

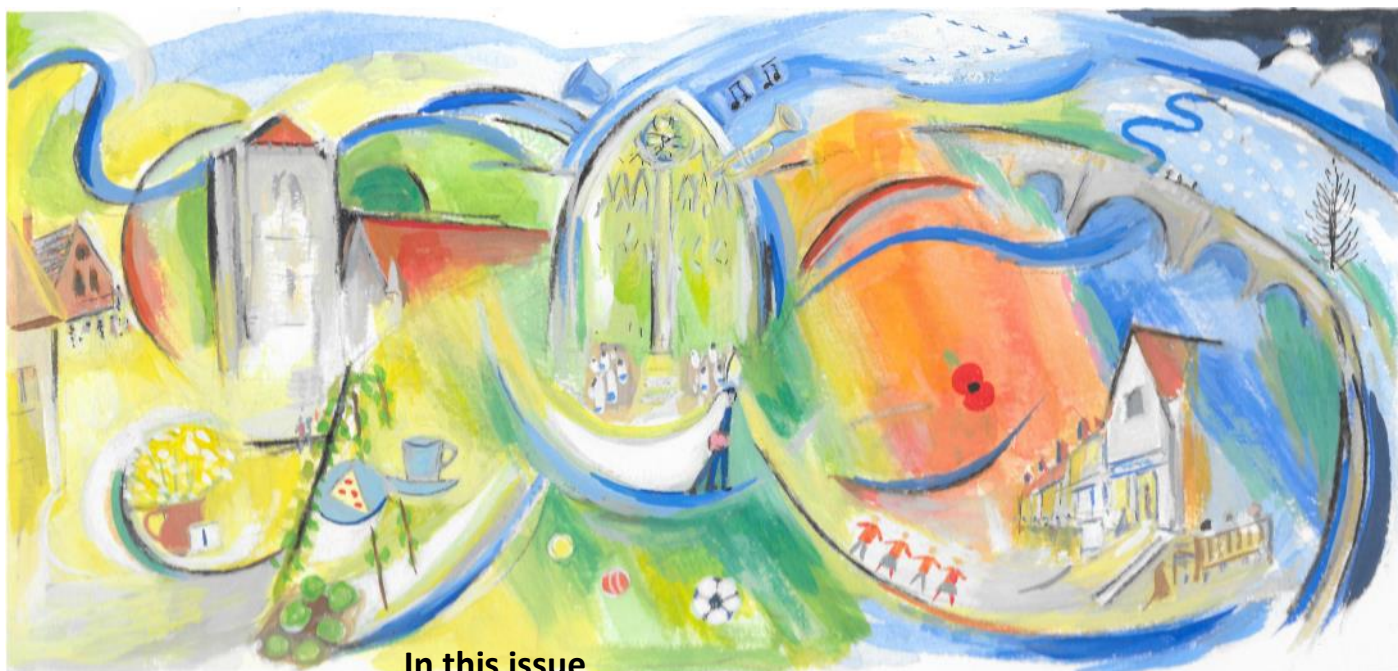
# ***Dorchester News***

*Free to every home in the parish*

*July/August 2021*







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### A DoT view

The easing of the final Covid restrictions on 21 June that we were hoping has not happened. Instead, the current restrictions are extended by a period, of four weeks.

I find this totally understandable. The increase in case numbers over the past few weeks can take us into uncharted waters regarding hospitalisations and a delay to allow more people to become fully vaccinated makes perfect sense.

But once again it hits hard at not just village activities but the hospitality venues in Dorchester which will endure another period of being only partially open. We should try to support them where we can whilst complying with government guidance. Various outdoor activities are planned in the village during July, including a big screen showing of the Wimbledon finals; and the DADS production of *The Wind in the Willows Outdoors*. Let's aim to support those, which we can do safely and in accordance with government guidance and at least get some normality back to our summer.

There is some light ahead. The Autumn Flower Show looks likely to take place, the first since 2019. See page 8 for the categories. Whilst we must thank the organisers for their imaginative responses to the pandemic restrictions, how welcome it will be to get back to a proper show in the Village Hall. Let's celebrate that by making it a bumper show with lots of entries.

Ian Brace

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'We're all going on a summer holiday' sang Cliff Richard, but for many of us going on a summer holiday is a difficult decision to make. July and August are traditionally holiday months, summer days for rest and relaxation but like last year we are subject to covid restrictions and planning a holiday means negotiating bewildering traffic light travel systems and anxieties over new variants. As a nation we are re-discovering the joys of simpler holidays or 'staycations' as they are now called; camping shops are sold out of tents, B&Bs are fully booked, and caravans cannot be bought for love nor money!

Rest and relaxation are vital for our

health and well-being, especially within a culture of technology that offers 24/7 entertainment, news and social media on phones, tablets and computer screens. What we accept as vital to modern living has become a threat to our spiritual and mental health. So, the benefit of slowing down, taking some rest, and going on holiday is essential.

For millennia world faiths have recognised the benefits to spiritual wellbeing of meditation, prayer and keeping a day of rest. The theologian Walter Brueggemann defines the Sabbath as **'the refusal to let one's life be defined by production and consumption and the endless pursuit of private wellbeing'**; or to put it another

way, the persistent accumulation of 'stuff' does not bring satisfaction whereas the service of others can bring us quiet joy. During the last months of the pandemic many of us have found this to be true, more and more people have volunteered during the pandemic and discovered the joys of creative or active pursuits for our leisure time rather than shopping!

Whatever your holiday plans are, I hope that you are able to enjoy some rest and relaxation this summer, and find renewal in simple pleasures and the service of others.

### Abbey Services

We are hoping that our regular pattern of 8.00am and 10.30am services will resume in July and August depending on current guidelines and local infection rates. Please see the calendar for anticipated services. We are having family fun services (outdoors where possible) on the third Sunday of the month over the summer at 3.30pm to coincide with Tearoom opening. Everyone is welcome – look out for posters and flyers nearer the time. We expect that we will need to continue to invite people to register in advance for services – as this makes track and trace requirements simpler and safer but we do not expect a capacity problem. If you would like to register for the weekly information about services or have any queries about services please contact the Parish Office.

For services in Dorchester Abbey see the Dorchester Diary on page 32.

### Wallingford Food Bank

In spite of the lifting of some Covid restrictions the food bank is still busy.

Many thanks to everyone who has left a donation either in the collection boxes in Waitrose or by leaving goods in the yellow box in my garage. Thank you too for the welcome donations of money.

Many people in Wallingford and the surrounding area are still in need of contributions from the food bank and the demand can increase during the school holidays when school meals are not available.

Please continue your generous support during the holiday period.

**Judy Parker**

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## Clifton Hampden Patients Participation Group

Dear PPG friends

Major changes are afoot in the NHS and Patient Groups and a meeting to discuss the way forward is to be held to discuss this on Wednesday evening **7 July 2021** at 7.30pm. New committee members are especially needed.

It will be held in the village hall at Clifton Hampden (depending on Covid restrictions) and we would really like to see as many interested people from surrounding villages as possible as well as those from Burcot and Clifton Hampden.

Please let Gerry Moscrop know if you are planning to attend. ([geraldmoscrop@btinternet.com](mailto:geraldmoscrop@btinternet.com))

I look forward to seeing you then.

**Mary Braybrooke**  
Emeritus Chairperson



## Dog Walkers

I know I am not alone in saying that I am so lucky to have such wonderful places to take my dog for walks. Everything is made easy for us with 'doggy bags' and bins in various places, thank you.

My concern is that whilst taking my lovely dog out for walks he has now been attacked by other dogs twice! As you can imagine it's so distressing not only for my dog but for myself when I stand watching and not being able to help him. Fortunately my dog only had a few scratches but was very subdued for the rest of the day.

I did get apologised to both times but it doesn't stop the fact that the damage could have been so much more serious! Please, dog walkers who own dogs which they are not sure will go out of their way to attack other dogs, put the dog on a short leash until others have passed. We all know if we have a dog/cat or any other pet, they are part of our families and it's so distressing when anything happens to them.



Thank you  
**Marilyn Buckley**  
A very caring dog owner

## IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

In view of the uncertainty caused by continuing COVID-19 issues the scheduled viewing has been delayed until mid-August.



After a two-year conception and design process plans for a radical modernisation of the Village Hall, as well as restoration of historically important features in an outstanding Gilbert Scott building, are ready to be unveiled. This is a £600k programme that will improve every aspect of its layout and facilities

Come and join us for a special viewing and see what the future looks like

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

The Hall will be open 5pm - 7pm and there will be a short presentation at 6pm

Wine and other refreshments will be provided

If you still are unable to attend this viewing, but would like to receive further information, please send us your email address  
email: [admin@dotvh.org.uk](mailto:admin@dotvh.org.uk)

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## Hempcroft Allotments July

After months of unseasonal cold weather and then heavy rain we now have ideal growing conditions. Unfortunately the weeds seem to have realised this before the planted crops.

If you walk through the allotments you will see that most of the plots are well tended with rows of crops thriving in beds free of weeds and surrounded by mown footpaths. You will also see a few plots where the tall grasses, poppies and other weeds hold sway and the surrounding footpaths are knee high in grass. It is clear that the tenants of these latter plots have effectively abandoned them for this season. However the Hempcroft Allotment Association is a collective enterprise and allowing tall grasses and poppies etc to run to seed which can spread in the breeze is a nuisance to fellow tenants.

Many of the plots are separated by shared grass paths and it is the responsibility of the adjoining plot holders to keep the grass under control. If you are cutting the grass look around your plot and see if any of your neighbours need some help with keeping things under control.

There is currently a short waiting list for allotments and therefore there is some pressure on people who are not cultivating their plots to give them up. If there are people who have abandoned their plots and do not intend renewing their tenancy in September it would be useful if they could let a member of the Committee know so that we can look at some form of weed control.

**Edward Metcalfe**  
340160

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## Cleaning services

I have recently moved into Dorchester and am looking to move my housekeeping business into the village/ surrounding area.

I am an experienced house cleaner of many years.  
DBS check, references. No agency.  
£15ph. Minimum 3hrs a week.

Please call Caroline on **07712 506980** for more info



## Dorchester Abbey Museum News We're Open!

Remember the Museum is now open every **Wed, Thurs, Sat and Sun, 2.00-5.00pm** until the end of September, as well as **August Bank Holiday Monday**.

So please do pop in to say hello and have a look at the exhibits and the wide selection of greeting cards and small gifts in our shop. It's great to see our visitors both local and from afar coming back again now that people are getting out and about more.

Please be assured that you'll feel safe in the Museum as we have careful Covid-19 protection protocols in place: hand sanitizer, one-way system, social distancing, only a small number of people allowed entry at the same time, etc.

### Celebrating the Museum's 60th Anniversary

A social gathering in the Cloister Gardens for all Museum volunteers, current and past, on **Monday 26 July**. You'll receive an individual invitation to attend – please reply, so we know numbers for catering.



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Dorchester St Birinus school playground



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**DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RESTRICTIONS**

Introduction  
to Pickleball



Football penalty  
shoot-out

Join us for:

A pancake breakfast

Hot and cold drinks

Sausage sarnies

Home-made cakes

All served in the school's dining room

Postponed from last year due to covid restrictions





## St Birinus School News

As we come to the end of our school year we have some time to reflect on what our children have achieved and make plans for the future.

We are so proud of the resilience shown by our children in these strange times.

Although there was an extended lockdown during this year, our children have come back and worked so hard, making good progress.

This term we have lots of plans to finish strongly and hope that some of the restrictions will be lifted ready for a fresh start in September.

We are preparing for our sponsored walk taking place in July. We hope to raise some more money for our iPads and enjoy the wonderful countryside that we are so fortunate to have on our doorstep.

Our children love going to forest school on the Hurst Water Meadow and our younger children have been busy learning about the different habitats around school.

As our older children prepare to leave us for their secondary schools, we would like to wish them all well. Their transition has been a mixture of online meetings and after school look rounds but we are sure that they are ready to take this next step and hope that they continue to make good progress.

As I near the end of my first year as headteacher in our wonderful school I would like to thank everyone in the community who has supported us. I am passionate about our school being a part of the community and we are glad that the easing of restrictions means we can start to welcome more visitors.

We look forward to strengthening our links with the church and the wider village community and are really excited about being part of the Henge 21 project.

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy, healthy summer holidays and I am really excited about the new school year in September – onwards and upwards!

**Jo Staples**  
Headteacher

## Summer reading for younger readers

There are lots of new books available for readers of all ages at The Wallingford Bookshop. Pop in and see us if you'd like a recommendation, whether for a reluctant reader or for the 'readaholic' who just doesn't stop.



Aimed at readers just venturing into chapter books, *Red Panda Rescue* is the first in a new series by Jess Butterworth. This accessible, wonderfully illustrated story is told through diary entries, lists and postcards. It describes a young girl's thoughts and feelings during a visit to Nepal to learn about red pandas. Lots of suspenseful twists and turns are included, plus brilliant eco-facts.

Providing a dose of cosy crime for 9 to 12 year olds is *The Secret Detectives* by Ella Risbridger. Travelling on board a ship from England to India, orphan Isobel witnesses a body being thrown overboard. Or does she? The ship's captain insists that all passengers are accounted for, meaning Isobel must work out two things: who was murdered, and who is the murderer? Perfect for fans of Robin Stevens and Katherine Rundell.



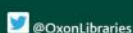
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## RULES

1. The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on-Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield, or with a Dorchester allotment.

2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 21, 26 and 27, where three entries may be made.

3. The **number** of exhibits in Class 1 must be the same as in the corresponding class **where applicable** and **in a container**.

**4. All entry forms and fees to be submitted no later than 7.00 pm on the Wednesday evening before the show.**

5. All exhibits in classes 1-40 must have been grown by the exhibitor. All exhibits in classes 41-55 must be home produced by the exhibitor. All pot plants must have been owned for a minimum of 4 months.

6. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, stands etc. Every care will be taken of the exhibits but the committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

7. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the opinion of the judges shall be final, but the committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.

8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.

**9. All exhibits for competition must be staged between 9.00 am and 10.15 am on the day of the show.**

10. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and **clear immediately afterwards**.

11. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.

12. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules will be disqualified.

## DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

and  
**Plant Sale/Raffle**  
in  
**DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL**  
on  
**Saturday 11th September 2021**

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

Raffle draw and  
presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

Exhibitors will be competing for:  
The Amey Rose Bowl, The Rose Plate,  
The Amey Tankard, The Fruit Plate,  
The R Belcher Onion Cup,  
The Floral Art Cup, The Runner Bean Plate,  
The Britain in Bloom Cup, The Best Vegetable Award,  
Vegetable Collection Plate,  
The Best Kept Allotment, The Pat Cheese Potato Cup,  
Victoria Sandwich Award, The HC Smith Dahlia Cup,  
The Blackwell Photography Cup  
The Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate and  
The Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup

### Section 1 - Vegetables

- 1) Collection of 4 different types of vegetables (see rule 3)
- 2) Potatoes 5 white
- 3) Potatoes 5 coloured
- 4) Carrots 3, foliage 3" max
- 5) Parsnips 3, foliage 3" max
- 6) Onions 5 from sets
- 7) Onions 5 from set/seed max 3" dia
- 8) Shallots 7
- 9) Beetroot 3, foliage 3" max
- 10) Runner Beans 5
- 11) Longest Runner Bean
- 12) French Beans 5
- 13) Any other beans 5
- 14) Marrow 1, fit for table (up to 12" long)
- 15) Peppers 2
- 16) Tomatoes 5
- 17) Tomatoes, Cherry type 7
- 18) Cucumbers 2
- 19) Courgettes 3 (4-6" long)
- 20) Herbs - 4 bunches in water (space 12"x12")
- 21) Any other vegetable (see rule 2)
- 22) Squash 2
- 23) A disaster vegetable

### Section 2 - Fruit

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

### Section 3 - Flowers

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

### Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 41) 'Sunset' (max 60x30x30cm/24x12x12")
- 42) Arrangement in a mug (max 20x20x20cm/8x8x8")

### Section - 5 Domestic

- 43) Apple cake
- 44) Fruit cake
- 45) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 46) Savoury plaited loaf
- 47) Jam tarts - multicoloured - 5
- 48) Pot of chutney - sealed with plain screw top lid

**Section 6 - Photography and Art** - All unmounted, not exhibited previously. Classes 50 & 51: Conventional or digital camera (*must not be manipulated or enhanced in any way*) Max 8" x 6"

- 49) 'Weather'
- 50) Subject beginning with "F"
- 51) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4

### Section 7 - Children

- All own work please - state age on exhibit
- 52) Age 9 and over: A mini allotment on a tray
  - 53) Age 8 and under: A harvest crown

### ENTRY FORM (one entrant only per form)

Please return no later than **7.00 pm Wednesday, 8 Sept** to: Christina Stores, 55 High Street (post through letterbox please)

Class Nos .....

**Full name of Exhibitor** ..... Telephone no.....

Address..... Entry fee 10p per class.....

Email address (for Flower Show reminders and schedule only).....





## The Wind in the Willows Outdoors!

22-24 July

Toad and his friends look forward to welcoming you to Dorchester Abbey's beautiful Cloister Garden between **22 and 24 July** for their presentation of the adaption by Philip Dart of Kenneth Grahame's classic, *The Wind in the Willows*.

Once again, Ratty and his new friend, Mole, try, with the help of the stoic Badger, to keep in check the excesses of Toad as he lurches from craze to craze. Meanwhile the Weasels and the Stoats take advantage of the situation and mayhem ensues along the river bank.

Come early, bring a picnic and eat as you listen to the wind as it rustles through the willow trees in anticipation of the performance. Doors open one hour before each performance. Tickets for **The Wind in the Willows Outdoors!** are on sale now at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads). (See ad on back page.)

The director, Mark Wilkin, writes: 'Back in February, when DADS decided to put on an outdoor performance of *The Wind in the Willows* in the Abbey's Cloister Garden we didn't know how our audience would react. However, in the event, the reaction has been overwhelmingly positive and tickets are selling faster than we have experienced in recent memory. Make sure that you book early to avoid disappointment!'

This is the perfect setting for this play so make sure you are there, whatever the weather.



The Wind in the Willows cast from left to right:  
Russell Bailey – Badger; Christine Jones – Mole; Amelie White – Ratty;  
Kate Phillips – Toad; Rosemary Mills – Stoat; Ian Brace - Weasel



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## Warborough & Shillingford WI

The **Members meeting on Zoom in June** was our last on Zoom! **Alice May** spoke about 'The House that Sat Down'. This is a positive and uplifting story of the events of 2014 when Alice, her husband and three children found themselves living in a tent in the garden after part of their house had fallen down. The road to repair and change was the subject of Alice's talk who is now an author, artist and speaker.

**3 July** WI Tea & Cake for W&S Open Gardens.

**14 July** an afternoon visit to Bach Flower Remedy gardens and café, Brightwell cum Sotwell

**28 July** WI and Mowers and Growers are joining forces to visit Broughton Castle and gardens.

**11 August** the members are going to celebrate all their Covid birthdays with a Birthday Tea Party on the Green

The Members meeting in May was 'The Life and Surprising Legacy of Anne Frank' given by Gillian Walnes Perry. It was

fascinating and well attended. Do check out Gillian's website for information about the global work of the foundation. [www.gillianperry.com](http://www.gillianperry.com)

The **Walking Group** is meeting every two weeks on Friday mornings and starts from either Warborough or Dorchester and explores the local footpaths – and local cafés when available.

**W&S WI Centenary 2022.** Plans are underway to celebrate this amazing achievement with a memorial oak tree on the Green (to be planted in the autumn) and a summer 2022 celebration at St Cross College, Oxford. There are also plans to have a party in the village when we can welcome former members and display the photographs from 100 years of WI in the village. If you have any photos please let us know.

**Dorchester residents** There are already six Dorchester residents and we would love more of you to join us! And when we start to meet in the hall again there will be lifts available. Please call Ann Wells a Dorchester resident on **01865 341246** if you would like more information.

**Pat Norman,**  
Secretary,  
[pnorman87@btinternet.com](mailto:pnorman87@btinternet.com)  
tel 07717 295165

**DORCHESTER'S  
BIG SCREEN**

**10th/11th July**

**Sat 11am  
Wimbledon  
coverage  
starts**

**Sat 2pm  
Wimbledon  
Ladies Final**

**Sat 7pm  
Film  
The Greatest  
Showman**

**Sun 2pm  
Wimbledon  
Men's Final**

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## Why not get involved!

Is it really two years since we staged the successful HENGE19 pilot on the Hurst Water Meadow?

This year, we're back!

HENGE21 will be a larger event set in the ancient earthworks of the Dyke Hills under the Wittenham Clumps. It will include dance, drama, music and poetry, as well as seven pieces of site-specific Land Art.

There will also be the opportunity for **you to take part**. We would like as many people as possible to contribute their own response to these wonderful sites.

Here is the opportunity for you to exhibit as a budding artist or poet. You can exhibit digitally on our WW2 Pillbox (surely a first) - or through creative poetry writing with award winning poet, performer and activist Jill Battson.

In both cases your work **will be included on the HENGE website**.

Also on this page are details of the **Art Challenge** and the **Writer's Workshop**. We do hope you decide to get involved in **HENGE21** so together we can share our responses to this amazing heritage.

**Adrian Brooks**

**The HENGE Association**

Further details of times and tickets will be on the website.

[www.hengefestival.com](http://www.hengefestival.com)

Instagram: [henge.21](https://www.instagram.com/henge.21)

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## Calling all Poets!

Our community art project, Henge21, invites local poets to participate in the festival by creating poems that relate to the circle of life themes of this year's festival. Poets are invited to join an intense, day-long workshop in the village of Dorchester on Thames on **Sunday 1 August**, led by our Henge21 resident poet, Jill Battson. In the morning we will visit the site of September's celebration – the Dyke Hills – for inspiration, gain insight on the history of Dorchester at the museum and spend the afternoon crafting and critiquing poems that will be published on the Henge21 website.

Join us at the Dorchester on Thames Village Hall, Queen Street on:

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The workshop is open to poets, aged 16 and older, of all levels and abilities. Please note that the Dyke Hills are in a rural area which may not be accessible to people with physical difficulties. Henge21 will take part on the **21 September, 2021**.

Jill Battson is a double JUNO Award nominee and an internationally published poet and poetry activist. She has been widely featured in literary journals and anthologies in North America and the UK and she has performed her work around the globe.

For more about Jill, see opposite page.

## HENGE21 ART CHALLENGE

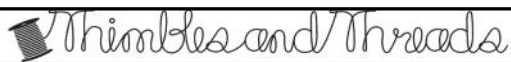
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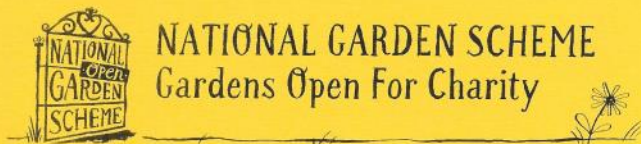
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**25 February 1932 - 26 March 2021**

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Betty was born on 25 February, 1932 in Watlington hospital to Dorothy May (Cooke) and Percival John Selwood, all residing at Meadside, Dorchester-on-Thames.

On 22 December, 1951, she married Alfred Gerald Cooper (known to everyone as Alfie the Postman). They raised three sons, Paul, Steven, Graham, and one foster son, Little Paul, and one daughter, Caroline.

Living most of the years in Dorchester-on-Thames, Betty will be best remembered for her love towards her children, family and friends, and her everlasting love and support to her husband Alf who passed away exactly two years before her.

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# THE HURST WATER MEADOW TRUST

## Site Plan



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### Work on Old Bridge Meadow and Overy Piece

#### Work to take place on the Hurst

In the May 2020 edition of Dorchester News we wrote about a proposal to improve some of the water retaining features in the Hurst meadow. The work had been planned for last summer but Covid19 restrictions intervened. We were able to carry over into 2021 the grant which we had received for this project, so we plan to go ahead in July or August this year. We have received the necessary permissions for the work from the Environment Agency and from SODC.

For approximately a week a contractor will be excavating a new scrape in an existing depression close to the present scrape, and will be deepening sections of the channel which runs through the meadow parallel to the river Thames (see diagram). During this time, and for a period following the completion of work, there will be restricted access along the mown permissive paths beside the river Thames and the Hurst channel. Initially this will be to ensure safety of the public while machinery is working, and then to allow the soil and vegetation to settle following the work. Barrier tape and signs will be erected to guide walkers, and trustees will be on site monitoring the work of the contractor.

The public footpath across the Hurst, from the main gate to the stile at Overy, will remain open.

We are confident that Dorchester residents will be understanding about the minor restrictions and will be helpful and compliant in keeping themselves and their dogs safely away from the contractor's machinery. If anyone has any concerns, particularly when work is in progress, please contact the Secretary of the Trust (details below).

#### Work on Old Bridge Meadow and Overy Mead Piece

Also, from late to July to the end of August, the Earth Trust will be undertaking excavation work to enhance the wetland habitat on our other two meadows. The Earth Trust will be responsible for further notifications about this and for managing the work on site. All the costs of this work are being met by the Earth Trust which has received grant funding. The part played by the Hurst Water Meadow Trust has been to agree to this work occurring on the land that we look after on behalf of the community. Further information can be found on the website

[www.earthtrust.org.uk/projects/river-of-life-III/](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/projects/river-of-life-III/).

During the period of work on all the projects every effort will be made to minimise inconvenience to walkers and residents.

**Gillian Johnson**

**Hon Secretary**

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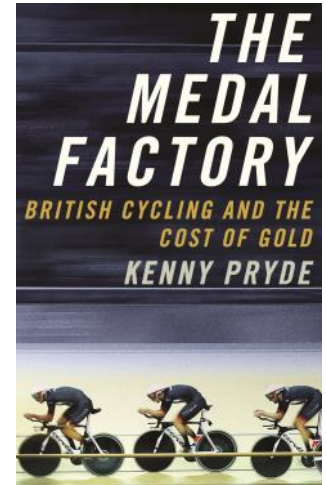
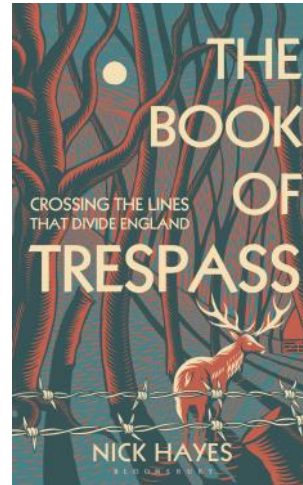
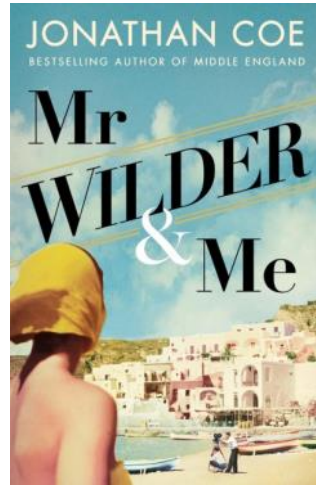
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## Some new summer reads

The summer months are finally here! Happily, lots of lovely new paperbacks have been released to see us through the holiday season. For more ideas, come and see us at the Wallingford Bookshop.



In fiction, Lucy Atkins' debut thriller, *Maggie Lane* (8 July), centres on the disappearance of the eight-year-old daughter of an Oxford College Master. Assisting the police with their enquiries, Scottish nanny, Dee, who was employed to help the young girl overcome selective mutism, paints a tense and eerie picture of family dysfunction. Expect lots of armchair sightseeing of Oxford's many back alleys and graveyards!

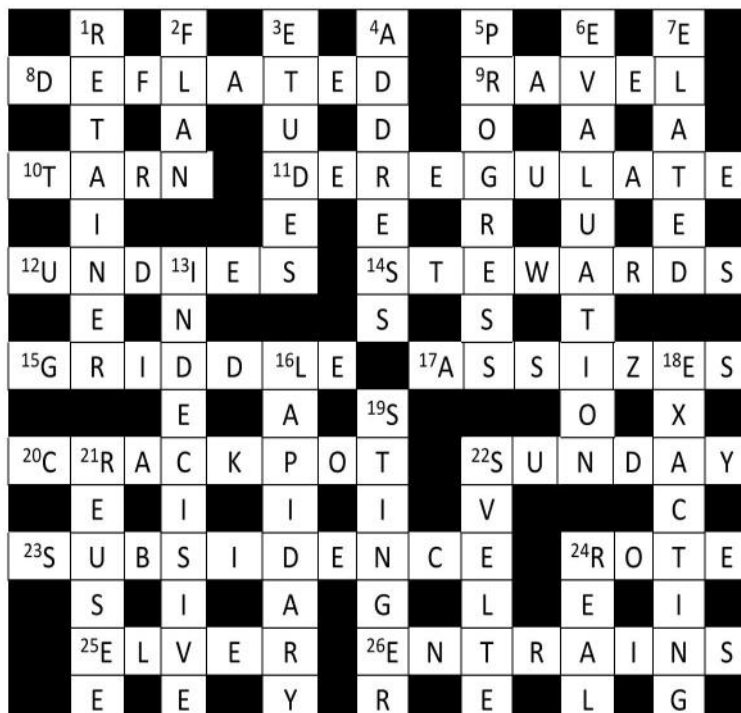
For fans of film, Jonathan Coe's *Mr Wilder and Me* (1 July) steps back in time to the sweltering summer of 1976, cleverly weaving together fiction and fact. After a chance meeting in LA, a bright, carefree, young linguist, Calista, joins Billy Wilder (Hollywood director of hits such as *Some Like it Hot*) on a

a tender consideration of attempts to nostalgically cling to the past in the face of relentless change.

Meanwhile, in non-fiction, *The Book of Trespass* (8 July) by Nick Hayes provides an incisive exploration of the English countryside that we cannot see: the privately held land that remains out of bounds. Beautifully illustrated throughout, this book of nature writing covers some pretty hot topics, such as the barricading of public footpaths, and is sure to provoke debate. For fans of cycling, *The Medal Factory* (22 July) by Kenny Pryde examines the recent domination of the sport of cycling by British Cycling, TeamSky and INEOS. Through interviews with the likes of Boardman, Hoy and Brailsford, Pryde tracks this rise to success, from amateur beginnings, through allegations of drug-taking and bullying, to the current day.

## Dorchester News Crossword No.17 Solution

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## Thank You from Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

I was very disappointed to be defeated at the recent Local County Council Elections, and I'd like to thank all those who have been in touch to express their shock, anger and sympathy. I understand and accept the reason why this happened, the huge building programme that will hit this area's Green Belt soon, and the deep-seated anger felt by residents who will be affected by it.

I have worked extremely hard over the past twelve years to protect our communities from such threats as gravel extraction and the OXCAM Expressway, and as a Cabinet member to protect and provide many of the services that we all rely upon such as education and our libraries.

I would like to thank all those people who supported me, and who helped me during the campaign, and say how sorry I am that a fourth term is not to be. I look forward to becoming involved in serving our communities in different ways in the future.

**Lorraine Lindsay-Gale**

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### Council Meetings

The next three Council Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 14 July, Wednesday 11 August and Wednesday 8 September**. All these meetings will commence 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](http://www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk) three working days in advance.

It is expected that these meeting will be held 'in person' rather than remotely. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and any 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**. Texts are always welcome. e-mail: [parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

Cllr Mark Williams, the Chairman, can be contacted via [chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk](mailto:chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

For information about the Parish Council go to [www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/parish-council/](http://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 regular reports from our County and District Councillors.



Photo: Gordon Roberts

## From the Chairman of the Parish Council



This month, after over a year using the delights of Zoom, the Parish Council finally got back to meeting face to face. A sign, hopefully, of a return to a more normal life. Fingers crossed. And this is a reminder that residents are always welcome at our parish council meetings, either to cover something specific that is on your mind or just to hear the general debate. As we emerge from the pandemic there is lots of change at both District and County Council level with plans that will affect us in Dorchester and also our own thinking about our priorities for the future so it will be an interesting time. Meetings are at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month, if you want to come along please contact Geoff Russell, our Parish Clerk, or just turn up.

For our part the Parish Council is starting to review the priorities I have talked about before in my updates to see if the pandemic and changes to how we will work, live, travel, play and stay healthy for example, change how we go about our plans. The village hall, sports facilities, playground, footpaths and the ambience of the village are long term benefits so we need to get them as right as we can and also spend your money wisely. I will keep you updated in the months ahead.

As part of our review of village life, as you may have seen, we now have the long awaited speed survey up and running. A number of residents have provided their feedback on traffic speeds in various parts of the village over the last year or two so the best place to start is with some facts. So there are around half a dozen survey points around the village measuring vehicle speeds. I will report back in due course on the findings.

Enjoy your summer, long may the sun shine!

**Mark Williams**  
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## From your District Councillor... ...Robin Bennett



The marathon set of Local elections was run efficiently and safely in this area by SODC's Legal & Democratic team, with the vote count taking place over four days. We have a new Police & Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber (Conservative) and a change of control at Oxfordshire County Council is now run by a partnership between the Liberal Democrat, Green and Labour groups. This is the first time in over 130 years that the Conservative group has found itself in opposition.

Several SODC Councillors from all parties are also OCC Councillors. We very much look forward to working collaboratively with the new County Council administration, with whom we clearly share many values and strategic priorities (for more details see page xx).

### **New Appointments at SODC**

SODC Council met in person for the first time since early 2020 on 20 May for its Annual Meeting. The meeting was successfully concluded with the adoption of seven new Neighbourhood Plans (including those for Wallingford and Ewelme) and the appointment of a new SODC Chair, Cllr Jo Robb (Green). This is the first time that a Green Party councillor has chaired SODC.

### **New Climate Emergency Pages on SODC Website**

We are delighted to launch a new set of pages on the SODC website, designed to provide guidance and practical information about what individuals, communities and businesses can do to reduce their emissions and support the actions being taken by the Council and other authorities. These pages will also be used to report on the progress being made within the Council and within the District to achieve our carbon zero targets set out in our Corporate Plan (2025 within our own operations, 2030 across the District).

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/about-the-council/tackling-the-climate-emergency/>

All feedback on the new web resource will be highly appreciated.

The Climate and Ecological Emergencies were the main topic of the Town & Parish Council Forum which took place on 27 May. There is a plan in development to hold Town & Parish Council Forums on a much more regular basis with each one focusing on a different topic. Hopefully this will also help Parish Councils to work collaboratively on issues of common concern, such as motorbike noise and speed nuisance along the A4074.

### **Financial support for residents**

Throughout the year SODC has been providing support via government funding and practical support to those who have been hit the hardest. This support is still available.

If any resident is struggling financially the council is urging them to get in touch, and to do so before they reach crisis point. The Community Hub team are working alongside

Citizens Advice to offer help in the form of advice, supermarket and fuel vouchers or through the direct payment of energy or water bills. The support is there for all households: residents needing help do not have to be in receipt of any government benefits and can be given financial support through this funding more than once.

For help, call the South Oxfordshire Community Hub on **01235 422600** or email [communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk)

### **Riverside Pool Reopening**

Despite the terrible weather we had during May SODC's leisure operator, Better, reopened the outdoor pool in line with their normal opening schedule. In future you will have to book a session via the Better app or their website, and there will be a one-way system in operation in the changing area.

### **Performance Management at SODC**

As part of this Council's commitment to Openness and Transparency, we will be launching a new Performance Management Framework shortly, which will ensure that progress towards achieving the objectives set out in our Corporate Plan is monitored, measured and reported to all interested audiences. Quarterly performance reports will be published on the SODC website and this will be a good way for local residents and businesses to hold the Council to account for how it spends public money and how it responds to the needs of the local community. An interim performance report to be published shortly reveals how much has already been achieved since the new Corporate Plan was adopted in October 2020, despite the challenges and restrictions caused by the coronavirus situation.

### **Cornerstone Arts Centre**

Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot will begin opening to the public again in June and is promising that a fantastic line-up will greet visitors when it is fully reopened in September.

The arts centre, owned and run by the district council, has been closed to the public since March 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. It has been central to the council's efforts to provide direct support to the most vulnerable members of communities across South Oxfordshire and the Vale. Thankfully, that work is easing off now, so we have begun making plans to open the arts centre back up to the public, and will be launching a survey on what kind of performances and activities residents would like to see at Cornerstone.

The centre's café bar Nourish will be the first part of the centre to reopen on 21 June with a brand-new menu.

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## From your County Councillor... ...Robin Bennett

Since the May 6 elections, a new administration is running Oxfordshire County Council, comprising the councillors from the Liberal Democrat, Green and Labour groups. The administration is collectively known as the *Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance*. In the cross-party cabinet, Dr Pete Sudbury, the only Green county councillor before May 6, holds the portfolio for climate change and environment. The new council leader is Liz Leffman of the Lib Dems, with Liz Brighouse of Labour as deputy leader.

I look forward to getting involved at the county council and supporting our local parishes. I will also be on the Planning and Regulation committee. Please get in contact to alert me to issues or if there is anything at county level I can assist with.

### The 10 key objectives of the Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance administration are:

1. Tackling the Climate Emergency through rapid decarbonisation, proper accounting of carbon emissions and ambitious targets, as well as supporting climate resilience;
2. Tackling inequalities and providing opportunities for everyone in Oxfordshire to achieve their full potential;
3. Prioritisation of wellbeing – improved outcomes for residents and improved air quality and access to libraries, cultural facilities and the arts;
4. Review and reform of the social care system to prioritise end-users and carers with a focus on co-operative and community provision of social care, helping those who want to stay in their own homes;
5. Increased investment in an inclusive, integrated, county-wide active and sustainable travel network fit for the 21st Century to improve choice and reduce car journeys across the County;
6. Improved access to nature and green spaces for all communities, and landscape-scale nature recovery across the county;
7. Supporting all our children and young people to achieve improved health, wellbeing and educational outcomes; improved provision for children with additional needs; all decision-making to have regard to impact on young people and future generations;
8. The creation of a resilient local democracy where decisions are devolved to the lowest possible level and residents are meaningfully involved in the decisions that affect their lives;
9. Support for local employment and businesses, working with partners to make Oxfordshire a centre for green and sustainable technologies through a local 'Green New Deal'; we will use our purchasing power and contracts to maximise benefit to local employment and businesses;

10. Responsible management of the Council's finances, reducing wasteful outsourcing.

### Councillor Priority Fund

The Councillor Priority Fund (CPF) is a sum of £15,000 per councillor that runs over the course of two years until 31 March 2023. This is now open for applications and each councillor can use their fund to support community projects and organisations. Any eligible organisation can approach me directly to apply for this fund.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/community-and-living/thriving-communities/>

Unsuccessful applicants will be offered feedback on their proposal and, where possible, we will work with organisations to help them identify alternative funding opportunities.

### Active travel

Work on the existing active travel schemes continues, such as for cycle paths in Witney and Bicester, while the new administration considers what actions we can take to extend them more widely. In Oxford, a consultation on the next phase of low traffic neighbourhoods ran from 8 to 29 June.

Phase 2 of our e-scooter trial has been temporarily paused; the trial has proved a big success in Headington, with demand exceeding all expectations since its launch in February. We will be working with our e-scooter supplier Voi Technology to meet the current high demand levels before moving to phase 3 of the trial which will cover the whole city.

### Oxfordshire's aim to be smoke-free by 2025

You may have noticed media coverage on the subject of Oxfordshire's aim to be smoke-free by 2025. This stemmed from a discussion on the subject at a recent Health Improvement Board. Oxfordshire County Council's existing tobacco control strategy outlines our smokefree 2025 plans, which include creating healthy and family-friendly smokefree spaces, helping people not to take up smoking in the first place, and supporting those who wish to quit.

### Race and restorative youth justice

Recently the youth justice service had a week-long Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) thematic inspection – focused on the experience of black and mixed heritage boys. A report covering all the local authorities visited will be published in the autumn.

The inspectors were positive about the quality of casework, interventions and pre-sentence reports and fed back that management oversight and the restorative justice offer were both strong.

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### New service launched in the county

Pause Oxfordshire is a new service being offered to women who have experienced, or are at risk of, repeated pregnancies that result in children needing to be removed from their care. Women choose whether to take up the offer of long-term (up to 18 months), intensive, trauma informed relational support, which is delivered by skilled practitioners. It is very early days in Oxfordshire, but 17 women contacted so far all want to take up the Pause offer. To find out more about Pause in Oxfordshire you can email [pause@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:pause@oxfordshire.gov.uk), or visit the national charity's website [www.pause.org.uk](http://www.pause.org.uk)

### Walk to School week

Hundreds of school children across the county got active in May by clocking up thousands of steps as part of our annual Walk to School Week. The week is an extension of the 'WOW' project supported by our public health team over the past two years. Run by Living Streets, the year-round walk to school challenge encourages children to collect badges each month as a reward for making journeys actively. Nine schools are currently participating in the walk to school challenge, with another 11 signed up to join in September.

### Covid update

As was to be expected with the further easing of lockdown, the number of COVID-19 cases in the county is on the rise again. This serves as a reminder that the virus is still very much in circulation and that we need to continue to be careful in order to keep Oxfordshire open and keep our communities safe.

All over 50s are urged to bring forward their second jab if asked – data suggests both doses of the vaccine helps most people from getting ill. And alongside vaccinations, testing is key to help us control the virus. So please do take part in rapid

symptom-free testing twice a week

### Testing and test centres

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, you must self-isolate and book a PCR test as soon as possible. A reminder of the county's symptomatic test sites:

- Oxford Parkway (OX2 8HA)
- Woodgreen Leisure Centre (OX16 0HS)
- Osney Lane, Oxford (OX1 1NY)
- Woodford Way car park, Witney (OX28 6JS)
- Oxford Brookes University (OX3 0BP).

Everyone without symptoms is encouraged to get tested twice a week – this applies even if you have been vaccinated. One in three people with COVID-19 don't have any symptoms – regular rapid lateral flow device (LFD) testing helps us to find these cases and prevent the spread of infection. There are a number of ways you can get tested – collecting home test kits, getting them delivered to your door or going to one of our testing sites

### Communications campaign

We have a new countywide campaign in place, encouraging people to start safely enjoying what Oxfordshire has to offer. Using the message 'Eat. Shop. Play. Love local', the campaign is targeted at a range of different audiences, using social media, digital activity and poster advertising. We have adapted the supporting messaging during the week, and are now encouraging people to meet outdoors where possible. This reflects the increase in cases across the county.

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Here at Footsteps, we are enjoying the sunshine and all the children are

working hard. Children come to Dorchester-on-Thames from all over the UK, in order to receive the specialist physiotherapy services that we offer. It has been such a tough time for families with disabled children, some of whom are more vulnerable and have been shielding. We decided that it would be nice to offer some contact for those children who can't travel to the centre, and so we set up some fun Zoom-music therapy sessions. We offer music sessions at Footsteps but Lizz can't come at present as we are limiting numbers in the building. So Lizz has been providing fun musical sessions for some of the Footsteps children these past few months.

*'Jess loved the music therapy and was very animated during it. Her smile said it all. It has worked perfectly for us, as Jess is still at home shielding. Thank you very much for thinking of us.'*

We had received some funding that specifically had to be used for music therapy, and so we adapted! Lots of us are bored of Zoom by now, but for those families that have been shielding because children may be more vulnerable, having something fun to occupy them is a godsend.

Lizz was initially unsure how it might work, as our children have such a range of abilities - however it's been really successful 'If you are determined enough to take on the occasional challenges of internet music therapy, there are many things to be gained from it. Zoom sessions can include anything from home-made instruments to digital app sounds. We can do



listening, sharing of music via the computer and discover which songs/pieces or bespoke music sections aid each child's goals. We can sing and vocalize, improvise, write songs and compose together. We can even develop musical activities for parent and child to do together that are bespoke for your child's needs.'

So we are really happy that Footsteps children, including some who cannot attend for physiotherapy sessions at present are enjoying one-to-one music therapy sessions via Zoom or in the garden. The picture above shows Toby enjoying his music session with Lizz in the back garden.

To make a donation to support our work in 2021 please use <https://www.justgiving.com/footstepsfoundation/Donate>

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#### July

Thurs 1	<b>Cruella (12A)</b>
Fri 2	<b>In the Heights (tbc)</b>
Sat 3	<b>In the Heights (tbc)</b>
Sun 4	<b>In the Heights (tbc)</b>
Mon 5	<b>The Reason I Jump (12A)</b>
Tues 6	<b>The Reason I Jump (12A)</b>
Wed 7	<b>The Filmmaker's House (12A)</b>
Thurs 8	<b>The Filmmaker's House (12A)</b>
Fri 9	<b>Nashville (PG)</b>

#### Sunday, 18 July, 7:30pm Young Audience Film Night

Film to Be Announced shortly

This is a new Corn Exchange initiative; a young film programmer's group in association with the British Film Institute to curate, select and market a film for 16-30 year olds. We will be showing their selection of films over the next few months and hope that it will become a standard feature at the Corn Exchange. Anyone interested in joining the film programmer's group should email us on [youngfilms@cornexchange.org.uk](mailto:youngfilms@cornexchange.org.uk)

#### LIVE SHOWS

##### Wednesday 14 July to Saturday 17 July

##### 3.00pm Saturday and 7.45pm (all evenings)

Sinodun Players present *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame (adapted into a one-act play and directed by Marilyn Johnstone), one of the all-time great animal stories and a true classic of children's literature.

Tickets £8 (adults) and £5 (under 14s)

##### Saturday 31 July 3:30pm Spoken Word Poet Jill Battson

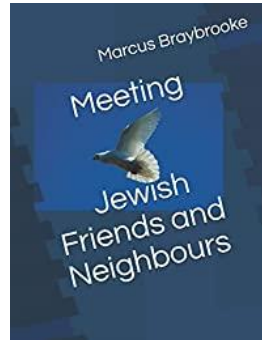
Double JUNO Award Nominee and spoken word artist, Jill Battson, presents an afternoon poetry reading. Heralded as "one of the great voices in contemporary poetry" and "poetry's 'agent provocateur'" Jill will also participate in a Q&A with Adrian Brooks, Artistic Director of the Henge21 Festival.

Tickets £7.50

*Henge21 is a community art project, and local poets are invited to participate by creating poems that relate to the*

*theme 'circle of life'. There is a day-long workshop at Dorchester on Thames Village Hall, Queen Street on **Sunday, 1 August**, led by Jill Battson as resident poet. A morning visit to the site of the Dyke Hills for inspiration and an insight into the history of Dorchester at the museum will be followed by an afternoon of crafting and critiquing poems with publication on the Henge21 website. **Sunday, 1 August 10.00am – 5.00pm, £25, Register at: [jillbattson@gmail.com](mailto:jillbattson@gmail.com)***

#### Meeting Jewish Friends and Neighbours by Marcus Braybrooke



This very readable and up-to-date account of the history and life of the Jews was published last year by Marcus Braybrooke who was until recently the Vicar of the Nuneham Courtenay and the Baldons, and who on retirement went to live in Clifton Hampden.

Marcus has been a prolific writer on theological subjects, and frequently his books have been studies of world faiths. His latest is about the Jews, their history and their faith. It is an important subject as antisemitism has been under discussion recently, and Marcus does not disappoint. He reminds us how much the Jews have been persecuted – unjustly – down the centuries, and we are reminded of the lasting impact of the persistent belief amongst some Christians that the Jews put Jesus to death. At its worst, this belief contributed to the disaster of the holocaust. His account of the holocaust is deeply moving.

In the book, Marcus tells the story of the development of the State of Israel. It is a balanced and unbiased account, made all the more convincing by his first hand knowledge of the Holy Land acquired through his numerous visits.

Marcus has met with people of all faiths, or none, as a result of what he calls his hobby of promoting inter-faith understanding and friendship. It was in the 1960s that he and his wife Mary joined the World Congress of Faiths and the Council of Christians and Jews, of which he later became Director. Through his work/hobby he has made many friends throughout the world, and you are left wondering how he has found time to come and give us inspiring sermons at the Abbey, as he has on many occasions.

This book can be read in a wider context, relevant to all of us, believers or non-believers, in that it leads us to reflect on how we approach and respond to those whom we meet in the course of our daily lives. As we emerge from the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic can we recall how valuable our neighbours have been to us, not only those who are like us but those who because of their faith or ethnicity may have been ignored?

I can highly recommend this book.

**David Parker**





## Wallingford Museum News

Join in with Wallingford Museum's Family Archaeology Day and be part of the UK's biggest celebration of archaeology, on **24 July 2021**. Come and meet our experts, bring along your special fossils and finds from gardens, allotments, fields and beaches. Plenty to do for all. Drop in between 11.00 and 16.00.

We are delighted that the museum will be open for the season — please check the web site for opening times. Our amazing new exhibit, the new Wallingford Castle model will be on display.

Wallingford Museum's dedicated team of researchers have worked with architectural model maker, Ben Taggart, to create a 1:300 scale model (1.5m x1.6m) of Wallingford's royal castle as it may have been in the mid-14th century.

All planning is subject to government guidelines for Covid-19 prevention, please check the web site for confirmation [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk).

Museum admission will be free, until fully open, donations welcome.

The museum will celebrate its official 40th birthday in September.

### Museum Bookshop

We have an excellent selection of good second-hand books (both fiction and non-fiction) at sensible prices. We look forward to seeing you - it's free to browse!

### Town and Castle guided tours

Wallingford Museum's experienced team are now taking bookings only for historical tours of the town or castle - with social distancing in place throughout and any other necessary precautions. (Please read the essential guidance on the web site before booking)

To Book a tour:

- All bookings are via email: [pburton6@talktalk.net](mailto:pburton6@talktalk.net) or via the website
- Request a day and time to suit you and we will do our best to arrange it.
- Request either a Town or a Castle walk.
- You will be contacted by email to confirm or adjust arrangements.

Arrangements:

- Tours will meet beneath the Town Hall in Wallingford Market Place.
- You will be in a group of no more than 6 people (incl Guide) on any tour.
- Cost is £10 per head, for a tour lasting between 90-120 mins.
- Payment must be made in cash on the day.
- Exact money must be handed to the guide in an open envelope on which you have written a name and phone number for each participant, to allow compliance for Track and Trace. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

(For General Museum enquiries please contact the curator on **01491 651127**)

In the meantime we invite you to browse the new Wallingford Museum web site [www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk](http://www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk)



## The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Zoom talks for members

Please see the web site for further details:

[www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html](http://www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html)

**14 July (Weds):** Steve Capel-Davies: 'The River Thames - How it Shaped our Region.'

The talk will look at how the Thames has influenced settlement in the region from earliest times to present. This will include considering the role of the river as a boundary/line of defence; crossing the boundary; the working river including navigation trade and mills, followed by its use for leisure.

Steve Capel-Davies (our TWHAS Chairman) is a river engineer, with strong links to Wallingford Museum. He has been involved with the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society for more than 30 years. Steve has had a lifetime's involvement with the Thames.

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## Day by day

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Sun 4 July	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Little Baldon Air Crash Service  <b>NGS Dorchester Gardens</b> 2.00pm-5.00pm
Sat 10 July	<b>Dorchester's Big Screen</b> 11.00am Wimbledon Coverage 2.00pm Wimbledon Ladies' Final 7.00pm Film: <i>The Greatest Showman</i> Abbey Cloister Garden
Sun 11 July	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Eucharist  <b>Dorchester's Big Screen</b> 2.00pm Wimbledon Men's Final
Wed 14 July	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.30pm Village Hall (Expected)
Sun 18 July	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  3.30pm Family Fun
Thurs 22 July	<b>DADS</b> <b>The Wind in the Willows</b> 7.00pm Abbey Cloister Garden
Fri 23 July	<b>DADS</b> <b>The Wind in the Willows</b> 7.00pm Abbey Cloister Garden
Sat 24 July	<b>DADS</b> <b>The Wind in the Willows</b> 2.00pm and 6.00pm Abbey Cloister Garden



Sun 25 July	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Eucharist
Sun 1 Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Nasio Trust Service  <b>Henge 21</b> Poetry Workshop 10.00am-5.00pm Village Hall
Sun 8 Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Eucharist
Wed 11 Aug	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 15 Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  3.30pm Family Fun
Thurs 19 Aug	<b>Requiem</b> JS Bach Cello Suite 18.30-19.30 Dorchester Abbey
Sun 22 Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Eucharist
Sun 29 Aug	8.00am Holy Communion (1662)  10.30am Team Service

## Weekly events

Tuesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am Dorchester Abbey  Abbey Bell Ringers Practice 7.30pm
Wednesday	Mobile Post Office 2.00-3.00pm but may vary due to Covid 19 Outside Co-op
Friday	Abbey Junior Choir Practice 6.00pm  Abbey Senior Choir Practice 7.00pm

See also the Parish Council website:  
[www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk](http://www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

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Monday	Breeze Dancing 4.15pm
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Friday	Taekwondo 6.30pm
Saturday	Boost Drama Club 8.30am  See <a href="http://dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk/#calendar">dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk/ #calendar</a>

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30 May June Olehnovics

### Marriages

7 June Katy Kruczko and Samuel Mole

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If your rubbish is not collected on the due date contact the contractor direct. Call **03000 610610** and the website: [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)

### POWER CUTS

If you suffer a power cut call **105** to get National Grid who will put you through to the network operator.

## BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

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

### OPENING HOURS

Mon - closed  
Tues 2.00-5.00pm  
Wed, Fri 10.00am-12.30pm & 2.00-5.00pm  
Sat 10.00am-12.30pm

## ANIMAL WELFARE

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

## Useful Information

### TRANSPORT

#### DORCHESTER FLYER

See pages 9 and 30.

### OTHER BUS SERVICES

Services X38, X39 X40 go every 20 minutes from the bypass at the end of Drayton Road to Oxford and Wallingford. Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info), and **0871 200 2233**. Reduced services currently being run.

### AGE UK

The UK's largest charity working with older people For help and advice etc. go to [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk)

### WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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

[www.wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com](mailto:www.wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com)

### CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), High Street, Dorchester on Thames OX10 7HH; **07745 311439** (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency); [parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk](mailto:parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk).

### MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post office stops outside the Co-op every Wednesday between 2.00 and 3.00pm but may vary

### RAF BENSON

For information on flying schedules and night flying, [www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-benson/documents/raf-benson-flying-programme/](http://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-benson/documents/raf-benson-flying-programme/).

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory  
**Revd. Canon Sue Booy**  
**01865 340007**

### ABBEY E-MAIL:

[admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)  
Contact details for Church Wardens and other Abbey information are on the notice board in the Abbey.

### ABBEY WEBSITE

[www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk](http://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

### VILLAGE WEBSITE

[www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk](http://www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

The Presbytery  
**Fr. John Osman**  
Bridge End  
**01865 340417**  
[www.stbirinus.co.uk](http://www.stbirinus.co.uk)

Dorchester Abbey Museum E-mail  
[museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)



## REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 2 July **Green**  
Fri 9 July **Black**  
Fri 16 July **Green**  
Fri 23 July **Black**  
Fri 30 July **Green**  
Fri 6 Aug **Black**  
Fri 13 Aug **Green**  
Fri 20 Aug **Black**  
Fri 27 Aug **Green**

### 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. Check website [www.oxford.gov.uk/](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/)

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# The Wind in the Willows

**DADS**  
Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society

Freely adapted by Philip Dart

## OUTDOORS!



22nd - 24th July  
Thurs & Fri 7pm Sat 2pm and 6pm  
Cloister Garden, Dorchester Abbey, OX10 7HH  
Tickets £7 (children 4-12 £4)  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads)



Gates open one hour before each performance. Why not bring a picnic?



Seating is not provided, please bring a low backed chair or rug should you wish.



Please wear appropriate clothing and leave umbrellas at home, in consideration of others.



Assistance dogs allowed.

[www.dads.org.uk](http://www.dads.org.uk)