <b>Fishmonger</b> 9.30am to 9.50am by War Memorial (p.3)
Wednesday	<b>Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church</b> 9.30am <b>Song School</b> Dorchester Abbey 5.00pm
Thursday	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b> 9.30am – 11.00am Village Hall: (term time only)
Friday	<b>Choir Practice</b> 7.00pm Abbey

Regular events also appear in the Parish  
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## Parish Registers

### Baptisms

11 June	Maximillian Lamb
2 July	Dylan James David Joseph Zachary Philip Giovanni Joseph
22 July	Eva Scarlett McBride

### Holy Matrimony

3 June	Christopher Wilson and Leanne McEneaney
1 July	Andrew Devlin and Kerry Stephens
5 July	Andrew Ponting and Tabitha Kruczko
15 July	Anthony Esse and Lindsey Bamford
22 July	Peter Hunt and Anna McBride

### Funerals

26 June	Richard Douglas
14 July	Rebecca Slingsby

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