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There are at least three significant events in the Dorchester calendar this month.

The first is the Fireworks Display. This year it is not on the 5th November itself, but on the 3rd, which is the Saturday. Make sure you don't get caught out and miss it. This has become a major event for Dorchester over the last few years and in a good cause as it raises money for Footsteps.

The following weekend marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One and the Armistice Day commemorations reflect that. As part of the 'Battle's Over' celebrations, Angus Whitfield will be piping in the day outside the Abbey at 6.00am. Following the Armistice Day service in the Abbey and laying of wreaths at the war memorial, the Abbey bells will ring at 12.30, as part of a national ring to coincide with the end of the service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, which has been co-ordinated by the government and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. The 'Battle's Over' movement have then organised beacons to be lit at 7.00pm following which some churches will ring their bells again. At the Abbey, there will be a major ringing of a full peal on the afternoon of the following day, the 12th.

Then at the end of the month, the mood lightens and DADS give us an Alan Ayckbourn play, Joking Apart. Four nights of fun at the village hall.

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Remembrance Day is always significant, this

year especially so as we mark 100 years since the end of WWI. I'm sure all of our villages are holding commemorative events.

Quite often this time of year I spend a little time looking at the war poets. I'm always moved by the story and poems of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. Studdert Kennedy stands in a proud line of eccentric but superb Church of England priests. He was a colourful character, with a vocabulary to match; one of the men, he spoke as one too. Fondly known as Woodbine Willie, a smoker himself he would supply the front-line troops with Woodbines.

A proud patriot, Kennedy joined up as a chaplain in 1914. Like many others the horror of war changed his perspective; in contrast to his early patriotism he wrote his poem, 'Waste'. In this he showed how the patriotism of the summer of 1914 was soon shattered by the realities of what these men faced in the trenches. Lives,

Talking Point

theologies, hopes and expectations for the future were razed in the dust to be changed forever.

'Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain,

Waste of Patience, waste of Pain,

Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,

Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth.

Waste of Blood, and waste of Tears,

Waste of Youth's most precious years,

Waste of ways the Saints have trod,

Waste of glory, Waste of God.'

One hundred years later those words still seem so poignant. Sadly today there are more than 40 active conflicts, and lives are being lost, refugees are fleeing homelands at the fastest rate since the Second World War.

One of the readings often used at Remembrance is John 15 in verse 13 'No one has greater love than this, to lay

Rev. Caroline King

down one's life for one's

friends.' These words are often inscribed onto war memorials. Jesus's words place a very high value on human friendship. In the passage as a whole friendship is understood as a picture of the relationship between Christ and his disciples.

To lay down your life is the ultimate act of friendship; at the crucifixion Jesus stands alone a man of peace in a world of violence yet refusing any other path. He calls us to stand with him by resisting evil not with violence but with peace. Yet still we wait and hope for wars to end.

One hundred years on it is vital that we remember and vital that we say thank you. Let us also remember that silence is as important as our words. When we stand in silence, we should not lose sight of hope, and the presence of Christ. It is only light that can drive out darkness and we hold on to our belief that the love and light of Christ will have the final word, and that one day peace will come.

Reflection

I can still remember the extraordinary power of the evening of 5 August 2014 when a large congregation gathered in the Abbey to mark the anniversary of the commencement of the Great War and a number of people kept vigil around the village bier following the service. I have never forgotten an image from the end of the evening when the simple sand tray in which candles had been placed bore a marked resemblance to the devastation that remained on the battlefields of northern France.



The Bier will be part of Unbroken Glory... a village art installation in the Abbey to mark the anniversary of the cessation of war and to give thanks for all the people whose lives were changed by that conflict. Details about contributing to this act of

remembrance are to be found elsewhere in the Dorchester News. There are a number of national initiatives taking place including a Piper who will play at the Abbey south door at 6.00am on the morning of **11 November** and special bellringing both by our own Tower and by a visiting Oxfordshire group who are expected on **12 November**.

See also pages 8 to 11.

Remembrance

As always the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial will be preceded by a service of Remembrance in Dorchester Abbey. **The service begins at 10am** rather than the usual 10.30am in order to enable us to process to the War memorial. This will be a good opportunity to reflect on the completed installation 'Unbroken Glory – Gathered Radiance'

Advent

Advent is an important time for looking forward...and looking back. Our sermons in Advent in the Abbey will focus on some of the key characters in the traditional story and the very modern dilemmas they faced. There will be a special service of Advent Carols, readings and music on the evening of Advent Sunday.

Looking forward to Christmas!

Don't forget to put our special Christmas services in your family Calendar so you don't miss them! Candlelit carols will take place on **Sunday 23 December** – what better way to bring visiting family and friends and mark that the holiday has begun! The Abbey Crib service (4.30pm **Christmas Eve**), **Midnight Mass** (11.30pm) and **Christmas Morning** (10.30am) celebrations are all special in their own way.

Culham & District Horticultural Club

Meetings are held at the Abbey Guest House,
Dorchester-on-Thames at 7.30pm



Wednesday 21 November 2018

Exotica in Oxford

by Richard Turner

Richard Turner has many exotic plants in his Oxford garden. He will talk about a year in the life of this garden.

Membership is open to all those who have a keen interest in horticulture (annual subscription £15) and visitors are welcome at the meeting (suggested donation £3). For more details telephone **01235 850381** or email judy@tiggercat.me.uk



Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

*Congratulations to the
winners of the September draw.*

1st prize	£75	No.183	Mr A Winslet
2nd prize	£45	No.154	Mr Y Harris
3rd prize	£25	No.79	Mrs R Dyer

The next draw will be in December with a first prize of **£100** so join now for a chance to win!

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

Thefts from Dorchester Abbey

Further to the report in October Dorchester News of a man arrested for stealing money from Dorchester Abbey, on 21 September, Martin Banyard, 68, of Emmer Green, Reading, appeared at Oxford Magistrate's Court where he was charged with four counts of theft. He pleaded guilty to all four charges, and said that he did not know why he had done it as he did not need the money.

He received a community order of 12 months with 100 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay £120 compensation to Dorchester Abbey.

Dorchester Lunch Club

I regret that the wrong date was published in last month's Dorchester News for the December lunch; it will be on Wednesday **12 December**. The November dates were correct i.e. **November 7 and 28**. I am pleased to report that I have more than 24 residents wishing to have lunch and so it will not always be possible to accommodate everyone every date, however on **12 December** it will be our special Christmas lunch held in the main hall and so everyone including the cooks can be accommodated.

It would be very nice if we could have more volunteer cooks (female or male) to join our existing teams, if you are interested in finding out what it involves, please contact me. The cooks are always reimbursed their expenses. Also anyone who has never been to lunch with us and would like to do so, you would be most welcome, but please contact me first.

Susan Jupp
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Pre School News

When this is published, October will have brought us the welcome break of half term which will have ended with our Hallowe'en party fundraising event which I hope everyone enjoyed! The children at Pre School grew some excellent pumpkins to sell at the party.

We are currently enrolling for January 2019 and welcome any families who would like to visit the setting to get a feel for this friendly, welcoming Pre School. 30 hours funding is available for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. If parents wish to apply for this funding for January this needs to be done by December at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



The beautiful Pre School rocking horse which was restored earlier in the year is now available for sale, the proceeds going straight back into Pre School. For further details contact me on chair@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk

Louisa Margison
Pre School Chair



Hempcroft Allotments November

The Hempcroft Allotment Association Annual General Meeting was held on 27 September 2018 in the Village Hall. The meeting was very well attended this year with about 40 members being present. An apology was received from Jon Rosby. Rents were paid and seed catalogues were collected.

The Committee comprised Stuart Poole (Chairman), Jon Rosby (Treasurer), William Downey (Allotment Manager) and Edward Metcalfe.

The Chairman presented his report. It had been a hot dry summer which led to challenges for certain crops but most people had coped admirably. There has been a focus this year on establishing a more formal structure for the Association. A Constitution has been developed (available on the website) and this was introduced to help with external funding opportunities. The Allotment Rules are also on the website. A Tenancy Agreement has been created and this was delivered to each Allotment holder prior to the AGM for signature and return when the rent was paid.

The Allotment Party on Sunday 2 September was a great success with existing and prospective allotment holders attending, and thanks are due to Charlotte Bennett and Andy Pay for organising the event. It will be repeated next year.

It should be noted that the road off Watling Lane to the houses in the north west corner of the allotments is a private road with no right of way to the public. Allotment holders should therefore not park on this road. Seed catalogues were available for

collection at the meeting and members were encouraged to order seeds from the catalogue because the Society derives some income from this.

On behalf of the Treasurer, the Chairman presented the accounts of the Society. These continue to be in a healthy state with over £630 held in the account or as cash. Last year the balance was £540. The Committee has invested £250 in new water piping to install in those areas of the allotments that do not have easy access to a tap. Weed matting costing £80 has been purchased as a stock item; the weed matting cost will be recouped through the year. In addition £45 was invested in new allotment signage.

This year the Committee has inaugurated three separate prizes. The categories and the winners are as follows;

Best Newcomer	Dave Cutler
Best Crop Diversity	Phil and Abi Pridham-Field
Best Husbandry	Brian Timms

Following the prize giving the future of the area of the archaeological dig (now finished) was discussed. There is a proposal that the area be dedicated to a community apple orchard planted with dwarf trees. This was unanimously supported by all members present and the Committee will take this forward in discussions with the Parish Council and other relevant bodies.

Finally, the members of the Committee were elected for the forthcoming year. Stuart Poole has stepped down as Chair but will remain on the Committee, Jon Rosby and William Downey continue in their current roles, Edward Metcalfe is the new Chair and Charlotte Bennett has joined the Committee.

theWI Dorchester WI

Our November meeting on **Thursday 8 November** at 2.30pm in the Village Hall will be on the *History of Pettit's shop* given by Rachel Pettit Smith; visitors would be most welcome.

Our meeting in October was given by Liz Woolley on the history of the four big Oxford Breweries, the butchers making Oxford Sausages and the Coopers marmalade factory and the political activities of the founders and their descendants.

I regret I have had no response to my plea in last month's Dorchester News for people willing to take over our WI and so it is likely that our final monthly meeting of the Dorchester WI will be on **Thursday 13 December** which will be our Christmas Tea Party, before we close on 31 December. However we are going to have a Christmas Lunch at the Springs Golf Club for members on **Wednesday 19 December**, and any past WI members are welcome to join us, the lunch will cost £15 for past members, but free to existing members. Please contact Susan Jupp for a menu if you would like to come.

Susan Jupp
341066

The new Chair thanked Stuart for all his hard work over the past year which has been transformative for the organisation of the Association

Edward Metcalfe
Chairman

(For more on the Allotment Party see page 23—Ed.)

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St Birinus Primary School News

During the first two weeks of the term, each class was learning about different aspects of Russia and I certainly enjoyed the facts that were shared with me as I walked around school. We held a sharing assembly to enable each class to show some of their work. Hedgehog class had cut and coloured some Russian doll figures to represent their own family, Squirrel class had been looking at the work of Kandinsky, Fox class had been making Russian dolls and Owl class had the unenviable task of replicating Faberge eggs – quite a challenge.

Annabelle, Carys, Phoebe, Leo, Jacob, Charlie, Toby, Theo and Bryn along with Mrs Eacopo had the most incredible week in the Isle of Wight on their residential. With the extra special weather (never like this when I am on the residential!), they got up to all sorts of exciting activities including body boarding, archery, abseiling and charging around in buggies as well as eating a great deal of food. Mrs Eacopo was very pleased that all this sea air and excitement had made sure they all fell fast asleep early.

The beginning of October saw our second Harvest Festival in the Abbey since we re-started having our service during the

school week. I was very proud of all the readers, who did an amazing job – well done! A big thank you to everyone who was able to bring some foodstuff to support the Wallingford Food Bank – I know it will be greatly appreciated.

On Sunday 7 October, Marcie, Nola, Carys, Charlie, Cecily, Annabelle, Jessica, Joe, Ryan, Jezreel, Sian, Leo alongside Mrs Harding and Ms Dexter took part in the Virgin Sport Schools' Challenge to run a mile as part of the Oxford Half Marathon. All the participants had to prepare by running the 13 miles over several sessions (including the summer holiday). Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mrs Harding and Ms Dexter for their support.

You will notice a flyer in the Dorchester News and around the village to welcome everyone to our Community Open Mornings on the **6 and 7 December**. Please do come along and see us – we look forward to seeing you.



Russell Leigh
Headteacher
Dorchester St Birinus
CE Primary School

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If you can come along please let us know, thank you.
office.3186@st-birinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk or 01865 340081.
Alternatively, do just drop in.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

CATHERINE WHEEL

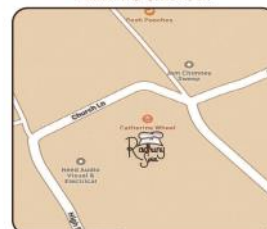


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Armistice Commemoration events in Dorchester

Planned events:

- **21 Oct. 2.00-4.00 pm:** poppy-making workshop in the Village Hall, with tea and cake provided by the Abbey Tea Rooms, after which the poppies will be added to those already made and incorporated into the Community display in the Abbey from **1 November**.
- Exhibit in the Guest House Museum, which will be open especially on the weekend of the **10-11 Nov.** (See right.)
- The Historical Society meeting on Wednesday **28 Nov at 7.30** in the Village Hall will consist of a talk given by Colonel John Bridgeman, Retd. about *The Oxfordshire Hussars at the end of the Great War 1918*.
- Also in **November**, a Tree for Remembrance will be planted in the cemetery (exact date to be confirmed).

Other Activities:

- 'Adopt a Grave' – this can either be a World War One-related grave or another grave. For more details please contact the Parish Clerk, Mr Geoff Russell, at: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk
- A 1918 Commemoration Trail is being prepared by Parish Councillor Viviane Quirke, with help from the Historical Society and members of the community. Flyers showing the trail will be available from various locations in the village in time for the commemoration.

Viviane Quirke
Dorchester Parish Council

Dorchester Museum First World War Armistice Commemoration Weekend 10 and 11 November

As part of the village events to mark the Armistice Centenary the **Museum will be open 2.00-5.00pm, Sat 10 and Sun 11 November**

Come and see our display on the lives of Dorchester women in the First World War

The Museum shop has copies of Don McGregor's 2004 book, *Lest We Forget: the men of Dorchester-on-Thames who fell in the two World Wars*.



British cemetery near Ypres where over 6,000 unknown servicemen are buried.

Painting below by Rosie Southon



**Dorchester on Thames
Historical Society**
Wednesday 28 November 2018
7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room
Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

As the Society's contribution to Dorchester's Commemoration of the end of World War I,

Colonel John Bridgeman CBE TD DL will talk about
The Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars at the end of WWI

The Regiment which returned to England early in 1919 was very different from the one which had gone so unexpectedly to Flanders in the first months of the war. Whereas it had formerly been derided by regulars as the 'agricultural cavalry' and its QOOH title used to create the nickname 'Queer Objects on Horseback'. Now, hardened by four years of gruelling active service and raised to a degree of military efficiency previously unheard of in a yeomanry regiment, it was indistinguishable from regular cavalry. In addition to official commendations, perhaps the clearest recognition of their new status came from the officers of no less a regiment than the 3rd, The King's Own Hussars, alongside whom the QOOH had fought for much of the war. They hoped that 'the Officers of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, past present and future, will always consider themselves Permanent Honorary Members of their Mess'



By the end of the War the total killed was 12 officers and 138 men - altogether about one man in four of the established strength. A further 17 officers and 238 men were wounded - a high price to pay for the Yeomanry Regiment which won more battle honours than any other. After Messine in 1914 further battle honours were won in 1918 for Somme, St Quentin, Lys, Hazebrouck, Amiens, Bapaume, Hindenburg Line, Canal du Nord, Selle, Sambre and France and Flanders - as many in 1918 as in the first three years of the war.

Colonel Bridgeman will talk about the regiment at the end of the war. With other Oxfordshire Yeomanry Officers he will be in Erquelinnes in Belgium on November 11 2018 celebrating the town's liberation by the Oxfordshire Hussars.

Colonel Bridgeman was appointed Honorary Colonel of the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars in 1996 and is a founding Director of the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust with its Museum in Woodstock. He has served with the Northumberland Hussars and the Queen's Own Yeomanry and in a number of roles in the Ministry of Defence.

Margot Metcalfe
Chairman

'Unbroken Glory-Gathered Radiance'
Rupert Brooke

'Unbroken Glory - Gathered Radiance' is part of Dorchester's Community Tribute, to mark the Centenary Anniversary of the Armistice of World War One, which will be on display in Dorchester Abbey from **1 November**.

Please do come and see the Tribute, which includes a special panel contributed by children from the school.



There has been a wonderful response from the village, and from people visiting or with a connection to Dorchester. Thank you to everyone who donated red wool, fabric or black buttons. To those of you who have knitted or crafted poppies - thank you very much; they are really beautiful.

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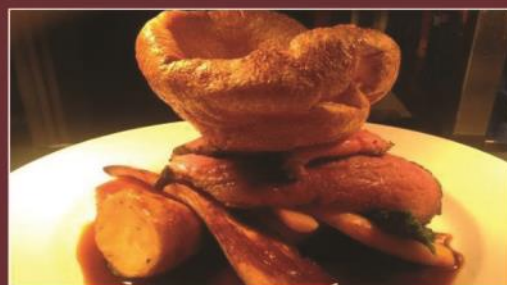
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Ringling bells to celebrate the Armistice...



On **Sunday 11 November** it will be 100 years since the cessation of the First World War hostilities, and together with bell-ringers throughout England and elsewhere we shall be celebrating by ringing the Abbey bells at 12.30pm for about half an hour. We shall also have rung earlier before the Abbey's Service of Remembrance due to begin at 10.00am.

The following day, **Monday 12**, we shall be welcoming a team of visiting ringers, who are members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, who will be attempting to ring a full peal on our bells. I am grateful to their leader, Claire Roulstone, for sending us the following account of what they will be doing and why.

I am also grateful to our Rector for having given her permission for our visitors to ring here. I am hopeful that the ringing taking place to celebrate the Armistice will generate fresh interest in bellringing in our parish. We have a loyal band of ringers, but we have room for more! If any readers would like to know more about bellringing, please get in touch with me on **01865 340402**.

David Parker,
Tower Captain, Dorchester Abbey



...and a full peal

On **Monday 12 November 2018**, the bells at Dorchester Abbey will ring out to mark the hundredth anniversary of the end of the First World War. Commencing at 2.00pm, eight ringers from the Oxford Diocesan Guild will attempt a full peal, which will consist of just over 5,000 changes and involve about three and a quarter hours of continuous ringing. This will be part of an international initiative in which more than 3,000 towers across the UK will celebrate the day the guns fell silent after more than four years of fighting – and the peace and friendship that now exists between former enemies.

When the bells rang out on the 11 November 1918 they announced the end of the most catastrophic war the world had yet seen. At the time, bells were at the heart of the community, marking events of great significance and communicating to people long before modern technology connected us. Bell-ringing has always had a much wider function than its role in the church, but most of us today are not aware of its broad and inclusive service.

Between 1914 and 1918 regulations introduced under the Defence of the Realm Act severely curtailed the amount of bellringing that could take place. This, together with the departure of so many men to the front, meant that church bells were rarely heard.

Dorchester Abbey to be a part of 'Battle's Over' Commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI November 11 2018

Dorchester Abbey is playing its part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Battle's Over takes place on **November 11 2018**, with events throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany, to name but a few.

It begins at 6.00am with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals and churches across the British Isles and other parts of the world.

Angus Whitfield, a Dorchester resident and piper with the Oxford Caledonian Pipes and Drums band, will join thousands of other lone pipers by playing the two-minute piece just outside the Abbey.

Then at 12.30pm the Abbey's bellringers will join others at churches and cathedrals across the country in ringing their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers (CCCBR), which represents 65 societies of ringers from the British Isles and overseas. (See left.) Many churches will be ringing again at 7.05pm

Also as part of the tribute, buglers will sound the Last Post across the country at 6.55pm. Then at 7.00pm, beacons will be lit in a tribute called Beacons of Light, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Also at 7.05pm, more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written Cry for Peace Around the World, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.



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Many bell ringers joined the war effort, and many lost their lives. Just after the war, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers wrote to all bell towers to compile a Roll of Honour. At the time 1077 men were reported as lost. More recent research has revealed that over 300 ringers died in service. In total some 1400 bell ringers lost their lives in the Great War. A loss to their families and to communities.

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LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey is now open!

Saturday 20 October saw the opening of this amazing multi-media installation in the Abbey's Cloister Gallery! If you haven't already had a chance to visit the exhibition, you need to make time to experience it in all its audio-animated glory!

We have our own local artist Adrian Brooks to thank for this innovative and wholly unique art installation in the Abbey's Cloister Gallery. Truly a first for Dorchester!

Adrian is very well known for his production of small scale individual 'theatres' he displays during Artweeks every year. If you've not had a chance to see his work previously you really must make time to wander through his stunning display of globally inspired art. Furthermore, what makes this particularly unique is the fact that he has created a variation on his theatres, here creating shrines instead. Thus he has crafted a series of six internally lit shrines of differing heights and colours which are placed at intervals in the Cloister Gallery. Accompanying Adrian's amazing artwork is especially composed music by local Dorchester composer Tim Cook. As you enter the Cloister Gallery Tim's music will begin to play and as you proceed down the space, each shrine will light up and enable you to study it more closely, and in the distance you will see projected images from the Hubble Space Telescope. You will be able to see how Adrian has been inspired by a wide range of artistic, historical and local sources. You might like to try to spot which references you recognise as you examine the shrines.

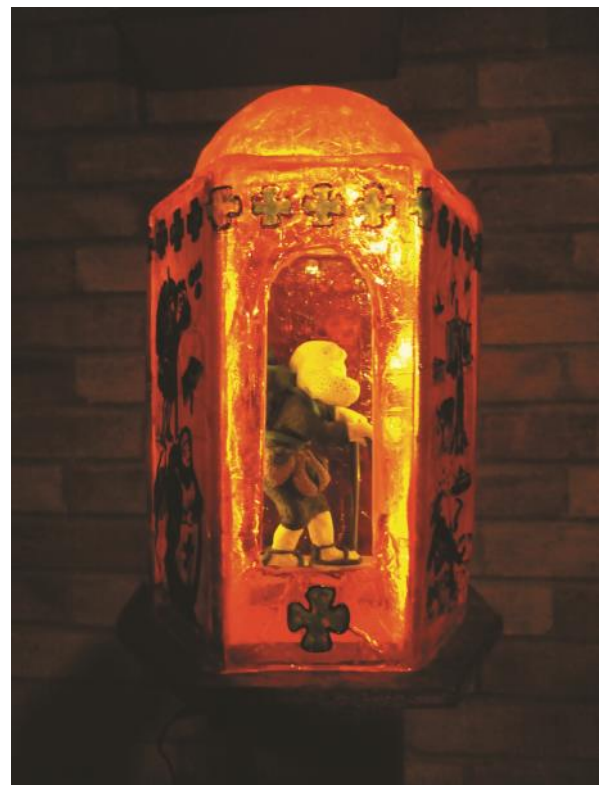
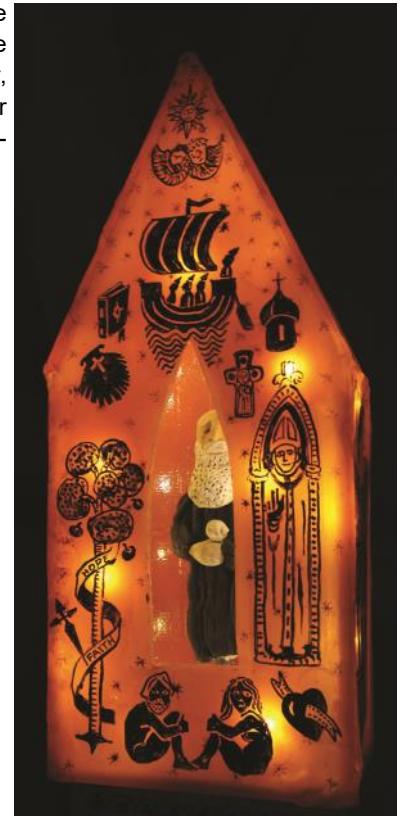
Don't forget that we also have a special evening discussion event linked to this exhibition on **Thursday 29 November**, 7.00-8.30pm. This event is entitled *The Science and Spirituality*

of Light and it aims to explore some of the 'big ideas' this exhibition touches upon, with important speakers from science and the arts, such as local plasma scientist Dr. Emmanuel Joffrin, local RA artist Brian Catling, prominent local world faith figures and our very own Bishop of Dorchester, Colin Fletcher.

We also have a thematically linked education programme exploring the areas of history, RE, science, literacy, and design accompanying the **LIGHT** exhibition, with thematically related workshops. We are also offering special bookable guided tours of the installation for adult groups, to explore the iconography of Adrian's shrines in more depth. Please contact the Abbey's Education Officer, Margaret Craig, for further details or to make a booking on **01865 343164** or education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Two of Adrian's works for the exhibition:

Right St Francis Shrine
Below: Pilgrim Shrine



L I G H T
A Spiritual Journey

**The Science and Spirituality
of Light**

Discussion event
29th November, 7-8.30pm

An evening event open to all with speakers discussing their views on the science and spirituality of light, followed by Q&A from the audience. Suitable for GCSE and A Level students.

Speakers/Presenters include:

Dr Emmanuel Joffrin, Culham Plasma Scientist
Professor Alister McGrath, Oxford Theologian
Brian Catling, RA artist
Bishop of Dorchester

For further details, or to obtain a ticket to the event please contact the Education Officer Margaret Craig on education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk or call 01865 343164.

Happy couple celebrate 40th Anniversary in Dorchester

It was probably inevitable that Director Mike Lord's choice of play for his directing debut with DADS would be written by Alan Ayckbourn. After being tipped off by DADS, Mike attended a residential summer school course last year on *Directing Ayckbourn*, tutored by actor Richard Stacey, who has worked for many years with Alan Ayckbourn, funded with a bursary from the Oxfordshire Drama Network.



Mike Lord, Director

Which play would Mike choose though? As of 2018, Ayckbourn has published 82 full length plays. Mike proposed *Joking Apart*, which Alan Ayckbourn is on record as saying, of all his own plays it, is one of his favourites. Mike comments, 'When I chose *Joking Apart* for DADS, I'd no idea it was the fortieth anniversary of its premiere. Then, shortly afterwards, I discovered that Alan Ayckbourn was directing an anniversary revival in

Scarborough this summer. To add to the coincidence, I saw publicity photos of the rehearsals showing my former tutor Richard as one of the cast. There was obviously something in the air!'

A comedy, like many of Ayckbourn's plays, *Joking Apart* was apparently written in response to an angry woman who said to him, 'Hundreds of us live very happily with one another. Why can't you write about us?'

So he did but, as you might expect with Ayckbourn, there's a twist in the tail. This painfully funny play is ostensibly about a happy couple, Richard and Anthea (played by Ian Brace and Carol-Anne Tilley), and their daughter Debbie (Phoebe Scotland), for whom everything seems to fall into place. However, everyone else suffers because of their happiness, and quiet misery, unrequited love and jealousy befall the people closest to them: their immediate neighbours, the innocent local vicar Hugh (Jim Cottrell) and his wife Louise (Rosemary Mills); Sven his business partner (Mark Williams) who is married to Olive (Kate Phillips); and the couple's friend Brian (Russell Bailey).

DADS
Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society

Mike's day job is producing corporate videos for local production company Blue Lotus Media. Last year, he branched out into 'proper films', writing and directing a short comedy-drama that had some success on the film festival circuit. He has been asked if his markedly different directing style has been influenced by his film work. Mike's view is that, 'After 25 years of acting in amateur theatrical productions, I've developed very definite ideas of how directors should work to get the best out of us actors. Add to that the ideas I've learnt from the summer school course, and it must be a shock to the senses for some! But, the cast are enjoying the experience. I'm delighted to have a strong cast of local actors, including a couple of newcomers. Everyone's geared up for what is one of Ayckbourn's funniest plays.'

Joking Apart will be performed in Dorchester on Thames Village Hall from **21 to 24 November 2018**. Tickets are available via the DADS website www.dads.org.uk and from Dorchester Co-op.



Cast members in rehearsal: (l to r): Ian Brace (Richard); Russell Bailey (Brian); Carol-Anne Tilley (Anthea); Jim Cottrell (Hugh).

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It could spoil anyone's day - but don't let it! Don't panic, don't curse and don't waste any time before getting to grips with the problem.

The Citizens Advice website has a useful section which you should consult: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/>

If you think the ticket was justified (and let's face it, some of them are), one option is to pay the fine right away, thus getting a substantial discount:

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- 40-60% if you pay a Parking Charge Notice within 14 days

If you think that you were parked correctly and within the rules, or there were mitigating circumstances, you can try an appeal (but don't pay a ticket issued by a parking company that isn't a member of the Accredited Trade Association - they can't force you to pay or take you to court).

If you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any rules, and, if possible, send evidence to prove it.

Citizens Advice is frequently consulted about parking tickets. If you get one and aren't sure how to proceed, it's comforting to know that there are sympathetic people you can talk to.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline **03444 111444** or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see

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and farewell to Curator Anne-Marie Joffrin
who's stepping down in December

Monday 19 November 6.30-9.00pm



Autumn / Winter schedule
Sunday - 10.30 am to 1.00pm
Wednesday – 9.30 am to
12.30 pm
Thursday – 10.30 am to 1.00 pm
Friday – Ladies morning 10.30 am
to 1.00pm

Following a long summer of many exciting matches, the final of the mixed doubles tournament was eventually reached and was between Liz & Duncan Lochhead who were beaten by Rachel Marriott & Alan Woodley. Congratulations to Liz Lochhead and Rachel Marriott (pictured above) for winning this season's Ladies doubles ladder which was competed throughout the summer.

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Nativity scene in the
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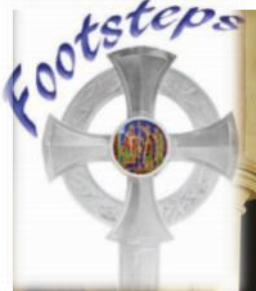
Nativity scene from the
East End window
17.6 x 12.5cm

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Victorian wall
painting of the
Annunciation
from the Lady
Chapel
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(blank inside)



They can be bought from the back of the Abbey and the Museum.



From 28 to 30 September, Dorchester Abbey hosted the NAFAS Berks, Bucks and Oxon Area Festival of Flowers, a sumptuous display from more than 30 of their member organisations, held in support of local charity Footsteps Foundation. These photographs capture just a flavour of a display the like of which is rarely seen.



Photo: Richard Juniper



Photo: Nick Forman





Photo: Nick Forman

Cancer and massage?

Many people who have cancer are routinely turned away from salons and spas because there is a belief that having a massage can cause cancer to spread.

However recent research and practices are saying something different. Having a treatment when you are going through difficult physical and emotional times can be just what you need. In fact Cancer Research UK say 'There is no evidence to suggest that massage therapy can spread cancer, although avoiding direct pressure over a tumour site is a sensible precaution'.



The Made for Life Foundation is providing training in Cancer Touch Therapy. The treatments are incredibly gentle, do not encourage increased blood flow or redness of the skin and are worlds away from a deep tissue massage. But less can sometimes be more – feeling completely relaxed, being nurtured and having time-out in a warm and comforting salon can be a wonderful experience.



Touch therapy can focus on the face and head, arms, hands, back and legs depending on what type of cancer you have and where it is located. Lymph node removal can affect where a massage can be carried out but with touch therapy it is possible to have these areas gently treated and for shorter periods of time to avoid any prolonged lying face down or face up on a couch.



Karen at Massage Matters has recently undertaken training with Made for Life and feels the treatments are extremely relaxing and soothing. They relieve stress and can improve sleep, reduce anxiety and can give you a positive body experience after undergoing any difficult or painful medical intervention.

If you have cancer, at any stage, or know anyone who does – Karen would like to invite you or them to come and have a free Touch Therapy treatment at Massage Matters – if you did want to pay for the session everything received will go to the Made for Life Foundation <https://madeforlife.org>. She will be offering two free sessions a week in November 2018 and in February 2019. Each session will last 30 minutes with 10/15minute consultation beforehand to establish how to give you the best treatment possible. If you are interested please do talk to your GP too and please note:

- If you are in any discomfort during the treatment we will stop
- The oil used will be unscented and natural
- You don't need to remove dressings or aids
- Areas that have recently undergone medical treatments will be avoided

You will be given privacy while you undress and dress.

The sessions will be on a first come, first served basis and every effort will be made to arrange a day and time to suit you. Massage Matters will be closed from the 11 October until 1 November and bookings for the Touch Therapy can be made **from the 5th November**. To book please call **077250 62259** or email massagematterstome@gmail.com. There is more information on the website

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Oxford-Cambridge Expressway Update

Amid ever increasing media coverage about the September announcement of what has been described as the 'missing link' corridor decisions around Oxford the project gradually rolls on. The map shown in last month's Dorchester News showed a grey section that includes our village and which extends as far south as Chieveley on the M4. This is referred to as the Common Area Corridor that now appears to be an accepted and an essential part of the overall picture. This could be a section of the A34 built to Expressway standard. Or it could be anywhere within the corridor including close to Dorchester. But did anyone see any consultation process from the Government or the Highways Agency to ask those who live here what the impact could be if it was decided to be in our part of the corridor? No. In fact there has been no public consultation for any decisions at all so far. That is why it is important that we continue to support the Expressway Action Group (EAG) who, as our representatives, have forged a 'place at the table' as a recognised 'stakeholder' at Highways England meetings.

It is also essential we continue the campaign. We need to ballot those local politicians and agencies who support the southern route around Oxford and by so doing insist that the A34 south of Didcot is upgraded. It has often been described by many authoritative organisations as 'not fit for purpose' and will, therefore, need to be upgraded at some future stage. The northern corridor is also more closely aligned with the East-West rail line and the growth towns of Bicester and Milton Keynes.

At the time of writing we have not identified which of the key decision makers we now need to lobby but we will produce a

list in the next few weeks. As soon as we have that list we will publish it on the Dorchester web site and our community Facebook page and in next month's Dorchester News. For those who are unsure where on the internet they can be found they are: Dorchester on Thames web site

<https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk> and Facebook pages: <https://www.facebook.com/dorchesteronthames/>

Chris Hill
Chairman
Dorchester Parish Council

Current timescale for Expressway project

Date	Event
Autumn 2017	Commitment by the Chancellor for construction to commence on the missing link before the end of the Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) in 2025
2018	Corridor announcement
Autumn 2019	Public consultation on route options
2020	Preferred route announcement
2025	Construction starts
2030	New link opens to the public

Monthly Meetings

The November Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 14 November** commencing at 7.30 p.m. and the December Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12 December** also commencing at 7.30 p.m.

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.

Parish Council Notices

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

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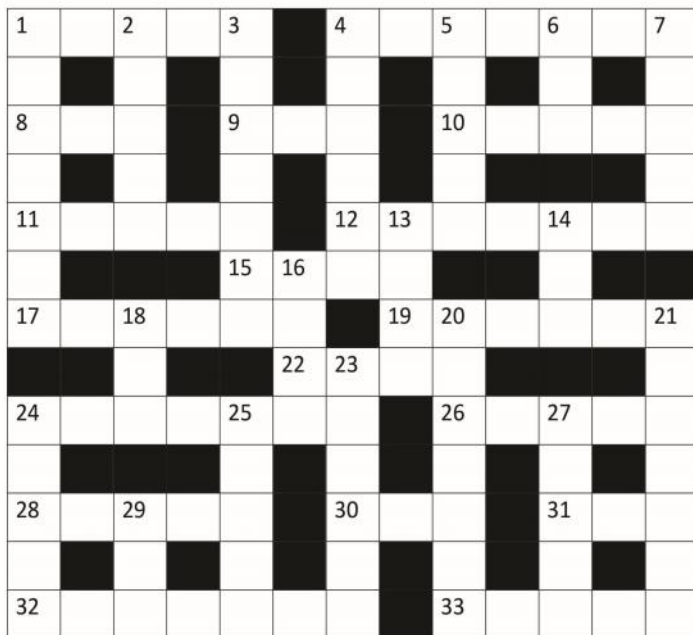
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Cllr Chris Hill, the Chairman of the Council, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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

Dorchester News Crossword No. 6

Compiled by Slider



Across

- 1 Quiet culture goes away. (5)
- 4 A bit of a monkey to marshal the pot smoker. (7)
- 8 Short of a letter and a source of horror. (3)
- 9 Cleo has passion which shows the finishing touch (3)
10. Conventionally correct, very quiet, the royal shoe leather. (5)
- 11 Pay for appeal after a dream condition.. (5)
- 12 Big houses arranged set teas (7)...
- 15 ...and do it again in China. (4)

- 17 Carnally enthusiastic they squatted and signed off. (6)
- 19 The silent Ombudsman is partly in Bury (6)
- 22 Some gear with another drug to get as high as this. (4)
- 24 A lot of the golden ratio on bondage makes an unsound argument. (7)
- 26 Get your particulars to a tax haven in a manner of speaking (5)
- 28 The girl is all over the thing , that's friendliness for you! (5)
- 30 A quiet remainder and maybe a reminder. (3)
- 31 Part of the troubles steeped in piracy. (3)
- 32 Luce gets bad service and little delicacy (7)
- 33 No hesitation old cock when the birds sit quietly. (5)

Down

- 1 Dad has a pear, could he wrap it up in this? (7)
- 2 It's eyewatering stuff when the chap is in drink. (5)
- 3 Soup for the gunman? (7)
- 4 Reproductions inside bluebottles say. (6)
- 5 One night in Paris for Northern soul. (5)
- 6 Swing the camera up, cards please. (3)
- 7 Round places to live? Confused? Try us. (5)
- 13 At the end of one's tether? Keep it in. (4)
- 14 Double anything up in the dales. (3)
- 16 Requests short jobs. (4)
- 18 Overcome? perhaps it's for the best. (3)
- 20 Is tin here or otherwise? No choice ! (7)
- 21 It's really in your face to demolish a thoroughfare. (7)
- 24 Inundate with Cornish current. (5)
- 25 New drivers start with their papers round an unknown perfect place (5)
- 27 The first time architect. (5)
- 29 A sort of three-quarter spidery stuff. (3)



Football Results

North Berks League

Div 3



22/09/2018	Faringdon Town Reserves	2	0	Dorchester First
29/09/2018	Benson Lions First	1	7	Dorchester First
13/10/2018	Dorchester First	6	0	Marcham First

Cup

06/10/2018	Dorchester First	0	0	Drayton First
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Drayton First win 4-3 on penalties.

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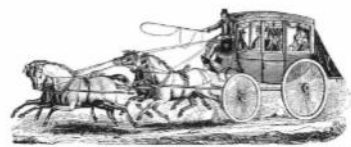
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Hempcroft Allotments Summer Party

The First Hempcroft Allotments Summer Party was held on Sunday 2 September, following the Autumn flower show on the Saturday. There was a fabulous turn out and a magnificent spread of home baked food. Sunshine prevailed all afternoon as we enjoyed the company of villagers - the party flowed with lots of lively chatter, laughter and sharing of stories. Amongst those attending were Allotment holders, prospective 'Allotmenters', as well as those just joining in the fun, including newcomers to the village.

Thanks to all of those who contributed to the festivities and particularly those who helped set up the Party Tents and clear up at the end. It was a truly enjoyable occasion and the general consensus was that it had been an overwhelming success; we definitely plan to do the same next year!

Charlotte, Andy and The Allotment Committee



Brenda Clarke 1933-2018

Brenda is a Dorchester person through and through.

Born Abbey Cottages 1933 and aged 7 moved with her parents to cottages on the Belcher Court site where she lived until her marriage, with her parents (cottages which were compulsorily purchased by the council to build Belcher Court) and attended all the local schools.

Brenda's father worked for Goodings, the builders, based in Queen Street, next door to the house with the thatched roof. She had a brother and a sister Jean who has travelled from her home in Clacton to remember her today.

Brenda and Denis met when they were both 17 and the Dorchester Girls Club (that met in the old village hall) invited Garsington Boys Club to a joint meeting! As with all young men of his generation it wasn't long before Denis was called up for his national service and when he returned he and Brenda were married – both of them 22. They lived initially with Brenda's parents in cottages on Martins Lane and later bought a plot of land almost opposite where they built a new home to which they moved in the mid 50's. Brenda was absolutely devoted to Denis and her family. They had two children Tony, born in 1960 who died in 2008 sadly outliving his father by only a couple of years, and Nick, born in 1963. She was a tower of love and strength to her family and enjoyed a special relationship with her grand-daughter, Alice. It was Brenda's quiet courage and help despite her own struggle that enabled Tony to live a happy life in spite of his health. Sometimes our own pain helps us to help others and her neighbours remember her as being a wonderful support; a strong, kind, woman who was very caring and always cheerful.

Not surprisingly then, Brenda is held in great affection in Dorchester. People who were neighbours of Brenda as children remember her clearly as sweet natured, kind, gentle. Beautiful. Always band box smart and immaculately groomed. One particular memory from childhood is of Brenda and Denis together; 'Him,

very tall and gangly in his Sunday suit, her small and trim, immaculately dressed in the latest fashion. She looked exactly the same when I saw her a few weeks ago.' Another adds: 'When I came back to the village after forty years absence, Brenda went out of her way to welcome me and always took an interest in family news.'

Brenda was an excellent cook and gardener. Denis came from a horticultural background. And neighbours remember that you never left Brenda's house empty-handed but with cake, vegetables

and flowers of prize winning quality. Not surprisingly she was a member of the WI and also of the handbell ringing group. She was also a great animal lover – their home always had animals and her remaining cat was absolutely devoted to Brenda.

But you will be wondering why I have not mentioned Pettits – because as you all know she was something of an Institution there! She had worked at Pettits 'forever' – certainly more than 50 years - and I am sure almost everyone will have a Pettits memory of Brenda. She began working for the company when she was 16 or 17 cycling to Wallingford daily, took time off when the boys were young and returned, only properly and completely retiring four or five years ago!

Like most of our lives Brenda's journey, from her birth here in the village and her baptism in Dorchester Abbey to her funeral farewell, wasn't dissimilar from that in the great Psalm 23 – it had its moments of pure glory alongside times when dark shadows loomed to make life difficult. It had – sometimes recognised and sometimes not - the constant companionship and care of God; and if you want evidence of that, the quiet courage of her life and the caring companionship she offered others bear witness. Now we can envisage her seated at a banquet, surrounded and welcomed by loved ones, cared for by the eternal love which has upheld her and in whose presence she now dwells.



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This month we will be super-busy with the Fireworks and then getting

ready for Christmas! We have some lovely new merchandise for Christmas this year – see our website

www.footstepsfoundation.com or pop in and see our new display cabinet with silver & beaded bracelets brought to us by a family who bring their disabled daughter all the way from Pakistan, and adorable cuddly toys (wearing footsteps t-shirts!) very kindly supplied by village residents Misty and Tim. We also have lovely Christmas cards from a graphic designer that supports our work. So why not shop local, and for charity at the same time?

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- A brand new map showing all the meadows, with suggested walking times
- Downloadable map to use when walking
- Our videos. There is a wonderful highlights video of wildlife on our 'What We Offer' page - did you know we have spotted otters along the River Thames?
- Links to our new Facebook page where we invite you to join us and add your thoughts, ideas and photos.
- Information about volunteering - we would welcome you to join us and help us
- Worksheets for families to use when visiting the meadows
- Lots of beautiful photographs
- Easy link to Pay Pal. Have you thought about supporting us? We rely on donations to preserve this wonderful local amenity so please help us if you can.

We would love to hear what you think. Have we missed out some content you would like to see? Is it easy to navigate and find your way around? How would you improve the site? Would you like to be involved in developing ideas further?

We are keen to get new content and to keep the site interesting and up to date. Can you write on local flora and fauna? Are you a photographer?

Give us your feedback to help us improve the website further. Talk to any of the trustees (click the 'Who We Are' tab on the website to find our names) or email

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We could not have done this without outside help. In particular, Karen Hadley donated time and expertise which has been crucial to success. Chinnor Web Design provided the professional input very capably; Linda Francis drew the new maps and Helen Wendhold proofread the website's content. Finally, the Spear Charitable Trust funded the redevelopment with a generous grant. Our warm thanks to all.

Richard Farrant
Chairman, Hurst Water Meadow Trust



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Well, can I just say **thank you** for your support!

The **total** raised by Wednesday Lunch Club for Macmillan after deductions of hire of the Village Hall of £48 was £305.52.

The spread of cakes and biscuits was amazing. Thank you to all the Wednesday Lunch Club Ladies for their cooking efforts.



In particular to Pene for sourcing take away cups. To Jackie, Ann, Diana, Meg, Pene and Kathy for their extra help and early start on the day!

Thank you to the paying guests. The school drop-in parents with welcome toddlers. The visiting coach group and locals for the Flower Festival. The parents and staff from Footsteps who shared such enlightening and crusading conversations.

Thank you to Mr Leigh at the Primary School allowing Phase 2 by giving permission to have a table top cake sale at the end of the school day as we had such lovely cakes left to sell. Thank you to Teresa, the school secretary, for sending the text to the parents informing them at short notice asking for MacMillan support.

There are others in the village living with Cancer who dropped in fliers raising awareness of the support available. They will be holding further events in the Village Hall later this year. Please keep your eyes open in the Dorchester News for more information

Thank you **all** so much.
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Cabinet approves £120m road and building repair funding proposal

OCC's cabinet has agreed to borrow up to £120m to invest in infrastructure improvements – easing the spending squeeze on road and property repairs. A report presented to Cabinet in September acknowledged that under-investment has resulted in significant reduction in quality of major and minor roads, as well as pavements, with an increase in car damage and personal injury claims. Residents regularly say that they want to see improvements to the roads, and the investment proposal means the whole county would benefit from a 'growth dividend'. The decision means around £80m could be spent on highway improvements, with the rest of the £120m used to invest in other county council-owned assets especially schools. It will be paid for using Oxfordshire's expected growth in homes and consequent council tax income and gives scope to 'borrow to invest' that will, over the long term, save money.



Cabinet approves proposal to make the council 'fit for the future'

OCC will get a complete overhaul to ensure it is 'fit for the future' and continues to meet rising demand for services. The changes are crucial to enabling the county council to deliver its vision of 'thriving communities for everyone'. The Cabinet has accepted the business case for a new 'operating model' and will consider how it will be implemented at the October Cabinet meeting.

The transformation plan would protect and improve frontline services for residents, while cutting red tape and reducing the costs of 'back office' administration. The proposed redesign of the county council could save between £34m-£58m a year and ensure a continued balanced budget, with the possibility of reinvesting in services in the future. The detailed business case for implementing the new operating model currently estimates a potential reduction of approximately 600-890 full time equivalent posts at the council over a two to three-year period. The council's annual staff turnover is about 650 posts so the number of compulsory redundancies is likely to be much fewer. Customer service, supported by new technology, would be at the heart of the proposed new 'operating model' to make the council much more efficient. Residents contacting the council would see improved customer service with use of digital technology freeing up time for specialist staff to provide personalised services where needed.



Response to announcement on the Oxford-Cambridge expressway

OCC welcomes the announcement of a preferred Corridor for part of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, but is very disappointed that access to the M40 through Oxfordshire is still unclear. Highways England, who are leading on this project, have identified Corridor B as their proposal, the central corridor from the three broad corridors being considered. However, there is still no indication on which of the sub-options around Oxford would be taken forward. OCC will now carefully study the Corridor put forward, including the justification and technical detail which has led to this choice, and how it would affect already stretched roads, such as the A34 and interface with other schemes including East West Rail. OCC has set three tests to assess the decision-making process for that corridor and, eventually, the final route choice:

- Impact on the A34: it should provide relief to congestion on the A34 and function as a separate strategic route, allowing the A34 around Oxford to work better for local traffic
- Pressure on existing roads: It should not increase pressure on overstretched roads
- Conflation with other schemes: It should be developed separately but alongside other local schemes, to ensure the highway network works for Oxfordshire overall

Invariably, a project of this magnitude and ambition will have an impact, which OCC will need to ensure is mitigated. OCC will seek clarity on how the corridor choice is developed so that a decision can be made on the best route for the scheme

(See also page 21—Ed)



Improvements for delayed transfer of care from hospital

The latest snapshot of delayed transfer of care figures on September 13 showed there were 79 delayed patients in Oxfordshire – a 31% fall on the same period last year. The previous week there were 77 representing a sustained and significant fall from 2017 when the highest local recorded weekly figure was 202. Based on the latest NHS published data, Oxfordshire is the 11th most improved system in the country, with a reduction of 58% in the number of bed days lost – more than twice the national average of 25%. This turnaround is attributed to a revitalised joined-up approach between NHS teams and the County Council ensuring that patients leave hospital as soon as they are medically fit to do so.



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LIVE SHOWS

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Sat 17 Nov 8.00pm To Hell in a Handbag, Live theatre.

Written and Performed by Helen Norton & Jonathan White *The Secret Lives of Canon Chasuble and Miss Prism*. While others are preoccupied with cucumber sandwiches and railway cloak-rooms, two minor characters from *The Importance of Being Earnest* are up to their necks in something else. A country rector

Langtree Sinfonia Autumn Concert 2018

The Autumn concert of the Langtree Sinfonia will be held in St Thomas's Church, Goring-on-Thames on **Saturday, November 17**, at 7.30pm.

The evening starts with the *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture* by Mendelssohn. Inspired by two poems by Goethe, they also inspired Beethoven to write a cantata.

It was the fourth of Mendelssohn's seven overtures, and was written before his better-known *Hebrides overture*.

Also in the programme will be Tchaikovsky's homage to Mozart, the *Suite No 4*, sub-titled *Mozartiana*. Written as a tribute to Mozart, a composer whom Tchaikovsky adored, it uses Mozart's own themes, as well as that of a contemporary of Mozart, to create a work designed to popularise Mozart's lesser known works, which it may well do here.

Rounding off the programme will be Mozart's *Symphony No 38 in D Major*, known as the *Prague Symphony*. First performed in Prague in January 1787, the finale quotes from his opera, *The Marriage of Figaro* which was extremely popular in Prague at the time.

The orchestra began as a music class in adult education in 1971 and went on to establish itself as an independent orchestra to further its development. When the orchestra celebrated its 40th anniversary the orchestra combined with local choirs to perform Beethoven's *Choral Fantasy*, a work which combined vocal and instrumental soloists with the orchestra. It has been on tour to Goring's twin town, Belleme, in Northern France playing Poulenc, Mozart and Beethoven and works played in other concerts include Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un Gentilhombre*, Hummel's *Trumpet Concerto* and Bruckner's 4th *Symphony*.

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'Have you seen it?'

Wallingford Museum's 'Treasures with Tales' exhibition closes soon have you seen it yet?

Earlier this year the Museum received a wide variety of fascinating objects on loan from local people for this special exhibition, each with their own special significance - from exotic to fun to poignant - or just beautiful! A few examples:-

- a Grandfather's walking stick - Towards the end of WW1 on his first solo flight grandfather crashed his plane ending up in a hedge! By the time he had recovered, the war was over. This hollow walking stick was made from the wreckage
- Old shoes built into a house wall in North Stoke - to bring luck
- Carved limestone, from Wallingford Castle or Priory, found in Crowmarsh
- a Saxon snake skeleton, found when Wallingford Bookshop was being built
- granite from the original London Bridge, found in a rockery in Wallingford
- a 1918 postcard commemorating the amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps with the Royal Navy Air Service, to form the Royal Air Force
- autographs from the GB athletes at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris
- a special edition of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's distinctive hat made from Bristol blue glass

The Museum has welcomed visitors from all over the world this year. Here are some of their comments:-

Haven't been for some time. Great to see changes - new exhibits and other archive rooms (Wallingford) Very interesting. More to see than we expected. Will definitely be back (Benson) What a wonderful place. The best museum I have been to for ages. 'Treasures with Tales' makes it personal and fascinating. Very moving as well (Princes Risborough) Fascinating story of Wallingford, and lovely friendly welcome (Cholsey) Didn't realise it was so extensive (Wallingford)

There is still time to visit the Museum, but it closes at the end of November for the winter refurbishment, opening again on **1 March 2019**. The Museum is open on Tuesdays to Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm.

Stu Darby

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Wallingford Garden Club

At Wallingford Gardening Club on **Thursday 8 November 2018** at 19.30, Maren Talbot will be speaking on *Pleiones the Hardy Orchids*.

Maren owns an Orchid nursery which includes many Pleiones. Pleiones are miniature orchids sometimes called Himalayan crocuses. The natural habitat of these exquisite and captivating flowers is in moss on branches and trunks of trees, or terrestrially in rocks with leaf litter. Maren will share with us the easy secrets of their cultivation and care.

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What's on in Wallingford



'Excavations at a Roman Villa, Celsea Place, Cholsey'

Andy Hood (of Foundations Archaeology) will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the recent excavations at Celsea Place in Cholsey.

An archaeological evaluation undertaken in 2015 identified a previously unknown Roman Villa in Cholsey. Subsequent large-scale excavation of the land immediately adjacent to the villa building revealed evidence for intensive agricultural activity, situated within a landscape of ditched enclosures. Features included five corn drying ovens, wells, clay-lined water-tanks, human/animal burials and scattered pits and postholes. Andy Hood of Foundations Archaeology will give a presentation detailing the initial findings of the fieldwork and an update on the post-excavation analysis.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 14 Nov**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan

www.twahas.org.uk

Wallingford and its castle

**The 2018 autumn study day of the Oxfordshire Local History Association
Wallingford Methodist Church,
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Saturday 3 November 2018**

Wallingford has a long and distinguished history; it was the leading town of Berkshire when William the Conqueror crossed the Thames here on his way to his coronation in Westminster Abbey. Before the Norman Conquest it had been a fortified town (burh), part of a defensive network ordered by Alfred the Great against Danish invasion. William the Conqueror's castle was enlarged over the centuries, serving as a stronghold and royal palace which dominated the town. In the English Civil war it withstood a twelve week siege by Roundhead forces and was ordered to be destroyed by Cromwell; much of its stonework was re-used in Windsor Castle.

At this year's autumn study day Judy Dewey will give us an introduction to the town's history, with a particular focus on its Anglo Saxon origins, and Katharine Keats-Rohan will talk about Wallingford Castle as a royal residence and stronghold. In the afternoon there will be a guided walk around the castle grounds and a chance to visit Wallingford Museum where there is a special display of new information about the castle, as well as exhibits on resident Agatha Christie, and the town's role in the television series Midsomer Murders.

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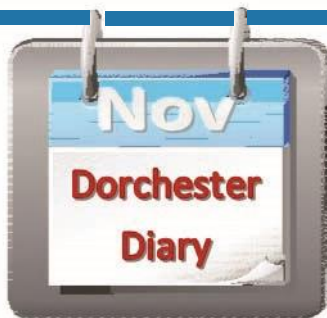
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STOVES



WOODBURNING STOVES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Day by day

Thurs 1 Nov	Light: A Spiritual Journey Multimedia exhibition Dorchester Abbey Until 6 January 2019 Unbroken Glory—Gathered radiance Armistice exhibition Dorchester Abbey
Sat 3 Nov	Village Fireworks Display Recreation Ground From 5.30pm
Sun 4 Nov	All Saints' Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd David Haylett) 10.30am Memorial Service 12.30pm Baptism
Wed 7 Nov	Lunch Club 12.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 8 Nov	WI Rachel Pettit Smith <i>History of Pettit's shop</i> 2.30pm Village Hall
Sat 10 Nov	Abbey Museum Lives of Dorchester women in WWI 2.00-5.00pm
Sun 11 Nov	Remembrance 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd Jon Roberts) 10.00am Remembrance Service Remembrance Commemoration Bagpipes 6.00am Dorchester Abbey Church Bell Ringing 12.30pm Dorchester Abbey Abbey Museum Lives of Dorchester women in WWI 2.00-5.00pm
Mon 12 Nov	Remembrance Commemoration Church Bell Ringing 2.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Tues 13 Nov	10.15am Short Communion
Wed 14 Nov	Parish Council Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 15 Nov	Classic Car Show, 1.00-4.00pm George Hotel



Sat 17 Nov	Abbey Museum Christmas Shopping 2.00pm-5.00pm
Sun 18 Nov	2 before Advent 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Christingle Service 12.00noon Baptism 5.00pm Beauforest Evensong
Mon 19 Nov	Abbey Museum Volunteers evening 6.30pm
Tues 20 Nov	Abbey Museum Christmas Shopping 10.00am-12.00noon
Wed 21 Nov	Chiropodist Village Hall (see p16) Culham Horticultural Society <i>Exotica in Oxford</i> Richard Turner 7.30pm Abbey Guest House DADS Alan Ayckbourn's <i>Joking Apart</i> 7.45pm Village Hall
Thurs 22 Nov	DADS Alan Ayckbourn's <i>Joking Apart</i> 7.45pm Village Hall
Fri 23 Nov	DADS Alan Ayckbourn's <i>Joking Apart</i> 7.45pm Village Hall
Sat 24 Nov	DADS Alan Ayckbourn's <i>Joking Apart</i> 7.45pm Village Hall

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

Sun
25 Nov **Christ the King**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

Wed
28 Nov **Lunch Club**
12.30pm
Village Hall

DoT Historical Society
The Oxfordshire Hussars at the end of the Great War 1918
Colonel John Bridgeman
7.30pm

Thurs
29 Nov **The Science and Spirituality Of Light**
A Discussion
7.00-8.30pm

Fri
30 Nov **OSJ 50th Anniversary Concert**
Galway plays Mozart
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Weekly events

Monday	Tai Chi 2.00pm Village Hall
Tuesday	Coffee in the Abbey 10.30am-12noon Bellringing Practice 7.30pm Abbey Fishmonger 9.30am to 9.50am by War Memorial (page 16)
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

Funeral
24 Sept Brenda Clarke

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.morerecycling.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

MOBILE POST OFFICE

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

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

Services X38, X39 X40 go every 20 minutes from the bypass at the end of Drayton Road to Oxford and Wallingford. 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

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

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Dorchester Rectory
Revd. Canon Sue Booy
01865 340007

EDUCATION OFFICER

Margaret Craig
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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 2 Nov **Black**

Fri 9 Nov **Green**

Fri 16 Nov **Black**

Fri 23 Nov **Green**
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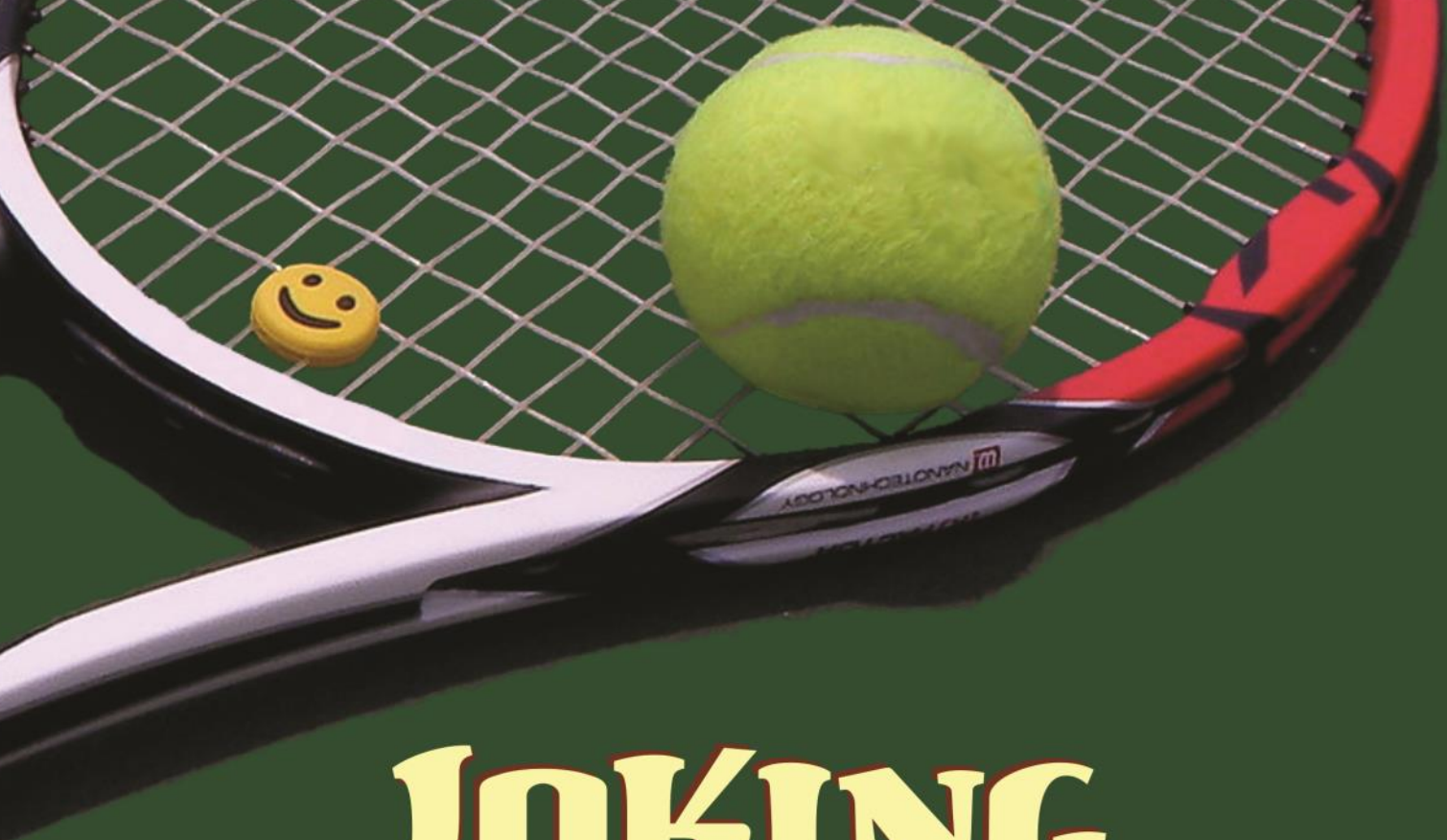
Weekdays from 7.00am
Saturdays from 6.00am

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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