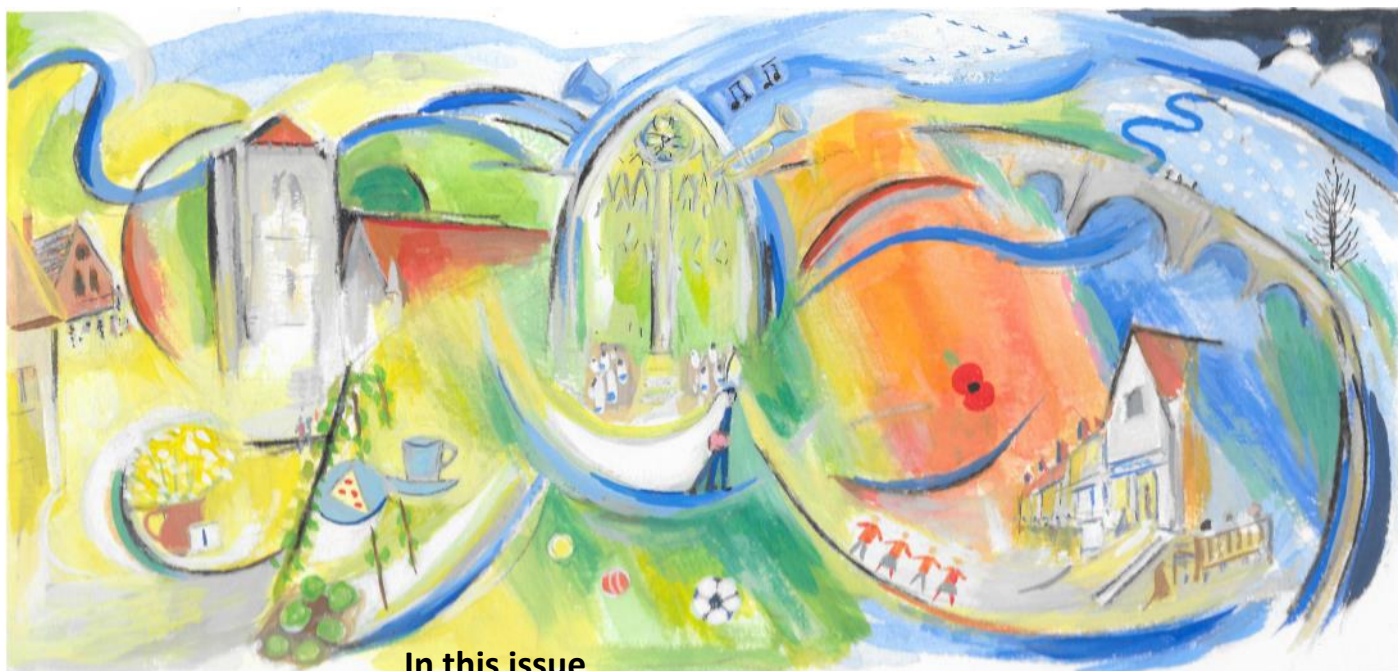


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November 2019





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Cover picture: The colours of autumn at the base of the Abbey Tower.

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DoT view

November is always a month which contains events in its own right, but also the beginning of the Christmas season, making it one of the busier months of the year for most of us.

Three purely November events provide a mixture of fun and reflection. The Village Fireworks, organised by and on behalf of local charity Footsteps, kick off the month on Saturday the second. A week later, Remembrance Day invites us to reflect, and then in the second half of the month the DADS winter production gives us entertainment in the Village Hall. This year it is a panto, Treasure Island. No, I didn't know that R L Stevenson had written a panto either, and almost certainly he didn't think that that's what it was. But this well known story has been turned into an hilarious panto that will entertain kids and grown-ups alike. Don't miss it.

Don't miss either the announcements on page 4 regarding developments at Dorchester Abbey and at the Village Hall. Both are seeking to improve their facilities for their users; both will take time, effort and money to come to fruition, and both are working together to give Dorchester something better. Both are well worthy of your support.

Ian Brace

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'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...'*

If you think this sounds familiar it is! I little thought, when I wrote these words for the March issue, how prophetic the reference to 'fifty ways to leave' might be and at the time of writing we still don't really know how we might 'get out the back Jack' but there have been more new plans than Stan ever made for his departure!* In all truthfulness even at the time of writing I have no real idea what life will look like on October 31st – probably much the same! However I am certain that, in the face of uncertainty and differing views and opinions about leaving the EU at every level of society, maintaining and building community will be important in facing the future locally and nationally as well as within Europe itself.

In Oxford our Bishops have published a 12 point plan for offering one another that support – I hope you have already

seen it around and about – you'll find it on <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/brexit/>. Based on the foundational Christian principle 'Love your neighbour' and an ancient commitment to 'seek the welfare' of the place you find yourself, most of the 12 points will work for everyone whatever your faith or if you claim none. Number 9 talks of inviting the community together and some readers will remember a lunch in the Abbey following the Brexit vote when we came together with foods from across Europe as a celebration of what we value about these links. Anything we do together helps to transcend difference about this issue – and many others.

Dorchester has a well-deserved reputation as a good community in which to live and there are a number of factors which help this. One of them is the existence of a number of facilities and businesses that enhance and support community life and provide places for people to meet either by arrangement or in passing. We are lucky (and unusual) in having retained a shop, pubs, school and village hall in our village when other, larger villages have lost some or all of these amenities. Most of all we are fortunate that there are people who run, care for and use these facilities.

Many more people than come to church

to worship come to the Abbey for a whole variety of community based events and these numbers have grown since the Millennium appeal that most residents will remember. This means that some Abbey facilities are no longer adequate, and we are seeking to develop them in a way that will work to build and benefit community. The Village Hall is experiencing something very similar and their users committee also has plans for improvement.

Our hope in promoting the Abbey project and committing to work with the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and other significant Community businesses and stakeholders is that we can benefit together from a more connected approach for tourism and other business as well as providing the best possible facilities for all the different activities that happen in Dorchester and help to make our community what it is. You will find a full article about the project on page 4.

'Ooh, slip out the back, Jack. Make a new plan, Stan. You don't need to be coy, Roy, You just listen to me.' This Paul Simon song was released in 1975 –two years after the UK joined the EU and in the year of a vote to decide whether to stay in!

Remembrance Service 10.00am Sunday 10 November

We look forward to seeing members of the village community at 10.00am in the Abbey for a short service after which we shall process to the War Memorial. We will be joined by Lady Baker DL to represent the Oxfordshire Lieutenancy (and therefore the Queen). Although, sadly, there is no longer a branch of the Royal British Legion in Dorchester any members are most welcome to join us in the Abbey and to take their usual places at the front. Any serving members of HM forces visiting families or friends are also most welcome.



The 2018 Remembrance display in Dorchester Abbey
Photo: Denise Line

Comings and Goings

In the Dorchester Team we have enjoyed beginning to get to know our new Team Vicar Rev Teresa and her husband Jon who have come to live in Berinsfield. At the end of October we said goodbye to Jon Roberts who has completed his training and is taking up a new post as Vicar of Southmead in Bristol. His licensing service there is on **23 November** – if you are interested do ring the office (**01865 340007**).

Unfortunately the first round of advertising for a House for Duty Team Vicar in the Bridge Group did not receive any applicants. There is a real dearth of clergy at present so we are trying again – do pray for the right person to come forward.

Advent Sunday 1 December 6.00pm

Our service of Advent Carols for all the churches and congregations in the Dorchester Team is one of the highlights of my year. Beginning in darkness we light candles to remind us that the wait until Christmas and the celebration of the coming of Jesus, Saviour is near at hand. We would love to welcome you at 6.00pm

Developing Dorchester

Dorchester Abbey Ensuring the future

At its meeting on 16 September the Dorchester Abbey Parochial Church Council approved a plan to improve and enhance the facilities at the Abbey in order to make it fit for purpose for many years to come, and to enable the Abbey to continue to welcome worshippers and visitors alike. The Abbey has a unique heritage which we would like a wider audience to understand and share.

The Abbey currently faces a number of challenges, several of which have potential implications not just for its ability to offer a welcome to users, but which could ultimately have implications for future income:

- A lack of rooms for the educational visits which are an important part of sharing our heritage with the next generation.
- A lack of toilet facilities for people attending services and other functions in the Abbey, which is particularly acute when there are large concerts.
- A shortage of space, particularly storage space, for the museum.
- The tea room, charming as it is, is no longer up to modern standards, particularly for access for less mobile visitors.
- A shortage of office accommodation for Abbey and Team staff.

The plan is a development of one that was first displayed in 2017. Within the Abbey, a gallery will be built at the west end of the Nave, giving around 50 raised seats, and allowing the servery currently located in the base of the tower to be moved to the ground floor of the gallery. The space created in the base of the tower will then be used for five or six toilet cubicles.

Outside the Abbey, the wooden extension at the rear of the Guest House will be demolished and replaced by a building on two sides of the courtyard, which will include a lift to provide access to the upper floor of the Guest House, a classroom for educational visits/meeting room, further toilets, museum storage space and a new kitchen and tea room/cafeteria. Within the Guest House, the current tea room will become a welcome office and shop for the Abbey, which will free up space for the museum, and the kitchen will be converted to office space.

It is anticipated that this work will be completed by Easter 2023, providing that planning permissions and fund-raising appeals are successful. The fund-raising appeal is being led by Sir Tony Baldry, former MP and Second Estates Church Commissioner, with Tim Stevenson, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, as its president.

If you would like to find out more about this development please contact admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Dorchester Abbey Development Steering Group

Developing Dorchester

With the two projects going on simultaneously, the development teams for the projects are working together to ensure that resources are not competed for and that disruption is minimised, and to explore ways of offering the two facilities as a single package, once both are completed.

Dorchester Village Hall Preserve the past, Secure the future

Our village hall was built in 1892 as a girls school, with the boys school a little further along Queen Street. It was designed by George Gilbert Scott, a prolific English Gothic revival architect better known for his work on St Pancras Station, as well as our own Abbey and the nearby bridge at Clifton Hampden.

In 1973 the Parish Council arranged for the purchase of the building as the village hall, to replace the much smaller village hall off the High Street. The building has performed well ever since, managed by a succession of volunteers.

Today, the hall is home to our Amateur Dramatics Society and hosts wedding receptions, parties, dance classes, dog training, chiropody and yoga classes, amongst others.

The main hall is beautiful. It has been cared for and maintained, but we need to look to the future.

The flat roof over the lobby is failing, as is the heating. The building doesn't meet modern standards for disabled access, emissions or catering. It can carry on for a while yet but there is an opportunity to step up. Working in partnership with the Abbey, the Trustees are looking at a project to enhance facilities for the village, joined up thinking to benefit our community: gut and refurbish the entrance building, provide a professional kitchen, additional toilets, an office for the parish clerk, a new bar, new staging, new sound systems. A new heart of the village.

Want to contribute? please get in touch at admin@dotvh.org.uk

.Keith Russell
Village Hall Committee



Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the September draw.

1st Prize	£75	No.47 Mrs L Clements
2nd Prize	£45	No.189 Mrs E Moore
3rd Prize	£25	No.51 Mrs J Nudds

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 reward supporters and raise funds for the village hall. We need new members to keep the draw worthwhile but there are good odds of winning as there is a maximum of 200 tickets in the draw. A ticket for the year (4 draws from when you join) only costs £12. To join, contact Elaine Moore on **340441** or email

200club@dotvh.org.uk for a form. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Elaine

Culham & District Horticultural Club

Wednesday 20 November 7.30pm
Abbey Guest House, Dorchester-on-Thames



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Mediterranean Plants by Dr Chris Thorogood

Chris Thorogood is Deputy Director and Head of Science and Public Engagement at Oxford Botanic Garden and Harwood Arboretum. He has travelled extensively in the Mediterranean publishing the Field Guide to the wild flowers of the Mediterranean and teaching field botany there.

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

Heavenly Host Angels return for 2019, Following the Star...

The much-loved Heavenly Host Angels will be returning to Dorchester this year, arriving in December. The project, begun in 2017, provides handmade angels for keen-eyed people to discover in the village and to place in their homes during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

This year's Angels will be signalling the 'Follow the Star' Advent initiative, which will be the Abbey's theme during Advent and Christmas.

If you have yarn to donate it would be most welcome. Please leave a message for Denise Line on **07596 524335**.

If you are a crafter there will be yarn and patterns available at the back of the Abbey for you to collect from September.

Visit the 'Heavenly Host Dorchester on Thames' Facebook page for updates.



Thank you to everyone who has already knitted angels for this project. We need lots more, please.

Village News



Hempcroft Allotments November

The Hempcroft Allotment Association Annual General Meeting was held on 26 September 2019 in the Village Hall. The meeting was very well attended this year with about 40 members being present. Apologies were received from Roger Seabrook, Jim Levi, Richard Juniper and Gillian Johnson. Rents were paid and seed catalogues were collected.

The Committee comprised Edward Metcalfe (Chairman), Jon Rosby (Treasurer), Stuart Poole, and Charlotte Bennett. All Committee members offered themselves for re-election which was unanimously approved. David Rossington also joined the Committee.

The Treasurer presented the accounts of the Society. These are now in a healthy state after the annual membership was increased to £10 last year. The main expenditures are insurance and the statutory membership of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. The rent will remain the same as last year. Note that all of the money collected as rents is paid directly to the Parish Council. Seed catalogues were available for collection at the meeting and members were encouraged to order seeds from the catalogue because the Society derived some income from this.

It had been a long dry summer which led to challenges for certain crops but most people had coped admirably. Last year three separate prizes for the best allotments had been established. The categories and the winners for 2019 are as follows;

Best Newcomer	Lucy Richmond
Best Crop Diversity	Trevor Greenaway
Best Crop Husbandry	Dave Cutler

Phil Pridham-Field had won the trophy for Best Overall Allotment at the Village Flower Show and this was presented to him during the meeting.

The Tenancy Agreement and Conditions of Allotment Tenancy had been revised and updated in conjunction with the Parish Council and copies were available for members to collect.

During any other business there was lively debate on a number of issues. One concern discussed was the use of chemicals to control weeds on the allotments or on the pathways. There have been instances of the chemicals damaging crops on adjacent plots. Jon Rosby undertook to contact the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners to see if they had guidance on this issue. The perennial issue of controlling dogs and clearing up after dogs was also raised and a request was made for more dog waste bins to be installed on the public footpaths on the allotment.


Edward Metcalfe

Mobile Post Office

Dorchester News has been told by users of the Mobile Post Office that visits Dorchester each Wednesday outside the Co-op between 10.30am and 11.30am, that it is not always particularly busy. If it is not used then we fear that it will not remain viable and will be withdrawn. This will put those villagers who do use it to considerable inconvenience. If you can make use of the visiting post office, then please do. A lot of people went to a lot of trouble to get it to come to Dorchester because it was thought that there was demand for it. It would be a shame to lose it.

TREASURE ISLAND

20 – 23 November 2019
Dorchester Village Hall



A stylized illustration of a palm tree on the left and a red parrot wearing a black pirate hat with a skull and crossbones on the right. The parrot is standing on a small patch of ground. In the background, a white bird is flying in the sky.

Wednesday	7pm	£8	(under 12s £6)
Thursday	7pm	£10	(under 12s £8)
Friday	7pm	£10	(under 12s £8)
Saturday	4.30pm	£10	(under 12s £8)

Tickets From:
Dorchester Co-op
ticketsource.co.uk/dads

www.dads.org

DADS
Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society

Fireworks Display 2 November

The 5th Annual Fireworks are being held in the recreation ground as usual this year on **Saturday 2 November** – gates open at 5.30pm. We will have the same professional display, delicious BBQ, carnival games tent and full bar so bring all the family for a fun-filled evening.

This year, we are trying to minimise the environmental impact of the event by banning single-use plastics. The beef burgers are sourced from Long Wittenham (no air miles) and we are not supplying any glow-toys! (although we make a really good profit on these we know they end in landfill the next day and some have toxic chemicals). No event (especially fireworks) will be perfect but we are happy with our attempts to move forward in caring for our shared environment.



All proceeds from the event go to your local children's charity, Footsteps Foundation. Thanks to all the Dorchester-on-Thames residents for the ongoing support. This event is made possible by all the generous donations of time and money from Dorchester residents. A huge thanks to all who attend and all who volunteer, from all at Footsteps.



Berinsfield Health Centre Car Service

If you need help to visit **Berinsfield Health Centre**, make an appointment for a forthcoming Wednesday morning. Mention that you will be using the Dorchester Surgery Car Service. You will be given an appointment for 10.00 am. Then call **Dorchester Fireplaces** on **01865 341452** before 2.00pm on the Tuesday before the appointment. Give them your address and phone number. A volunteer driver will collect you from your home shortly after 9.30am., take you to the Health Centre in good time for your appointment and bring you home afterwards.

Dorchester Fireplaces Showroom is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm Tuesday to Saturday.

Email: enquiries@dorchesterfireplaces.co.uk

DADS: New Venue for monthly play readings

Our regular play reading evenings are moving venue. The George Hotel have kindly offered us the use of their Breakfast Room. Our next meeting in our new abode will be held on **Tuesday 26 November** at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome, whether you would like to read or just want to listen.

Our November play is a Victorian melodrama. *East Lynne or Lady Isabel's Shame* by Brian Burton is based on the best selling sensation novel by Mrs Henry Wood.

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St Birinus Primary School News

The PTA organised the Tea Rooms near the beginning of September and raised £315.60, which is a great amount – thank you to all helpers, bakers and families who visited.

Adrian Brooks and Tim Cook joined us for one of our assemblies to look back at the Henge19 project work we completed at the end of the summer term. It was great to see the children's faces as they recalled the work they did. Tim was able to sing and play the music that he, Sian, Bryn and Orvil had composed using log drums and a similar flute-like instrument. We really appreciated their visit as they were able to remind us of some exciting events. Later in the week on the Hurst Water Meadow, the henges, which Squirrel Class helped to create, formed part of the installation and performance by Adrian Brooks and David Burns (Wilkinson) with music arranged by Tim Cook. Fox Class produced some amazing books of sketches and poetry, which were on display in the Abbey.

Val Howells (Governor) is still hard at work raising money for the playground appeal. Val organised a pudding party, which was well attended by all ages and raised an amazing £1,149 for two appeals – which gives our playground fund an additional £574.50. Thank you Val for your continuing efforts.

At the beginning of October, we held our Harvest Festival in the Abbey. It was great to see so many parents who were able to join us. 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 the foodbank was thrilled with the amount of food we were able to donate.

Looking ahead to next September, we are holding our Open Morning for families with children wishing to start school in September 2020 on **Friday 29 November at 9:30am**. Please do come along – for further details please contact the school office on **01865 340081**.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Our Village Primary School is opening its doors

Open Morning at Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

For children starting school in September 2020 and onwards

We would like to invite you to visit our friendly, welcoming and hardworking school on

Friday 29th November

Please arrive from 9.30am to 11am for coffee to meet our Headteacher, Mr Leigh, followed by a tour of the school given by the Year 6 children with an opportunity to spend some time in classrooms meeting staff and pupils

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

Pre School



Pre-School has been enjoying the autumnal weather and the children have been busy as usual. Jumping in muddy puddles outside and working on writing their names, counting past 10 and enjoying shining torches in the dark among many other activities. The children and their families have been creating 'proud clouds' to celebrate the children's achievements at home also.

The Pre School AGM held on 9 October brought some changes to the volunteer committee. Three new committee members were elected to join the current committee, all of whom have continued to be on the committee apart from myself. Having been committee Chair for two years I have stepped down from the position and have handed the reins over to Ed Shrimpton. Ed will be a wonderful addition to the Pre School Committee, as will our other new committee members. I wish them all the best in continuing to support our wonderful little Pre-School.

After our ever-popular Halloween party, we have one more fundraising event this year which is a Quiz Night on Friday 13 December. Keep an eye out for the advertising posters around the village. Tickets are on sale from Lily's Tea Room and the Co-Op. We hope you can come along for a fun evening raising money for Pre School. See you there!

Louisa Margison
Outgoing Chair
Dorchester Pre-School volunteer committee

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Young Composers at Dorchester School

As part of the HENGE project I was invited to run a couple of workshops for budding composers at St Birinus School. Other workshops at the school during the week were: Miranda Creswell and David Wilkinson making sketchbooks and composing poetry, Sophia Stewart-Liberty and Rosie Southon producing an interpretation of stone age cave painting.



I met three pupils, from years 4 and 5, and first we started by talking about what goes into a song; The words, which had been supplied by David Wilkinson, the rhythm, and the melody.

By reciting the words over and over the students were able to decide which syllables should be stressed and by, accenting these we developed the rhythm of our song. Sian

thought the music should be in three beats to a bar and we could achieve this by alternating short notes with long notes, 'I hear the moan of wind in branch-es' etc. We then went through the rest of the poem in this way so we had the makings of a tune, albeit on one note! Next we decided where it should go up or down. Among other suggestions, Orvil thought it should go up at the end of the first verse and down at the end of

the piece, so now we had a complete melody with rhythm and pitches.

At the end of the session we needed to decide on what instruments it should be played. Bryn was keen on bagpipes so we used them for the first verse. The second verse is about a flute so that was an easy decision, and later on there is a line 'I bang my drum with stick and stone' so that was easy as well. By the end of our first session they had composed a melody and all I had to do was add a bit of accompaniment which I put on a harp to match the flute.

For our second session we talked about stone age instruments and used them to play our song and do a bit of drumming practice. In any musical performance players have to develop the skill to listen at the same time as they play so the music stays together, and group drumming is a good way to develop this skill.



In the first picture Bryn and Sian are playing log drums. In the second one Sian is playing the tune they had composed on a bamboo flute, like the ones on the table, which probably sounds a bit like the bone flutes that have been found dating from the Stone Age. The third picture shows Orvil playing a cup drum with a log drum on the table

They were very interested in the composing software I use, Sibelius, (which is quite expensive) but I pointed them to MuseScore which is free to download and ideal for first-time composers. I hope they will continue with their composing and playing and I am always ready to help if they get stuck.

Tim Cook

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Dorchester Abbey Museum

Upcoming events

Half-term opening – Sat 2 and Sun 3 November, 2-5pm each day

Bring the family for a look round the Museum and Gift Shop. We have a wide selection of books, toys, greeting cards, crafts, stocking fillers and more...

Xmas shopping event – Sat 16 and Sun 17 November, 2-5pm

Come to the Museum Gift Shop and buy your Xmas presents early, with mulled wine and mince pies!

Museum opening for Abbey coffee morning – Tues 19 Nov, 10am-12 noon

Come and have coffee and a chat, and browse round the Gift Shop for your Xmas presents.

Volunteers' social evening – Mon 18 Nov, 6.30pm

– drinks and nibbles, a catch up with other volunteers, and update from Curator, Joe Raine

Look out for news of events to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Museum – coming soon!

Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

Wednesday 27 November 2019,

7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room

Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

Tim Healey on: 'A 17th Century Christmas'

The talk presents a vibrant portrait of Christmas in a turbulent age, describing Lords of Misrule, Twelfth Night revels, wassails, Boar's Head feasts, frost fairs on the frozen Thames – and the Puritan ban on Christmas itself.



Bringing in the Boar's Head

A freelance writer and broadcaster, Tim Healey has presented many programmes on BBC 3 and BBC 4. He is also director of the 17th century costume band, the Oxford Waits. In researching material for the band's Christmas shows he acquired a lasting fascination with the subject.

Looking forward:

22 January 2020: short AGM and talk by David Miles on 'The Land of the White Horse'.

Please do attend the AGM, as it is an opportunity for feedback and sharing ideas about future talks, research and outings, and for you to stand for the Committee.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome to our talks and outings. Please arrive in good time - latecomers are sometimes disappointed due to the room's limited capacity.

Margot Metcalfe
Chairman

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Putting New Life into One of Our Lanes – An Update

A group of local residents, with support from the Parish Council, has set out to provide a mosaic of different habitats in the lane running behind Page Furlong. This involves encouraging a diverse range of wildlife.

During the last six months volunteers have been busy carrying out the following:

- monitoring the flora and fauna on the site
- maintaining the newly planted root stock, with plenty of weeding and watering
- experimenting with various seeding and planting techniques with the aim of improving the variety of wild flowers in 2020
- talking to users to answer questions and explain what we are doing

We have regular sightings of hedgehogs, one report of a grass snake, and plenty of bird activity in the lane. Most of the recently planted root stock has grown well, and in our test area there has been a good range of wild flowers.

As part of the method of rotational management, we now move into the autumn/winter period when we start to cut back a proportion of the scrub, ivy and dead trees. We will again encourage new growth and diversity through natural regeneration as well as selected planting of root stock and wild flowers. Whilst the cut areas may look bare during the winter months, come spring we should start to see a greater variety of new life.

With so many different opinions on how to help nature, and the impossible task of pleasing everyone, we refer to guidelines produced by organisations such as the RSPB, and look to support national campaigns such as helping pollinators.

Please take a look, help us keep it clear of litter – and enjoy. Let us know what you think. Is there an area near you that could support a greater variety of wildlife?

On behalf of local residents who have contributed to this project and thanks to the Parish Council for their support.

Andrew Clements

E-mail: aclem19dot@aol.com



Schedule

Our regular schedule will continue throughout autumn and winter. We have recently been joined by new members so please do come along and join them and us to enjoy sociable tennis – all abilities welcome; we would love to meet you!

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11.00am – 1.00pm Open club Session

Thursday

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IN AID OF DORCHESTER PRE-SCHOOL

Friday 20 September.

A perfect night on the Hurst during the Autumn Equinox was the setting for **HENGE19**. A clear indigo sky, a canopy of stars fronted by a sparkling Jupiter - the same stars our forebears have watched for thousands of years.

At the sound of a conch horn ten torches were ceremonially lit marking a pathway skirting a copse of trees. One hundred and thirty five participants filed by the torches in total silence. Around the trees the sound of drums beating became louder. Then on the far side in a circle

stood twelve glowing blue rock forms, decorated with ancient animals, hunters, boatmen and dancers. This was the work of Adrian Brooks, the originator of the project and Tim Cook and Simon Ratliff. Owls hooted, people watched silently, even dogs stood to attention.

At the sound of a second conch horn poet David Burns entered the circle and performed a series of his poems especially commissioned for **HENGE19**. At the final sound of a ram's horn the atmosphere changed, participants broke into the circle, photographed, chatted, drank wine and received gifts of decorated stones.



Photo: Christopher Baines



Photo: Christopher Baines

HENGE19

A sense

Saturday 21 September.

Lifting the Gaze was the accompanying part of **HENGE19**. In the Guest House friends were greeted with wine, canapés, conversation and an exhibition. Music specially composed by Tim Cook set the scene. A welcome by Charlotte Bennet preceded lead artist Miranda Creswell briefly introducing the concept behind the exhibition. Four months earlier artists had been given a brief, to work within a defined area on a map of the Dorchester landscape. In the Guest House Miranda briefly questioned each of them about their response. After an interval David Burns performed more poetry before the final artists spoke about their work.

A large number of guests gave their own written reflections on both our changing landscape and the artists' interpretations. We received memories, specially written poetry, video and photography by Chris Baines and Ben Morris, all of which will be included, on a web page on the Dorchester on Thames website. <https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/henge>

Thirteen artists contributed to the exhibition: Miranda Cresswell, Sophia Stewart-Liberty, Rosie Southon, Patricia Drew, Jane McDonald, Anna Dillon, Mari Metcalfe, Jim Robinson, Chris Baines, Ed Metcalfe, Christine Payne, Ian Brace, and



HENGE19

of place

Nick Hamilton. It would be an impossible task to select one or two of the artists. Their work comprised photography, painting, drawing and social sculpture. Their work was thought provoking, whimsical, intelligent and beautiful. This was indeed a unique exhibition.

In the Abbey work from the St Birinus Primary school comprised sketchbooks, painting, music and sculpture and was on display until the 2nd of October. This work came from workshops at the school run by Adrian, Miranda, Tim, Rosie and Sophia.

Thank you to the many volunteers who brought this original idea to life: the steering group, the marshals, the donors and Horsebox Coffee and sponsors Thomas Merrifield and Pipeline Direct.

Author Jan Harvey, who is known to many of us, wrote fully about **HENGE19**: she concluded her reflections with these words:

'There are people who inspire, who do things that bring us together. They work not for financial reward but to warm the spirit and feed the soul. These are the people we should cherish, those who make life special because they bring with them beauty'.



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For Birinus School, see Tim Cook's article on page 9. more about some of the work carried out with St



Some of the school work on display in the Abbey



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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.

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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Cllr Mark Williams, the Chairman, 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.



From the Chairman of the Parish Council

I have three things for the Parish Council to update residents on this month.

Firstly, investment in smartening up our beautiful village. As I said in a previous update we are keen to support people or groups in the village who want to improve our environment. I am delighted to say that this month we have funded our first two such initiatives, which will make a difference in Dorchester and Overy respectively. Hopefully more of you will come forward for financial support, I, or the other parish councillors, would love to hear from you.

Secondly, we have agreed as a council that our more strategic priorities will be to support the village hall development, the playground and the pavilion. So we have begun to set aside funds to support those projects as and when they get off the ground.

Thirdly, one for your diaries, the next Newcomers meeting, to welcome new residents to the delights and activities of Dorchester, is scheduled for **Thursday 20 February**. Put it in your diary if you are in a village activity group; we will be in touch about arrangements as usual. And, of course, all existing residents are welcome to come and rediscover things they have forgotten about!

Mark Williams
Chairman of DoT Parish Council

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The current position is that the architects have been instructed to finalise the drawings and other reports needed for the formal planning submission. The aim is to submit the application within the next month barring any last minute unforeseen circumstances, as soon as they have been agreed with the Parish Council and the landowner. They then go through the formal planning process, with the normal opportunities for public comment.

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Severe traffic congestion is also having a negative impact on existing bus services including from the rural areas. With bus journey times worsening, operators are having to put more buses on the road to maintain timetables. This, together with falling passenger numbers is threatening the viability of bus services. If not addressed, this unsustainable trend could see a severe impact on less profitable city and rural services.

Although the actual changes to the transport system are in Oxford we expect the benefits to extend much wider as they will reduce congestion and improve connectivity for journeys into and around the city. In particular, new high frequency bus and Park & Ride services, will connect people living in rural areas and county towns to key employment sites in Oxford, as well as a new fast orbital route across the eastern arc.

We have done quite a bit of work on the proposals and are now looking for input from residents, employers and people who travel into the city before developing a full business case. We have already had some positive engagement with employers in the eastern arc, though we are well aware these proposals are likely to raise some concerns.

We would very much like to hear the views of residents outside the city with an interest in improved transport connections into and around Oxford. The news release on the project is below and you can find out more details about the project and how to register your views at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/connecting-oxford>

(See also Lorraine Lindsay-Gale on page 23)

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From your District Councillor... ...Robin Bennett



The Local Plan drama continues...

Recently, on Thursday 3 October, after much deliberation and consideration of the possible options, my fellow Cabinet members and I made a recommendation that the emerging South Oxfordshire Local Plan should be withdrawn, for a variety of reasons including excessive housing numbers, scale of Green Belt release and responding to the climate emergency

Council was due to debate and vote on our motion on 10 October. At least 34 public speakers were lined up to have their say, including campaigners, developers and councillors from other councils. However, 24 hours or so before the meeting, our chief executive received a letter from the Secretary of State which prevented any further steps being taken towards adoption of the emerging local plan. As a result, the speakers returned home without speaking, and council did not debate or vote on the plan

Cllr Sue Cooper, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, said: 'This last-minute move from the government is an unacceptable intervention of national government into local democracy. The Secretary of State removed the democratic right of South Oxfordshire councillors and residents who turned out in great numbers to exercise those rights through listening, debating and voting in public on a matter of great importance to our district, and who have now been unfairly silenced.'

This is all a great disappointment to district councillors in South Oxfordshire who remain committed to doing the right thing for the needs of residents and communities within our district. Throughout this process, we have taken a reasonable and responsible approach and will continue to do so.'

By the time you read this, perhaps we will know what happens next...

Other matters:

The Councillor Grant Scheme remains open for application for community groups—apply through the website:

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I have been in touch with officers looking into questions about the Dorchester public toilets and uneven joins between the new roadway and the footpath / Martins Lane.

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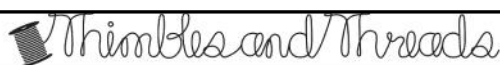
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From your County Councillor... ...Lorraine Lindsay-Gale



Councils commit to cutting traffic congestion and improving public transport into Oxford

Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council announced bold plans to tackle congestion on all major routes into Oxford and improve public transport connections into and across some parts of the city. The key points of the 'Connecting Oxford' proposal are:

- Restricting car traffic by introducing additional 'bus gates' (similar to the restriction on Oxford's High Street) across the city to improve journey times, and so road space can be reallocated to improve walking and cycling routes.
- New high frequency fast bus routes connecting neighbouring towns and the Park & Rides to Oxford's eastern arc, which is currently less well served by public transport.
- New and improved cycle and walking routes, including utilising space created by removing vehicles from the road to provide attractive alternatives to driving into and around the city.
- A charge for workplace parking provided by larger employers in the eastern arc, to help fund the proposed transport improvements and create a disincentive to drive to work. Discounts for the new bus services would be available for staff of employers paying the workplace parking levy.
- Improved journey times for commuters driving into and around the city as a result of less congestion.

The combination of traffic restrictions and the introduction of a workplace parking levy create positive incentives for commuters and residents to use other modes of transport, and for employers to reduce the incentive to provide free or subsidised parking for staff.

The two councils are now asking for comments and ideas from residents, commuters, businesses, transport operators and other organisations to feed into the detailed development of the proposals.

Roadwork permits will reduce delays for road users

New powers have been approved that will give OCC more control over roadworks. From December companies wanting to work on roads around Oxfordshire will have to apply and pay for a permit in order to work on the highway.

These will clearly set out how the work will be done, the duration, times of work and how traffic will be managed. When there are clashes between different sets of work the council will also require companies to collaborate more closely. Companies that need to work on the roads will benefit from the fact that securing a permit means that they have effectively booked the road space that they need.

Emergency unplanned work needed for things such as pipe bursts will be unaffected.

The Council's highways team hope to achieve a reduction in roadwork duration - removing around 8,900 days of work from Oxfordshire's roads annually - around a 10% reduction.

People with hidden disabilities to benefit from Blue Badges

People with hidden disabilities, including autism and mental health conditions now have access to Blue Badges, removing the barriers they experience when they travel. The County Council administers this service locally on behalf of the Department for Transport. Under the new guidance, Blue Badges will be extended to those with hidden disabilities, including:

- People who cannot travel without risk of serious harm to their health and safety or someone else's
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OCC works on action plan to go carbon neutral

Following last week's climate strikes, Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed its commitment to reducing its own 'carbon footprint' to zero by 2030.

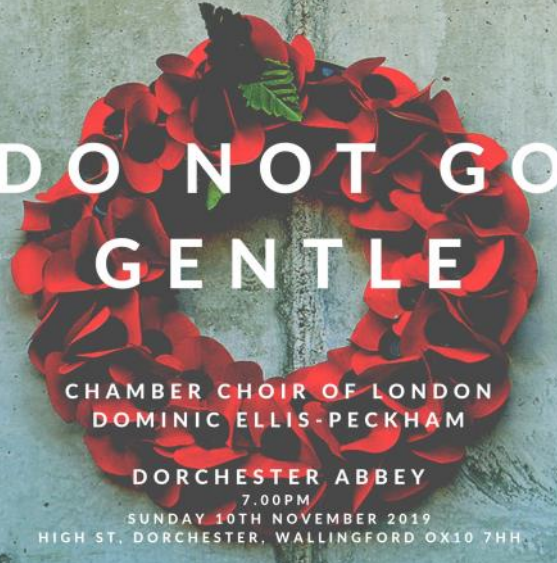
The council started a long-term programme five years ago but accepts that young people have challenged organisations such as the county council to move faster. Since the county council motion in April 2019 acknowledging the climate emergency, the council has been working on a new action plan to become carbon neutral by 2030.

The council has already delivered an average 6% per year reduction in carbon emissions since 2011 but is determined to do more. Oxfordshire County Council is delivering a series of 'green' initiatives, including helping install more solar panels on schools.

The council is committed to replacing street lights with low energy lighting over the next four years. This will reduce Oxfordshire's greenhouse emissions from streetlighting by 70%. This will include a streetlight communications system, allowing dimming of lights when they're not needed.

Groups are working to establish community fridges to reduce food waste and share surplus. They run workshops, teaching residents how to repair items, keeping products in use for longer. Working with local businesses, they help them reduce their impact on the environment and set up refill stations for water and detergents to reduce waste from single use plastics.

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There is some parking at the hall and a pay and display carpark across the road. Some on road parking may be possible.

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Oxfam Pop Up Store

Saturday 30 November

10.00am-4.00pm

Abingdon

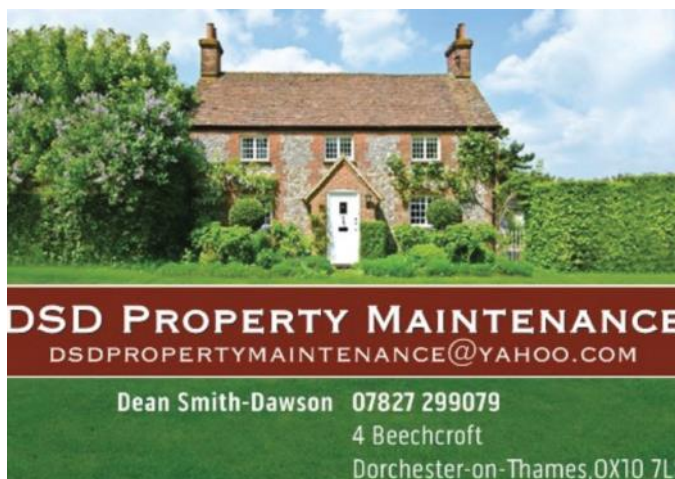
On Saturday 30 November Oxfam Abingdon will be holding a one day only Pop-Up Christmas store at **St Ethelwold House**, 30 East St. Helen Street.

Along with Christmas music, there will be vintage stalls, Fair Trade food, lots of new and nearly-new gifts, wreaths and stocking-fillers, wrapping paper and Christmas cards.

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St Ethelwolds will also be providing teas, coffee and cake throughout the day.

As an extra Christmas treat, anyone bringing a flyer for the Pop Up Store (you can pick one up at Oxfam shop at 30-32 Stert Street) with their name and telephone number written on the back to St Ethelwold House between 10.00am. and 3.00pm on November 30 will be entered into a special Prize Draw.



Do not go gentle: Concert for Remembrance with Chamber Choir of London

Dorchester Abbey,

Sunday 10 November, 7.00pm

Tickets available from <http://radleyevents.eventbrite.com>

You are invited to join members of Radley College Chamber Choir and Chamber Choir of London, directed by Dominic Peckham, perform with a youth choir of the best young singers from the Oxford area.

Inspirational choral conductor Dominic Peckham directs a reflective programme of choral music for Remembrance with the acclaimed Chamber Choir of London. Joining the choir are the best young singers from St Edward's School, Headington School, St Helen's and St Katharine's School, Magdalen College School, Didcot Girls School, St Birinus School, John Mason School and Radley College.

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'Soaring' and 'profoundly moving' Daily Telegraph - Peter Stanford

A Baroque Bouquet from Benson Choral Society

Dorchester Abbey,

Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm

The incomparable combination of Bach, Handel and Vivaldi features in their concert on Saturday 30 November at 7.30pm in Dorchester Abbey. Bach's glorious *Magnificat* is the headline work. Handel's *O praise the Lord with one consent* is one of his Chandos anthems which give a foretaste of the riches to come in his later oratorios. Vivaldi's setting of Psalm 112 *Beatus Vir* RV598 demonstrates his typical pace and energy, as does his short Concerto for Strings RV157.

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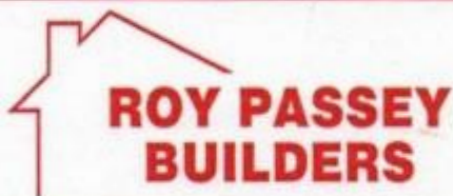
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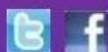
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Sun 3	The Goldfinch (15)
Mon 4	The Goldfinch (15)
Tues 5	Downton Abbey (PG)
Wed 6	The Joker (15)
Sat 9	Ad Astra (12A)
Sun 10	Ad Astra (12A)
Mon 11	The Farewell ((PG)
Wed 13	Rambo: Last Blood (18)
Thurs 14	Rambo: Last Blood (18)
Fri 15	Official Secrets (see website)
Sat 16	Official Secrets (see website)
Sun 17	Official Secrets (see website)
Mon 18	Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (12A)
Tues 19	Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (12A)
Thurs 21	Good Posture (15)
Mon 25	Orphée (PG)
Fri 29	Tommy (PG)

LIVE SHOWS

Friday, 1 November 7.30pm

Billy Connolly: The Sex Life of Bandages

All Tickets £10

Recorded from his final tour in Australia in 2015. Hailed as the UK's most influential comedian of all time, legendary Scot Billy Connolly is coming to cinemas with this brilliant show from his final stand-up tour. Recorded in Australia in 2015 before his retirement from live comedy due to Parkinson's disease, this event will also include an interview filmed for cinema audiences, in which Connolly will speak about his career, life and legacy.

Friday, 8 November 8pm

Comedy: James Beazley Mister Brightside

All Tickets £12

Following a critically-acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Fringe, James brings his brand-new stand-up show to Wallingford. All profits from this show will be donated to Mind, the mental health charity.

Saturday, 30 November 7:45pm

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LIVE SCREENINGS

Thursday, 7 November 7.00pm

NT Live - Hansard

Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (Seniors & Under 18s)

Live from the National Theatre, London, a brand new play by Simon Wood.

It's a summer's morning in 1988 and Tory politician Robin Hesketh has returned home to the idyllic Cotswold house he shares with his wife of 30 years, Diana. But all is not as blissful as it seems. Diana has a stinking hangover, a fox is destroying the garden, and secrets are being dug up all over the place. As the day draws on, what starts as gentle ribbing and the familiar rhythms of marital sparring quickly turns to blood-sport.

Tuesday, 12 November, 7:30pm

42nd Street

Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (Seniors & Under 18s)

Filmed live from London's Theatre Royal in 2018 starring: Bonnie Langford, Clare Halse, Tom Lister, Philip Bertoli

Wednesday, 20 November, 7.00pm

NT Live: One Man, Two Guvnors

Tickets £15 (adults), £12.50 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Pre-recorded in 2011, the hit play by Richard Bean, based on 'The Servant of Two Masters' by Carlo Goldoni, starring James Corden

Thursday, 28 November, 7.00pm

NT Live: Present Laughter

Tickets £12.50 (adults), £10 (Seniors & Under 18s)

From the Old Vic Theatre in London, filmed in front of an audience, starring: Andrew Scott

Noel Coward's comedy tells the story of star actor Garry Essendine, whose colourful life is in danger of spiralling out of control and is a giddy and surprisingly modern reflection on fame, desire and loneliness.

COMING SOON

Tuesday, 3rd December, 7:30pm

Punchbowl with Cholsey Silver Band

Tickets £10 (adults), £5 (under 16s)

A lighthearted look at love and marriage with words and music by the Sinodun Players and Encore, their youth wing.

Tuesday, 10th December, 7:15pm

Coppelia, a live screening of the Royal Ballet from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

Tickets £15 (adults), £12.50 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Tuesday, 17th December, 7:15pm

Nutcracker, a recording of the Royal Ballet from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden

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Friday, 17th January to Saturday, 1st February Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood by Alan Frayn

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Summary of What's On at Wallingford Museum:-

What's on in Wallingford

Tuesdays to Saturdays - Wallingford Museum's new exhibition 'Once upon a time... - the changing face of Wallingford.'

April 2020 (Saturday mornings) - Wallingford's Guided Historic Town Walks will start again.



Your last chance to see...

There is a last chance to see this year's special exhibition 'Once upon a time...' - the changing face of Wallingford at Wallingford Museum, as the Museum closes for the winter on 30 November to prepare for new presentations in 2020.

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

The Museum is open until **30 November** on Tuesdays to Fridays 2.00pm - 5.00pm, and Saturdays 10.30am - 5.00pm.

Judy Dewey

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Flower Club

Wednesday 13 November

Doors Open 7.00pm for 8.00pm At Crowmarsh Village Hall, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh OX10 8ED

Kathy Stangaard will be demonstrating 'Joyous Noel'

Tickets £10 to include glass of 'Fizz' and Canapes

For further information Phone **01491 834303**

Wallingford Gardening Club

Thursday 14 November

Beauties and Mysteries of the Burren

A presentation by Stephen Waters and Clive Daws.

Those who have visited the Burren in the west of Ireland know it is a very unique area, with a wide range of remarkably beautiful plants. The region supports Arctic-alpine, Mediterranean and Oceanic plants side by side due to its unusual environment and geology. Over 70% of Ireland's wild flowers are found there.

7:30 pm at Ridgeway Community Centre, Wood Street, Wallingford OX10 0BD. For more details please either email

gardenwallingford@gmail.com or visit www.wallingford-gardening-club.com or ring Aleck on **07734 889 717**.



'Further archaeological discoveries in Wallingford'



Richard Oram (Planning Archaeologist at Oxfordshire County Council) returns to talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS).

He will give an update of the talk he gave last year, continuing to outline the emergence of Wallingford's prehistoric (up to and including early Saxon) past on the back of a ring of development round the town's boundary. This will also be a chance for those who missed it last summer to hear a fascinating talk. New material will include an outline of the Police Station excavation in Reading Road. (This site is due to be discussed in full in a talk next year by Tim Allen).

Our speaker, Richard Oram, has been the Planning Archaeologist at Oxfordshire County Council providing archaeological advice within the planning system to South Oxfordshire and Cherwell district councils for the last 12 years. Prior to this he worked as a field archaeologist for a number of commercial archaeological organisations in the UK. In his role at the County Council, Richard has an interest in all periods of Archaeology up to and including the late 20th century. He is also interested in transportation and trade links between settlements and how the infrastructure of the prehistoric and Roman landscape may have functioned and what evidence for this may have survived.

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

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan

www.twhas.org.uk

Wallingford U3A

6 November: Our Speaker on 6 November will be Corry Starling on 'Mapledurham Water Mill'

Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00pm in Crowmarsh Village Hall. Visitors are always made welcome.

To see more about what we do please visit u3asites.org.uk/Wallingford for lists of speakers, outings and other activities. Or phone Jill on **01491 835994**

Day by day

Sat
2 Nov **Village fireworks display**
Recreation Ground
From 5.30pm

Sun
3 Nov **All Saints' Sunday**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Rachel Carnegie)

10.30am
Memorial Service

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

Chiropodist
Village Hall (see p20)

Thurs
7 Nov **Thursday Tea Club**
3.00pm
Village Hall

Sun
10 Nov **Remembrance**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.00am
Remembrance

Remembrance Concert
7.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Tues
12 Nov 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed
13 Nov **Parish Council Meeting**
7.30pm
Village Hall

Sun
17 Nov **2 before Advent**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Family Service with Baptise

5.00pm
Choral Evensong



Mon
18 Nov **Christmas Craft Workshop**
10.00am
Abbey Guest House

Wed
20 Nov **Chiropodist**
(see p20)

DADS Panto
Treasure Island
7.00pm
Village Hall

Culham Horticultural Society
7.30pm
Abbey Guest House

Thurs
21 Nov **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

DADS Panto
Treasure Island
7.00pm
Village Hall

Fri
22 Nov **DADS Panto**
Treasure Island
7.00pm
Village Hall

Sat
23 Nov **DADS Panto**
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4.30pm
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Sun
24 Nov **Christ the King**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Marcus Braybrooke)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

3.00pm
St John's Ambulance Service

Tues
26 Nov **Christmas Craft Workshop**
1.30pm
Abbey Guest House

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

DoT Historical Society
Tim Healey on:
A 17th Century Christmas
7.30pm
Village Hall

Sat
30 Nov **Concert**
Benson Choral Society
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Weekly events

Monday **Tai Chi**
2.00pm
Village Hall
Fishmonger
3.30pm by War
Memorial (page 21)

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
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10.30am
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Friday **Choir Practice**
7.00pm Abbey

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**Village Firework
Display**
Sat 2 November
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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

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ABBEY WEBSITE

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

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REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 1 Nov **Black**

Fri 8 Nov **Green**

Fri 15 Nov **Black**

Fri 22 Nov **Green**

Fri 29 Nov **Black**

Weekdays from 7.00am

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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