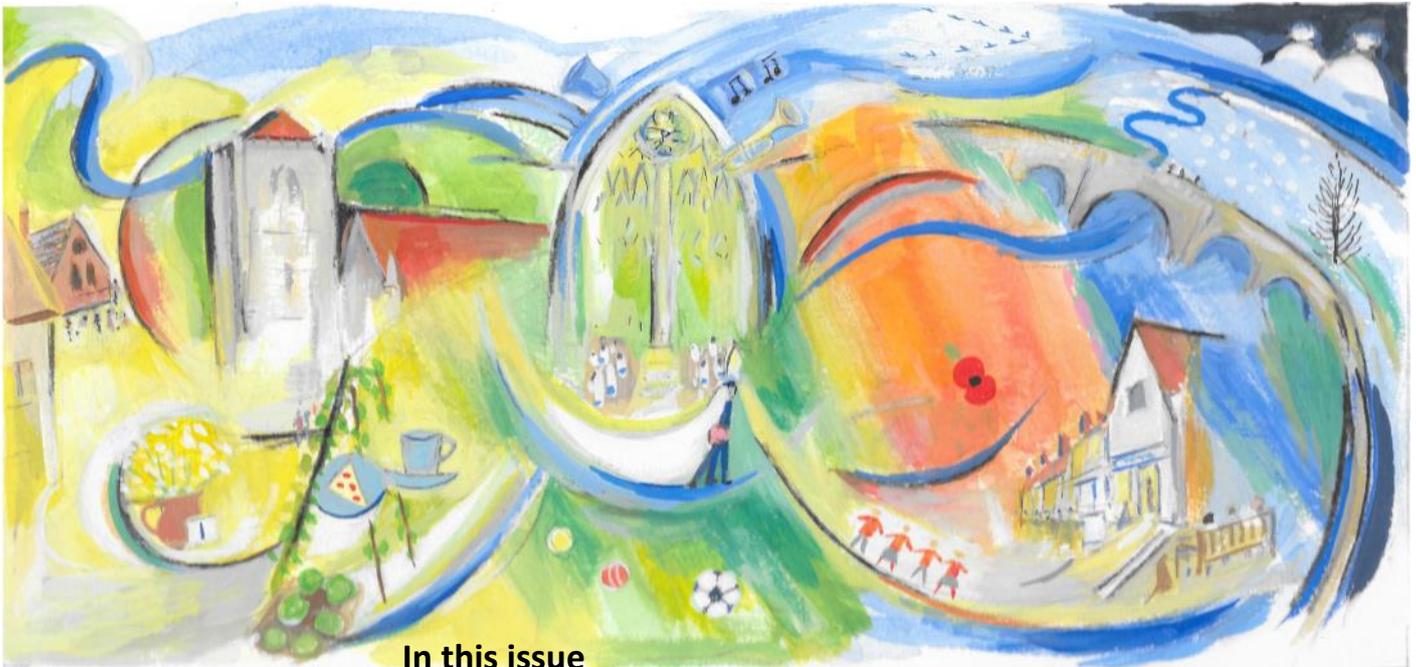


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March 2019





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DoT view

With March we begin to come out of winter. Buds start appearing and the first flowers bring colour to gardens and roadsides. This is all exemplified, of course, in the Spring Flower Show, which takes place on the first Saturday of April. Details of this year's categories are given on page 19, so you can spend March thinking about what you have in your garden, in store, or in pots to ensure that they are ready for the beginning of April.

Any village such as Dorchester relies on people giving their time, often for not much, if any, financial reward, to keep things running. An example of this is the Village Hall, without which many village events, including the Flower Show, could not take place. Central to keeping this running is someone to manage the bookings. What a disaster it would be if a wedding reception turned up at the Village Hall on the same day as the Flower Show! There is a vacancy for someone to take on this vital job, which is advertised on page 5. If you think that you can take this on, then please contact Keith or Mark, and prevent the potential chaos that could otherwise ensue.

March is a busy month for concerts in the Abbey, with four in prospect, with musicians and singers from all over the world. We are very privileged to have all of this on our doorstep.

Ian Brace

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Talking Point

Canon Sue Booyo

'Breaking up is hard to do...' whether you hear these words in the voice of Neil Sedaka or The Carpenters – or even if you don't recognise either the artists or the song – these words seem only too apt for the United Kingdom at the moment. Paul Simon's 'There must be fifty ways to leave your lover' also has a rather dark resonance with its words 'I wish there was something I could do to make you smile again...'

Whatever your view on the desirability of Brexit you are almost certainly frustrated and possibly despairing, not only with the process but with the sense of uncertainty. Undoing something is almost always more difficult and frustrating than setting something up and although damaging a relationship is something that can happen really quickly through simple negligence or a careless word or action, mending relationships is much more difficult.

This isn't only true of political and

international relationships. Although it would be true to say that 'the bigger the canvas the greater the fallout' the pain and difficulty when relationships fail within families, friends and communities is very similar to that in headline hitting rows and separations. The truth is that cracks appear in relationships long before the big break up. In Europe we might cite failure to join the common currency, perceptions of a 'special status' for the UK and feelings that one partner is expected to contribute too much/is not contributing as cracks that have been apparent in European relationships in the past. Look at these in a more general way and all of them apply to smaller situations.

Often cracks appear in the fabric of a family or community over unequal contributions – not necessarily financial but in time, in the undertaking of particular chores or the willingness to take others' needs into account. 'It's not fair' may be equated with the cry of a child but a sense of unfairness or injustice (real or

imagined) is a common cause of fallings out at all levels.

How do we manage to curb our inner child from grumbling 'It's not fair' and begin to heal the cracks that cause a long term relationship failure and breakdown? The first step is to recognise the childish cry honestly within the complex complaints we make, the second is to 'walk in the shoes' of the other person trying to see why they feel that you are 'not being fair' and the third is to step into the 'no man's land' of negotiation with as much honesty as we can muster and try to set relationships right.

During March the season of Lent begins and the days of Lent – celebrated to remember Jesus's time in the Wilderness – represent a no man's land in terms of our relationship with God. However that relationship is experienced for you my guess is that, like me, there are always cracks appearing. Lent is an opportunity to recognise where those cracks might be and to step into the no man's land where reconciliation and renewal are to be found.

Morning Service 3 March

I am delighted that we will be welcoming Mrs Kathy Winrow to speak at our service on **3 March** at 10.30am. Kathy has a long and distinguished career as a head-teacher and is the Vice Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education. As our own village school is a Church School one of its important streams of advice and help comes from the DBE.

Talking it through

'Talking it Through' is a series of occasional supper meetings with an opportunity to meet and talk about those issues which are often quite sharp for us challenging faith in ourselves and in others. The kind of issues that make us ask the question 'So where is God in all this' or 'God? Surely not!'

The first two of these meetings will take place in Lent addressing the subjects 'living with a life changing diagnosis' (**11 March**) and 'living with dementia' (**8 April**).

We will meet at Dorchester Rectory for a simple supper followed by a short introduction from someone with experience of the issues and an opportunity to question, discuss and (if you wish) share your own experiences.

If you would like to join me do get in touch with me (admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk; **01865 34007**).

If there is a subject you would like to address please do get in touch to make a suggestion. I plan for this to be an 'occasional' series of suppers and conversations starting in Lent!

Revd Sue Booyo

Sun 31 March Mothering Sunday

We hope you will join us for a Mothering Sunday special with the choir and music group and the annual distribution of posies.

Free Lent books and Lent groups

During the 40 days of Lent we are inviting you on a virtual Pilgrimage with forty reflections about Blessedness written by our own Bishop, Steven, for the whole of the Church of England. Pocket size Pilgrim Journeys books will be available in all our Dorchester Team Churches for anyone who wants to read a page a day. If you prefer to do these things 'on the go' you can download the Lent and Easter pilgrim app on Apple or Google play.

Lent Lunches 2019 Everyone welcome

Lent lunches this year are as follows:

- **1 March** with Sue Jupp at 13 Watling Lane
- **15 March** with Catherine Paul at 3 Haven Close, D.o.T
- **22 March** with Meg Fisher at Little Orchard 4 Drayton Rd,
- **29 March** with Julie Taylor at The Manor House, Overy
- **5 April** with Dawn Dudley at Church House, D.o.T
- **12 April** with Carolyn Oakley at 24 Bridge End, D.o.T
- **19 April** with Judy Parker at the Abbey Guest House.

All lunches are from 12.30-2.00pm except Good Friday (19 April) which is at 12.00pm-1.00pm.

Your donations this year will be sent to charities helping the homeless



Mortimer Menpes, 1855-1938

Dorchester on Thames Historical Society Wednesday 27 March 2019

7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room

Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

Margot Metcalfe, Gail Thomas and Denise Line will talk about their research project:

'Up the Street': the history of pubs, shops and businesses in Dorchester

We look at how local businesses have evolved, especially since the 1850s, using a variety of sources such as census data, directories, photographs, family records and local knowledge. Our special focus is on shops, pubs and trades, and the families engaged in them, in some cases over several generations. We also draw on oral history and local memories to show how

things have changed, especially in the last few decades.

We hope that many residents will bring their own memories and memorabilia, so that we can take the project forward. We are very grateful to those who have already shared their stories.

Looking forward, the speaker on **April 24** will be Tony Hadland on *'Covert Catholics of the Dorchester area'*.

Margot Metcalfe
Chairman



(Not) In a Jam!

Your Tea Room has an emergency jam shortage!

By the end of last season we had entirely run out of home made jam and had to resort to buying it in, a situation which clearly cannot continue!

Do you possibly have some jam in the cupboard you can spare?

We need jam to go with scones, so any berry or currant jam would be perfect.

Please also let me know if you usually have spare fruit or are happy to make jam this year so that we can work on improving our supply for this season.



Steph Forman
steph@forman.org.uk
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Culham & District Horticultural Club

Wednesday 20 March 2019

7.30pm Abbey Guest House,
Dorchester-on-Thames

Keith Wiley and Wildside Nursery
Garden by Jon Evans



Photograph: Mediterranean Garden Society

The garden created by Keith Wiley at Wildside can be loosely described as naturalistic in style but he has taken this to whole new level. The garden was originally a flat field but he has transformed the site through extensive landscaping and spectacular planting to recreate the natural habitats for plants from all over the world

Membership is open to all those who have a keen interest in horticulture (annual subscription £20) and visitors are welcome at the meeting (suggested donation £4). For more details telephone **01235 850381** or email judy@tiggercat.me.uk



Hempcroft Allotments March

Nematode Challenge 2019

BASF, the leading producer of beneficial nematodes used as pest control in British gardens, is on the search for volunteers to take part in its 2019 Nematode Challenge. The company grows trillions of beneficial nematodes for use in its Nemasys range of pest controls. After an initial launch in 2017, the company has decided to run its Nematode Challenge for 2019. It will also, for a second successive year, exclusively be launched in conjunction with the National Allotment Society. All of the six products are simply mixed with water and applied from a watering can with a coarse rose. This process is repeated throughout the season, from the moment that the first signs of pests occur, and can be easily slotted into the regular watering routine. There is no need to keep children or pets away from treated areas and the whole programme is easy to use, entirely biological, meaning all the products can be used by organic gardeners.

Despite this simplicity, and their many benefits, many gardeners and growers are put off by them, thinking them to be too complicated or expensive. So, in order to tackle this mindset, BASF is looking for 25 volunteers across the UK to give beneficial nematodes a try and to report on their results. The allotment gardeners will represent a diverse range of soil types and growing problems, along

with, no doubt, preconceptions about nematodes.

Volunteering couldn't be easier, and the whole process is designed to be as easy, adding as little work to the allotments-holders as possible. To get involved, **all you have to do is email sarahbryan@paskett.co.uk by 8 April 2019.**

Successful volunteers will be supplied with a free season's worth of Nemaslug, along with a short, initial questionnaire to fill in, which will contain questions such as:

Where is your allotment garden?

What do you grow?

How would you rate your recent slug problems?

Which pest control products do you usually use?

Which have been successful?

Do you actively encourage wildlife into your allotment?

In late September, results and feedback questionnaires will be circulated, containing questions about how the volunteers found their experience of using Nemaslug, and whether they would use it again.

Edward Metcalfe
Chairman



VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS OFFICER REQUIRED

We're looking for someone to co-ordinate our bookings and liaise with people wanting to use our village hall.

This would suit someone with some time to spare, an interest in village events and social activities and willing to help us maintain running an essential village asset.

Much of the job can be managed at home using our PC based systems along with occasional visits to the village hall.

As well as meeting costs we'll make reasonable financial payments for this support.

Please take this request seriously, we need help if we hope to keep it viable as an on-going centre for village activities.

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In the Cathedral Close you can visit:

Mompesson House, now owned by the National Trust (**National Trust members remember to bring your card**), featured in the film Sense and Sensibility. A Queen Anne style town house it houses a fine display of English 18th century drinking glasses and a collection of stumpwork (raised embroidery). There is a lovely garden and tea-room.

Arundells, 59 The Close, was originally a medieval canonry, with the first recorded occupant being Henry of Blunston, Archdeacon of Dorset, who lived there from 1291-1316. The House has a fascinating history, the last occupant being the late Sir Edward Heath. It houses a very interesting art collection including paintings by John Piper.

The Salisbury Museum is also in the Close and well worth a visit.



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N.B. You do not need to be a member of the Historical Society to enjoy this visit. Everyone welcome.

Friends of Dorchester Abbey Visit to Worcester Monday 13 May 2019

This year, the annual visit of The Friends of Dorchester Abbey will be to Worcester and will take place on **Monday 13 May**.

The cost of £30 per person will include the coach travel and a guided tour of the beautiful Cathedral.

There will be more information in next month's Dorchester News and Abbey Friends will receive more details in the Friends Spring Newsletter. I'm putting this brief notice in the current Dorchester News so that anyone who might be interested may take note of the date.

Yvonne Lawden

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Benson Choral Society Oratory School Woodcote Saturday 30 March

ELGAR'S KINGDOM. Benson Choral Society with the Elgar Orchestra and conductor Chris Walker have a strong affinity with Elgar's great oratorios which promises a convincing performance of this powerful work! They are joined by a fine band of soloists to perform at 7.30 pm on **Saturday 30 March**. Please note particularly the venue this time is the Oratory School in Woodcote, which itself has Elgar connections through its founder John Henry Newman.

Tickets are £18 or £15 (reserved) or £12 (unreserved). You can get them online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/benson-choral-society or call Stephanie on **01865 407395**.

Dorchester Lunch Club

The dates for the Lunch Club lunches from March to Easter are on Wednesdays: **13 March, 27 March** and end of season Easter Lunch on **10 April**. The lunches are held in the back room of the Village Hall at 12.30 for 12.45pm.

It is always nice to welcome new people to attend, but please phone me the week before you would like to come so I can be sure I can fit you in, as it is only possible to accommodate 24 people each time.

Susan Jupp
01865 341066



St Birinus Primary School News

Snow is always a challenge to even the hardest headteacher and I noticed that on Twitter, one headteacher commented on the expected sleepless night thinking about whether to close or not. On the 1 February, we did have a snow day, which I am sure caused a great deal of excitement for the children to be able to play freely in the snow along with most of the children in the county. Although as quickly as it arrived, by Monday most of the snow had gone.

Other highlights from the first half term of 2019 include:

- Jemma Evans from the Oxfordshire Music Service joined us for an assembly to demonstrate several brass instruments including trumpet, trombone and a hosepipe (not really a brass instrument!). It is always great to hear live music and hopefully one or two of the children may be interested in taking one of these instruments on – although maybe not the hosepipe.

Pre-School News



The Spring Term welcomed two new children to the setting, Cora and Brianna. A big welcome to both of them and their families. The boys and girls have done a great job at helping them both settle into our wonderful little pre-school.

It has been a very busy term; snow men have been built (and destroyed!), Valentine's Day cards crafted, pancakes have been tossed (and dropped!), World Book Day celebrated and Red Nose Day Fundraising activities enjoyed. All within a stimulating and fun environment helping the children play, learn and grow together thanks to the wonderful staff.

New outdoor toys were purchased with the money raised by preschool staff at the Christmas Fundraiser, as a charity run organisation fundraising is vital and the new balance beam, football goal, basketball net, tool bench and other props for the home corner have been enjoyed by all the children this term. Alongside enjoying outdoor play, the children have also planted some vegetables and wild flowers, which they will be nurturing until they are ready to harvest later in the year.

The children have been over to the school to see Mrs Harding and see how well the children who left in July are getting on at school. Our children taking that big step this September were glad to see how well they've settled in. There has also been a visit from the librarian for a special story time session.

A special well done to all the children who received the managers award from Helen. Namely Cora, Brianna, Isla, Paige and Arthur. A very well done to you all and those others not known at the time of writing.

We do still have places available for September if you know of any interested parties, please pass on our details. If anyone wishes to speak to a member of staff or member of the committee about joining the committee and gaining a greater involvement in the vitally important early stages of your child's education, please call **01865 341805** or email admin@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk.

Lauren Collett
Secretary

- On 17 January, Toby, Jacob, Charlie, Oakleigh, Joe, Ryan, Carys, Annabelle, Jessica, Sasha, Cecily, Phoebe, Megan, Diya, Reilly, Bella, Nola, Marcie and Angelina with Mrs Eade and I headed off to the Genting Arena in Birmingham for our eagerly anticipated Young Voices concert. We had been busy learning the songs and all the dance moves to join the other 7000 children. As always, a highlight for me is to watch the Urban Strides group dance on stage – they are amazing, and I certainly enjoy trying some of the actions with the songs as well as the electric atmosphere when the lights go out and the children let out a huge scream. It was an absolutely fantastic experience.
- As part of their topic on Toys, Squirrel Class invited their Grandparents in to school to talk about the toys they played with when they were younger – how different were they from the toys of today? The children went to the hall armed with their clipboards to ask their important questions. It was a great session of sharing between the generations and a big thank you to the grandparents who were able to come and share their memories with the children.



Russell Leigh
Headteacher
Dorchester St Birinus
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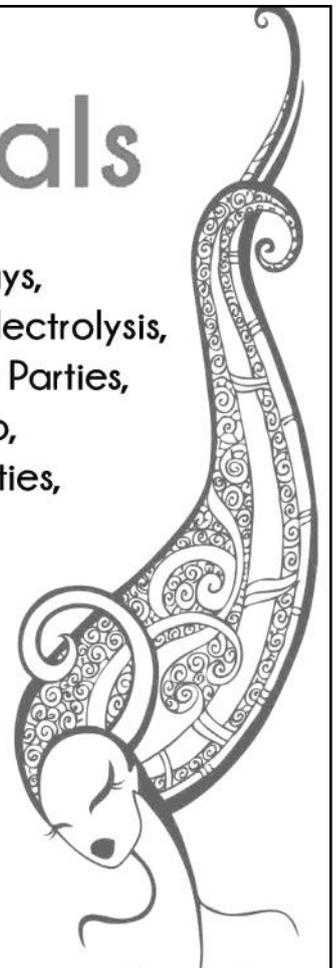
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Your Museum Needs You!

Wanted: Local person with relevant expertise to provide IT support for Dorchester Abbey Museum's computer, new server and databases, and to help provide a hands-on information experience for our visitors.

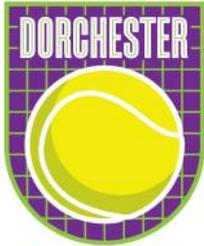
This is a volunteer role which would suit someone recently retired or working part time who's keen to get involved in a very worthwhile and interesting activity in the local community. The databases are small and simple so it's not an onerous role – once up to speed with the system, approx. a day or so per month.



For further details please contact

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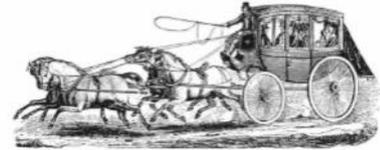
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In this copy of the Dorchester News you have a Festival programme hot off the press. If this is your second programme **please** pass it on to friends rather than the recycling bin!

This is amazing entertainment right on your doorstep at a good price, so do book tickets, bring your friends, and support two very worthwhile local charities.

Bash tickets are already going very fast so get your seats for this great fun evening before it's too late—see the separate ad!

Claim your 10% early booking discount!

If you buy your tickets by the end of 10th March you get a 10% discount using the code DORFEST before you pay. You can book online and print your ticket at home or use the telephone box office 0333 666 3366 for a small additional fee. Some tickets will be available from Hair of Dorchester, Scarecrow entry forms from Lilys and ducks from the Coop.

Food

Food & Gift Fair & Cookery Demos

Sat 11 & Sun 12 May

With amazing foods and live music on offer the Tent

is the place for lunch over the second weekend! Come and browse some great stalls and listen to producers be passionate about their food. The demos are intimate sessions in some of the smartest kitchens in Dorchester. Book early as numbers are limited (one demo already sold!)

Artisan Breads with **Nick Galer**

Plant Based Foods with **Timea Megyeri**

Kids cookery with **Mrs Bun the Baker**



The fair is being opened by masterchef finalist **Nawamin Pinpathomrat** and BakeOff's **Christine Wallace** is judging our very own Festival BakeOff on Sunday 12th.



PS — Village Essentials

Get training for the 5k fun run, plan your scarecrow for the trail and buy your duck!!!!

More details on the website....

Comedy Night

Fri 10 May 7.30pm



Always one of the best nights, bring your supper (and lots of friends) and see the great

Angela Barnes, star of R4 comedy, supported by Michael Fabbri, Jessica Fostekew and

Festival favourite Taylor Glenn.

Jazz Supper

Tues 7 May 7.30pm

Cate Cody and her incredible band return with their American songbook sound—just lovely music by incredible world renowned jazz musicians.



Dog Show

Sat 4 May from 10.00am

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Gin Tasting

Thurs 9 May 7.30pm

The expert founders of Mr Hobbs Gin take you through the history of gin from the Dutch liquor, Jenever, to the recent gin-naisance.



Book your tickets now

On line from the website or through the ticket hotline 0333 666 3366

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**Application form on
www.dorchesterfestival.com or
entries on the day.**



Scarecrow Trail

**The Scarecrows are back...
and this time they are
musical!!**

The theme for the Dorchester Festival Scarecrow Trail this year is: song titles. Which song will your scarecrow be? To enter, pick up a form from Lily's Tea Room or download online from www.dorchesterfestival.com.

Windowsill entries are just as welcome as garden scarecrows - they just need to be visible from the street.

Entry forms must be handed in at Lily's with £5 entry fee by **21 April**. Let's see if we can beat the record number of scarecrows in the village: 37!

Happy scarecrowing!

Your Funeral in your village taken by your vicar

You may have noticed the Citizens Advice notice in last month's magazine about organising a funeral. It mentions all kinds of funeral options and advises shopping around amongst Funeral Directors – certainly something to recommend! As the advert doesn't tell you anything about Church funerals I thought I would write something here. The cost of a funeral in Church (often 'bundled up' with other costs when you go to an Undertaker) is £225. This includes the time of the vicar beforehand to help you plan the service you want, and to lead that service, as well as the use of the building. In addition a church organist is about £75. In Dorchester Abbey for a small extra charge you can stay in the Church with your relatives and friends after the service ends.

So, if you would like your village vicar to say a prayer for you and the loved one you are remembering ask your funeral

director or give me a call - I am always happy to take services at the Crematorium and in the council run chapels at public cemeteries as well as in the Abbey. If you want to talk about a funeral before it's actually needed please feel free to come and see me I'd be only too happy to talk this through with you and leave a provisional order of service on file (and I don't charge for this!!)

Please don't let cost put you off having a church service or your vicar at a funeral – independent funeral officiates charge varying rates but honestly much of the cost of the funeral is for cars, caskets and crematoria. In cases of real financial hardship please talk to your vicar.

Revd Sue Booy
01865 34007

Wellness Day for cancer survivors in the Thames Valley

Dorchester Village Hall Friday 12 April 12noon – 6.00pm

Top Dermatologist talking on skincare, SimPal will talk about free Sim cards for cancer patients, the NFU are providing info on nutrition, plus massage therapists highlighting approved massage for cancer patients, etc. etc.

The Event is free for survivors

As it is obvious that the NHS is going to make more cuts, the Wellness Day will showcase which services are reputable and don't charge high fees or are free.

Where? Dorchester-on-Thames Village Hall, Queen Street (off High Street) on **Friday, 12 April** 12noon-6.00pm.

More information on aftercancers.com/wellness

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Anglo-Saxon Craft Courses at the Sylva Wood Centre

Spring & Summer 2019

Saxon Building Woodwork, or 'Treewrighting' - with Damian Goodburn

Learn about Anglo-Saxon building woodwork, based mainly on the study of surviving wooden remains, including a review of relatively new evidence, with live demonstrations of tools and techniques, and opportunities to watch treewrighting in action. Led by leading archaeological woodwork specialist Damian Goodburn BA PhD.

Saturday 23rd March 2019, 10.00am-4.00pm Cost £75.

Treewrighting and Timber-framing – with the Carpenters Fellowship

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20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th March 2019, and 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th July 2019

9.00am-5.00pm. Cost £100 per day.

Hurdle Making - with coppice worker and craftsman Simon Farndon

Students will be taught hazel splitting and how to make hurdles on the Saturday and then will practise making hurdles on the Sunday.

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March 2019, 10.00am-4.00pm. Cost £200.

Traditional Thatching – with master thatcher Alan Jones

A series of one-day courses during which you will learn traditional and sustainable early thatching methods, including those to be used on the reconstruction of the House of Wessex. There will be an opportunity to mill grain into flour and taste bread made from the wheat straw from the roof. Multiple day bookings possible.

Available on 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, & 14th August, 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost £75 per day.



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Dorchester Golf Society (DOGS)

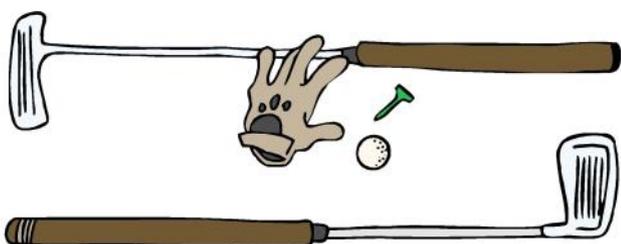
Dorchester Golf Society will be holding its AGM on **11 March** in the White Hart at 8.00pm. All existing and prospective members are welcome to join us for the meeting and for a jar or two afterwards in the bar.

In 2019 we plan to visit a mixture of old favourite and interesting new courses including Newbury and Crookham, Temple, Calcot, Goring and Flackwell Heath. We also hope to have a couple of 9 hole evening events followed by a meal in the village.

A weekend golf trip to Dorset is also under consideration.

We look forward to seeing the familiar old faces and hopefully a few new ones on the 11th.

John Edwards (Captain)
01865 343062



Spring Is Here – Time For Tennis

The weather has improved at last so come and join us to improve your fitness and hone those tennis skills over the next few months ready for the summer season. We have recently started a new series of coaching sessions which, as a Club member, you would be able to join. We are a sociable group of players always keen to welcome new members, so take out your racquet and come and meet us on court.

Contact Chris Smith if you are interested and don't forget our regular sessions listed below.

Spring Court Schedule Spring Tournament – Sunday 28 April

Sunday

10.30am to 1.00pm - Open club session

Wednesday

9.00am – 10.00am Adult coaching

10.00am – 11.0am Adult coaching

Thursday

10.30am - 12.30 pm - Open club session

3.45pm – 7.00 pm – Junior coaching

Friday

10.30am – 12.30am – Ladies Open session

Autumn Tournament - Sunday 8 September

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Football Results North Berks League Div 3



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26/01/2019	Ardington & Lockinge Reserves	0	2	Dorchester First

Nairne Paul Cup

09/02/2019	Dorchester First	4	4	Milton United 'A'
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Dorchester First win on penalties

The recently introduced scheme **Adopt a Grave in the Cemetery**

to improve the appearance and feeling of our cemetery by Dorchester residents adopting an overgrown or neglected grave has now produced its first success stories. These are usually the graves of people who have no surviving family members to maintain them and paint a sad picture when set amongst the many well-tended memorials looked after by regular carers. We will be publishing reports including 'before and after' pictures and, if possible, something of the life and times of the person buried there.

Our first example is a very special one in the development of Dorchester as Malcolm Airs explains.



Jessie Macfarlane's grave as it was..

'Having restored the grave of the Revd. William Macfarlane next to the preaching cross in the Abbey churchyard, Megan and I have now moved on to work on the grave of his sister Jessie in the cemetery. Neither William nor Jessie ever married and throughout his incumbency in Dorchester Jessie shared the Rectory with him and acted as his Housekeeper. She played an active role in the schools at both Dorchester and Burcot and

in the Missionary College that he founded in the High Street. When William died in 1885 she had to move out of the Rectory and made a new home at 21 Farndon Road in North Oxford where she lived for the rest of her life. She died in 1904 at the aged of 81 and her funeral took place in Dorchester on 23 February. There is a full account in the *Parish Magazine* for March that year which relates that 'she had always wished to be laid to rest in the old parish, which she loved, and in which she had spent so much of her life, and had it been possible she would have been buried by the side of her brother under the churchyard cross. This, however, could not be, as we are no longer allowed to bury in the churchyard. So a spot was chosen in the cemetery, and there in a grave, which loving hands had carefully lined with ivy and snowdrops, we laid her body to await the Resurrection...'

So a spot was chosen in the cemetery, and there in a grave, which loving hands had carefully lined with ivy and snowdrops, we laid her body to await the Resurrection...'

We have located her grave at the north corner of the cemetery next to Drayton Road and have begun to clear the weeds and soil which have partially obscured her monument. She must have specified the same monumental masons who commemorated her brother 19 years earlier because the general design is exactly the same. We will return in the spring to clean the stonework and to plant some snowdrops in her memory.'

Clearly this is a significant project, other graves are nowhere near as complex and distinguished but their stories are just as interesting and give us a window on Dorchester life in days gone by.

To move forward we need additional volunteers to 'adopt a grave', it isn't arduous or time consuming, just a few hours a few times a year after an initial clean up.

To find out more contact Geoff Russell, Parish Clerk. His details are on page 35 of Dorchester News

Malcolm Airs and Megan Parry restoring the grave.



RULES

1. The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on-Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield.
2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 14 & 21, where three entries may be made.
3. **All entry forms and fees to be submitted no later than 7.00 pm on Wednesday evening before the show.**
4. Entries in Classes 16 & 17 must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least the previous 4 months. Other plant classes with the exception of Classes 23 & 24 must have been grown by the exhibitor. Classes 25 - 37 must be made by the exhibitor.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.
8. **All exhibits for competition must be staged between 9.00 am and 10.15 am on the day of the show.**
9. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and clear immediately afterwards.
10. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show, accompanied by 50p. deposit which shall be forfeited to the Committee if the protest is not upheld and found to be groundless.
11. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules shall forfeit all claims to any prize.

Definitions

Class 1: Long trumpet: one flower on a stem; trumpet as long or longer than petals.
 Class 2: Short trumpet or cup: one flower on a stem; trumpet shorter than petals.
 Classes 23 & 24: Any natural material may be used.

**Please label varieties whenever possible
 Please note Rule 4**

**DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES
 SPRING FLOWER SHOW
 and
 Plant Sale/Raffle**

**DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL
 on
 Saturday 6th April 2019**

Staging 9.00 am – 10.15 am
 Viewing 2.30 pm- 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and
 presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

Exhibitors will be competing for:

- The Robert Soffe Cup (Long Trumpet Daffodils)
- Short Trumpet Daffodil Cup
- Vegetable Cup, Spring Flowers Cup
- Domestic Classes Cup
- Britain in Bloom Cup
- The Blackwell Photography Cup
- Mary Tame Handicraft Plate

Class

- 1) Daffodils, long trumpet 1 variety - 5 stems
- 2) Daffodils/Narcissi, short trumpet or cup, 1 variety - 5 stems
- 3) Daffodils/Narcissi, miniature, 1 variety - 5 stems
- 4) Daffodils, double - 5 stems
- 5) Narcissi, multiple heads - 5 stems
- 6) Narcissi/short trumpet daffodils - 5 stems, 1 of each variety
- 7) Tulips, 1 variety - 3 stems
- 8) Blossom from a tree or shrub, 1 variety - 3 sprays
- 9) Blossom from a tree or shrub, 3 varieties - 1 stem each
- 10) Polyanthus - 5 stems, mixed colours allowed
- 11) Pansies/Violas - 5 stems, mixed colours allowed
- 12) Hellebores, 1 variety - 3 stems.
- 13) Hyacinths, 1 variety - 3 stems
- 14) Any other spring flower, 1 variety - 3 stems (up to 3 entries)
- 15) Mixed Spring Flowers, 5 stems

- 16) Plant, flowering or not, in pot no more than 10" - not exhibited in last 3 years.
- 17) Bulb or bowl of bulbs of same variety, not more than 10" pot.
- 18) Leeks - 3
- 19) Stored Onions - 5
- 20) Stored Shallots - 7
- 21) Any other vegetable or fruit (up to 3 entries)
- 22) Rhubarb - 3 sticks

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

- 23) 'Spring Sunshine' (45x45x45cm/18x18x18")
- 24) Posy for a desk (15x15x15cm/6x6x6")

COOKERY

- 25) Lemon drizzle cake
- 26) Flourless cake
- 27) Chelsea buns - 5
- 28) Quiche Lorraine
- 29) Breakfast bars - 5
- 30) Pot of marmalade

PHOTOGRAPHS - all unmounted and not exhibited previously.

Conventional or digital camera
 Must not be manipulated or enhanced in any way. Max 8" x 6"
 31) Winter Garden
 32) Subject beginning with 'C'

Image manipulation - up to A4
 33) Any subject

HANDICRAFTS

- 34) Any item of needlecraft, incl knitting
- 35) Any other handcrafted item

CHILDREN (Please state age on exhibit)

- Aged 9 and over:
 36) Easter hat
 Aged 8 and under:
 37) Decorated boiled egg

ENTRY FORM

Please return no later than **7.00 pm Wednesday, 3rd April** to: Christina Stores, 55 High Street (post through letterbox please)

Class Nos

Full name of Exhibitor

Address.....

Telephone No Entry Fee 10p. per Class

Parish Council Notices

Monthly Meeting - March

The March meeting will take place in the back room of the Village Hall on **Wednesday 13 March** commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Agenda will be posted on Parish noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website –

www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/parish-council/ - three clear days in advance of the meeting.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public; a resident who wishes to raise any matter of concern is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – 17 April 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 17 April**. This meeting is open to all residents and will include the Chairman's Annual Report together with the presentation of the Council's Draft Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The Agenda will be posted on Parish noticeboards on **Wednesday 10 April**. Business will include reports from our County and District Councillors; PAGE; the latest news from the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Action Group and other planning information. The meeting will include an opportunity for residents to raise any other business.

The April Parish Council meeting will take place after the Annual Parish Meeting has concluded.

Parish Noticeboards

It would be much appreciated if residents who advertise in the unlocked areas keep the size of the notice to A5 (maximum) and remember to remove it as soon as it is no longer required.

Parish & District Council Elections

Please note that these elections, which take place every four years, will be on **Thursday, 2 May 2019**. Residents wishing more information should contact the Clerk (details below).

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**. Text messages 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

For information about the Parish Council go to <https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/parish-council/>

This includes the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings and financial information such as monthly bank balances and payments as well as a record of all planning matters upon which the Parish Council has been consulted and reports from our County and District Councillors.

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Affordable Housing in Dorchester

Since selecting Sovereign as the preferred partner for 'affordable housing' in December, the project is moving along at a pace and Sovereign has appointed architects TSH of Eynsham. They have so far produced some draft road access layouts for the six affordable homes and two commercial homes that are being planned at Allens Pit.

A detailed design for high quality homes that will include high standards of insulation that will lead to lower heating and maintenance costs will be produced by the architects once the road layout has been agreed. We will announce these when they are sent to the Parish Council and make them available to anyone who would like to see them.

Cllr Chris Hill
Council Chairman



Our Speedwatch Volunteers will be meeting in March to plan the timing and location of the next campaigns. We share the speed indicator with three neighbouring villages:

Brightwell Baldwin, Ewelme and Benson and will arrange sharing with their parish clerks.

If you would like to join our small team of volunteers and contribute to the efforts to deter drivers from excessive speeding, but not to enforce speed limits, you will be most welcome. Further, if you would like to make suggestions regarding the timing and location of future campaigns, please advise our Parish Clerk.

You may be aware that Brightwell-cum-Sotwell has a 20mph speed limit. Our Speedwatch Team will consider if a 20mph speed limit in the centre of our Village is needed and whether this should be proposed to the Parish Council.

Further to the message in last month's report advising that many of our mature and very young villagers cross the High Street to shop in the Co-op, we are now aware that at least one of our more mature residents cross when they 'hear' that there are no cars approaching as they are not tall enough to look over the parked cars. Please look out for them and help when required.

Play Reading Evenings



Come and join us for an informal evening reading plays in Dorchester Village Hall. **It's free!**

All that we ask is that you let us know in advance if you would like to read. This is so that we can select a suitable play to suit the number of readers.

If you plan to come along or, would like more information please contact Mark Wilkin on markwilkin@gmail.com or 07500 410710.

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



Communities to be offered help with youth services

Young people and their families in Oxfordshire are now set to benefit from improved community-run youth services if county councillors agree grant funding when they set the council's budget next week. Youth groups will be invited to bid in to a £1m fund over two years, with encouragement to find match-funding from their local communities. Feedback from residents points to strong support for improving community-run youth services, and this money would help existing projects expand and new ones get off the ground. By offering start-up funding, the council has already helped many community-run groups provide support for young children and families, and it is hoped the same could happen for youth services. Community-run youth services would complement the work of the county council's Children's Services department, which targets its resources at children at risk of abuse and neglect. This proposal has been made possible by better than expected Council Tax collection following growth in Oxfordshire.



Cash boost for future of transport in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire's road users could see a technological revolution take place in the coming years that could involve important traffic information being used to help them to get around more easily thanks to a successful bid for £1.25m of Government funding. The cash has been through the national GovTech Catalyst initiative towards work to transform the existing Oxfordshire traffic management system – ready for the Government's hoped-for introduction of connected vehicles by 2021 as well as other new mobility options, such as electric vehicles. Many people think of the new wave of transport in terms of cars. However, connected vehicles – anything that can be linked up via the internet to a wider system – could mean vans, buses, lorries, motor or pedal cycles. Even wheelchairs could take advantage of new technology to get around more easily. Everyone stands to benefit. Oxfordshire's money will pay for researching how data – of which there is lots and from varied sources – could be used to help manage traffic in the future.



More than 40,000 road defects repaired in Oxfordshire since last winter

OCC's highways teams are out daily relentlessly resurfacing roads and pavements. They have been able to complete more work than last year thanks to the county council putting in extra cash over and above the normal budget in response to the problems caused during the last cold spell. Since January 2018 the council has repaired 40,117 defects. That's an average of 3,652 repairs a month which is quite colossal compared to what was needed during the same time period the year before – a total of 34,677 defects were repaired between Jan-Dec 2017. Due to severe weather last winter, pothole fixing peaked between February and May with nearly 18,000 being repaired. The county council this year invested an extra £10m in road repairs which has resulted in extra major resurfacing projects being completed as well as smaller, but no less important, repairs being completed across Oxfordshire.



Culham to get speed limit reduction

I agreed to fund an application from Culham Parish Council for a 40mph speed limit to be imposed all along the A415 between the 30mph limit at Abingdon and Culham, and along the length of the Burycroft. This new speed limit should be in place by early in April.



Berinsfield bus club to be established

I am delighted that thanks to some great collaborative work between Jon Alcantara, the Europa School parent who runs the current Culham Bus Club, and the County Council, there will be a return bus service running from Berinsfield to Abingdon from now on. As it looks as if the Oxford Academy will be oversubscribed for places in September 2019, all new pupils getting places at Larkmead, Fitzharrys, and John Mason will be entitled to free transport as their other nearest school (Wallingford) is also going to be full. I hope this great news will reassure parents that there will no longer be any financial barrier to their children going to the excellent Abingdon schools, which I know would be their preference.

More from Lorraine on page 23

More from Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

More from our county councillor regarding investment by OCC and a summary of the Oxfordshire Growth Board infrastructure programme as it affects this part of the county. There is also an announcement from SODC about a bid for further transport improvements in the area.

County Council to invest in schools, transport and streetlighting

Residents of Oxfordshire will see highway improvements, new school buildings and energy-efficient streetlighting thanks to a £1 billion investment over the next ten years as part of the county council's budget. However, the county council is also warning that funding pressure on services remains as demand for social care for vulnerable children and adults continues to grow and continued financial prudence is required to meet those demands.

Transport schemes across the county are set for funding approval so the county council can improve journeys for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users. Nearly £20m will be invested to increase the provision of school places for children with special needs in the county.

The proposed capital programme includes government funding through the Oxfordshire Growth Deal. Elsewhere in the Capital Programme a £41m street lighting improvement programme continues to be part of the investment plan, with traditional lanterns to be replaced with more energy efficient LED lighting, saving money in the long-run. The ten-year capital programme is part of the council's proposed budget for next year, which has been put forward following public consultation.

To make sure the growing number of children at risk of abuse and neglect are protected, the children's social care budget has increased annually. It was £46m in 2011 and is forecast to be £95m in 2022/23 – more than doubling in ten years.

The council's budget for adult social care could increase by £5m in 2019/20, with further annual increases reaching nearly £6m by 2022/23 to increase support for the growing number of older and disabled people.

OCC is now reviewing the digital technology needed to make the council run more effectively and efficiently, including improving customer service by making it easier to access services online. The council has identified savings of £50m. As part of the partnership with Cherwell District Council, legal services for the two councils are being joined up.

Housing and Growth Deal infrastructure programme

The Oxfordshire Growth Board has published details of the infrastructure projects to receive funding in Year 1 and Years 2-5 of the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal, signed in April 2018. The total £150 million of Growth Deal funding has been earmarked for specific projects. This forward funding is helping unlock projects that will benefit from developer contributions, delivering schemes valued at over £480 million in total, excluding costs of the major rail projects,

Most Locally the schemes are:

Benson relief road

The relief road will provide an alternative route from the A4074 and B4009 to the north of the village, particularly for HGVs.

A4074 Corridor

A city-bound bus lane and bus priority at Heyford Hill roundabout, and a new two-way cycle route.

Abingdon Road Corridor

A new and improved cycle route and improved bus routes.

Cowley Branch Line

A feasibility and design study to enable the Cowley Branch through Oxford to be brought forward for passenger services.

Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (OFAS)

Reduction in the risk of flooding to homes and businesses in Oxford City and neighbouring areas. It will also protect the public highway including the Botley Road and Abingdon Road.

Oxford Station Redevelopment

Feasibility work on widening the Botley Road railway bridge.

Didcot Garden Town Project: Central Didcot Transport Corridor improvements

A priority 'place-making' project involving a mixture of bus, cycle and pedestrian improvements from the new Science Bridge on the A4130 west of Sir Frank Williams Way to Jubilee Way Roundabout at Broadway.

A34 Corridor

This project looks at providing a city-bound bus lane from the proposed P&R at Lodge Hill to Hinksey Hill Interchange.

Cowley Road/Garsington Road/Watlington Road corridor

Improved traffic flow at existing pinch-points/junctions and new bus priority and higher standard and safer cycle route along the length of the corridor.



Bid for major transport improvements from OCC

Oxfordshire County Council has submitted a Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) business case to the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) associated with expected growth in the Didcot Garden Town area. It sets out how we want to improve travel for residents, communities and business and support thousands of new homes and jobs.

If successful, this bid for £218m (towards a total of £234m) will deliver:

- A4130 widening from A34 Milton Interchange towards Didcot;
- A new Science Bridge over the A4130, Great Western Railway Line and Milton Road into the former Didcot A Power Station site;
- A new Culham to Didcot river crossing between the A4130 and A415; and
- A Clifton Hampden Bypass

More at: www.southoxon.gov.uk/news/2019/2019-01/major-transport-improvements-didcot-garden-town-%C2%A3218m-housing-infrastructure-fund-

From your MP...

...John Howell



In the last couple of months I have noticed that a number of local magazines and newsletters have carried articles on the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, even in villages that would not be directly affected. I have also had a number of people write directly to me on the issue. So this month I am dedicating my newsletter to this.

The proposed Expressway is part of a wider project over a geographical arc from Oxford to Cambridge via Milton Keynes. The Milton Keynes link is an important aspect of it which necessarily influences any infrastructure proposals. It is a major project with the work being pulled together under the umbrella of England's Economic Heartland. In terms of communications the project includes East-West rail, digital infrastructure as well as the proposed road link. Let me say upfront that in principle I am generally supportive. History has shown that we must be bold in these projects and look to the longer term with infrastructure investment. It is too easy to just focus on the short term, perhaps with vested interest, and not look to the future.

The initial project on the road was launched in a strategic document prepared by the Ministry of Transport under the coalition between the Conservatives and the Liberal-Democrats in December 2014 and all major political parties have supported the Expressway in the past. If the road is to be built, suggested completion is planned for around 2030. Much of the preparatory work for this was undertaken by the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) and Highways England have now taken it on.

There has been debate over the possible

route of the road, particularly at the Oxfordshire end. Much of the rest is agreed and some key facilitatory works already planned or underway. At early stages three potential broad corridors for the route around Oxford were put forward. In September last year the Minister has announced the proposed corridor would be Corridor B and within that discounted B2 leaving B1 and B3 for further investigation. B2 was discounted mainly due to the negative environmental impacts near to Horspath, Wheatley and the Otmoor Nature Reserve which are considered to be particularly difficult to overcome. The Minister has recently confirmed publicly in debate 'our strong preference is not to cross Otmoor. We have therefore selected options that do not do that; we have given that very clear signal.' The next stage is to look at detailed routes in the two corridors. Last autumn Highways England held some key stakeholder information events to which parish council representatives and other local councillors were invited. These were 'to discuss local constraints and opportunities with the technical specialists with a view to gathering additional local intelligence which will be fed into the route options identification and sifting process.' During this year they will be working to narrow down options. I understand that there will be a public consultation in the autumn of this year.

At present there are campaign groups working in all potential areas either seeking to support a particular route or to object to a particular route. This is only to be expected with an infrastructure project such as this and the views of all are an important part in the process. For my part, and in the absence of alternative

information, I have taken the view that the route should utilise existing roads wherever possible rather than carve a new path through Green Belt land or damage other areas of environmental interest and I have suggested it needs to be routed to the west of Oxford. My rationale for my view is that I have long since supported the need for the upgrading of the A34. The accident record alone suggests that we have to do something about this road. I am also aware that congestion on the A34 puts pressure on villages which can be seen as a rat run to avoid the jams. I would be looking for improvements to the A34 along with measures to deter diversions through villages. Together with colleagues I also support the widening of the scope of the project to include the A420. This is another road that needs attention and improvements to the A420 would take pressure off of the A34.

The key focus of the project is on infrastructure to support the business rather than housing. I was pleased to see that when the then Housing Minister wrote last summer to all councils along the arc to look to increase their housing numbers our local councils did not respond positively.

I do not anticipate any real news on this now until later this year. Details of the project can be found online at highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-cambridge-expressway.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do let me know. 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).

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We have had a few vamoose burglaries in Didcot. A 'Vamoose' burglary is a name used by Thames Valley Police for a burglary that takes place specifically to steal the keys to a high value or new vehicle.

Vamoose burglaries usually happen overnight when the occupants of a property are in bed asleep or whilst the home owners are away on holiday. Thames Valley Police would like to raise awareness as there has been a spate of recent offences across our Local Policing Area (LPA).

Recent offences have involved the offenders forcing entry to properties via the front door or a rear patio door. The ground floor of the property is then searched for the car keys. Typically, vehicle owners leave their car keys near to the front door or within a bag or coat pocket. The offenders will take the keys along with other nearby valuables such as phones/wallets, they then leave in your car! We are keen to prevent further offences and would like to offer you the following crime prevention advice:

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- Ensure your doors and windows are locked, if you have a chain on the inside of your door, use it. Please see the home security leaflets enclosed for further useful advice

If you would like further advice on your home security, call 101. Ask for a member of your local Neighbourhood Policing Team to visit you.

Offenders brought to justice

There was some karma in Waitrose this month. A male stole some gin and as he ran out of the store dropped a bottle which smashed and he slipped on the liquid. The CCTV footage is most amusing!

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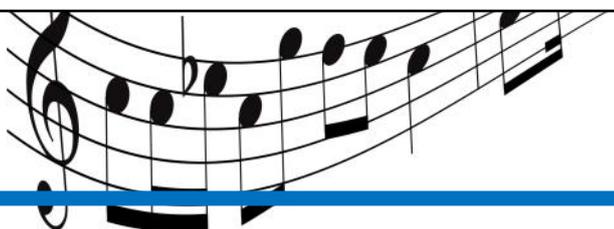
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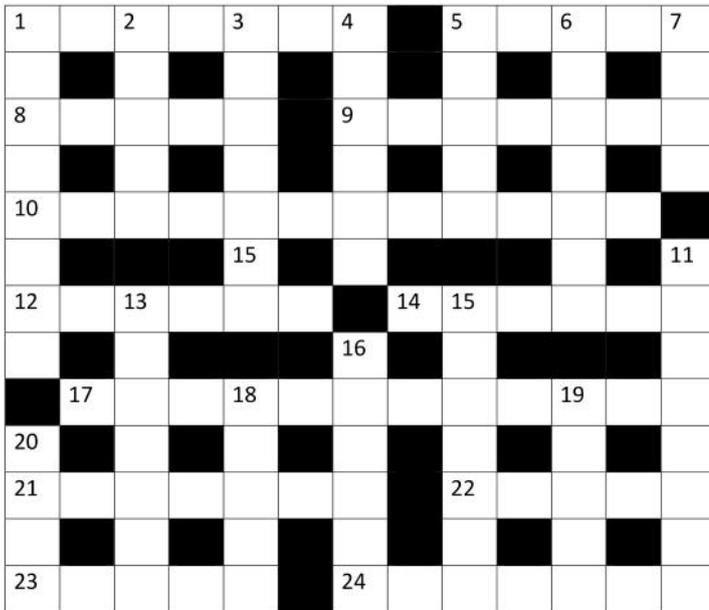
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Across

1. Tell the force to go back to the gallery. (7)
5. Offer to include exercise on both legs. (5)
8. Increase the length after direction. (5)
9. Before confrontation read all about it. (7)
10. A shambles in a green coat, take the drug out but nothing added old boy. (12)

12. Send the bill to somewhere in Scotland? Get over! (6)
14. Second rate King has appeal but we will leave. (6)
17. Put it into sun, it's not right for bodies. (12)
21. Do it again on Western service. (7)
22. Something to have a stab with at these marks. (5)
23. He has to be really good at much to steer the ship. (5)
24. N.U.M stag bash you may need to break in. (7)

Down

1. Two girls surrounding spouse? No use scrapping. (8)
2. There may be treasure in this Argentinian thoroughfare. (5)
3. Puts forward false leg sale. (7)
4. The journalist covers an unknown bad review. Tell me more! (6)
5. Able to make indistinct. (5)
6. Acidity like the French going to number ten to find a square formation. (7)
7. Declare the old wage is to return. (4)
11. Hiding most ash in grate. (8)
13. A French chap with hood reforming. (7)
15. The artists are about to have no tech back and get short shrift. (7)
16. Master division in school. (6)
18. It's not commonly a blot on the escutcheon. (5)
19. No whopping letter at last! (5)
20. The backward pig from Amiens is in the hay perhaps. (4)

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Wildlife Gardening Taking Stock

I'm thinking again, about my own habits, which seems to be a regular thing for me during the fresh newness of the year so far. Somehow, I notice myself thinking of new ways of living, working, gardening. At times, they all feel like one of the same thing, but my aim, is always, a healthy package and balance.

This year I'm keeping my desk clearer of clutter, taking my laptop out with me during the day when I can, so I can work on the go, in some fascinating locations. By working on my laptop at my desk, during the day, it's so easy to keep working on it, well into the evening.

I'm finding this is already having benefits for my wider life, and my work. OK, I'm getting less done, in some ways, but it is more sustainable. Moving around to work, moves ideas and perspectives around, I'm certainly finding. The quality of my output looks to be of a higher standard already, and more focused.

What's all this got to do with gardening? Well, I've been involved in gardening professionally for over 30 years now, and I'm intrigued how many of the gardens I've seen actually give an insight into the owners personality, considerations and life in general. Whether we ever own our garden shall be the subject of another article.

So, when planning your gardening approach during the coming season, try a less cluttered effort with more focus on planting schemes. Try things in new places. Maybe change where the seats and viewing points are. See if standing and looking at your garden from a new angle brings any new perspectives.

We get into habits in life and how we garden. It's good to stand back and review the bigger picture.

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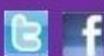


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David Holdhusen is the Director of Choral Activities and the Susan and Douglas Tuve Distinguished Professor of Choral Music at the University of South Dakota. His duties have included serving as conductor for the university's three choral ensembles as well as teaching courses in conducting, choral literature and techniques, and applied voice. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Holdhusen is currently the interim Chair of the Department of Music and Director of the university's annual Choral Directors Institute and the USD Summer Music Camp.

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Don't miss this rare opportunity to see Yu performing in the UK and what's set to be an enthralling evening of classical piano, whilst supporting Helen & Douglas House, one of Oxfordshire's most valued charities. Almost entirely publicly funded, Oxfordshire's Helen & Douglas House relies on donations to support children with terminal illnesses and life limiting conditions, and their families, providing vital respite and end of life care to local families in their darkest of times, helping them to create lifelong memories with their children during their short lives.

The programme will include works by

Mendelssohn: From *Songs Without Words*

Beethoven: *Piano Sonata Op. 31-2 Tempest*

Wagner (transcribed for piano by Liszt) : *Isoldes Liebestod* from '*Tristan and Isolde*'

Debussy: *Les soirs illuminés par l'ardeur du charbon*, from *Preludes Book 2 Feux d'artifice*

De Falla: from '*El Amor Brujo*' ,*No. 2 Cancion Del Fuego Fatuo*, *No. 5 Danza Ritual Del Fuego*

Stravinsky: excerpts from *Firebird* (Piano version by Stravinsky)





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A new building and a new exhibition at Wallingford Museum

Cinema: All regular performances start at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.
Tickets £8 for adults, £5 for under 15 unless otherwise stated.

March

Sat 2	Vice (15)
Sun 3	Vice (15)
Mon 4	A Private War (15)
Tues 5	A Private War (15)
Wed 6	All is True (12A)
Thurs 7	All is True (12A)
Fri 8	Green Book (12A)
Sun 10	Green Book (12A)
Tues 12	The Favourite (15)
Wed 13	Instant Family (12A)
Thurs 14	Instant Family (12A)
Fri 15	The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG)
Sat 16	The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) 2.30pm
Sun 17	Mary Poppins Returns (U)
Fri 22	On The Basis of Sex (12A)
Sat 23	On The Basis of Sex (12A)
Sun 24	On The Basis of Sex (12A)
Mon 25	Disobedience (15)

LIVE

Friday 1 March 8.00pm Comedy Night
A double-bill from impressionist Josh Berry and comedian Tom Lucy

Tickets £12

Josh Berry is fast achieving worldwide recognition for his impressions on BBC1's Michael McIntyre's Big Show and Dead Ringers (BBCR4) and Newsjack (BBCR4Xtra). Matt Rees is a multi award-winning, Welsh stand-up comedian.

Saturday 9 March 8.00pm Big Band
Blake's Heaven Big Band Theory 'Evolution', a 17 piece Big Band ensemble playing funk, jazz, swing and pop
Tickets £15

This is a production of music through time using Big Band as the vehicle, with Nicholas Blake's influences and arrangements to bring you the 21st Century Big Band.

Saturday 30 March 8.00pm Dietrich: Natural Duty
An intoxicating one-(wo)man show revealing the life of a legend

Tickets £12

Created and performed by Peter Groom, this mixture of theatre, cabaret and drag comes to Wallingford after a critically-acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Festival and seasons in London, Amsterdam, Liverpool etc.

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

This winter's frantic activity has now finished and Wallingford Museum has a new timber Collections and Archaeology building – thus freeing up space within Flint House to create better accessibility with a new toilet for public use including disabled facilities, and also the remodelling of working/storage areas to provide more flexibility for exhibitions and lecture room facilities. We are grateful for the support from Wallingford Town Council which owns the property and also the EU funded LEADER grant which has funded much of the work.

We very much hope that the new facilities will be appreciated by visitors of all ages and that you will be able to visit us to see them in the coming months.

Our special exhibition for 2019 is entitled: *'Once upon a time...' - the changing face of Wallingford.*

This exhibition is about how we connect with times past by exploring Wallingford's history and archaeology. Wherever we live, the familiar surroundings of our houses, our streets and our town, can remind us of the people that came before us, their work and their lives shaping our present and our future.

In this engaging journey of discovery throughout the museum, you'll be invited to share any local knowledge you may have and to reminisce about your own history. Old and young alike can enjoy 'hands on' activities, discovering the secrets of garden archaeology and tracing the passage of time through photographs and objects, all of which reflect the changing face of Wallingford.

The exhibition will run throughout the museum, with a sheet to guide people round. There are new 'hands on' things for children - a 'Family Friendly' experience.

In addition we have other exhibitions for 2019 including: 'Wallingford Castle - the Inside Story'; 'The Wallingford Story'; 'At home with the Queen of Crime - Agatha Christie'; and the 'Midsomer Murders' display.

Our 2019 season opens on 1 March and runs until 30 November. The admission charge remains at £5 per adult - this ticket gives unlimited access to the Museum for the whole season. Accompanied children are free.

In addition - look out for special events this year including Castle History walk (30 March), our regular Saturday Town History walks (commence 6 April), 'Poos from the Past' workshops (9, 11, 16, 18 April), A Night at the Museum (17 May and 25 Oct), Family Archaeology Day (27 July), a surprise event (17 Aug), BunkFest offers, and Agatha Christie Weekend (6-8 Sept).

Lots of fascinating things to see and enjoy!

Steve Capel-Davies

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk





Poos from the Past

For many people the idea of excavating old human poo is disgusting! Not so for archaeologists.

Poos are called 'coprolites' by archaeologists. Coprolites can include loads of evidence to understand what people ate in the past, and also how they prepared their food. They can tell archaeologists about past eating habits, trading of foodstuffs and much more.

During the Easter holidays (**9, 11, 16, 18 April**), Wallingford Museum will be holding 12 one-hour workshops in their new meeting room to explore this subject!

This activity will give families a chance to gain some hands-on experience of excavation, recording and analysing the contents of fake coprolites. The challenge will be to work out from which time period they came, and share their findings with other members of the workshop. If time allows, you will also look at food timelines to discover which foods were introduced and when!

We expect these workshops to be popular, and so advance booking is required for these events. This activity is suitable for ages 7 to adult, but children must be accompanied by an adult please. The workshop is free to children and season ticket holders. Adults accompanying children will be requested to pay an admission charge to the museum of £5, for an annual season ticket.

Please see the Wallingford Museum website for full details including online booking.

Stu Darby

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Gardening Club

Thursday 14 March at 7:30pm,

Ridgeway Community Centre, Old Buildings off Wood Street
OX10 0EW.

Ferns and Their Companions – George Lockwood

Join Organic gardener George Lockwood who says of himself, 'he is the gardener's gardener!' He is a full-time totally organic passionate gardener, taught his trade at Capel Manor College. George will share in a relaxed manner how to get the best displays with Ferns that will encourage you to get the best out of your garden.

A full list of plants George talks about and shows will be provided.

New members will be warmly welcomed; the annual subscription is £10.

Visitors are most welcome, admission is just £3.00 per meeting.

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Wallingford U3A

Our members were dismayed and saddened at the news of the death of our greatly respected chairman. Jim Fish. He gave so much to the organisation. Our thoughts and sympathy remain with his wife and the family.

Our speaker at the meeting in Crowmarsh Village Hall at 2.00 pm on **6 March** will be Dr. Graham Twemlow, on 'Great British Poster Artists: the Golden Age of Posters in Britain.'

For more information please visit our website:

u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford, or phone Jill on **01491 835994**

What's on in Wallingford



Castle History walk



By popular demand on **Saturday 30 March**, an historic guided walk around Wallingford Castle has been arranged, which will be led by Judy Dewey (local historian and Museum curator).

This Castle History walk will start at the Museum at 2.30pm and last about 2 hours, [unsuitable for dogs!]. There is a charge of £6 for this guided walk, but you could combine it with a discounted season ticket to the Museum (£10 combined), and view 'Once upon a time...' - the changing face of Wallingford. No need to book in advance.

So, why not immerse yourself in the town's fascinating local history for the day!

Judy Dewey

01491 651127 www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



'Atlas of Hill Forts'

Professor Gary Lock will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the 'Atlas of Hill Forts' project.

For the first time the locations and details of all ancient hillforts in Britain and Ireland have been mapped and made available on a website. Ranging from well-preserved forts to those where only crop marks are left, information on 4147 sites is accessible to the public so they can discover details of the ancient sites they see in the countryside. As well as the research teams, members of the public and societies – 'citizen scientists' – collected data about the hillforts they visited, identifying and recording the characteristics of forts, which was then incorporated into the database by the team. Despite the name given to these monuments, not all hillforts are on hills, and not all were forts in the military sense. So what have we learnt about these intriguing and often majestic Iron Age monuments? Gary Lock, co-director of this award-winning project will guide us through the results.

Our speaker is Emeritus Professor of Archaeology, University of Oxford. Gary has spoken to TWHAS previously about his 'Hillforts of the Ridgeway' project, looking at the White Horse at Uffington and Alfred's Castle.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 13 March**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan

www.twhas.org.uk



British camp. Malvern Hills.

Picture from Wikipedia

Day by day

Fri 1 Mar	Lent Lunch 12.30pm 13 Watling Lane
	Race Night Dorchester Cricket Club 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat 2 Mar	Corona Strings Concert 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
	Quiz Night Dorchester Tennis Club 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 3 Mar	Sunday before Lent 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Morning Service with Kathy Winrow
Tues 5 Mar	University of South Dakota Chamber Singers Concert 2.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sat 9 Mar	Thames Consort Concert 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 10 Mar	Lent 1 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Mon 11 Mar	Talking it Through Living with a life changing diagnosis The Rectory
	DOGS AGM 8.00pm White Hart
Tues 12 Mar	10.15am Short Communion
Wed 13 Mar	Lunch Club 12.30pm Village Hall
	Parish Council Monthly Meeting 7.30pm 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



Thurs 14 Mar	Thursday Group 3.00pm Village Hall
	Nasio Trust Informal chat 7.00pm 12 Tenpenny
Fri 15 Mar	Lent lunch 12.30pm 3 Haven Close
Sun 17 Mar	Lent 2 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Family Service 5.00pm Choral Evensong
Tues 19 Mar	DADS Play reading evening 7.30pm Village Hall
Wed 20 Mar	Chiropodist Village Hall (see p20)
	Classic Car Show, 1.00-4.00pm George Hotel
	Culham Horticultural <i>Keith Wiley and Wildside Nursery</i> Garden by Jon Evans 7.30pm Abbey Guest House
Fri 22 Mar	Lent lunch 12.30pm 4 Drayton Road
Sat 23 Mar	Helen & Douglas House Yu Kosuge Concert 7.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 24 Mar	Lent 3 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 12.00pm Baptism

Wed 27 Mar	Lunch Club 12.30pm Village Hall
	Historical Society Margot Metcalfe, Gail Thomas and Denise Line <i>'Up the Street': the history of pubs, shops and businesses in Dorchester'</i> 7.30pm Village Hall

Fri 29 Mar	Lent lunch 12.30pm The Manor House, Overy
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Sun 31 Mar	Mothering Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Mothering Sunday
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Weekly events

Monday	Tai Chi 2.00pm Village Hall Fishmonger 3.30pm by War Memorial (page 32)
Tuesday	Coffee in the Abbey 10.30am-12noon Bellringing Practice 7.30pm Abbey
Wednesday	Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church 9.30am Keep Fit Senior Circuits 10.00am Village Hall Mobile Post Office 10.30am Outside Co-op
Friday	Choir Practice 7.00pm Abbey

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

Parish Registers

Baptisms

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Watch out for the
Mad March Hare
this month

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
Wed, 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 ADVISE 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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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 1 Mar **Green**
Fri 8 Mar **Black**
Fri 15 Mar **Green**
Fri 22 Mar **Black**
Fri 29 Mar **Green**

Weekdays from 7.00am

Weekly: food waste (in biodegradable 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 Dorchester Festival Bash 2019

Eclectica

Friday, 3rd May 2019

7pm – 1am Festival Tent, Dorchester Abbey

Tickets £44 Includes Food & Entertainment by



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