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September 2018





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DoT view

Well, we've had a glorious summer, from June, through July and into August with record temperatures. As I write, it appears to have come to an end, with some much needed rain and temperatures that suddenly feel quite cold. The forecast for the rest of August is for temperatures to remain comfortable without getting into the 'hot zone' that we have had, with occasional rain. No records there, then, but the rain is much needed. Everywhere has been looking very parched. The cover picture, taken in late July, shows how yellow was the grass. Great weather, though, for a bit of boating, and this group of friends appear to be enjoying a good day out.

What a good job the Open Gardens afternoon was held at the beginning of the heatwave. With a record number of gardens open to the public it raised a record £1,260.

Hopefully gardens will have recovered for a really good Flower Show on 1st September. Let's see if we can get a record number of entries for that; it is always such a lovely occasion. And there will be more flowers at the end of the month with the NAFAS Festival of Flowers in the Abbey for three days. I am sure that they will put on a great show and raise money for Footsteps in the process.

But it is back to school on the 5th, heralding the coming of autumn, but let's enjoy September first.

Ian Brace

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I don't know about you but I love the 'blank

page' feeling that September always gives me. The phrase turning over a new leaf comes from the time when pages of a book were described as leaves possibly deriving from the ancient use of the Papyrus leaf to make documents. Whatever the origin that sense of making a new start is almost as strong at the beginning of September as it is on the first of January. Quite literally many of our young family and friends will be writing a new page of their life's book by beginning a new school, university, college or job at this time of year.

Opportunities like this present a chance to start afresh to leave behind bits of ourselves that we might want to emphasise less. I have one friend who left school called Andrew and began University as Julian. It marked an important change for him in the way that he had decided to live his life and adopting his middle name as the name of preference helped him to make that change.

I always think September is an exciting time – very often, refreshed after a summer break we come back with plans for new things to do as well as new ways to be. In the weeks following this new start I'm excited about a number of

Talking Point

things. Mainly the opportunity to celebrate the fortieth birthday of the Dorchester Team. We'll be doing this at a special Team service on 30 September giving us an opportunity to give thanks for all that has been and to welcome the new and the unknown future.

It has been a great privilege for me to have been associated with this Team for almost 20 years now – and to have known both my predecessors as Team Rector! There are many of you who have been part of it since the beginning and two of our clergy Rev David Haylett and Rev Jennifer Morton were involved in setting up the Team as Lay people, both have served it as Chair of the Team Council and both now serve as priests. This is a real testament to the Dorchester Team. We are not quite the earliest Team in the country and in our own Oxford Diocese it is always a pleasure to hear our Team being named as one that works well together – I'm probably the person who hears that most often and I'm really proud to pass it on! Everyone who lives in the Team is part of it – and if you are reading this in your village magazine then you are part of the Team!

Whatever part you play from village resi-

Rev. Canon Sue Booy

dent to Team Council mem-

ber and whether you have been around for days or decades I really hope you will join us to celebrate with a special service and with cake (of course) at 10.30am on 30 September in the Abbey. HAPPY BIRTHDAY DORCHESTER TEAM!!

I'm also excited about a number of events in the Abbey this term. In particular the Flower Festival at the end of September and the exhibition *LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey* which will take place in Dorchester Abbey's Cloister Gallery from the end of October until Christmas. The Abbey has seen some wonderful exhibitions in past years but nothing so innovative as this – a collaboration between two respected and well known Dorchester residents Adrian Brookes and Tim Cook – it promises to be a feast for all the senses. This exhibition has a number of important features linking it to the spiritual history of our building and the locality. It will create a 'mini pilgrimage' in a traditional place of pilgrimage set in the context of some of the most recent understandings of the creation and inspiring our visitors throughout the busy Advent to Epiphany season to think more widely about the spiritual and creation on the largest and deepest possible scale.

Harvest

The Morning Service on **7 October** will be our Harvest Festival Service. We welcome gifts of garden and allotment produce for the Festival which will be used to decorate the Abbey in the Traditional Style – if you can bring contributions on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning that is most helpful. If you wish to bring gifts that can be given to the Food Bank in Wallingford or Oxford Porch, you will find a list of the most useful gifts below.

- Long-life fruit juice
- Sugar
- Corned beef
- Hot dogs
- Tinned fruit
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Packets of cereal



Fellowship of St Birinus Evensong, 16 September

On 16 September at 5.00pm we will be joined by members of the Fellowship of St Birinus, their friends and family.

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

Mission Partners Sunday 2 September

As reported in the June edition of the News Tony and Katherine Paton will be on leave in the UK this summer. We have supported Tony and Katherine in their ministry in Laos through the Church Mission Society for more than six years now and the money raised in the Tea Room enables us to continue this and to support a range of different charities nationally and internationally. Tony and Katherine will be visiting and we can now confirm that they will be with us for our Morning Service on **2 September**. If you would like to meet them in a smaller group please let us know. You can see their most recent link letter on the Mission notice board.

Dorchester Lunch Club

The Lunch Club in Dorchester is a good social get together to enjoy a delicious home cooked two course lunch; it is not a charity and is for any Dorchester resident or couple over the age of 60 who has retired. You can be involved either as a partaker of the lunch or as a helper setting up the room, washing up, or as a cook. The lunches are held at 12.30 for 12.45 in the back room of the Village Hall on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the month from October to Easter, with a short break at Christmas. A charge of £5 is asked from those eating the lunch; the cooks are reimbursed for their expenses. The first lunch will be **10 October**.

If you are a recent newcomer to the village, it is a marvellous way of meeting others in the village because it is a very social thing to join, but we would also welcome longstanding residents as well, particularly those who have just stopped working and never previously had time to join things in the village.

As regards anyone who would like to be involved helping, we aim to have 4 to five teams of helpers and cooks. Each team taking it in turn to produce the meal and wash-up.

For all those who would just like to enjoy a cooked two course meal not cooked by themselves, you can either come each time or if you would prefer just occasionally. As it is not possible to accommodate more than 24 people sitting at tables in the back room of the Village Hall it will be necessary to tell Susan Jupp, phone number at end of this article, when you would like to come, this also helps the cooks to know the numbers to cook for.

Unfortunately over the last couple of years we have lost some wonderful residents who over many years regularly enjoyed the lunches, so I would particularly like new people to start coming. **Why not take a break from your own cooking and come and enjoy a good natter and someone else's cooking!**

Susan Jupp
Co-ordinator of the Lunch Club
01865 341066



Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

*Congratulations to the
winners of the June draw.*

1st prize	£75	No.11	Mr M Williams
2nd prize	£45	No.108	Mr J Stevenson
3rd prize	£25	No.96	Mr E Metcalf

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

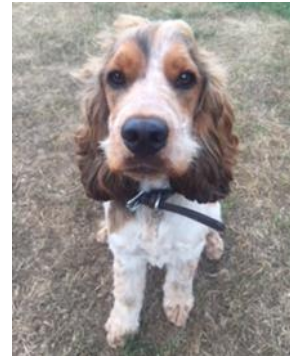
The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to reward supporters and raise funds for the village hall. We need new members to keep the draw worthwhile although there are good odds of winning as there is a maximum of 200 tickets in the draw. A ticket for the year (four draws from when you join) only costs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

Thank you for your support!

Elaine



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served canapes or simply came and
enjoyed the Safari Supper

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 13 September** at 2.30pm in the back room of the Village Hall and will be given by Lou Oldroyd who will be taking us through exercises to keep us trim and active, so the next time you meet any of our members you may not recognise us in our newly activated bodies! We were going to visit Brightwell Vineyard on this day, but we had to cancel it because we needed to make up a party of 20 and couldn't manage that, but no doubt substituting exercise instead of wine tasting is a much healthier activity for us.

In July we had a delicious tea in the beautiful garden sitting by the lakeside at 'The Barn' by kind invitation of Lindsey and Anthony Esse. The weather

Dorchester WI

was perfect, not too hot and such a lovely venue to have a meeting.

In August, as I write this, we have just returned from Highclere Castle seeing the rooms where Downton Abbey was filmed and learning about the history of the building and Carnarvon family. We walked in the stunning landscaped park with so many beautiful trees and the 'secret garden' still looking very colourful in spite of the drought and heat wave we are experiencing. Our afternoon included an excellently presented exhibition about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the artefacts found, all in all a thoroughly enjoyable visit.

Susan Jupp
Secretary

Hempcroft Allotments September



As September approaches it time to inform all allotment holders that the AGM will be held on 27 September at the Dorchester on Thames Village Hall from 7.00pm. Renewal of our plots with a new rental agreement and a copy of the Allotments Constitution.

This will be the first year the Hempcroft Allotments will be awarding cups to three lucky members.

Sub-letting the practice of sub-letting is not allowed, if you are giving up your plot, reallocation can only be approved by the Chairperson/committee

Any members not wishing to renew their plots please could you let me know by telephone or email please call: 01865 340119 or email: stu@horted.co.uk before the AGM. Many thanks.

Plots available full and half size. Please call: **01865 340119** or email: stu@horted.co.uk

Hempcroft Allotments
Annual General Meeting
To be held at the Village Hall
27th September
at 7.00pm

Allotment Party and Sausage Sizzle

There will be an 'allotment summer party' this first event will take place on September 2nd from 12.30pm on the allotment all members and villagers will be invited to come along, bring own drinks and picnic food to share with others. Free of charge and all welcome. See separate advert in Dorchester News and notices on allotment.

Old and new members welcome

Flu Jabs

Berinsfield Health Centre

- Wednesday 19 September
15:00 - 18:00
- Friday 21 September
09:00 - 12:00
- Thursday 27 September
14:00 - 16:00
- Wednesday 3 October
15:00 - 18:00
- Saturday 6 October
08:00 - 11:00

More clinics will be added as demand justifies it

Sunglasses thieved by jackdaws



While cleaning one of our rooflights our window cleaner was surprised to find a pair of sunglasses lying on the roof of our house in Rotten Row (photos attached). Jackdaws visit us regularly and so this could be their doing! The lenses are (not surprisingly) a bit scratched, and the frame is damaged but probably repairable. The owner might like to know where they went, and have them back if they wish.

Michael and Veronica Evans



If they are your sunglasses, contact Michael and Veronica or Dorchester News

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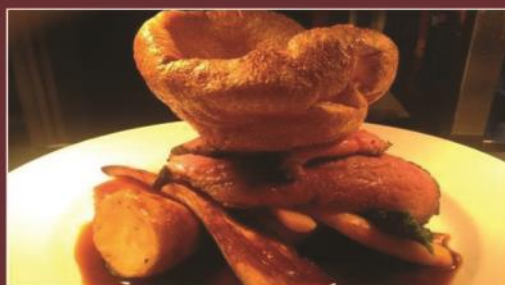
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The Footsteps Foundation is delighted to be associated with, and benefit from, the wonderful Festival of Flowers being staged by the Berks Bucks and Oxon Area of NAFAS. The 54 imaginative floral displays inside and outside the Abbey will depict a variety of journeys, both current and historical. This is such an appropriate title since children who attend the Footsteps Centre are embarking on a journey which they hope will enable them to take a footstep of their own at some stage in their young lives.

Footsteps Foundation provides access to specialist physiotherapy for disabled children from around the UK and the charity is very grateful for the support of the Flower Festival.

Entry by programme is £8, available on the door, on the main viewing days: 10.00 to 6.00pm on Friday and Saturday and 12.00 to 5.00pm on Sunday.

There is also a Preview evening on **Thursday 27 September** from 7.00 to 9.00pm with complimentary drink and canapes. Preview evening tickets cost £15 and must be purchased in advance. Dorchester residents should contact Hilary Warburton from the Friends of Dorchester – email hilarywarburton@btinternet.com or phone **01865 341421**.

Part of the flower festival will feature a tree from which decorated footprints will hang. This is a competition for children in age

groups 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12 so why not get your children, grandchildren, pupils etc to enter. Download the template from the BB&O Area of NAFAS website at bbandoflowers.org.uk. See **Area Events** under the **What's On** tab. Cut around the foot shape and attach a piece of ribbon through a hole in the heel end. Decorate with dried or drawn flowers, leaves, seedheads etc, and don't forget to put your name, age and contact details on the back. To arrange submission of entries to the competition phone Irene Manson on **0118 9470737** or email her at irene.manson3@btinternet.com. Closing date for the competition is **20 September**. The footprints may be collected (if required) at the end of the festival on **Sunday 30 September**.

Proceeds from the festival will be shared between Dorchester Abbey and Footsteps Foundation.

For more information visit the What's On section of bbandoflowers.org.uk.

I hope to see you there for a glorious floral display. Please come up and speak to me, I will be wearing my **Footsteps** tee shirt.

Susan Twitchett
(Footsteps Ambassador)

Dorchester on Thames
Historical Society
Wednesday 26 September 2018
7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room
Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

Change of Programme

Professor Malcolm Airs will talk about:

'Nuneham Courtenay – the most beautiful landscape in the world'



This talk will explore the chequered fortunes of the Nuneham estate from its creation in 1712 down to its recent sale in 2017. It is a fascinating story which covers the mansion, the landscaped park and the planned village and features a wide range of characters including monarchs, statesmen, philosophers, poets, painters, peasants and exotic animals.

The talk originally scheduled for this month, 'Up the street: the history of pubs, shops and businesses in Dorchester', by Margot Metcalfe and Denise Line, will now be given in March 2019.

Looking forward, the talk on **October 24** will be by Lisa Walker on 'A history of women's rowing in Oxford'.

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

Margot Metcalfe
Chairman



Bring apples and have great fun pressing your own apple juice
(Don't forget containers to put it in!)

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An appeal for Inspirational Individuals!

You don't need to have lived in our village for long to recognise that we are surrounded by a plethora of incredible creative and intellectual individuals!

This is a plea to anyone that thinks they might have something to offer the next generation.

We have a wonderful village school, but we want to make it even better which, amidst all the government cuts may prove challenging!

Perhaps you could spare an hour a week to lead a maths or literature club, or read with the children. Perhaps you have a penchant for chess, sudoku, gardening or baking. We are keen to enrich our pupils learning in any way we can, and you don't have to be a teacher or a complete expert to have an impact and inspire.

Not only would you be making a valuable contribution to these children's lives and our community, but studies show what a positive effect helping children can have on our own mental wellbeing.

Why not give it a try? We are interested in hearing from you whatever commitment you feel you may be able to offer.

It is with great sadness that we say 'goodbye' to fellow villager, Dr Boakes who for 13 years has run a Literacy Club with the Year 6 pupils on Fridays. His input and wealth of knowledge will stay with those children forever and we are so grateful for all he has shared.

If you think you have a skill you might like to share, please call Amanda on **07796 942027** to discuss further.

Thanks for your time.

Chiropodist

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Village Hall (back room)
19 September
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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.



St Birinus Primary School News

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

- In June, the school headed off to Cadbury World, a great visit to supplement our Big Write theme of Chocolate. Everyone had a wonderful time and I was very proud to hear that they were good ambassadors for the school. Thank you to the staff for organizing the trip and to all the other helpers who gave up their day to join our adventures and no doubt some chocolate!
- Once again, the weather was kind to us for our Sports Afternoon - Well done to all the children who took part in the races – it is always great to see the enthusiasm. It was the second year of our Sports Cup and this year, it was won by the Red Team – well done to all groups for supporting each other throughout the races
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was the musical performed by the KS2 children this summer. Despite the immense heat in the hall and in their costumes – they did an amazing job remembering all their lines and songs. The Oompa-Loompas were a delight to behold, the image still makes me smile. Thank you to the staff that helped bring the performance together.
- Key Stage 2 children were lucky to have a session at the archaeological digs in Dorchester and have a hands-on experience of the finds. They all had a great time.
- After the success of the Kings and Queens Day last year – our theme this year was the movies, which saw everyone dress up as a character or person linked to the movie industry. The costumes as always were a wonder to see. We split the school into mixed age groups and each group was able to try their hands at acting a small movie, stop-motion animation, dragon masks and art linked to the Little Mermaid. It was a great day helped with the fantastic weather
- A few months ago, Fox class entered a Poetry Competition organised by the Somerset Literacy Network. Each child created their own mini-beast poem and I am pleased to announce that Jake Sullivan-Webb came joint 3rd in the Lower KS2 category, winning a poetry book. Sian Wilson, Axl-Zayvier Taylor, Sasha Jasinskaite and Riley Wells were commended for their poems. Well done to Fox Class for all their efforts.

- 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 presented his Literacy Prize to Amelie White and then as a final prize – a champion of champions – Dr Boakes awarded this prize to a former pupil – Grace Chadney – well done to both. 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 and this year in particular as this was his last year with us. He has been a great asset to our school with his support for our Literacy work and we will miss him. This is the sixth year of the Luke Chadney Cup for Enthusiasm and Contribution, which was generously donated by Mr and Mrs Chadney in memory of their son, Luke (who would have been a member of this Year 6 group). This year, the cup was awarded to Thomas Lester, who the staff felt had made a valuable contribution to school by willingly helping others in need of a friend. Well done Thomas – well deserved.
- Finally, we awarded our annual 100% Attendance Certificates - this year the following children have achieved 100% attendance – Daniel Brooks and Mylo Budd. A fantastic effort!

As you read our news, we will be preparing to start a new term on **Wednesday 5 September** and as always we are certainly looking forward to another exciting year at school. You will see an 'advert' in the news this month asking for volunteers from the village to help in school – I am grateful to Mrs Budd for helping to co-ordinate this. We always appreciate any assistance to help us develop the children's learning.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher
Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School



Pre School News

The children have been enjoying their summer break from Pre-School and will be starting the new school year when this is published. We hope everyone has enjoyed the sunshine!

Back in July we had our leavers graduation when we said goodbye to 10 of our children who are off to big school now. Six of them will go to Dorchester-on-Thames Primary school. We also had Sports Day when all children took part in different races and competitions and enjoyed sports activities.

Term starts again on **Wednesday 5 September** and we still have spaces left for newcomers to start in September or January. If you have any enquiries please drop us an email.

Dorchester Pre-School is run by a Committee of unpaid volunteers. If you are interested in helping Pre-School by joining the committee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email Hayley at admin@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk. We meet through the year, our Annual General Meeting and annual elections will be in October 2018.

Kristina Palm
Secretary, Dorchester Pre School



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LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey is coming to the Abbey on 20 October 2018!

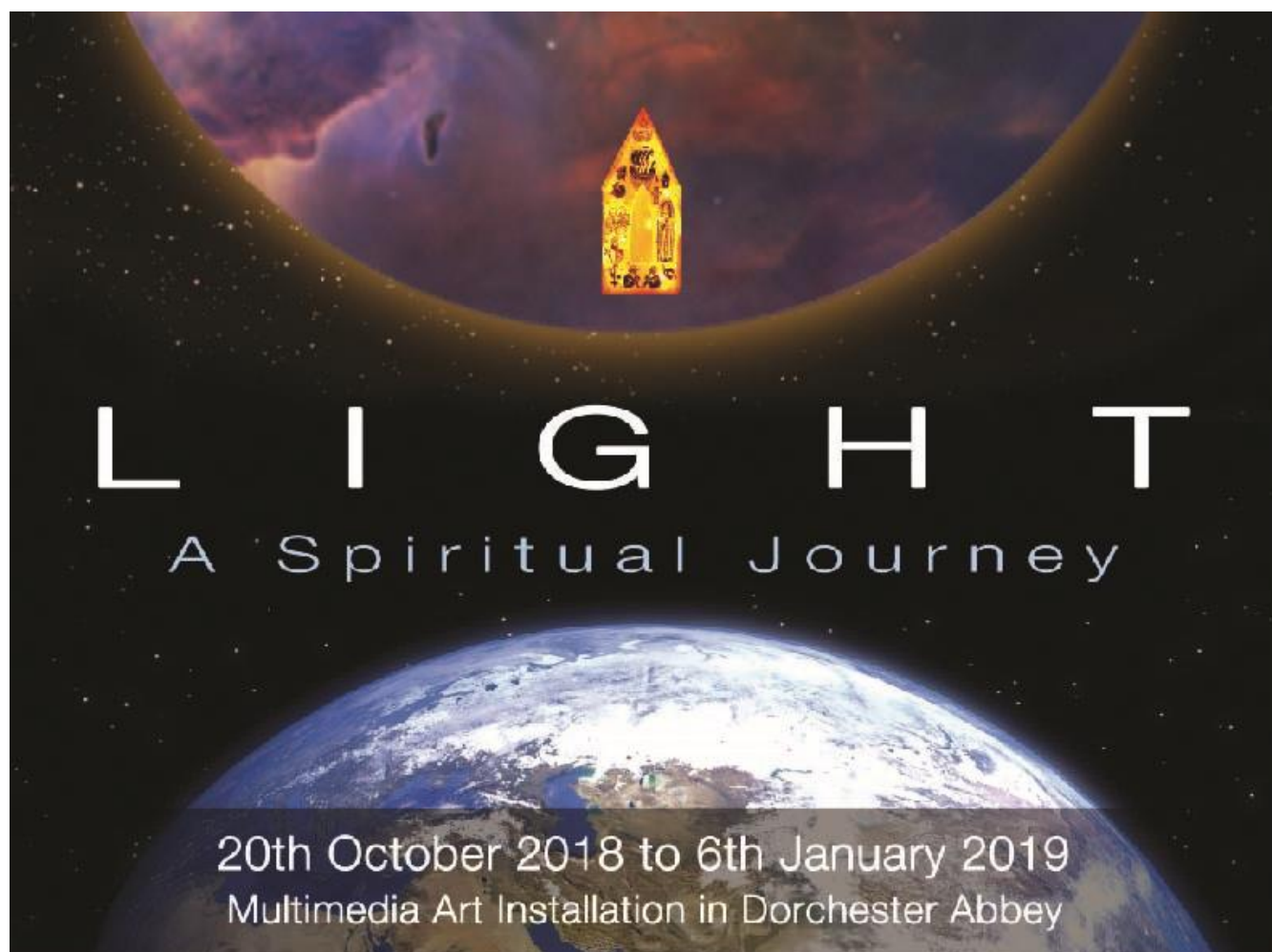


An original and exciting exhibition installation is planned for the Abbey's Cloister Gallery. Utilising a range of visual and audio media, including a projection of breath taking images of the Cosmos from The Hubble Space Telescope, it will be entitled: ***LIGHT – A Spiritual Journey.***

The main focus of the exhibition will be a series of specially commissioned shrines by theatre maker Adrian Brooks. These shrines will be cast from coloured resin, each one will be unique, individually decorated and lit from within. As you progress through the exhibition space each shrine will light up, glowing in the darkness, symbolically marking our life's journey. Accompanying the shrines and the spectacular images from The Hubble Space Telescope will be a specially written requiem by local composer Tim Cook. The music, which will surround visitors in the Cloister Gallery space, will heighten a sense of wonder at the universe and our place within it.

Accompanying **LIGHT** will be a thematically linked education programme exploring the areas of RE, science, literacy, and design. As well as a guided tour of the exhibition, planned workshops will include themes such as *Pilgrimages and Shrines*, *Creation Stories in Science and Faiths*, *Shadow Puppets and Stories of Light*, amongst others. Please contact the Abbey's Education Officer, Margaret Craig, for further details or to make a booking!

This unique event is due to open on **20 October 2018**; definitely not to be missed

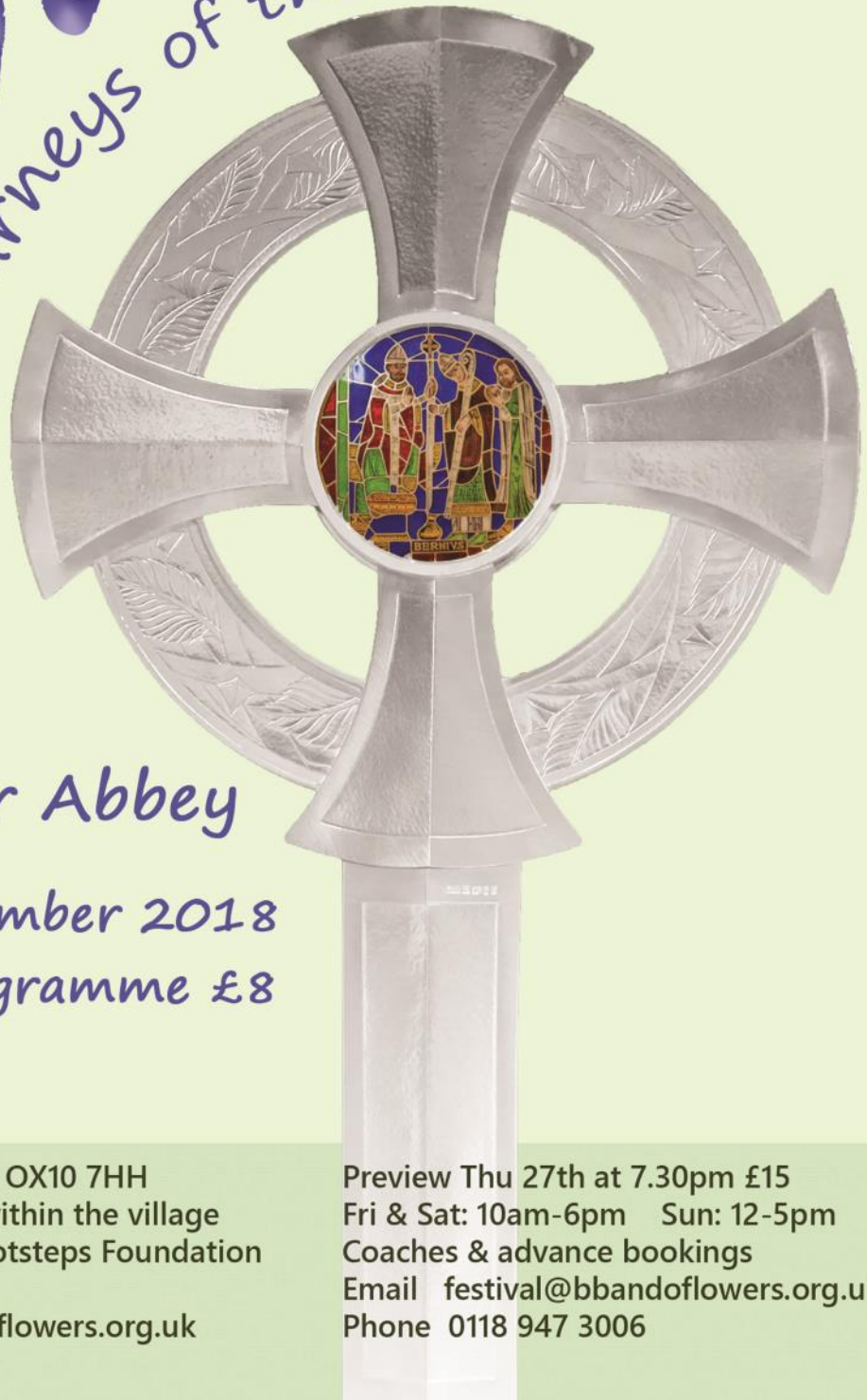


Festival of Flowers

Berks Bucks & Oxon Area of NAFAS presents

Footsteps

Journeys of the Soul



Dorchester Abbey

28-30 September 2018

Entry by programme £8

Dorchester-on-Thames, OX10 7HH
Refreshment facilities within the village
Festival proceeds to Footsteps Foundation
and Dorchester Abbey
More details at bbandoflowers.org.uk

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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 and fees to be submitted **no later than 7.00 pm on the 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 1st September 2018

Staging 9.00 am -10.30 am
Viewing 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and
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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
The Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate and
The Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup

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
- 12) French Beans 5
- 13) Any other beans 5
- 14) Marrow 1, fit for table (up to 12" long)
- 15) Peppers 2
- 16) Tomatoes 5
- 17) Tomatoes, Cherry type 7
- 18) Cucumbers 2
- 19) Courgettes 3 (4-6" long)
- 20) Herbs - 4 bunches in water (space 12"x12")
- 21) Any other vegetable (see rule 2)
- 22) Squash 2
- 23) A disaster vegetable

Section 2 - Fruit

- 24) Apples, Cooking 5
- 25) Apples, Dessert 5
- 26) Berry Fruit (see rule 2)
- 27) Any other fruit (see rule 2)

Section 3 - Flowers

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

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 41) 'Mardi Gras' (max 46x46x46cm/18x18x18")
- 42) 'Flavour of the sea' (max 20x20x20cm/8x8x8")

Section - 5 Domestic

- 43) Tarte Tatin
- 44) Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- 45) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 46) A tear and share loaf
- 47) Savoury scones - 3
- 48) Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 49) 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"

- 50) 'Remembrance'
- 51) Subject beginning with "B"
- 52) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4
- 53) An unframed painting or drawing - please state size on entry form

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

- 54) Age 9 and over:
A paper boat
- 55) Age 8 and under:
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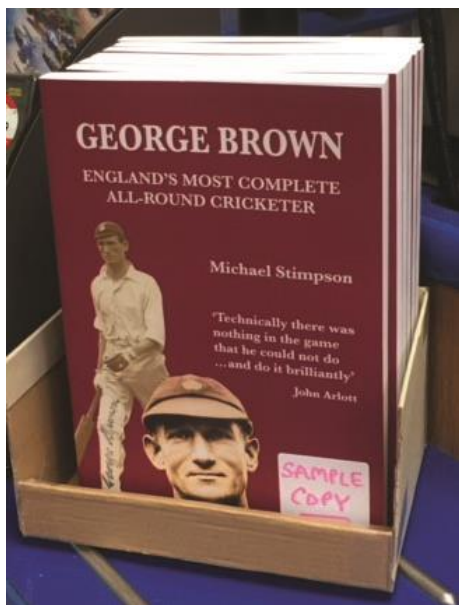
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George Brown the cricketer, by Mike Stimpson

You may not have heard of cricketer George Brown, but you are likely to know Mike Stimpson. Brown was a colourful cricketer who was born in Cowley and played in seven test matches in the early 1920s. Stories are still told about him, such as how his under arm bowling was so fierce that his longstop wore straw padding, and that a bye once killed a passing dog. Now a new book of his life has been written by Mike Stimpson of Dorchester in which you can learn all about this remarkable man's life.



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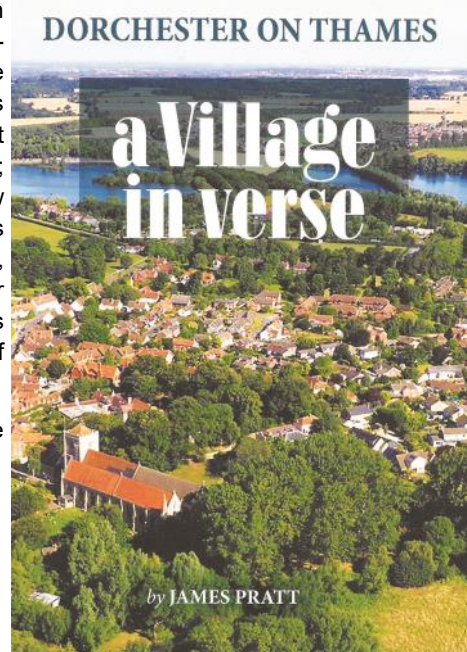
Whether you are interested in cricket or not, take a look when you are next shopping there and find out about this remarkable man.

A Village in verse by James Pratt

Another Dorchester writer, James Pratt, has now released his new book of poems which Dorchester News reported on back in May.

It is called *a Village in verse*, (not *Around and About* as reported in May) is beautifully produced and contains 36 of James's inimitable poems, reflecting on life in and around Dorchester over the years as well as some poems that are more personal; some that show James's interests in stock car racing, and others on wider themes such as the Treasures of England.

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30/06/2018	Dorchester v Risinghurst	Risinghurst win by 4 wkts
07/07/2018	Kilkenny v Dorchester	Kilkenny win by 118 runs
14/07/2018	Dorchester v Broughton and NN	Dorchester win by 7 wkts
21/07/2018	Dorchester v Chadlington	Dorchester win by 6 wkts
04/08/2018	Dorchester v Marcham	Dorchester win by 4 wkts
11/08/2018	Brill v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 119 runs

Division 6		Result
16/06/2018	Middleton Cheney II v Dorchester II	Middleton Cheney II win by 7 wkts
23/06/2018	Dorchester II v Witney Swifts II	Witney Swifts II win by 11 runs
30/06/2018	Risinghurst II v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 78 runs
07/07/2018	Dorchester II v Wolvercote III	Wolvercote III win by 6 wkts
14/07/2018	Letcombe v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 43 runs
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Dorchester Golf Society (The DOGS)

It has been a busy time for members of DOGS since our last newsletter.

On Friday 29 June we visited Sonning Golf Club for lunch and 18 holes, the course was new to most of us, but this did not prevent John Garrod from storming home with an excellent 35 points.

Our next outing was the annual Dorchester DOGS v Deddington DOGS at Kidlington. Unfortunately, our losing run continued, going down 4.5 to 1.5 matches. The event was followed by an evening get together at the Deddington Arms. Many thanks to Nigel and Sue Oddy for organising the event and providing the generous prizes.

Golf is not our only interest and on July 14 we gathered for our annual barbeque, not surprisingly this year the weather was perfect and all 28 guests had a great evening. It was only made possible by the kindness of David and Jan Joseph, in allowing the ravenous hordes into their beautiful garden.

Our most recent event was on July 20th at Huntercombe, we played 11 holes in the evening, then gathered in the White Hart for an excellent follow up meal. The event proved to be a maiden victory for Jan Rimmer whose golf is coming on leaps and bounds.

We will shortly be running an evening event at the recently refurbished Springs club and will be playing 18 holes at Newbury on August 22. Anyone in the village or surrounding area who wishes to join us will be made very welcome.

Contact: John Edwards : **01865 343062**
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Further details from Denise Line **01865 340905**; denise.line@btinternet.com.

Painting: Rosie Southon



Readers may remember a piece in the **Dorchester News** in November 2015 about a replacement bench in the Abbey cloister garden funded by a generous American lady, Barbara Bergmann. It sits there very handsomely today, nicely weathered and with a wonderful inscription: *This bench is a gift to Dorchester-on-Thames and the Abbey from Barbara Bergmann, Claremont, California, 2015.*

It took up residence in September 2015 and in June this year, Barbara finally got to see it and sit on it. She first visited Dorchester in 2009 in connection with her historical research for a novel she is writing in her retirement. It is set in a fictional village close to Oxford. Online research led her to Dorchester which seemed ideal for her purposes. On that visit she saw the Abbey, the Museum and The George but must have missed the cloister garden and the bench with the inscription 'In memory of Doris and Edward Caster, Claremont, California, USA'. If she had seen it she would have been very surprised indeed as she herself lives in Claremont, California.

But to go back to the start of this connection. The inscription on the decaying original bench led me to think about contacting the local newspaper if there was one, in Claremont. I was hoping that somebody would remember the Casters – family or friends – and shed light on how the bench came to be there and why. I was delighted to find that the *The Claremont Courier* existed so I contacted the editor asking if she would put in a piece about the bench. I hoped that some of her readers would have known the Casters in whose memory it was purchased and placed in the garden. Because the inscription was undated it was difficult to know when exactly it was put there but I guessed at the early 1960s. A re-reading of Edith Stedman's book, *A Yankee in an English Village*, confirmed this. Six benches supplied by Coopers of Oxford arrived in 1960. One of these must have been the Caster's bench.

Following publication of the article in the *Courier* I was contacted by Barbara. As she told me later, 'My eye was caught by the words **Dorchester-on-Thames**. It made me read it of course because the village is so special to me.' Up until that time she thought of Dorchester as her own little discovery so when she came across the article it felt like a circle was being completed. Barbara very generously offered to fund the purchase of a new bench. We discussed the design and a suitable inscription. I insisted on including her name and the date so that future generations would know exactly when it was put there and by whom.



Barbara Bergmann with the bench

Bench Mark II

A visit planned for 2017 was cancelled due to a family bereavement and I had rather given up hope of meeting Barbara. Then an email from her announcing that she and her partner Daryl were coming to the UK in early June arrived in my inbox. Staying in Oxford for a few days they wanted



Barbara Bergmann with Malcolm Airs, Megan Parry and the bench

to come and see the bench. So it was that we met them both off the bus at the bypass and spent a delightful few hours in their company.

What is it with Americans who seem to fall in love with this village? Well, for those of us who live here it is obvious. Barbara and Daryl I know thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Barbara was particularly thrilled to join us for tea in our house as the High Street is one of the locations she uses in her novel.

Since Barbara's return to Claremont she has found and bought a copy of Edith Stedman's book and on this side of the Atlantic I have discovered that there is a memorial plaque to the Casters in a cemetery very close to where Barbara lives and walks her dog. Whether either of us will ever get to the bottom of the Caster's connection to Dorchester, except of course through the indomitable Edith Stedman, remains to be seen. But as Barbara said, 'I am just delighted that the bench is in some ways making something concrete out of a story that is still manifest only in my imagination. I guess the bottom line is that it is a very small world.' It certainly is!

Megan Parry



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Brian David Pritchard 1942-2018

Born in Preston Crowmarsh in January 1942, Brian was one of four children, all of whom had sadly succumbed to heart problems as Brian did. As a boy he attended Dorchester School and also sang in the choir in the Abbey.

When he left school he was apprenticed at Ameys and later set up a small haulage business with brother in law, Will.

Will and Tilly grew up in Marsh Baldon – they met in Wallingford one day when it was very clear that Brian wanted to stop and talk to her but he was very shy. Finally he invited her to Wallingford Fair. When Tilly asked her Mum if she could go the response was 'Yes you can – your Dad and I will be there to bring you home.' However when they discovered that Brian's father had been at school with Tilly's uncle he gained the parental seal of approval!

Family was extremely important to Brian and to Tilly. He was very close to his brother, Eric, and they enjoyed many holidays together in their motorhome,



travelling to Cornwall and Devon. Colin, Brian's nephew, had been very close to him since his father died and a huge support to Tilly in recent weeks.

Later Brian worked at RMC for 28 years.

This was a job he loved. He was able to be out in the open air walking the perimeter of the quarries. Walking was a habit that continued. Many will remember him walking that well-worn path from Abingdon Road to the Co-op every morning.

Brian loved dogs. Two Labradors and also dachshunds. He also loved football and sadly didn't see Gareth Southgate in his waistcoat leading a young England team in the recent world cup.

He had a great partnership with Tilly in their marriage. It was a real pleasure to celebrate 50 years here in the Abbey and on the dance floor. They danced for over thirty years with the Selleck School of Dancing and Brian was renowned for being very light on his feet – especially for the larger

gentleman!

A sweet, kind and generous man is the way that Tilly will remember Brian, her beloved husband and lifelong support and partner



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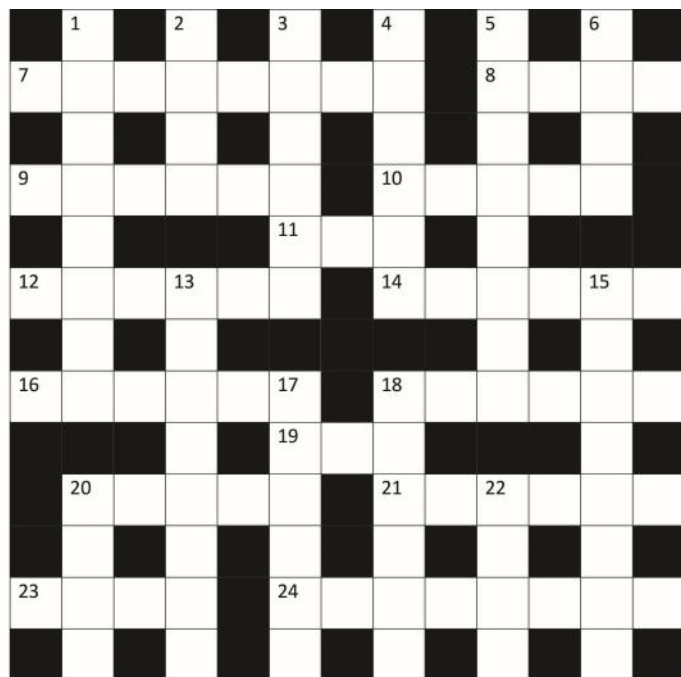
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 8. Amazed having a try at gravity. (4)
 9. Proverbially axiomatic and coming to pieces. (6)

- 10 A garment for the soldier's faulty service. (5)
 11 One comes after a hook maybe. Look in the pond!
 12 Taking the good with the libidinous. (6)
 14 A reduced store goes to Thanet perhaps. Get rid! (6)
 16 An egg I broke when making the steak more tender. (6)
 18 Gas jerks the internet bully's tail off. (6)
 19 Social unrest. (3)
 20 Ask where men started families long ago. (5)
 21 The French, odd and soft before, get to crease up. (6)
 23 The maps are endlessly down in this capital. (4)
 24 The First Lady receives extra and it goes on and on. (8)

Down

- 1 Enduring verticality. (8)
 2 Racing cars by hollow memory, what a business! (4)
 3 Difficult to find a colour when you have a twitch inside. (6)
 4 A pointed tool holds the ropes. You are not even warm ! (6)
 5 Got a pill manufactured in an old flask? (8)
 6 Is he into uttering promises? He'll certainly try to sell you some. (4)
 13 A container good for Trump in this town. (8)
 15 Mobile rose lips can divulge plots. (8)
 17 A gun she can collect. (6)
 18 If you carry the queen you will get a dark libation. (6)
 20 Make music for royalty after a short break. (4)
 22 A silent show and I am self-contained. (4)

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DADS

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DADS change of production

The production of *The Slipper and the Rose* proposed by DADS for November this year and which was previously mentioned in Dorchester News has been postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped that it will be staged in the near future.

Instead, DADS will be performing *Joking Apart* by Alan Ayckbourn from **Wed 21 to Sat 24 November**.

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The following are extracts from a letter to the Parish Council from the Expressway Action Group received on 6 August. More recent information may be available before Dorchester News is published.

'A letter from Kit Malthouse, Minister of State for Housing has been obtained. The clear message from this letter is that the Expressway project and its associated 1,000,000 new homes appear to be going ahead, with government support. Our local authorities have just been given six weeks until the 14th September to prepare and submit proposals for "new settlements" along the OxCam Arc, to try and achieve the 1 million new homes target. Oxfordshire's 'pro-rata' share of this total would be around 300,000 more homes, effectively doubling the county's population in just 20 to 30 years (this is on top of the 100,000 new homes already planned for construction in the current Local Plan by 2031). These 'new settlements' would presumably also influence where the Expressway would go.

*We believe this is both unachievable and undemocratic, since there won't be time to consult Councillors on any plan which Council officers might prepare. Any plans for a large or very large settlement should involve proper environmental, habitat, transport and services studies **before** a sensible decision on location and size could be made. Clearly they could not be carefully worked out in just 6 weeks - New Towns take years to plan, not weeks!*

There would certainly not be time to ask all Oxfordshire residents if they want a new town (or towns) built here, nor for any public debate on where it might go.

Many of our member parishes are in the South Oxfordshire District Council area, and we know that SODC full Council have voted and formally resolved that any Expressway route/corridor should run West of Oxford and via Bicester. SODC and its officers should therefore oppose any large new settlements / towns in lands to the South of Oxford - but I would suggest that as many of us as possible write to them asking them to respect and conform with that Council resolution, and not to propose any new settlements there to the Minister.

For everyone: can I ask you to read the Minister's letter, circulate it as widely as possible and write to your District and County Councillors, your MP and to the District and County Council leaders to express your surprise and great concern?'

The Minister's letter is available on the Dorchester Parish Council website at

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/posts/>

Chris Hill

Chairman

Dorchester Parish Council

Adopt a Grave

Many of the graves and headstones in our village cemetery are carefully tended by families and friends, but some of the others are neglected and look very sad. The Parish Council is responsible for grass cutting and general maintenance but not individual plots, so the neglected burial sites remain untidy and overgrown. This spoils the appearance of the cemetery, which is such a shame for those people who do make an effort.

This was raised at the recent Parish Council meeting and it was suggested that Dorchester follows the lead of some other villages and organises an 'Adopt a Grave' initiative. Most of the neglected plots have no-one living in the area or are so old that there's no traceable family to turn to, so local families and individuals volunteer to clear and care for a specific grave. This has often prompted them to



discover more about the people buried there, who they were and where they lived as well as vastly improving the look of a special place.

If this interests you then our Parish Clerk, Geoff Russell, maintains our cemetery records and plot numbers, so let him know and together we will sort out an appropriate grave for you to 'adopt'.

This initiative applies only to the village cemetery, the closed churchyard around the Abbey is not available.

I am hoping to run occasional 'before and after' pictures and stories in future editions of Dorchester News.

Geoff's contact details are in the Useful information page.

Keith Russell

Parish Councillor

Cemetery and Closed Churchyard

Parish Council Notices

Dog Walkers

During this long, hot Summer there has been a very worrying increase in the number of complaints that the Parish Council has received about irresponsible dog walkers allowing their pets to foul our pavements and footpaths. But why? There are dog waste bag dispensers placed strategically around the village and plenty of bins where, once full, these bags can be deposited.

Monthly Meetings

The September Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 12 September** commencing at 7.30 p.m. and the October Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10 October** also commencing at 7.30pm.

The Agenda will be posted on Village Noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website :

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of each meeting.

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

River Thame Conservation Trust

Earlier in the year, individuals, groups and communities were enlisted to find clean, unpolluted water in the River Thame Catchment as part of the Clean Water Quest survey. During May and June, volunteers collected and tested water samples from over 450 sites across the catchment, from the River Thame itself as it meanders its way past Aylesbury to Dorchester on Thames, and its surrounding waterbodies, headwaters, streams and ponds. Volunteers used simple test kits to measure the levels of two widespread nutrient pollutants, nitrate and phosphate.

The findings revealed high levels of both nitrate and phosphate across all habitat types. However, despite the many pressures on the landscape, clean water could still be found, with 16% of sites being free of pollution. Of those sites, almost three quarters were ponds. Clean water was also found in the running water, but it was concentrated in the headwaters, particularly where they rise in semi-natural habitat, such as woodland. If you would like to view the results in more detail, please visit www.riverthame.org/volunteering/clean-water-quest/.

The Clean Water Quest survey has highlighted the importance of smaller waters in providing clean unpolluted water, essential for much of our wildlife, and how vital it is to extend this clean water network. This can be achieved through clean water pond



Community Speedwatch Campaign

Last October, the Parish Council signed up for a Community Speedwatch campaign for a period of six months at a number of strategic locations. It was emphasised that there must be a process for providing information to the village, not about who had been caught speeding but how many, with the aim of raising public awareness and improving road safety.

The Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report stated that the Speedwatch initiative had finally started. Motorists recorded driving at excessive speeds are reported to the police. It was emphasised that the objective is to deter drivers from excessive speeding and not to enforce speed limits - that is the responsibility of the police.

There have been a number of compliments from local residents supporting the initiative, encouraging waves from passers by and one Secondary School parent pleased that something was being done to address the dangerously high speeds experienced by pupils standing at the bus stop on Henley Road in the direction of Wallingford.

To date, volunteers have completed 11 sessions in the High Street and Henley Road. A total of 76 vehicles were recorded with 25 above 40 mph and 7 above 45mph. 32 letters were issued to the vehicle owners by Thames Valley Police.

The Police's Neighbourhood Team Newsletter for Wallingford - August 2018 - reported that PCSOs have been working with the Parish Councils in Warborough, Benson and Ewelme to set Community Speedwatch in the villages.

This is something that is working really well in other areas. Dorchester on Thames are very proactive and another campaign will be considered and the Parish Council will be asked to include other locations.

Please remember to drive sensibly and within the speed limit; this is your village and the aim is to keep it safe for all to enjoy. Thank you.



creation, and can be as simple as creating a rain water fed garden pond or as grand as a creating a large wetland complex. Big or small, all clean water creation is valuable.

It is only through the power of citizen science that this extensive survey could be undertaken. If you would like to take part in future water quality testing, and contribute to improvements in the water quality of our local river, please contact hannah@riverthame.org for more information.



From your MP...

...John Howell

Contrary to the views of some constituents, when Parliament is in recess it does not mean that MPs are necessarily on holiday. Indeed along with many people most MPs do try to take a holiday but not for the whole period of recess!

I like to use the recess to get out and about in the constituency. I can do so in a more relaxed way than is possible when I only have the weekend to do this. Over the last few weeks I have been selecting a few villages or hamlets to visit at a time and have gone to see what 'Conversations in the Street' I can have with constituents. This is effectively a programme of street surgeries where I go out and see who is about and wants to talk. I find it enormously helpful to discover the issues that people raise off the top of their heads. It may be prompted by a recent news item, but often people take the opportunity to raise concerns that they have about many and varied issues. This summer among the issues people have raised are local shops, homelessness, support for carers, volunteer drivers, the RAF and Brexit! If you see me out and about and have something you want to discuss do please stop me and have a chat. Face to face conversations are always so much more productive than the short exchanges possible on social media or the more formal exchanges in writing. It can also be more helpful to people than travelling to a more formal MPs advice surgery.

Recess also gives me the opportunity to catch up with meetings and visits that have not been possible to fit into the usual schedule, and to catch up on emails and post. Despite the sunshine we have had this summer which has got people out more, and the fact that it is holiday period, the emails still roll in in great numbers!

Government Ministers also continue to work during the recess. For those parishes in the constituency concerned about the proposed Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge expressway there has been worry at a published letter from Kit Malthouse MP, Minister for Housing, calling for 'ambitious proposals for housing growth' in the 'CaMKOx arc', as it has come to be known.* I believe this to be very premature and have written to the Minister to express my concern at the issuing of such an alarming letter, especially during the holiday period.

For those in the catchment of Townlands Memorial Hospital in Henley there appears, at last, to be an end to the parking fiasco which has haunted patients and visitors alike. Following wider ranging communications on this problem with a number of people over several months I took this to the Minister before recess. I was pleased to receive a letter back this month which confirms that not only is the problem being dealt with at senior levels, but that NHS Property Services (NHSPS) who manage the site are in advanced stages of tendering for a single provider to manage its car parks going forward. In order to ensure that this is all in place I also met with the Chief Operating Officer of NHSPS to talk through the detail. It will bring much relief when this worry is taken away for constituents.

Many of you will be reading this in September when schools are back and students are preparing to return to university and college. I have been lobbying Ministers on issues of school funding for a long time. I was pleased to see some beneficial changes come through but it is still not right. I will be continuing to raise this with Ministers when Parliament returns.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at www.parliament.uk. As always, I am interested to hear constituent's views on the proposals before the House. If you would like to share your thoughts on an issue with me you can email me at howelljm@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD).

If you would like to receive my periodic electronic newsletters and briefings on specific issues please email me at asking to be subscribed. You can also follow me on Facebook www.facebook.com/JohnHowellOxfordshire or on twitter @JHowellUK

* See page 25. for further comment on this letter



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For further information, please contact me:

Rosemary Byrde, on rosemarybyrde@btinternet.com

From your County Councillor... ...Lorraine Lindsay-Gale



Delayed transfers of care – Oxfordshire figures are improving

Delayed transfer of care (DToc) cases are now at the lowest level for many years in Oxfordshire. The latest national figures published by the Department of Health showed that the average number of people delayed has fallen from 168 in April 2017 to 117 this April. Since April 2018, the number of delays has fallen further and is currently only 78 – more than halving in just over a year. Effective and sustained joint working by OCC and the NHS across Oxfordshire has seen consistent and on-going reductions in the number of people delayed in hospital. Department of Health figures showed a 44% decrease in the number of social care delays, and a drop in the overall number of days delayed in a hospital. Only 13% of delays were attributable to social care, which is down from 15% in March 2017.



County Council budget out turn hits the mark

The council's Cabinet received final budget figures for the 2017/18 financial year at its meeting on Tuesday, June 19. OCC managed its net budget with 99.8 per cent accuracy for 2017/18, with an underspend of just £1m (0.2 per cent) on an overall service budget of £422m.



Highways update

The bad winter has taken its toll on road conditions across the county, so OCC welcomed the additional £2.7m the Government has provided for this year; additional gangs have been employed to ensure we utilise the funds during the summer months. Last month 6,236 defects were repaired showing progress is being made on the defects reported during the bad weather.

A fact sheet has been produced giving details about the condition of the county's highways and the actions being taken to maintain them. This was issued to all councillors and parish clerks during the month of July.



Shared service arrangement between OCC and CDC

As reported previously, OCC and Cherwell District Council (CDC) are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive, while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. Arrangements will be implemented incrementally. OCC's Remuneration Committee subsequently agreed to recommend the appointment of Yvonne Rees, the current Chief Executive of CDC, as joint Chief Executive of the County Council and Cherwell District Council. The appointment process now moves on to both Full Councils of OCC (10 July) and CDC (16 July). The final decision therefore remains a decision for Members.



Oxfordshire's new domestic abuse service launched

A new domestic abuse service for Oxfordshire was launched in June. The new service was set up by OCC in partnership with District Councils and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley. The service is designed to be highly inclusive to address emotional and practical support needs for any victim suffering or fleeing domestic abuse in Oxfordshire. It incorporates a single access point for victims and professionals, community-based Outreach Workers and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and includes specialist workers to support young people and Black Asian Minority Ethnic and Refugee (BAMER) communities. There is also a program to support victims with complex needs.

Victims fleeing abuse will be able to access refuge in Banbury and in one other location, located in either Didcot or Oxford. In addition, the service launches a new model of refuge, delivered from dispersed locations across Oxfordshire, benefiting those unable to access conventional refuge services including male victims, victims with live-in carers and families with older sons. To report concerns, please use the A2Dominion ODAS helpline (**0800 731 0055**) or oxfordshiredomestic@a2dominion.org.uk



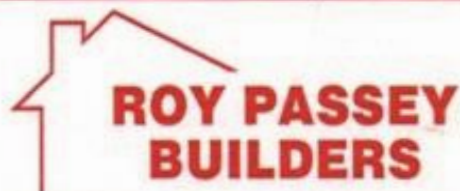
Site allocations consultation on minerals and waste local plan

The council reached a new milestone in the ongoing planning process to decide where minerals can be extracted and waste management facilities can be located in June with Cabinet asked to approve a site consultation exercise. This will take place in July-September and it will be open to all interested organisations and individuals to respond. All parish councils, environmental and community groups, organisations and individuals who have previously asked to be informed about the plan will be notified when the consultation starts and how to respond. A core strategy was adopted by the council in September 2017 and it was always planned that work on specific site allocations would follow this.



NHS health checks

OCC-funded NHS Health Checks are designed to spot early warnings of stroke, kidney and heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. They are available to anyone aged between the ages of 40 and 74 who has not already been diagnosed with an existing cardiovascular condition. They are free and applicants will be invited to have one once every five years. GP surgeries will automatically send out invitations, but if one is not received, residents should contact their surgery and make an appointment. The check will take around 20 to 30 minutes. For further information about free NHS Health Checks visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/nhshealthcheck



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Dorchester Fishing Lake

Announcement from Abingdon & Oxford Anglers Alliance

With our fence now complete we have put in place a plan for the future management of the lake:

1. The first step we have taken due to the amount of dog mess uncovered whilst the fence was being erected is to restrict dogs around the lake to fall in line with our rules for our club members. If the public would like to continue to walk their dogs around the lake they must contact the club via email (alliance_fishing@yahoo.co.uk) and obtain a permit. On this basis, walkers and their dogs will be welcome, but dogs must be kept on leads and not allowed to swim in the lake. Should anyone be caught not clearing up any dog mess, disposing of dog bags around the lake, or allowing a dog to swim in the lake, they will not be welcome at any point from then on, regardless of being a club member or a member of the public.
2. Secondly, there will be a slight restriction in the public access to the lake. Access will still be at the first gate adjacent to the cemetery, but where our large gate is at the back of the lake there will be no through access, as this gate will remain locked with a code available only to our members so that they can park their cars in a secure area. This means that, having reached that point, walkers will have to double back on themselves and exit through the same gate at which they entered. There may be other times when the lake is closed to public, e.g. when we have lake bookings or hold work parties for safety reasons. Notices will be put up in advance whenever possible.
3. The club are also committed to screening the exposed section of fence which is adjacent to a row of bungalows in Drayton Road. This will be done by the use of thorn bushes and other shrubs, along with replacing any trees that were removed as per the forestry permit agreement, and were kept to a bare minimum.

Whilst we have agreed with the Parish Council to allow access for everyone, the lake is private property. We ask that our rules are respected and all gates that remain unlocked are closed as people pass through them, in order to ensure that we have no breach from the predators we aim to keep out.

Should any issues arise we will communicate with the Parish Council on how to move forward.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Abingdon & Oxford Anglers Alliance

Questions from Dorchester Parish Council

Questions from the Parish Council and Answers from the AOAA

In advance of the announcement from the AOAA going into the September Newsletter, the Parish Council raised a number of issues for clarification. Some of the questions we asked and the answers we received are cut and pasted below.

Q. Where can members of the public access the lake? i.e. which gate/gates?

A. *Currently all the small gates along the front of the lake are accessible.*

Q. Will the steep slope near the cemetery access be made safer for children to access, or should they be urged to access the lake elsewhere (e.g. via the self-closing gate by the platform half-way up the West side of the lake)?

A. *The steep slope is no longer accessible as the fence has covered this area. The safest area is the bank by the gate that is directly behind the tennis courts, but priority is for anglers should they arrive. Although we try and make our lake safe for everyone we accept no liability for any injury to members of the public. Only our paying members are covered within our insurance as the lake is private property. The public's use of the lake is a privilege, and is at their own risk.*

NB. *Please note that due to guidance from the charity who erected the fence and for safety reasons we will not be installing spring closers. The gates have been hung in a way so that they automatically close, but only partially. We have put signs up asking people to shut the gates behind them. We have already had the gate left open by three walkers. This was witnessed by one of our bailiffs and members on separate occasions. The issue will be closely monitored and, if needed, access policed to protect not just our fish but also our members. We therefore need to reiterate how important the simple action of fully closing the gates is for the future of everyone's enjoyment.*

Hopefully these Q&As help to clarify the situation. If you have any other queries, or wish to apply for a permit to walk your dog around the lake, please e-mail the club at:

alliance_fishing@yahoo.co.uk.

Dorchester Parish Council



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Mon 3	The Escape (15)
Tues 4	Pope Francis - A Man of his Word (PG)
Wed 5	One Note at a Time (PG)
Fri 7	Mission Impossible Fallout (12A)
Fri 21	The Spy who Dumped Me (15)
Sat 22	The Spy who Dumped Me (15)
Sun 23	The Spy who Dumped Me (15)
Sun 30	The Children Act (12A)

LIVE SCREENINGS

Thurs 6 Sept 7:00pm

Live Screening from the National Theatre: *Julie* (15)

Tickets Adults £12.50, Under 16s £10

Sat 8 Sept 7:00pm **Filmed in front of a live audience at the Apollo Theatre - *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* (12A)**

Tickets Adults £15, Seniors £12.50, Under 18s £10

Thurs 27 Sept 7:00pm

Live Screening from London's West End: *King Lear* (12A)

Tickets Adults £12.50, Under 16s £10

LIVE SHOWS

Saturday 1 September - 8.00pm, *The Adventures of Andy Kershaw*, Bunkfest's one man show in support of the Corn Exchange

All Tickets £15

COMING SOON

Friday 12 and Friday 26 October 8.00pm, Cliff Richard Live: 60th Anniversary Tour, Live from Manchester's Bridgewater Hall.

Britain's Ultimate Pop Star, Cliff Richard is celebrating 60 years in the music industry and he wants to invite you to the most fabulous big screen party of the year! 103 album releases, 123 single hits and the equivalent of 20 years spent in the UK charts. Britain's Ultimate Pop Star, Sir Cliff Richard is celebrating 60 years in the music business and he wants to invite you to the most fabulous big screen party of the year! Featuring his greatest hits across six decades, this will be Cliff Richard's most exciting tour yet. His incredible energy and passion on stage will sweep you off your feet and be sure to have you swaying in the aisles.

Tickets Friday 12 October: £25 (adults), £20 (seniors/under 18s)

Tickets Friday 26 October: £18 (adults), £15 (seniors/under 18s)

Wednesday 17 October to Saturday 20 October - 7:45pm, Sinodun Players present

***A Murder is Announced* by Agatha Christie.**

All Tickets £10

Thursday 1 November, Filmed in front of a live audience at the National Theatre - *Allelujah!*, 7:00pm

Alan Bennett's sharp and witty new play is 'just what the doctor ordered' (Daily Telegraph). Set in a local hospital facing closure as part of an efficiency drive, this state-of-the-nation piece is a 'rousing chorus line for the NHS' (Observer). It will be an Alan Bennett double bill for NT Live in November, with the broadcast of his famous *The Madness of George III* following shortly after.

Tickets Adults - £15. Seniors - £12.50, Under 18s - £10.00

Thursday 22nd November to Saturday 24 November - 7:30pm, Showtime, another chance to see this musical extravaganza.

Tickets £15 (adults), £12 (under 14s)

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

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

Wallingford U3A

Our September Outing, on **26 September**, is to the Postal Museum in London. 500 years of history are on offer, and a ride through hidden tunnels on the Mail Train. There is a film of this for those who don't like tunnels. The Museum is fully accessible for wheelchairs, apart from the train ride. There is also a café. Cost: £31.00

Sonning Theatre: *Guys and Dolls* Saturday Matinee, **8 December 2018**. Buffet Lunch. Tickets should be paid for at the September Meeting.

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always made welcome for the talk, tea and biscuits, and the chance to meet new friends.

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St Mary's Chalgrove, the painted church - a window into medieval art

Bob Heath-Whyte will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the wall paintings in St Mary's Church at Chalgrove.

Bob is a Lay Minister at the Chalgrove Church and has published an illustrated book on St Mary's Church.

His talk will describe the 14th century wall paintings in St Mary's Church at Chalgrove, which are unusually nearly complete and so present an opportunity to see what the artists were able to do and what the stories were that they were interpreting. The talk combines history and iconography to bring the 44 paintings to life, and the world of the painters and their patrons.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 12 Sept**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
www.twahas.org.uk



Wallingford Museum @ BunkFest

Wallingford Museum has three special offers for the town's BunkFest:

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Tuesday to Friday 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Saturday 10.30am – 5.00pm
Sunday 10.30am – 5.00pm

Secondly, special admission prices:
Between **Friday 31 Aug and Sunday 2 Sept**, the Museum is offering a special 2-for-1 admission. Two adults can enjoy the Museum for just £5 in total (normally £5 each). Accompanied children are FREE.

Thirdly, a Festival Walk:
On **Sunday 2 Sept**, you are invited to take a gentle stroll around our lovely historic town, ably led by a member of The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society. TWHAS is very active in the town, running the Wallingford Museum, researching the town's history and presenting talks throughout the year.

The walk is FREE (donations never refused!), but it would also be an excellent opportunity to combine it with a visit to the Museum to see this year's special exhibitions and to learn the latest local research about Agatha Christie.

Meet for the walk at Wallingford Museum at 11.00am and be back by 1.00pm.

Stu Darby
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

BunkFest

What's on in Wallingford



Agatha Christie Day 2018



This year, an event celebrating Agatha Christie in Wallingford and Cholsey will be held on **Saturday 8 Sept**.

You can join guided walks from the Town Hall: town history walk at 11.00am, special Agatha Christie and Mid-somer Murders walk at 2.30pm, or visit Wallingford Museum for the Queen of Crime exhibition revealing her connection with the town - or follow a self-guided trail to Cholsey visiting Agatha's grave in Cholsey churchyard (or travel by heritage train).



Please keep up-to-date by looking out on Wallingford Museum's website.

Judy Dewey
www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Flower Club

A Floral Demonstration *Pashmina Fever*
by Nadira Burki BB&O Demonstrator on
Wednesday 12 September 2018

Doors Open at 7.00pm for 7.45 pm start

At Crowmarsh Village Hall, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh,
Wallingford OX10 8ED

Visitors welcome: £5

Further details contact Fay **01491 834303**

Wallingford Garden Club September Meeting

Busy Baskets Nursery will be the venue of the Wallingford Garden Club September meeting. This is an opportunity to see, tour and learn what happens behind the scenes. Andy and his team will give us a short talk on their current and future activities.

As local on-site growers Busy Baskets (now Purely Plants) offer different and unusual plants as they are not reliant on the Dutch suppliers or larger mechanised growers that supply most of the garden centres.

Visitors to the Garden Club are welcome to join us at 6:00pm on **Thursday 6 September** at 142a Wantage Road, Wallingford OX10 0LU, where there is good off road parking.

For further information please contact us on
gardenswallingford@gmail.com

Day by day

Sat
1 Sept **Autumn Flower Show**
Staging: 9.00 to 10.30am
Viewing: 2.30 to 4.00pm
Village Hall

Oxfordshire Cricket Association
Division 3
Dorchester II v Letcombe

Sun
2 Sept **Trinity 14**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booy)

10.30am
Morning Service

12.00noon
Baptism

Hempcroft Allotments
Summer party and picnic
12.30pm
Allotments

Wed
5 Sept **Back to school**
St Birinus Junior School and
Pre-school

Sat
8 Sept **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 3
Dorchester v Kidlington

Sun
9 Sept **Trinity 15**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Dr Marcus Braybrooke)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

Tues
11 Sept 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed
12 Sept **Parish Council**
Monthly Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall

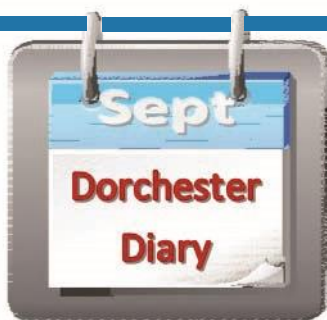
Thurs
13 Sept **WI**
2.30pm
Village Hall

Sat
Sept 15 **OSJ Concert**
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun
16 Sept **Trinity 16**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Jennifer Morton)

10.30am
Pet Service

5.00pm
Evensong with Fellowship of St
Birinus



Tues
18 Sept **The Dorchester Lecture**
Professor Louise Richardson
Universities in turbulent times
7.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Wed
19 Sept **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p8)

Thurs
20 Sept **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

Sun
23 Sept **Trinity 17**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Dr Michael Lakey)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

Tennis Club
Mixed doubles tournament
Tennis courts
2.00pm

Wed
26 Sept **DoT Historical Society**
Professor Malcolm Airs
Nuneham Courtenay
7.30pm
Village Hall

Thurs
27 Sept **Hempcroft Allotments**
AGM
7.00pm
Village Hall

NAFAS
Festival of Flowers Preview
7.00pm to 9.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Fri
28 Sept **NAFAS**
Festival of Flowers
10.00am to 6.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sat
29 Sept **NAFAS**
Festival of Flowers
10.00am to 6.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun
30 Sept **Trinity 18**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booy)

10.30am
Team anniversary service

NAFAS
Festival of Flowers
12.00 to 5.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Weekly events

Tuesday **Coffee in the Abbey**
10.30am-12noon
Bellringing Practice
7.30pm Abbey
Fishmonger
9.30am to 9.50am by War
Memorial (page 8)

Wednesday **Holy Communion at**
Berinsfield Church
9.30am
Keep Fit Senior Circuits
10.00am
Village Hall

Thursday **Baby & Toddler Group**
9.30am – 11.00am
Village Hall: (term time only)

Friday **Choir Practice**
7.00pm Abbey

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

Parish Registers

Funerals

17 July Brian David Pritchard
25 July Roger Mitchell

Memorial Services

28 June Bruce Ferriman
9 July Malcolm (Roy) Walker

Baptism

1 July Mason Peter Nicholas Brewer
Rosalie June Cantwell
Maeve Elizabeth Cantwell

Weddings

9 June Nishant Yadev and Kate Payne
21 July Benjamin White and
Frances Roddis

Church services in Dorchester 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



Back to school

CONTACTING THE POLICE

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

HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECT LINE TO URGENT LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

MINOR INJURIES

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

A&E

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

SURGERIES

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

ROOM HIRE

ABBEY GUEST HOUSE BOOKINGS

To hire the Abbey Guest House for private functions, meetings, exhibitions, etc, contact Kate Herbert on **01865 340007**, email admin2@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Kate Harris bookings@dotvh.org.uk or telephone **07814 458729**. Please telephone at least 24 hours in advance to arrange collection of the key.

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

STREET LIGHTING

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

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

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

BLOCKED DRAINS

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

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

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

OPENING HOURS

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

Useful Information

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

TRANSPORT

DORCHESTER FLYER

The Dorchester Flyer runs every Friday from Dorchester to Wallingford at 10.00am and , returning at 12.00 noon. Tickets must be bought from Lily's in advance.

OTHER BUS SERVICES

Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from www.traveline.info, and **0871 200 2233**.

OXFORDSHIRE TRAVEL ADVICE LINE

Free journey planning and advice for people over 65 and those needing a high level of support whilst travelling. **01865 323738**

AGE UK

The UK's largest charity working with older people For help and advice etc. go to www.ageuk.org.uk

WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

WVC Volunteers provide help for the elderly, disabled or vulnerable, especially by giving lifts to medical appointments at hospitals in Oxford, Abingdon and Reading. You need to register as a client. Contact the Centre for more information. **01491 836345**
www.wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com

MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post office stops outside the Co-op every Wednesday between 10.30 and 11.30 am

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.

USEFUL CONTACTS

ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory
Rev. Canon Sue Booy
01865 340007

EDUCATION OFFICER

Margaret Craig
01865 343164
education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

ABBEY E-MAIL:

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

ABBEY WEBSITE

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

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

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



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 7 Sept **Black**
Fri 14 Sept **Green**
Fri 21 Sept **Black**
Fri 28 Sept **Green**

Weekdays from 7.00am
Saturdays from 6.00am

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

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

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The Hempcroft Allotments

Summer party



Join us near the archaeological dig site

Sunday 2nd September 2018
from 12.30pm All Welcome

Please bring along your own drinks, a deckchair or
picnic blanket and a dish of food to share

