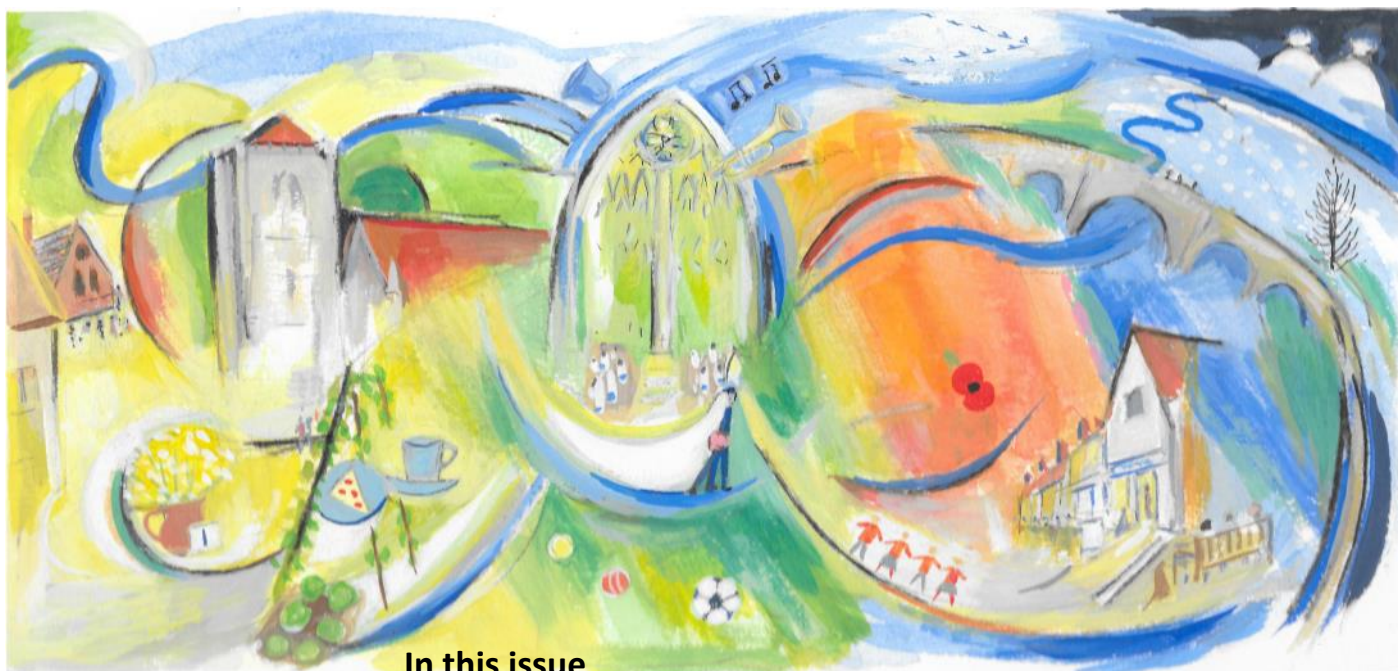


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Cover picture: The churchyard in the snow.

DoT view

At this time of year thoughts inevitably turn to the changing of the year, and this year they are turning to a new decade. What will the 2020s bring, apart from perfect hindsight?

In the short term there could be a new majority government bringing action in whichever direction, or there could be another hung parliament with continuing paralysis at a national level..

But where will Dorchester be in another ten years? Old friends will have inevitable passed on; and many households will have been replaced by new friends arriving in the village.

We may have changed our behaviour in response to climate change warnings, and have reduced our usage of cars, but only if there is investment in public transport to an adequate level.

The question of gravel extraction appears to have been seen off at least for the time being, but the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway may yet bring major change to South Oxfordshire with a continuing erosion of the countryside.

I hope, though, that the institutions of Dorchester will continue and thrive: the Abbey, the Village Hall and the community groups of the village are what makes it special. Let's focus on and work to ensure that that the community of Dorchester continues to thrive through the next decade.

Ian Brace

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'I love a new thing! A fresh piece of paper, a new book to read, new people to meet – new beginnings! This issue of the Dorchester News is always a 'turning point' issue – December / January – Old Year / New Year with all the excitement that new beginnings bring.

In my mind the celebration of the new starts at the beginning of December with Advent Sunday and its encouragement to 'wake up be ready' for the 'new thing' that is about to happen. The birth of Jesus that lies at the heart of the Christmas celebrations marks a new start in human relationships with God. Until this moment in Christian understanding God has been unknowable – in Jesus there is the chance to catch a glimpse of God in human form. Until this

moment God's promise has been in rain-bows and rules – now it is in relationship with a person. Until this moment God has been a faraway concept now, if we choose, there is opportunity for a human and personal relationship.

New Year marks a relationship which some see as a more ancient relationship; that of the earth with the moon and the seasons. It is a time of huge excitement and celebration across the planet celebrated by the pealing of bells, fireworks and national holidays. New beginnings are so important to us and perhaps this year our need in this nation for a new beginning and new hope is all the more needed.

New beginnings of all kinds involve reaching out into the unknown in hope

and trust and, often, in community. In the accounts of the first Christmas there are stories of different and diverse groups of people reaching out in hope and following a sign – a star that held out the promise of a new beginning. #Follow the Star is the theme of a national Church of England initiative – perhaps I could ask that whenever we see the Follow the Star logo we would pause and reflect, longing for a new start for our world, remembering (in the words of the bidding prayer from the traditional nine lessons and carols) the poor, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved and committing ourselves to the future of our planet and our world in the best way we can.



Advent Sunday Sunday 1 December

On 1 December a special morning service will have the theme Angels – amongst other activities we will be blessing the Angels that members of the community have made for this year's Heavenly Host – whether you are an angel-maker or someone who is looking forward to being a #follow the star angel-seeker!

In the evening there will be a candlelit service of traditional **Advent Carols** sung by the combined choirs of the Dorchester Team and a series of readings.

#FollowTheStar and The Posada Party 15 Dec 10.30am

Look out for special #FollowTheStar pop up events here and everywhere! Why not download the App on your phone for daily reflections!

Every year the Posada – the Holy Family Mary and Joseph travel around our community (see details elsewhere) in preparation for Christmas. At the Posada Party we'll welcome them to the Abbey before they begin their final journey along the High Street preparing for the birth of the Baby at Christmas.

Christmas Services in the Abbey

We are looking forward to welcoming you to celebrate Christmas with us this year whether we see you often or as occasional visitors. Come and celebrate in traditional style by listening to our Choir and singing **Carols by Candlelight** on **Sunday 22 Dec**, join in the excitement of the **Crib service** 4.30pm on **Christmas Eve** or the awe of **Midnight Mass** which begins at 11.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate on **Christmas morning** quietly at 8.00am or with the whole family at 10.30am. As usual children are invited to bring a favourite present to show Reverend Sue – and you are welcome to come and go as suits your family needs - late arrivals and early departures are fine. We would love to see you to say Happy Christmas.

Service for the Team 29 December

We'll be having a quiet Sunday on **29 December**. There will be the usual service in the Abbey at 8am and at **10.30am** a service for the whole Team family at Toot Baldon church.

Christmas Tree

This year the Abbey Christmas tree will be put up on **Saturday 14 December**. – please come along to help decorate from 10am. There's a real need for a team of 'strong arms' from about 9am please come and help – there will be people on hand to occupy children before decorating commences about 10.00am.

Special Family Service in January

In January we will be inviting anyone who has been christened at the Abbey to a special family Christingle service with renewal of Baptism Vows. Please do join us from 10.30am – if you would like an invitation for yourself, a family member or friend and think that we might not have your details do get in touch!



Village Carol Singing

Wednesday 18 December 6.00pm

Come and have great fun singing carols around the village with the Abbey choir to raise money for ABCD - Action Around Bethlehem Children with Disability.

We will meet outside The Fleur at 6.00pm and finish with mulled wine and mince pies.

All ages and talents welcome. Even if you can't sing you can help by collecting money! Bring a torch and dress up warm. Please email/phone if you intend to come—occasionally we call it off if the weather is dreadful!

Steph Forman steph@forman.org.uk **01865 340434**

Narnia

We are very excited that Narnia is returning to Dorchester Abbey with a repeat of our popular interactive exhibition. There will be new exhibits – a sleigh ride and an evacuee country house scene as well as the ever popular homes of Mr Tumnus and Mr and Mrs Beaver. The exhibition runs from **11 January to 8 March**.

One special event during Narnia will be a storytelling event on **Thursday 6 February**. Amongst our special guest storytellers will be the author Francis Spufford who is a Narnia enthusiast. Francis has also agreed to talk about his book *Golden Hill* over coffee on Friday morning (**7 February**). If you are interested in this additional event please contact the Rector.

Verger

After several years our Verger, Charlie Gibbs is leaving to take up a commission as a forces musician. We hope to continue to see Charlie and his family on Sundays in his voluntary role but his departure creates a vacancy for a small paid or voluntary job as Abbey verger taking a role in Occasional Services and helping to ensure the smooth day to day running of the Abbey. Please contact the office, the Rector or Sandie Griffith if you would like to discuss this.

Epiphany Eucharist Sunday 5 January

On **Sunday 5 January** our morning service will be a communion service for the Feast of the Epiphany (the visit of the wise men).

Dorchester Abbey Christmas Cards

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Unfortunately due to the General Election using the Village Hall as a polling station it is necessary to cancel the Tea and Natter session on Thursday 12 December.

The following are the dates in 2020 when Tea and Natter sessions will resume:

Thursday 9 January
Thursday 13 February
Thursday 12 March
(No date in April)
Thursday 14 May

All these sessions will be held in the Back Room of the Village Hall from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Any one, what ever age, can come but please give £1 when you come to cover the cost of hiring the room.

Piano recital at Clifton Hampden church

Clifton Hampden Patient Participation Group (PPG) organised a lovely concert on 26 October by kind permission of our local church. Two professional pianists, Felicity Burrell and Glynne Stackhouse played a variety of piano duets including Handel, Beethoven and Matyas Seiber. Particularly enjoyable was Camille Saint-Saens' *Carnival of the Animals* including amusing poems read by Pat Stackhouse. There were some delicious refreshments and time to chat before venturing out into a very rainy afternoon.

Donations were invited for a Doppler machine for the surgery and well over £ 400 was raised. Many thanks to all involved.

Mary Braybrooke
 Chair PPG

Stones throw apart

At the end of the HENG19 event, participants were offered a gift-wrapped stone decorated with a painted Stone Age animal. One stone however held a secret, a hare baying at the full moon, made of silver.

The lucky person to receive the beautiful hare was Georgina Holtom. 'When I opened it I thought it was very unique and unusual, I love it and will certainly treasure it.'



Georgina has lived in the Village with her partner Mark Pratt for five years, and ironically lives only 'a stones throw' from the creator of the silver hare, jeweller Chris Ellis.

HENG19
 A sense of place



Most of the rents and subscriptions for 2019/20 have now been paid so thank you to everyone for their prompt attention to this. It would be appreciated if outstanding rents and subscriptions could be delivered to our Treasurer, Jon Rosby at 51 Watling Lane. If you pay by cheque please make it payable to Hempcroft Allotments, Dorchester. At this time of year we tend to lose a few members but also welcome some new ones. There is still no waiting list for allotments and we still have a few plots available which do not require too much work to bring into full production so if anyone is interested please contact me (edmetcalfe@yahoo.co.uk).

December and January tend to be quiet months on the allotments with regard to sowing and planting. Of course those of you who planted brussel sprouts, cabbage, leeks and parsnips can be harvesting through these months.

The water was turned off on 1 November and will be turned back on in the spring. The weather is unpredictable these days and there may or may not be snow at some time. So can I offer a gentle reminder to those people with fruit cages to remove their top netting for the winter.

Edward Metcalfe

Lunch Club

The last Lunch Club in 2019 will be the **Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 11 December** in the main room of the Village Hall 12.30 for 12.45. I hope all members who have attended the Lunch Club in the past will come and any new people, who may be interested in joining us in 2020, would also be most welcome. It would be a great help to know in advance every one who would like to come, so please phone me (01865 341066) by Friday 6th December if you wish to attend.

The lunches in 2020 will start again on **Wednesday 8 January** and so the dates from January to Easter are:

January 8 and 22
February 12 and 26
March 11 and 25
April 8: Easter Lunch

Please make a note of these dates in your diary. I would be grateful if everyone who wants to come to a lunch would phone me by the preceding Friday of all the dates above they wish to attend. The cost per lunch will remain at £5.

Susan Jupp
 Co-ordinator of the Lunch Club

An Appreciative Reader

We don't particularly want to blow our own trumpet, but Dorchester News was delighted both on behalf of the newsletter and the village to receive the following email recently:

I came across your publication quite by chance when searching the internet for some information and I have just whiled away the last 45 minutes reading through the last edition. I was so impressed by the picture you paint of Dorchester-on-Thames: a village full of fun, colour and interesting and interested people. Congratulations on an excellent magazine - long may it continue!
 (Name and address supplied.)



We would like to thank everyone for the warmest of welcomes to your village. We have been here for a couple of months and can honestly say we are in love with Dorchester.

It's been great to see new faces in the George every week; the support has been amazing!

We have a new head Chef, Mr Kirk Smith. His food is seasonal, locally produced and all homemade. He is particularly passionate about his roasts on Sundays.

Kirk is happy to tailor our menu to your needs if you are wanting a group or private dining experience.

Breakfast	Monday to Friday 7am to 9am Saturday and Sunday 8am to 10am
Lunch	Monday to Saturday 12pm to 3pm Sunday 12pm to 4pm
Dinner	Monday to Saturday 6pm to 9pm Sunday 6pm to 8pm
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Please note that each night that there is a concert at the Abbey we will have a pre-concert menu and will start serving food at 5pm.

We look forward to welcoming more new faces to the George Hotel soon!

If you would like to book a table or have any questions, please call us on 01865 340 404 or email us georgedorchester@dominionhospitality.co.uk



Christmas party dates still available please call us direct to discuss dates and menus.



Culham & District Horticultural Club

Wednesday 15 January 2020

7.30pm Abbey Guest House, Dorchester-on-Thames

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Free Parking!



Drivers in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse can benefit from free parking in district council car parks on certain days in December.

The annual free parking tradition is provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents. The free parking days allocated to each area are agreed with the individual town councils depending on which day would best suit local traders.

Free Christmas parking days also means people don't have to pay to park if they wish to catch up with friends and family in the pubs, cafés and restaurants during the festive period.

Drivers will be able to park without paying for a ticket in South and Vale car parks on the following days:

South Oxfordshire

- Didcot – Mondays (9, 16, 23 December)
- Goring – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Henley – Tuesdays (3, 10, 17 December)
- Thame – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Wallingford -Thursdays (5, 12, 19 December)

Vale of White Horse

- Abingdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Faringdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Wantage – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)

On the above days there will be no need to display a ticket.

Parking is also free on a Sunday in many of the council-owned town centre car parks in South and Vale - please check the tariff boards in car parks for further details.

For details on parking in southern Oxfordshire visit:

southoxon.gov.uk/parking

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St Birinus Primary School News

Before the October half term, Owl Class were visited by the police to talk about the excitement and the dangers of Halloween and Bonfire Night, which were fast approaching around the half term holiday. It was great to hear the children's views and understanding of what they need to do to keep safe as well as thinking of others on both of these events – hopefully they followed them during the half term.

Fox Class were lucky enough to have a visit from Margaret Craig (Abbey Education Officer) and her team to have a Narnia outreach session looking at Mr Tumnus, who he was and then creating some book titles that possibly Mr Tumnus would have in his library. An exciting afternoon helping to prepare for the Narnia exhibition itself.

Owl Class also headed off to Abingdon School to further explore their science topic of electricity, they were able to use all their exciting equipment becoming scientists for the morning. It is always a positive experience to have the opportunity to be able to use scientific equipment that we would not be able to have here at our school. Thank you to Abingdon School

As you read this, we will have started to think about Christmas with our Nativity play, Christmas meal, visit to the pantomime etc. As usual we have our Christmas Service at 1:15pm on **19 December** in the Abbey – this is open to anyone that would like to join us and it will be great to see you as we sing our carols and read the Christmas story together.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Pre School



Well what a busy, fun-filled term leading up to Christmas! The Children have learnt about, celebrated and enjoyed Diwali, Halloween, and Guy Fawkes. They've decorated rockets, designed sparkly bonfire scenes with glitter galore and cared for pumpkins in the garden as they have grown. You might have also noticed a lovely display of poppies created by the children displayed in the window to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

We have also raised a much needed £220, with a Halloween Party which the children thoroughly enjoyed and also via donations from the green token scheme at Waitrose. Many thanks to those involved, as a charity we are reliant on these contributions.

You might have noticed the wonderful new gate that has been installed, allowing direct access to Pre School for staff, parents and children. This is a massive improvement both in practical terms but more importantly from a safeguarding perspective. A big thank you must be conveyed to Olly and Louisa Margison who led this project from planning to build, with huge amounts of time and effort involved on their part. Thank you both very much!

In clear contrast to this, I have to regretfully report that the discussions held around compensation for the damage the Pre School encountered during the summer was sadly disregarded by those involved, who were unprepared to recompense the Pre School in anyway. What a sad reflection of the world we live in.

However, as we all know bad things will happen, but there is thankfully more good than bad....and on that note I would like to take this opportunity to express a prodigious thank you to Louisa Margison. Her hard work and dedication over the last two years as Chair of Dorchester Pre School, in an entirely voluntary capacity has been invaluable. Congratulations on a job well done and enjoy your retirement!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the quiz night on the **13 December** in the Village Hall, to help raise money for the big projects we have planned for the Pre School in 2020. It promises to be a great night.

Please be aware terms ends on **Thursday 19 December** 1.00pm.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Lauren Collett

Secretary, Dorchester Pre School.



ST. BIRINUS SCHOOL PLAYGROUND RESURFACING APPEAL

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thanks to all who have supported our appeal, we are over 75% to reaching the £15,000 target. I'm hoping to add to this in the next few weeks with the aim that the work will be done over the Christmas break.

Watch the magazine and village notice boards for updates.

Thank you to you all,

Val Howells

Representative for Dorchester Parish Council on the School Governing Board



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Home-Start seeks volunteers

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training and on-going staff support given. Please contact **01235 511152** or admin@homestartso.org for more information.

Could you be a Valorum Volunteer?

John Masfield House is situated in Burcot, near Dorchester, in beautiful grounds that touch the Thames. It's home to twenty two residents with a variety of mild to more severe disabilities, who, because of those disabilities, are at something of a disadvantage.

Because they rely on their wheelchairs for mobility, getting out and about in their community is a problem. We have a small group of volunteers already who do an amazing job in enriching our resident's lives- but we could really do with some drivers! Or people who could escort residents on outings maybe- several of the residents like watching a good game of footie, or would value help to go and get their shopping.

Dear reader- could that be you?

We would also love to hear from anyone who has the time to spare who might provide companionship through a chat over a cuppa, or might have a pastime to share... we are getting seriously good at Scrabble and dominoes at the moment, and we have at least one knitter

In the group who'd love to share their passion with a like-minded crafts person! We would also love to hear from anyone who is compassionate at heart and would like to enrich the lives of this very deserving group.

Maybe that's you, dear reader... If you would like to know more, you can call Katy Watson (Volunteer Co Ordinator) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays on; **01865 340324**.

Katy Watson
Volunteer Coordinator

Childminder wanted

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Season's Greetings!

Wishing all our wonderful Volunteers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Dorchester on Thames Historical Society

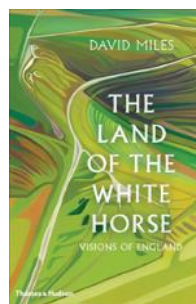
Wednesday 22 January 2020

7.30pm, Village Hall Back Room

Members free, Visitors welcome (£3)

David Miles will talk on 'The Land of the White Horse'

Who made the White Horse, when and why? And how has Britain's oldest piece of land art survived for millennia - through dramatic changes to the land, to language and religion? DM will examine the changing meanings of the Horse and the attitude of antiquarians, local people, writers and artists to this marvellous image and the landscape around it.



David Miles was the Director of Oxford Archaeology and the Chief Archaeologist at English Heritage. Since his retirement he has concentrated on writing: *The Tribes of Britain*, *The Tale of the Axe* and recently *The Land of the White Horse*. He now lives in Kent and the south of France.

The meeting will be preceded by a short AGM - an opportunity for feedback and sharing ideas about future talks, research and outings, and for you to stand for the Committee. We shall also collect members' subscriptions before the meeting, so do, please, come in good time.

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Despite the conditions Stuart Ellis returned a remarkable 35 points, beating the rest of the field by a clear six shots.

The following evening, our annual dinner and prize giving was held in far more amenable surroundings at the White Hart. The season was rounded off with an excellent meal and quite a few glasses of wine.

The prize winners were:

The Andy Kent Trophy – Stuart Ellis

The Ladies Rose Bowl – Jan Rimmer

The Crawshaw Salver – Mike and Lucy Richmond

The Par 3 Competition – Stuart Ellis

The Society runs six golf competitions each year, along with a number of social events including an annual BBQ and the DOGS v DOGS match. If you would like to join a group of golfers whose emphasis is on enjoyment and friendly competition, please contact me as detailed below.

John Edwards

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Tennis Club Schedule

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Wednesday

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11.00am – 1.00pm Open club Session

Thursday

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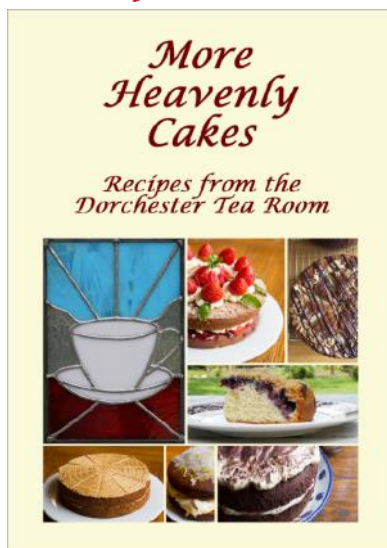
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Berinsfield Health Centre Patient Participation Group

This group was founded in 1973 by the late Dr Peter Pritchard as a means of communicating to patients of the practice changes taking place in the delivery of health care locally. The group has met twice a year since 1973, with a few people from each village in the practice area attending.

Eventually the idea was taken up by the NHS, and recently it became a requirement for all practices in the country to have a patient participation group (PPG).

A meeting was held at the Berinsfield Health Centre on Thursday 24 October 2019 with 31 people present, including three members of staff.

Among the topics for discussion were the following:

Primary Care Networks (PCNs) Practices everywhere are being linked in groups for the purpose of allocation of NHS resources. Each group, or network, will serve 30,000 or more patients. Berinsfield has approximately 5,000 patients and is linked with Clifton Hampden, Marcham Road (Abingdon) and Long Furlong (Abingdon) practices.

Already it has been possible to bring in two 'social prescribers' and a clinical pharmacist to work across the network. There are plans to add locally-based mental health resources too. These workers will be based at Berinsfield Health Centre for much of their time.

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) After serving on the CCG for three years, Dr Crawshaw has stepped down in order to spend more time in the practice. Since he has not yet been replaced it means that our PCN does not now have the influence of a member on the area CCG. It remains to be seen how this will affect allocation of resources to our local practices.

Flu vaccination This year immunisation has been carried out by appointment, rather than at drop-in clinics as last year, and the programme has been progressing well. There was a hitch when a power cut interfered with the supply of vaccine, but that problem has now been overcome.

e-consultation Patients have become familiar with the 'triage' system when they ring up for an appointment. Many calls are enquiries which are easily dealt with by telephone and which could be managed electronically via the practice website. It is hoped this extension to the Berinsfield service will become available in November 2019.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections For some time, Berinsfield has been scoring very well in the annual inspections, and in future they will have a telephone assessment followed by a full inspection only if problems are identified.

NHS England patient survey, 2019 Berinsfield was one of the practices surveyed at random. There was a 50% response (good) and favourable results. Our appointment system (with triage) has been welcomed and has enabled the practice to handle 45,000 consultations per annum (twice the national average).

Future plans The Berinsfield Neighbourhood Plan was noted with its possibility of the addition of up to 1,600 new houses. Dr Crawshaw reassured the meeting that the practice could cope with another 1-2,000 patients, but that any major development would include the building of a new health centre for up to 10,000 patients.

Continued ➡



Adoption charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) will be holding its annual Christmas Carol Concert at Dorchester Abbey on **Sunday 8 December**.

All are welcome to attend the concert, which will feature festive readings and performances from Dorchester Abbey Choir, Mill Lane School Choir and Alison Brucker. There will also be opportunities for the congregation to join in with some classic Christmas carols.

The concert will start at 5pm, with light refreshments served from 4.00pm. It is free to attend but booking is essential via www.pactcharity.org/support-us/fundraise-us/carol-concert-2019

PACT Chief Executive Jan Fishwick OBE said: 'Our annual Carol Concert is such a lovely way for PACT families and supporters to get together and celebrate the coming of Christmas in the beautiful and atmospheric setting of Dorchester Abbey. All are welcome to attend, so please do join us if you can.'

PACT is also again selling Christmas cards in support of its work building and strengthening families. These can be ordered from www.pactcharity.org/christmas-cards

And the charity is encouraging its supporters to wear their best seasonal sweater or festive accessories to help raise funds. PACT will be holding its annual Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 5 December** and is inviting local offices, schools and churches to take part in exchange for a small donation to PACT. To find out more and how to get involved please contact fundraising@pactcharity.org

Voluntary Car Service This service has been operating since 1970 to bring patients to the health centre who are fit to travel but who would need a home visit to see a doctor or nurse if it were not for the service. It operates from Dorchester, Warborough and Stadhampton. The Dorchester volunteer drivers have found that lately on more than 50% of the Wednesdays when they can provide a lift there are no requests. It is known how helpful the service is to those who use it, but there is a suspicion that new patients to the area do not hear about it. An appeal was therefore made to the practice doctors and nurses to raise awareness of the service, especially with new elderly or frail patients, and to suggest patients use it when appropriate.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 23 April 2020 at 7.00pm

We would like to extend huge thanks to everyone who braved the awful weather for the fifth Dorchester Fireworks Display. It was certainly soggy, but the display was as great as ever! We would specially like to thank those who gave up lots of extra time making sure the event could go ahead: Nick Forman; Andy Walton and Andy Kelly plus all the guys who came out on a rainy Saturday and Sunday morning to help with the setting up and clearing away. Ann Parker and all who made cakes (leftovers of which kept the volunteers and their families very happy), Ann, Steph and Tim for the (delicious) mulled wine; Emily and Sam with the Horsebox coffee. To all the wonderful hardworking BBQ servers; the fire builders and stewards and parking attendants; those who ran the raffle, the popcorn stall and all the wonderful games and children's activities and last but not least – the bar staff – we could not have done it without you and we are very grateful for your time and effort.

Thanks, too, to the Parish Council for supporting the event

Footsteps Foundation has had a wonderful year, helping over 100 children to access the specialist therapy at The Footsteps Centre and some of our highlights have been:

- Visit from the Countess of Wessex
- Setting up a special fund to help families who are struggling to pay for accommodation
- Securing a National Lottery grant to help lower-income families
- Recruiting a new therapist who is specially trained to work



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As ever, all of our work has been funded through the kindness of individual donors, local businesses, charitable trusts and community events.

Throughout the month of December, any donation to Footsteps Foundation will be matched by a kind donor, meaning your gift will be doubled! We are also selling raffle tickets with a luxury hamper; case of wine; champagne, and other great prizes! Pop into footsteps or email sarah@footstepsfoundation.com to purchase.



The rain, heavy earlier in the day, eased in the evening and the fire burned, and the fireworks lit the sky, watched by entranced spectators.

At the end of the evening the stalls are getting ready to close up: cakes, burgers, hot dogs and mulled wine have been sold, and games played.

Wet tents remain, to be taken down the following morning.



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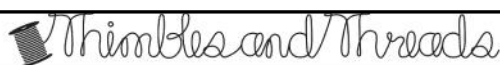
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Affordable Housing Development Naming Competition

The Council is very grateful to the six residents who entered. Between them they made 15 excellent proposals. The Council has selected 'Allens Corner' and 'Hawkes Corner' as the names to be suggested to Sovereign Housing, the developer, and South Oxfordshire District Council, the planning authority, who will make the final decision. It is anticipated that a planning application for the development will be submitted in the next few weeks.

'Newcomers' Evening'

On the evening of **Thursday 20 February 2020** all Village societies and special interest groups are invited to book table-top display space in the Village Hall to promote their activities. The event is especially targeted at residents who have moved here in the past 2/3 years, but all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Display space is free of charge. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

The December Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 11 December** commencing at 7.30pm and the January Meeting on **Wednesday 8 January** also commencing at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be posted on Village Noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website – www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of each meeting.

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

Telephone (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency) **07745 311439**. Text messages are always welcome.

email: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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.

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From the Chairman of the Parish Council



I start with some good news. Over the past few years Dorchester Parish Council has been working with other local villages to try and make sure there are no new gravel extraction sites in our community. I'm pleased to report that a recent announcement confirmed that Dorchester is not under threat for the next few years from all the disruption such a site brings. Some other villages south of Oxford might be less lucky. I'd like to thank Parish Councillor Chris Hill and County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale for their tireless work on behalf of your village to achieve this result.

I'd like to thank all those in the village who helped with our bonfire night celebrations which took place despite the wind, rain and mud, not our easiest year but fuelled by sausages, mulled wine and cake. All who were there had an enjoyable evening and a spectacular firework display. And the passing of bonfire night reminds me that Christmas is not so far away. The village Christmas tree will be outside the Co-op again this year and we would welcome volunteers to erect and decorate the tree. If you are interested let me know, or contact the Parish Clerk, Geoff Russell.

Remember, and I'll keep on saying it, if you have an idea for improving our local environment, big or small, then do contact me and we'll see if the parish council can support your initiative. A number of people have contacted me so we hope to be able to announce further support over the next couple of months.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Dorchester a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year for 2020.

Mark Williams
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In summary, (in relation to sharp sand and gravel in southern Oxfordshire) the recommendation to Cabinet was that the site that should go forward for consultation as the preferred option for allocation in the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Part 2: Sites Plan is the site at **Nuneham Courtenay**. This site alone would provide the unmet gravel and sharp sand need in the area until 2031.

The southern PAGE sites of Benson and Dorchester, Shillingford and Warborough were rejected in the preliminary round of site selection ahead of the detailed assessment which resulted in the recommendation of Nuneham Courtenay. This is very good news for Benson, Dorchester, Shillingford and Warborough as they are, for the foreseeable future, no longer under threat.

However, please note that threat to parishes in close proximity to the Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield site has been clearly established in the longer term and there can be no room for complacency.

Therefore, PAGE will continue to work closely with the parish council representatives concerned (Drayton St Leonard, Newington, Stadhampton/ Chiselhampton and Berinsfield)

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...Robin Bennett



At the time of writing, the Local Plan remains 'on ice' - this has at least enabled council to look at some other issues; for example, at a recent South Oxfordshire cabinet meeting, we agreed to look into options for affordable housing in southern Oxfordshire.

Members of the public and other interested groups took part in an evening on the role and function of the Growth Board at Oxford Town Hall recently; there is a general lack of awareness about why the Growth Board exists and what it is able to do. A review currently taking place will consider how its role could change to benefit Oxfordshire and its residents and businesses, and how it can communicate and interact with the community better than it has.

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Of course, the big issue is the General Election on 12 December. It's one of the District Council's responsibilities to run elections, so staff are very busy preparing for this. The 'purdah' period limits what I can write in this report, so I'll keep things brief this month and take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and remind you that the Councillor Community Grant Scheme remains open until January. Contact the Grants team for info, **01235 422405**.

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



Minerals and waste sites approved in a draft plan for consultation

The 'core strategy' for the Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan was adopted by the council in September 2017, stating that a site allocations plan would be prepared with a target date for adoption of November 2020.

Public consultation on site options took place in 2018, which covered all the minerals and waste sites that had been nominated for possible inclusion within the Site Allocations Plan.

Following site assessments a list of preferred sites was produced. The Cabinet has now approved that list of preferred sites for inclusion in the draft plan for consultation. The sites are:

Sharp sand and gravel

Land between Eynsham and Cassington
Nuneham Courtenay

Crushed rock and soft sand

Land at Chinham Farm (Chinham Hill)
Hatford West Extension

Waste sites

Finmere Quarry, Finmere
Whitehill Quarry, Burford
Lakeside Industrial Estate, Standlake
Shellingford Quarry, Shellingford / Stanford in the Vale
High Cogges Farm, Witney
Moorend Lane Farm, Thame
Rear of Ford Dealership, Ryecote Lane
Ardley Fields, Ardley
Overthorpe Industrial Estate, Banbury

This is excellent news for some of the parishes in my Division that make up PAGE (Parishes Against Gravel Extraction) who were also under consideration for extraction but were rejected during the detailed assessment work carried out at the Council. This means that up until 2031 Stadhampton, Newington, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield will not have large scale extraction near them. I founded PAGE with John Howell and Maggie Pullen over 10 years ago, and it has been a difficult campaign to wage. But due to the dogged determination of many local PAGE members and supporters, including those from Dorchester and Warborough, finally their area can breathe a sigh of relief.

The selected site from the south of the county is between Nuneham Courtenay and Sandford-on-Thames. Of course this news may not be so welcome for these communities. However, the site runs along the Thames, right between the two villages, and is well away from both settlements. I hope that with a robust routing agreement and a sensible access point onto the A4074 it will cause significantly less disruption to them than a large scale extraction site would have done if it had come to Stadhampton, Chiselhampton, Drayton St Leonard, Newington and Berinsfield. I will work with Nuneham Courtenay and Sandford Parish Councils to help minimise any potential impact upon their residents.



Oxfordshire communities invited to bid for £1m fund to provide youth services

Voluntary and community organisations are being invited to bid for a share of Oxfordshire County Council's new £1m Youth Opportunity Fund. The fund is aimed at groups that can provide activities and opportunities for young people between the ages of 11 and 18, and 11 and 25 with special educational needs.

Feedback from Oxfordshire residents points to strong support for improving community-run youth services. This new fund is available to help existing projects expand and new ones get started. Grants of up to £70,000 are available.

By offering start-up funding in previous years, the council has already helped many community-run groups provide support for younger children and families. Now the aim is to do the same for youth services.

Community-run youth schemes complement the work of the county council's children's services, which target resources at young people and families with additional needs and those at risk of abuse and neglect. The council also has a desire for more youth clubs to be established.

Further information on the fund including how communities can bid for the fund is at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/our-work-communities/oxfordshire-together/community-led-childrens-services/youth-opportunity-fund>



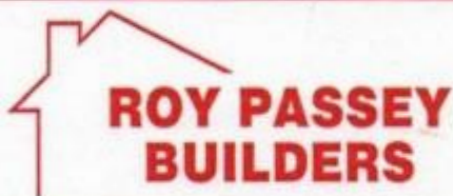
County council backs proposals for integrated health and social care system

Proposals for a new 'integrated care system' for Oxfordshire designed to improve health and social care services were welcomed by the county council's Cabinet. The new health and care system will also cover Buckinghamshire and Berkshire West. A draft of the five-year plan has been published and is due to be submitted to NHS England in November.

In the draft plan, the NHS and local authorities in the three areas have committed to planning health and care services around individual needs. Health and care organisations will work collectively to help people enjoy better health by focusing on preventing illness and improving care for those who need it.

The principle of 'local first' has been established, with community-run services a vital part of the integrated care system. GP practices will become part of 'primary care networks' that serve communities of around 30-50,000 people. By working together, GP practices will offer access to a wide range of local services, such as NHS and social services, as well as services provided by voluntary groups.

These care networks will also be part of larger 'integrated care partnerships' – one for each of the three county areas, including Oxfordshire. The partnerships will join up local hospital and mental health services with council and community services.



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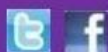
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Throughout this year we have invited members to photograph their gardens, on the theme of '*The Good, The Bad and The Just Plain Ugly*'. Our results will be shared during our Christmas Social meeting.

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Every object holds a story, and the love of discovering this information and sharing it with others is what drives a curator. Researching artefacts is the area of museum work that Marie-Louise enjoys the most and is one of the reasons she decided to follow this career. Finding herself between collections, developing and presenting public talks seemed the natural next step.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 8 Jan**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan
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Sun 1 Dec **Advent**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Morning Service

6.00pm
Advent Team Service

Wed 4 Dec **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p21)

Sat 7 Dec **York Waits**
Workshop and Concert
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 8 Dec **Advent 2**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd David Haylett)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

PACT Carols
5.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Mon 9 Dec **Cranford House School**
Junior Carol Service
4.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Tues 10 Dec **10.15am**
Short Communion

Cranford House School
Senior Carol Service
7.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Wed 11 Dec **Lunch Club**
12.30pm
Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall

Thurs 12 Dec **Thursday Tea Club**
3.00pm
Village Hall

Fri 13 Dec **Queen Anne's School**
Carol Service
3.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Quiz Night
Pre-school
7.30pm
Village Hall



Sat 14 Dec **OSJ Concert**
Christmas Carols
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 15 Dec **Advent 3**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Rev'd Teresa Stewart-Sykes)

10.30am
Family Service - Posada Party

Wed 18 Dec **Chiropodist**
(see p21)

Village Carol Singing
6.00pm
Meet outside The Fleur

HFT The Coming of Christmas
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Thurs 19 Dec **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

St Birinus School
Christmas Service
1.15pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sat 21 Dec **OSJ Concert**
The Messiah
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 22 Dec **Advent 4**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

6.00pm
Carol Service

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Tues 24 Dec **Christmas Eve**
4.30pm
Crib Service

11.30pm

Wed 25 Dec **Christmas Day**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Christmas Communion

Sun 29 Dec **Christmas 1**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

Tues 31 Dec **OSJ Concert**
Strauss Gala
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

New Year's Eve Celebration
9.00pm
Village Hall

Weekly events

Monday **Tai Chi**
2.00pm
Village Hall
Fishmonger
3.30pm by War Memorial (page 7)

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

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Parish Registers

Baptism

26 Oct Joshua Elijah Roberts
27 Oct Amelia Marie-Rose Merry
Evelyn Grace Merry
Ashleigh Elizabeth Merry

Memorial Service

18 Oct Jane Mitchell



Happy Christmas everyone.

Day by day

Sun
5 Jan **Epiphany**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booy's)

10.30am
Epiphany Eucharist

Wed
8 Jan **Lunch Club**
12.30pm
Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall

Thurs
9 Jan **Thursday Tea Club**
3.00pm
Village Hall

Sat
11 Jan **Narnia Exhibition**
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Sun
12 Jan **Baptism of Christ**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booy's)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist



Tues
14 Jan 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed
15 Jan **Culham Horticultural Society**
*Garden & Wood, Developing a
Passion for Garden Tools*
7.30pm
Abbey Guest House

Sun
19 Jan **Epiphany 3**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Rachel Carnegie)

10.30am
Family Service

5.00pm
Choral Evensong

Wed
22 Jan **Chiropodist**
(see p21)

Lunch Club
12.30pm
Village Hall

DoT Historical Society
David Miles
The Land of the White Horse
7.30pm

Thurs
23 Jan **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

Sun
26 Jan **Epiphany 4**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
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10.30am
Sung Eucharist

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