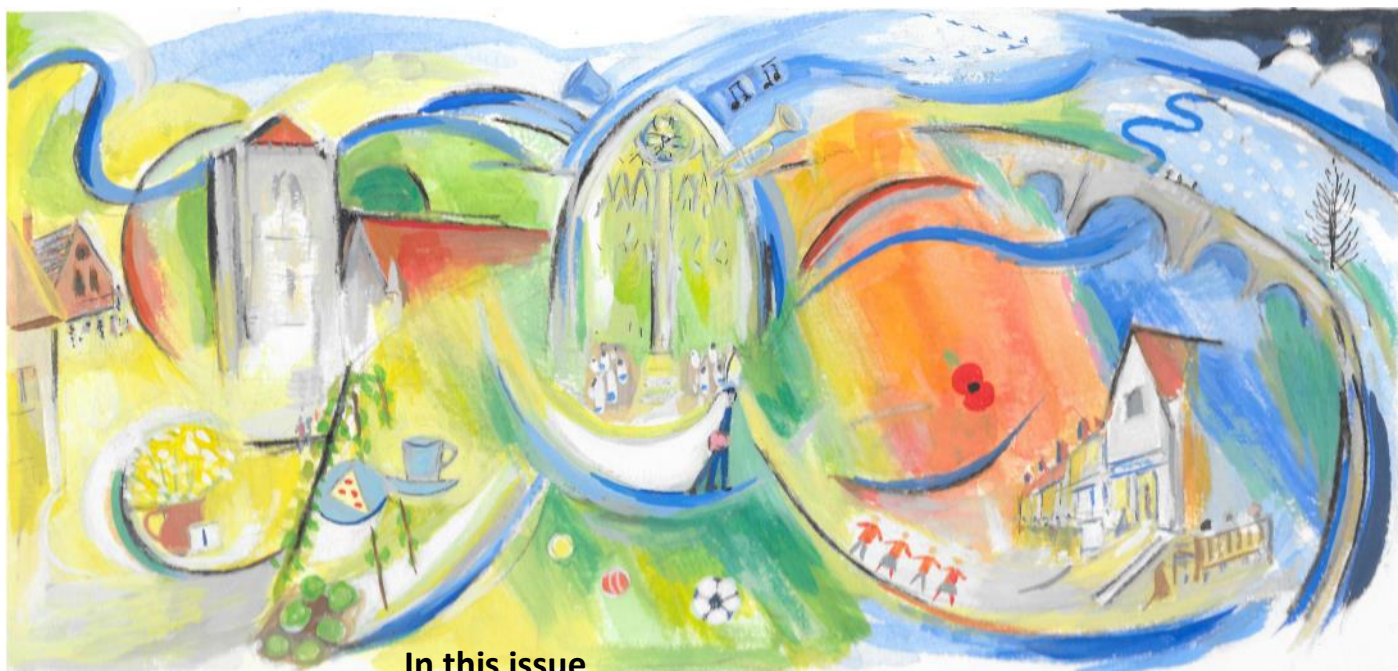


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September 2021





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A DoT view

The beginning of September sees the schools go back. Some children will be starting for the first time; those who were the top year at primary school become the bottom year in their secondary school, and a new stage in life starts for them. Then a few weeks later many older teenagers go off to university, often to live away from home for the first time, again marking a major step in their lives. This time of year is possibly the clearest time to mark how everything evolves, but also how there is an obvious continuity in that evolution.

For those of us who are not taking one of these big steps, the continuity of life may often be more prevalent, and it is a return to that continuity that we are now beginning to celebrate in Dorchester. Following on from the Open Gardens and DADS production in July, the Abbey and Village Hall are both returning to something like normal activities. But it is the return of the Flower and Produce Show that is the big marquee event for September, the one that shouts aloud that there is a return to continuity, even if it is an evolving continuity. Let's respond to the organisers' plea in their article on page 9 to get involved, take part and evolve the show into one that's better than ever.

Ian Brace

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Friendship

'A friend is one who knows all about you but loves you just the same'. This is something that I remember my grandmother saying. It's very similar to a short passage from Charlie Mackesy's book *The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse* – a wise and beautifully illustrated book about friendship.

'So you know all about me?' asked the boy.

'Yes' said the horse'

'And you still love me?'

'We love you all the more'

'Sometimes I think you believe in me

more than I do.' Said the boy.

'You'll catch up.' said the horse.

At the end of July the church celebrates Jesus's friendship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. In a special prayer which includes the words that Jesus enjoyed the love of his friends, 'in learning, argument and hospitality'

I suspect that the best friends are those with whom you can be truthful, grumpy, argumentative and just plain tired! They are also those that see through the grumpy and argumentative person to the one that you may not even see yourself.

We need friends to be the best that we can be – old friends, new friends, friends that we get to know because we share the same enthusiasms; friends with whom to be grumpy – and friends who tease us! Perhaps the experiences of the past year and more have helped us to appreciate friends all the more, maybe even reconnect with them. That's great – because we all need to be around the people who believe in us and love us for what we are, not what we keep on trying to be!

What friendships will you celebrate as you read this?

Abbey Services

If you would like to register for the weekly information about services or have any queries about services please contact the Parish Office. There is a service every Sunday morning at 8.00am and on the first to third Sundays of the month at 10.30am.

For services in Dorchester Abbey see the Dorchester Diary on page 34.

The Dorchester Team Pilgrimage

The Dorchester Team pilgrimage on **11-12 September 2021** continues in the centuries-old tradition of pilgrimage but with the emphasis on travelling together and visiting several of the villages and churches around Dorchester, enjoying refreshments and reflection along the way. It coincides with the national Ride and Stride weekend (an opportunity to raise money for your local church and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust) and individuals may wish to raise sponsorship alongside the pilgrimage, but the pilgrimage itself is about harvest and creation and gives the opportunity to reflect on the harvests of our lives and our role in safeguarding creation. It is a new initiative, following on from our enjoyment of nature during lockdown and celebrating our ability to join together again, giving us the opportunity to build on relationships forged online and to make new friends in the midst of beautiful local countryside. Hope you can join us!

A Special celebration for the Rector Everyone is invited!

I was ordained Deacon in Christ Church on 4 October 1995 and Priest at St Mary's Church Banbury on September 29 1996 and so this year marks the 25th anniversary of my priestly orders. Last year my Deacon celebration fell on Bishop Colin's leaving service day so my celebrations were muted! Anyone who would like to celebrate with me on **3 October** is warmly invited to join me in the Abbey at **12.00 noon** for a celebratory service followed (I hope) by refreshments. Please let me know if you would like to join me!

New Look Fourth Sundays

Although the Pandemic was difficult in different ways for us all there were some unexpected joys and one of these was the way in which different people from across the Team came together for online worship. As a clergy team we learned how enjoyable and productive it was to work together with lay members of the Team to create different and original services. We received a lot of feedback from people wanting to 'capture' this. As a result the Team Council agreed that for six months beginning in September we would have a Team Service on the **fourth** Sunday so that we could see one another more regularly and build on the relationships created online!

This month in Marsh Baldon we will focus on Creation and on the fourth Sunday in October we will be celebrating Berinsfield Church's 60th Birthday. On Advent Sunday (fourth in November) the service will be at Dorchester Abbey. This means that during the six month period the pattern of Services at Dorchester Abbey will change at 10.30am with Sung Eucharist on the first and third Sundays and Family Service and Evensong on the second Sunday.

Dorchester Parochial Education Trust

The **Dorchester Parochial Education Trust** is a small charitable trust which operates under the umbrella of the Abbey to 'promote the education of persons under the age of 25 who are resident in the parish or who attend a school in the parish'. The Trust is able to provide some financial support in cases where a child or young person in Dorchester or Dorchester St Birinus School would otherwise find an educational activity prohibitively expensive. Examples may include school trips, music lessons, equipment for art or sport, or a book grant for further/higher education. Although its funds are not unlimited, the Trust is able to consider applications for a wide range of support, where a grant would enable participation.

If you feel that your child or young person would benefit from such support, please contact the Trust directly, c/o The Rectory, Manor Farm Road, Dorchester on Thames, Wallingford. OX10 7HZ. Phone **01865 340007**. Your application will be treated in confidence.

100 Years of the Dorchester War Memorial

On **16 October** we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our War Memorial in the High Street. On behalf of the community, the Parish Council, the Historical Society the Abbey church and the Royal British Legion Branch are planning an event on the same date this year.

The full details are still being considered but some very good ideas have been suggested, including, a talk in the Abbey from a local historian about the history of our War Memorial and the movement following World War I to mark the lives of men killed in the Great War (most of whom were buried abroad). It will cover why and how it came to fruition and how the community paid for it.

There are still some families in the village whose antecedents are remembered on our war memorial and we especially hope that they will be able to join us on the day.

This will be followed by a procession from the church to the War Memorial where we hope to replicate the dedication of the memorial in 1921 before the event closes.

So if you are interested in finding out more by attending this event please note **16 October** on your kitchen or mobile calendar, or your diary. There will be more details reported in next month's magazine.

Wallingford Food Bank

The month of July was the busiest since February, giving help to nearly 200 people including 78 children.

Thank you for your donations of food both in Dorchester and in the neighbouring shops.

Gifts of money are still greatly appreciated and help the organisers to purchase items for which there is greater demand.

If you would like to leave your donation of goods in the box in my garage at 26 Manor Farm Road, we will make sure that they are delivered to Wallingford each week.

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With many thanks

Judy Parker

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Letter to Dog Owners

Housing and Environment

HEAD OF SERVICE: LIZ HAYDEN
July 2021



Listening Learning Leading

Dear Residents

The parish council has reported to us that there is a growing dog fouling issue across our districts.

Although there are many benefits that come with owning a dog (especially during lockdown), there are also responsibilities which include cleaning up after your dog. Please be aware that it is an offence to not clean up after your dog or leave used dog waste bags anywhere other than an appropriate bin. Under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996, allowing your dog to foul can result in an on-the-spot fixed penalty notice of £50 and incorrect disposal of dog waste bags e.g. not putting them in the bin can result in an £80 fixed penalty notice. If fines are not paid, cases can be escalated to court resulting in fines of up to £1,000.

There are some council owned litter bins within your parish. These can be used for both litter and dog waste bags - you do not need to find a specialist dog waste bin. You can also put dog waste bags in your black general waste wheelie bin so if you cannot find a bin or bins are full, please take it home.

We know that most residents take a lot of pride in their local area and we encourage everybody to take extra steps in keeping your parish clean and tidy.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the waste team at waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

Waste and Recycling Officer
South Oxfordshire District Council



Dorchester Lunch Club

The Lunch Club will be starting again in October and will be held in the back room of the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 12.30pm on the following dates:

13 October
27 October
10 November
17 November
8 December
15 December (Christmas Lunch)

It is only possible to accommodate 24 people each time, (except for the Christmas Lunch) so please phone me on **01865 341066** on or before the preceding Monday of each date if you would like to come so I can confirm that there will be space for you.

Susan Jupp



Hempcroft Allotments September

The Allotment Society AGM for 2021 will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 28 September** at 7.30pm.

This will be the opportunity to elect your committee members for the forthcoming year, to pay your rent for the forthcoming year, collect seed catalogues, and meet some fellow allotment neighbours over a convivial glass of wine. Two topics for discussion will be dealing with rented but unused plots now that we have a waiting list, and the use of herbicides on the allotments.

There will also be the award of the three trophies which were established a few years ago. The winners last year were:

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Best Newcomer | Jill Battson |
| Best Crop Diversity | Peter Collinson |
| Best Husbandry | Gillian Johnson |

If you are not already an allotment holder but are interested in obtaining one, then you are most welcome to join the meeting.

The annual rent for a 10 pole plot is £15, for a 5 pole plot it is £10, and for a smaller plot it is £5. The Hempcroft Allotment Association annual subscription is £10 per year. The rents and subscriptions will remain at these levels for the foreseeable future.

.Edward Metcalfe
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edmetcalfe@yahoo.co.uk



Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw.

| | | |
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| 1st Prize | £75 | No.10 Mr C Vernon |
| 2nd Prize | £45 | No.30 Mr & Mrs Ireson |
| 3rd Prize | £25 | No.63 Mr & Mrs J May |

The next draw will be in September, so join now for a chance to win!

The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to reward supporters and raise funds for the village hall. We need new members to keep the draw worthwhile but there are good odds of winning as there is a maximum of 200 tickets in the draw. A ticket for the year (four draws from when you join) only costs £12. To join, contact Elaine Williams on **340441** or email **200club@dotvh.org.uk** for a form. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order.

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Elaine



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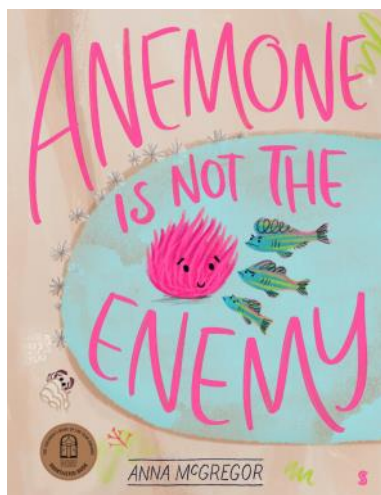


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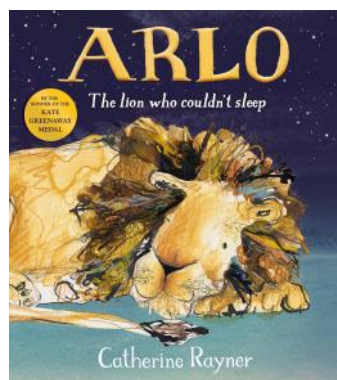
Picture books for the under fives



These last few weeks have seen a wave of enchanting new picture books come into the shop. The colourful illustrations that accompany these stories offer lots of talking points, making them perfect for 0-5 year olds. Amongst our favourites is *Anemone Is Not the Enemy* by Anna McGregor (HB, £11.99): friendship is hard to find when you sting everyone you meet, but, with each turn of the tide, new visitors arrive in anemone's

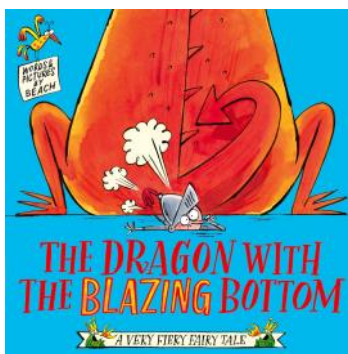
rockpool, bringing fresh opportunities for happiness. This book is cute and clever, with fun facts about ocean life and symbiotic relationships.

Little ones who struggle with bedtimes may identify with *Arlo the Lion Who Couldn't Sleep* by Catherine Rayner (PB, £7.99). Arlo often feels too hot, too cold, or just too exhausted, to get to sleep. Happily, owl is on hand to help with wise



words, and Arlo is finally able to get some rest. Lastly, and kind of unforgettably, *The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom* by Beach (HB, £12.99) is a laugh-out-loud story about a dragon who can't breathe fire (Are his teeth TOO clean? Is his tongue TOO pink?), but who finds flames in a rather different place...!

Karen Gurney



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Saturday 10.00am-12.30pm

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Reading Group Thursday 9 September 2.30pm
Coffee Morning Tuesday 21 September 10.30am

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Pre-School

Slightly late, I would like firstly to say goodbye to Elsa Dougan who has been at Dorchester Pre-school for over 20 years and has now retired to spend more time with her grandchildren. Elsa's three boys all attended the Pre-school then onto the school so she has been around for many years. We wish her well. We said goodbye to our 11 school leavers. They will be off to Clifton, Marsh Baldon and Dorchester schools. We will miss them all and hope they settle into school life well.

We have limited places for 2/3/4 year olds. We accept the government funding at the setting and you can find us on our website or by calling the setting in September. We are now closed to 2 September 2021.

From Helen (Pre-school Manager)

As a committee we would like to thank all of the staff for their fantastic work over a challenging year. As parents we have been unable to enter the setting so being able to attend the (distanced) sports day was really special, and it was lovely to see how well all of the children interacted with each other and their teachers.

We would especially like to thank Elsa as she moves on to spend more time with her own family.

Next year we will be welcoming new children to the setting and hope to be able to hold more fundraising events (restrictions allowing) as we hope to be able to create a sheltered outside area. As a committee we are always open to welcoming more members so if you would be interested in volunteering with us, or supporting us on a one-off event, please email

secretary@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk

From Rachel (Pre-school Committee Secretary)



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 Dorchester on Thames Flower and Produce Show is Back!

After nearly two years without a traditional Flower and Produce Show, we will be back in the Village Hall on **11 September** (pandemic regulations permitting!).

We hope to celebrate with a **bumper** show, so here are few tips for new entrants and for those with more experience who might need a reminder or two after so long a gap.

The most important thing is to make sure that your entries comply exactly with the schedule, as this is what the judges are working to.

Things to check include:

- the exact number of items, e.g. Class 17 Tomatoes, cherry type need 7, but Class 16 Tomatoes only 5.
- the size of items – this applies to some vegetables, foliage on vegetables (carrots, parsnips, beetroot), plants in pots, dahlias, flower arrangements, photographs. Most of these give a maximum size, but a couple give a range of sizes (Class 19 Courgettes and Class 31 Dahlias), while for Class 30 Dahlias it is a minimum size.
- for dahlias and roses, a single bloom should be just that and NOT include any buds, while a 'stem' may have multiple heads – so Classes 30 to 32 should all consist of single

blooms, while Classes 33 to 40 are all stems and can have buds and multiple blooms.

- where an item refers to a Rule (e.g. Class 1 refers to Rule 3), make sure to comply with this as well.
- for fruit and vegetable classes asking for more than one item (e.g. Class 2 potatoes need 5 examples), try to make them as uniform as possible.
- tomatoes need to be displayed with their calyxes attached.
- for chutney (and jams in other years) the lids must be new, not reused.

Finally, when staging your entries on the day, be careful to make sure that your entry goes on the correct competitor number! There will be stewards to help you set up if you have any queries.

Enter! Have a go! Beginner's luck is real! The Flower Show is back...



...and with your help it will be better than ever!



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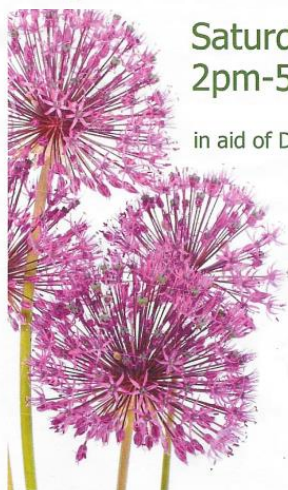
Dorchester Open Gardens

Saturday 26th June
2pm-5pm

in aid of Dorchester Abbey

Thank you to all those who opened their gardens this year and also to the more than 200 people who spent a lovely afternoon appreciating all their hard work. It was an absolute delight to see so many happy people walking around the village enjoying the sunshine and refreshments. We raised a fantastic £2,400 for the Abbey so a success all round!

Steph Forman



Reaching for the sky Great Mullein Verbascum (*Verbascum thapsus*).

2020: At the start of Covid-19 lockdown, in early March 2020 I noticed a strange unknown plant in our garden. I had no idea what it was. For a year it grew larger but, only at ground level. It spread a rosette of large oval furry silvery leaves from a central point. Where it originally came from or how it planted itself in our garden is a mystery, but most likely brought there by a bird. Architecturally and artistically, it chose the perfect spot.

Early in 2021 I established that this plant was a Great Mullein Verbascum (*Verbascum Thapsus*). Suddenly as spring finished and summer started this amazing weed, because that is essentially what it is, took off and grew upwards, resembling a pagoda with just one vertical spire heading skywards.

Verbascum, common name **mullein** (/ˈmʌlɪn/), is a genus of about 360 species of flowering plants in the Figwort Scrophulariaceae family. They are native to Europe and Asia, with the highest species diversity in the Mediterranean. Since this plant appeared I have observed other similar Verbascums around the village but never of the size of the one in our garden.

From **2021.7.4** with not much else to do because of covid isolation from friends and family, other than gardening I decided to record its ongoing growth and height each morning, as it defied gravity and continued to head towards the sky.

By **2021.7.14** it had reached **2.13m – (7ft)** and was still heading up. I read that Verbascums have been known to reach **2.50m**. At **2.44m – (8ft)** it was still growing! Each time I thought it had reached its peak the next morning it had topped its height of the previous day so I decided to keep a record. Below left are my daily readings of this simply amazing weed! And lo and behold it has a smaller twin! However, the smaller plant has never reached the astounding height of its larger and taller sibling.

Daily Recorded Growth Rate:

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| 2021.7.4 | 1.74m |
| 2021.7.5 | 1.78m |
| 2021.7.6 | 1.83m = (6ft) |
| 2021.7.7 | 1.89m |
| 2021.7.8 | 1.93m |
| 2021.7.9 | 1.99m |
| 2021.7.10 | 2.00m |
| 2021.7.11 | 2.04m |
| 2021.7.12 | 2.06m |
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| 2021.7.14 | 2.13m = (7ft) |
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| 2021.7.16 | 2.20m |
| 2021.7.17 | 2.24m |
| 2021.7.18 | 2.28m |
| 2021.7.19 | 2.32m |
| 2021.7.20 | 2.33m |
| 2021.7.21 | 2.35m |
| 2021.7.22 | 2.37m |
| 2021.7.23 | 2.38m |
| 2021.7.24 | 2.41m |
| 2021.7.25 | 2.43m |
| 2021.7.26 | 2.44m = (8ft) |
| 2021.7.27 | 2.46m |
| 2021.7.28 | 2.47m |
| 2021.7.29 | 2.48m |
| 2021.7.30 | 2.50m |
| 2021.7.31 | 2.51m |
| 2021.8.1 | 2.52m |
| 2021.8.3 | 2.53m |
| 2021.8.4 | 2.55m |
| 2021.8.7 | 2.55m |
| 2021.8.13 | 2.60m |
| 2021.8.15 | 2.61m |

Tallest point achieved. I think this Verbascum has finally reached its Zenith. What an amazing plant!

I would be intrigued to hear if any other Dorchester resident has a similar story of a Verbascum.

Mim Umney-Gray
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Dorchester Team Pilgrimage – Creation and Harvest

11-12 September 2021

The Dorchester Team pilgrimage is 21 miles in total and visits many of the churches and villages in the Team. Please join us for the whole journey, one day, one section or for refreshments and worship at one of the stops on the way! We look forward to sharing together, reflecting on creation and harvest, making new friends and building on relationships we forged online in lockdown. Please contact Rev Catherine Schneider on dorchesterteamcurate@gmail.com for more details.

Saturday 11th September

9.45-10.30am Toot Baldon church. Coffee, croissants and reflection

Walk 2.3 miles

11.45-12.15 Chiselhampton church

Walk 1.1 miles

Stadhampton 12.45-2pm – lunch and prayers in churchyard

Walk 6.1 miles

4.15-5.30pm Warborough vicarage for refreshments and visit to church

Walk 1.7 miles

6.15pm onwards Dorchester rectory for evening meal and overnight stay in the guesthouse (or tents if preferred!) with candlelit compline

Sunday 12th September

7am pack and breakfast

8am Holy Communion in the abbey

Walk 1.3 miles

9.15-9.30am prayer in Little Wittenham church

Walk 2.9 miles

10.30am-12 noon Clifton Hampden Harvest service and refreshments

Walk 2 miles

12.45-2pm Berinsfield church for lunch and reflection

Walk 2.8 miles

3.15- 5pm Drayton St Leonard - closing prayer and BBQ

Warborough & Shillingford WI

It was a delight to meet up with people for real in July – we had lots of catching up to do!

On 3 July a team from the **WI and Lunch Club** provided **Tea&Cake for Bloomin' Amazing Open Gardens** to raise funds for the restoration of St Laurence Church. We were in Tim and Sarah Martin's beautiful barn right in the centre of the village on The Green and the weather was kind.

On 14 July we had our 'delayed from 2020' afternoon visit to **Bach Flower Remedy gardens and café**, Brightwell cum Sotwell. A fascinating 20 minute film gave us the history of Dr Bach and his search for flower remedies; the house museum contains many of his and his assistants' note books and equipment; and the garden is full of the plants whose flowers he discovered were therapeutic. Nora's Café is a gem. Check the website for opening times. www.bachcentre.com

Another postponed visit from 2020 was to **Broughton Castle and gardens** on 28 July when **WI and Mowers and Growers** joined forces and 40 villagers enjoyed an early evening tour of the moated and castellated historic house and garden. The view from the roof over the moat, walled gardens and parkland was dramatic under glowering skies but there was enough sun for a rainbow. www.broughtoncastle.com

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

In September we will be back on Zoom for a **Live Streamed tour of Cambridge** – a first for us. We will report back.

The **Walking Group** had a short break over August whilst we all caught up with old friends and family but will be back in September.

W&S WI Centenary 2022. Plans are underway.

Community projects are progressing well.

Membership is rising with five new members this summer so far. Welcome everyone and a huge thank you to all of you who have stuck with us through the Covid year.

Dorchester residents There are already seven Dorchester residents and we would love more of you to join us! And lifts are available. Please call Ann Wells, a Dorchester resident, on **01865 341246** if you would like more information.

Warborough and Shillingford residents, we would love you to join us.

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Do join us if you can. Tickets are £16 and we ask you to book on line at www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk. where you'll also find full programme details. Or you can phone Jules on **07968 703079** to reserve.

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A Change of Date

The date of HENGE21 will change from September 2021 to September 2022. With a large number of dancers and actors performing, plus a procession, it became impossible to rehearse at the end of last term with hundreds of pupils isolating at any one time. We therefore made the decision to reschedule to the Autumn Equinox next year, September 2022.

Everything will go ahead as before, but even better. The Family Art exhibition, Land Art, Soundscape, Poetry Performance, and Installation are still on target; so, although disappointing, we now have time to make it even better.

Workshops in Dorchester, Brightwell and Berinsfield schools featured Tim Cook and Steve Eyre's presentation of Iron Age musical instruments, and Steve's haunting video. Also, a 'How to build your own coracle' by Jane McDonald. Later James Carter will run a poetry workshop on the Life of the River. We have already had requests from children to build a Viking ship next time – we love ambition!

The remainder of the workshops featured Jane McDonald, Sophia Stewart-Liberty and Adrian Brooks making willow and tissue lanterns for the Procession and clay figures of Iron Age monsters.

Finally, we had a picnic and tour of the Dyke Hills, which hopefully set HENGE in its historic setting.

We now hope for a pandemic free **HENGE22**.

Adrian Brooks

The HENGE Association

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Above: Tim Cook demonstrates the power of the ram's horn, at a St Birinus school assembly.



Above: Adrian Brooks demonstrating the construction of a willow and tissue lantern



Above: Stephen Eyre describes the computer technology he uses as a modern composer.

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(Spoiler Alert) The Toad Comes Home

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact upon the performing arts but the members of Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society (DADS) have kept themselves entertained with regular online play readings.

Back in February it was agreed to schedule a production of *The Wind in the Willows* in Dorchester Abbey's Cloister Gardens from 22 to 24 July. It was an inspired choice in so many ways which resulted in memorable outings for audiences who were celebrating the end of a year of 'lockdown' restrictions.

Of course, an outdoor show presents its own special challenges, but Mark Wilkin, who both directed and produced, was joined by a talented team of designers, constructors and painters who created a set which fitted beautifully into its stunning location.

The ingenuity of the creators of the boat, the car, and the locomotive (Colin Newton, Ed Metcalfe, and Michael Herbert) should therefore be much admired along with the skills of those providing, props, puppets and costumes (Carol-Anne Tilley, Elaine Williams and Ann Winslet)

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From the moment that Weasel (Ian Brace) threatened the audience with unspeakable punishments if they failed to turn off their mobile phone and take their litter home, every member of the cast turned in performances that were confident, competent and topical – fist-bumping and elbow-touching replaced traditional paw-shakes.

through the Cloister Gardens.

Kate Phillips conveyed all of Toad's failings but still managed to make him lovable and

the whole cast seemed to enjoy the show which is entirely appropriate as they gave so much pleasure to their audiences. In a first for DADS the entire production went 'on tour' and on the following weekend performed on the bank of even bigger river at Henley-on-Thames.

The evening was a wonderful way to start the journey back to normality. It was memorable in many ways, not least for the very high standard of all the performances in such a delightful location, but also because of the opportunity to share the experience with fellow members of the audience.

To all those members of DADS who have worked so hard in such difficult circumstances: thank you!

Geoff Russell



Thanks to skilful choreography, the small cast of six was able to make the most of these surroundings. Their movements were not confined to the built structures and the free-ranging action so embraced the audience that everyone could feel involved.

Indeed, during the performance which we attended it seemed that even the wind in the surrounding trees was being controlled by the production team, which further contributed to the embracing atmosphere.

There would have been few members of the audience who did not already know the story of *The Wind in the Willows* – (Spoiler Alert: Toad Comes Home) – but there is huge entertainment value in watching the performances of a small number of people meeting the challenge of playing a large number of well-known characters within the constraints of a (probably very) limited budget.

programme revealed that for each member of the cast it was strictly d-i-y.

Ratty (Amelie White) and Mole (Christine Jones) get the story going in their charming opening scene before introducing Toad (Kate Phillips) but the action is regularly interrupted by Weasel and Stoat (Rosemary Mills), who is scary enough on her own to represent a whole gang of such creatures.

Toad's caravan horse, 'Arnold', is also played by Ian Brace, who then appears as Judge and Engine Driver, while Russell Bailey completes the team as Badger, Prosecution Counsel and Prison Warder.

Christine Jones also appears as the Chief Witness against Toad, the Jailer's Daughter and still finds time to join Amelie White and Rosemary Mills as the chasing police team when Toad escapes from prison – a hilarious slow-motion canter

Where costume changes were required, they were quickly and effectively achieved, giving rise to the expectation that a whole army of stoats and weasels must be helping out backstage until a quick

reference to the





Photos: Mark Wilkin



DADS on tour

Following the four performances in Dorchester, DADS took to the road, well at least as far as Henley, for a further three shows. It was again an outdoor venue, the fabulous garden of Peel Fold, on the Thames. Once the home of actress Beatrice Lillie, and now the home of Mr Alan Pontin, the venue was organised by Henley's Kenton theatre.

This was part of the Kenton's Summer Road Show, a series of outdoor performances around Henley to raise funds following the difficult times over lockdown and DADS was honoured to be the only amateur group included in this series.

Over three evenings *The Wind in the Willows* was performed to a further 350 in the Henley audience and was again very well received.

The fantastic cast of six, retold the classic Kenneth Grahame story with superb acting from all...

The Henley Herald

In Dorchester we were blessed with good weather, but Henley was different. Overcast and cool evenings on the first two evenings were followed on the final night by a downpour minutes before the performance was due to begin. The audience of nearly 200 quickly climbed into their waterproofs and opened their umbrellas. The start was delayed by a few minutes, but the cast took the view that the audience was getting wet so why shouldn't they, and so the stage really did resemble the riverbank setting as the cast got going. Fortunately the rain abated after about 15 minutes, umbrellas came down, and the audience got into the spirit, cheering and booing rather like a pantomime, more so than any previous performance, relieved to be no longer getting wet.

The best props we'd seen in an amateur dramatics show.

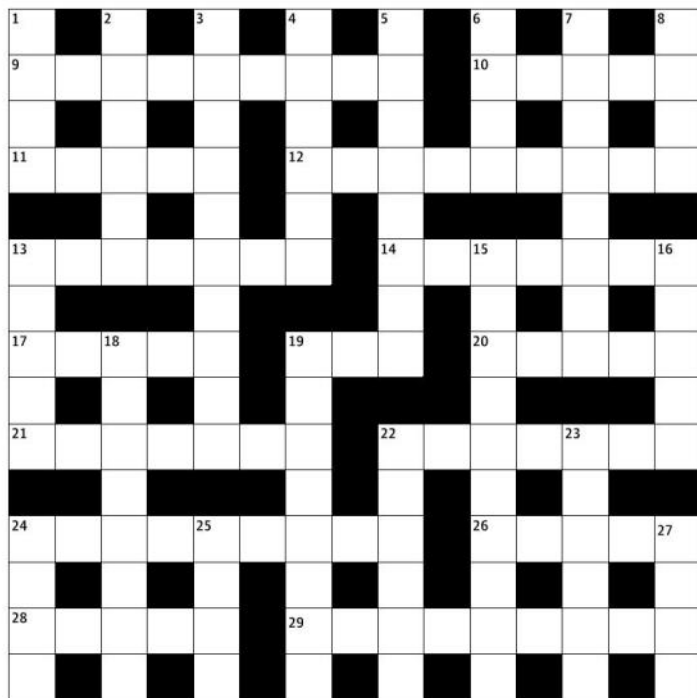
The Henley Herald

An outdoor show such as this requires a lot of hard work not just from the cast but from all the people creating the set, transporting it and building it at the various venues, only to have to take it down again, as well as those who created the vehicles used as props. And the director works hardest of all, ensuring that all aspects of the show not only work but work together as a whole, and Mark Wilkin performed a great job, giving us all a great show.

A cast member

Dorchester News Crossword No.18

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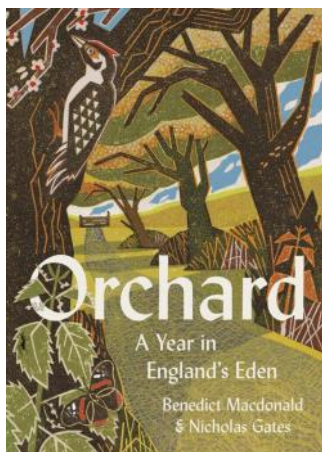
9. On using the head the gangster inside makes claims of untruth. (9)
 10. He's a card and difficult to beat... (5)
 11. ...but work hard to find the bribery. (5)
 12. The troublemaker heads off every journalist -tried anyway! (9)
 13. Did the music. (7)
 14. Coming to the Royal Academy viral composition? (7)

17. Take confidence away from the International committee person. (5)
 19. Using a drug to get through easily. (3)
 20. Partly hidden tonight, a restaurant offers some seeds. (5)
 21. Loose sins for a quick thrill! (7)
 22. Currently could be a bad result. (7)
 24. List tunes in order for the performers. (9)
 26. A smoke is no good for the head in America. (5)
 28. Get a hold of the unknown. (5)
 29. The politicians made some star come down from the East. (9)

Down

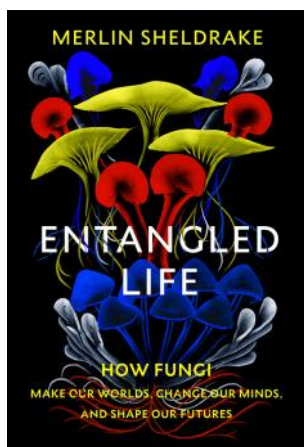
1. Second -rate sails for the ship. (4)
 2. There's a reptile on the road, so get on the bus. (6)
 3. Recite some poetry for the borders of Florida and Georgia for instance. (5,5)
 4. I am in debt but the museum comes first with an alternative. (6)
 5. Altered his pose, a recognisably flashy condition. (8)
 6. Ma's toad in the hole gives some protection for the Greeks. (4)
 7. Very easy for the matter to hang in the air. (8)
 8. Hurried odds on paper guv! (4)
 13. The disease is very strong but no substantial matter. (5)
 15. Looking back to mushrooms in the tart, the King finishes it off. (10)
 16. Parts to play for a no-hoper. (5)
 18. Keep up with mater at home and get thanks in the end (8)
 19. Rely on perhaps getting left along the river. (8)
 22. A plant in open order. (6)
 23. A thousand computers to get hold of the private carrier. (6)
 24. Going North to revile the mendacious person. (4)
 25. Nebraskan Indians need equipment to start to make a square. (4)
 27. Not long to cut to the window. (4)

Non-fiction reads for autumn evenings

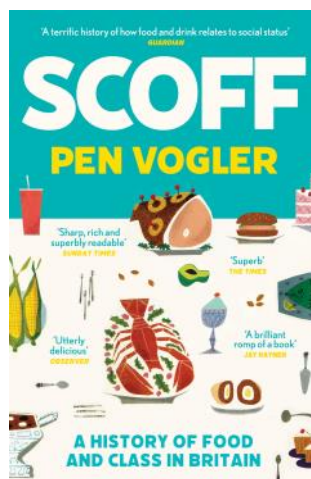


Autumn is fast approaching, and the apples are starting to ripen on the trees. Explaining the origins of orchards in Kazakhstan, and the role that bears played in their dispersal, is *Orchard* by Benedict Macdonald and Nicholas Gates (PB, £9.99). The book takes a slow meander through the seasonal changes in an old English orchard over one year, complete with bees, fungi and cider. The cover illustration is gorgeous, too.

Continuing the fungal theme, is Merlin Sheldrake's hugely successful *Entangled Life* (PB, £10.99). Shortlisted for this year's Wainwright Prize, the book provides rich insights into woodland underworlds, explaining how fungi are amongst the largest organisms on earth, sprawling miles underground in complex networks known as the wood wide web. Just for fun, Merlin sprinkled a publisher's proof with spores and



used it to grow oyster mushrooms. Fabulous photos of the result can be seen at www.merlinsheldrake.com.



Finally, for those more interested in eating food than growing it, *Scoff* by Pen Vogler (PB, £9.99) is well worth a look. You know that meal you eat in the middle of the day? Do you call it lunch, or dinner? The meal in the evening? Is it supper, dinner, or tea? And when you brew a cup of tea, do you put milk in first, or last? In this fascinating social history of food in Britain, Vogler explains how such differences arose, and how they were shaped by class. I loved it!

Karen Gurney

Margaret Mary Forman

4 July 1932- 4 July 2021

Mum was born Margaret Mary Wilcox on 4 July 1932 to Tim and Mary Wilcox in Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Tim was a merchant seaman, spending most of his working life as a radio operator on fishing trawlers which meant that he spent around three weeks at a time away at sea. Mum had fond memories of his time at home between trips when he brought home jars of sweets and of course excellent, fresh fish large enough to fill the sink

She often joked that the combination of her premature birth and rationing in the war led to her never achieving her full potential in height despite her size 6 feet – she was 5' 2" but seemed larger than life to all she met.

She stayed at school until she was 15 gaining her school certificate and then worked at the Customs House in Grimsby, which started a lifelong career in the civil service. In her late teens and early 20s she spent many weekends and holidays on her bike.

She met our dad, Ron Forman, in around 1954 and they married in 1957. We all moved to Nottingham in February 1962 when dad was promoted to a new job. She lived in the same house for the next 57 years.

Dad had his first heart attack in 1976 at the age of 52 and after three years of mixed health died on 10 June 1979 when mum was not quite 47. She had been devoted to Ron and when asked in later life why she hadn't had other relationships always responded that after Ron anything else would pale in comparison.

Her strong character and 'get on with it' attitude came to the fore in the following



years. After several attempts she passed her driving test when she was about 50. She travelled to many places in the UK, the rest of Europe and the US usually with a friend but also on her own, including spending 4th July (her birthday!) in the US. Dad always said that it was appropriate that she had been born on 'independence' day, being such an independent-minded person, sometimes to the point of stubbornness.

She was diagnosed with diabetes in the mid-1980s. She was so worried about some of the potential consequences of diabetes, particularly losing her sight, that she managed the condition really carefully and always had it well under control.

The first of her seven grandchildren, Vicky, arrived in 1989 followed by Tim, Niall, Ronan, Deaglan, Josh and Ella.

She loved her grandchildren and was always very proud of their achievements.

She retired in 1992 which gave her more time for the things she loved - her travels, for visiting the theatre with her plays and playgoing group, learning the piano and doing an Open University degree.

Mum loved entertaining family. I was reminded of many 'family gatherings' from the 60s onwards where mum would prepare a fantastic spread for both lunch and afternoon tea. We often joked that she could happily cope if a passing football team popped in for tea and if ever there were food shortages we would head round to her house and live off her well stocked larder.

After a few false starts over the years, she remarkably decided to move house when she was 87 and we were delighted that she came to live in Herringcote just around the corner in Dorchester. She settled into her 'new' village very quickly, picking up friendships made after many weeks with us in Dorchester over the previous 23 years. It is a testament both to her and to the Dorchester community that she was able to settle in so quickly.

I have been overwhelmed by the fond memories all of her friends, both old and new, and her family have shared with me over the last few weeks.

One final thing I must mention is her love of the Telegraph crossword. When asked how today's crossword had been she would often reply that she had not done well today but when questioned further it turned out she had missed only one or two clues. A couple of days before she died, she did the Telegraph crossword, with her customary one clue left to do.



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Dean Lockett

11 July 1987-3 July 2021

Dean was born on the 11th July 1987 to Lisa and Graeme Lockett. Their first home was a bedsit on the Iffley road in east Oxford, where they were very happy. Antony, Dean's brother, came along in 1988 making their family complete. They then moved to Wolvercote in north Oxford and Lisa, Dean and Ant went on to move to Garsington where Dani, Dean's sister, was born in 1995. Dean's lifelong childhood friends began to form while they were in Garsington. Lisa and the children went on to move to Dorchester in 1996.

Dean's dad, Graeme, was always there while Dean was growing up, along with Dean's younger sisters Gemma and Charlie. He would take them all fishing, a lifelong passion of Dean's and he would take the boys golf ball hunting, selling the balls back for extra pocket money that they would then use to purchase new football shirts. The value of work and earning your own money was instilled in them from a young age as both boys had paper rounds as soon as they were old enough, doing a side of Dorchester village each. Lisa helped one morning and wonders to this day how they managed such heavy bags on a push bike. Both boys went on to do after-school jobs as pot washers for the local hotels as well, when old enough. Dean went on to work for Homestead timber buildings on leaving school at 16, he even continued his pot washing for a while doing the two jobs. He worked for Homestead for many years, and his Homestead family meant a lot to him - especially Pops.

Dean loved the great outdoors. As a boy he loved playing on the hay bales, riding his mopeds in the fields and swimming in the river with his younger brother and sister as well as friends. He also liked going on long walks, fishing and playing on his play-station.

Dean had a close relationship with his grandparents on both sides. Every year the family would go to the Isle of Wight to the family caravan, where Dean, Lisa, Antony and Dani would continue to holiday with other family members and later Dean and Antony's own children and partners.

They also spent a lot of time with Nanny Avril and Dean's young uncle Dempsy. She took them to Butlins but this resulted in only Dean and Dempsy going as the three boys together were too much of a handful!

With his mates, and he had a lot, Dean would enjoy free parties, fishing, football and whatever else young lads got up to. As a friend Dean was placid, non-aggressive, funny and kind. He was part of a big group of friends in Berinsfield and Wallingford and was always a loyal friend to all.

Dean attended St Birinus and later Wallingford Schools. His eldest daughter, Shaniece, also started primary school here.

He met both the loves of his life in Berinsfield, Sian during his teenage years and Germaine in his early 20s. Dean and Germaine went on to become young parents, raising Shaniece and Tisharna. They then went to live in Norfolk for a while before they returned to Dorchester, where they lived with Lisa for a couple of years before moving into their own place in Kingston Blount. When the relationship ended amicably Dean



went back to live with his Mum. Dean and Germaine always remained close friends and good parents to their girls. Dean was one of a kind who always stood out from the crowd, funny and witty with a heart of gold.

Dean got together with Sian more recently having known her from a young age. They went on to have their daughter Niamh whilst still living at Lisa's before getting their own place in Wallingford. This was their family home where they spent every other weekend and holidays with the girls and as a family where Dean continued to teach them how to swim, ride bikes, go on walks, go fishing and just spend quality time together. He was an all-rounder, turning his hand to anything around the home - cooking, cleaning, washing and DIY. He would even go out of his way to

help the neighbours and would never want to see anybody struggling; he was the same with family and friends. Not only was Dean loyal to his friends and family he was also a true gentleman who would open doors, carry heavy bags, particularly the original Cropper (Coronation Street fans will understand!) and that did get heavy.

He had his vices, things that he struggled with but they didn't define him as a person.

His life has been cut short through a tragic accident, a fishing trip that went wrong, but his legacy to everyone that knew him, but maybe particularly to his family with whom he was so close, is one of affection, humour, kindness, thoughtfulness and generous love. He leaves behind so many good memories, he truly was one of a kind. Daddy/GaGa will forever remain the light of his girls' lives.

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Council Meetings

The next two Council Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 8 September** and **Wednesday 13 October**. These meetings will commence at 7.30 p.m. The agenda will be posted on Village Noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website – www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk – three 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.

Free Electric Blanket Testing

Oxfordshire County Council arranges FREE Electric Blanket Checks for County residents. These will take place on **20-24 September** and **4-8 October**. Blankets will be collected, taken away for testing and then returned. To book your collection call **01865 895999 (Option1)**

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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**.

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Cllr Mark Williams, the Chairman, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

For information about the Parish Council go to <https://www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk/parish-council/> This includes the minutes of all Parish Council Meetings and financial information such as monthly bank balances and payments as well as a record of all planning matters upon which the Parish Council has been consulted and reports from our County and District Councillor.

*****STOP PRESS*****

Allens Pit Affordable Housing

We have just had good news from SODC Planning that after 18 months the long awaited decision for affordable homes at Allens Pit has been approved. The development will provide six affordable homes designated for local residents' families, four of which will be two bedroom and two single bedrooms. Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2022.



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From the Chairman of the Parish Council



The last couple of Parish Council meetings, now held face to face at last in the village hall, saw the biggest attendance from residents that I can remember. We always welcome resident participation so do please come along, 7.30m on the second Wednesday of the month, if you want to listen and join in. And the recent participation means I have some interesting topics to update you on this month.

Firstly, I know many residents have been eager to hear the results of our speed survey which you will have seen taking place in the last couple of months at eight locations chosen by the Highways team. The data we now have from the Highways team is important as it provides clear facts to add to our own observations of traffic. I've summarised the key data for all to see.

| | Mean speed mph | 85%ile speed mph |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Abingdon Rd (Sailing club entrance) | 33.99 | 41.75 |
| Abingdon Rd (The Limes) | 31.2 | 37.29 |
| High St (Bridge End junction) | 19.37 | 23.77 |
| Henley Rd (Meadside) | 34.24 | 42.21 |
| High St (War Memorial) | 20.04 | 24.71 |
| Queen St (By school) | 13.56 | 17.99 |
| High St (by George) | 15.74 | 18.99 |
| Bridge St (By property 14b) | 16.69 | 20.69 |

Analysis of the data provided by Highways and the Parish Council shows that:

- The vast majority of vehicles through the centre of the village, by the school and down Bridge End are well within speed limits, perhaps moderated by the narrowness of the roads with parked cars
- The conformance in both the outer areas of the village (Meadside and Abingdon Rd) is poorer. This fits with the observations many of us make as we walk or drive around the village
- There is also evidence of a level of speeding in the areas just outside the centre on the High St and over the bridge as traffic approaches the centre
- Overall average speeds on the outer roads of the village are lower then when the last survey was done in 2015

Traffic levels have roughly doubled since the last survey

What to do? It is fair to say the Parish Council and the residents who attended our meeting in July had a lively debate.

The speeds seen in the centre do qualify Dorchester to apply for a 20mph limit but only between Martins Lane and the Bridge End junction. The areas outside the centre do not qualify against the Highways criteria. The cost of implementing a 20mph limit in the centre is c£7k which would currently need funding by the Parish Council. Given the high level of conformity in the centre the consensus view was that this was not a priority investment at present, particularly as OCC are reviewing their wider policy later this year which might change the funding route. So we will keep an active watch.

For the areas outside the centre the actions we might take would be different. We are consulting with the Highways team as well as talking to other villages to learn from what they have done. We will keep you updated.

One other traffic-related topic to update you on. A number of residents have raised the noise and speed of motorbikes on the bypass. We are working with the other villages impacted, such as Warborough and Berinsfield, together with the police to address this as far as possible.

Some good news. You may have heard, and now seen, that Gigaclear have started work to install fibre broadband to most of the village. Unfortunately there are a small number of houses in Watling Lane and Meadside that the plans don't currently reach. This project will inevitably cause some disruption as it rolls out but Gigaclear are working closely with the Parish Council and impacted residents to minimise disruption. They have committed to provide regular updates on the work plans and we will look to put those on the village facebook page to keep everyone updated. The work is likely to take until Q2 2022 to complete but some lucky residents should have the opportunity to buy the service from later in 2021. There will be a residents' meeting led by Gigaclear shortly so please do come along and hear their plans. That meeting and written communications from Gigaclear will also share contact details if residents have any specific queries to follow up. Another step for Dorchester into the 21st century!

Lastly this month an update on our support for the primary school iPad project. On top of the £2k funding we provided I am delighted to say the council is providing a further £2k to match funding raised by the school. Supporting our school is a priority for us to maintain Dorchester as a vibrant, family friendly, village. So we, and they, are very pleased to have provided this support.

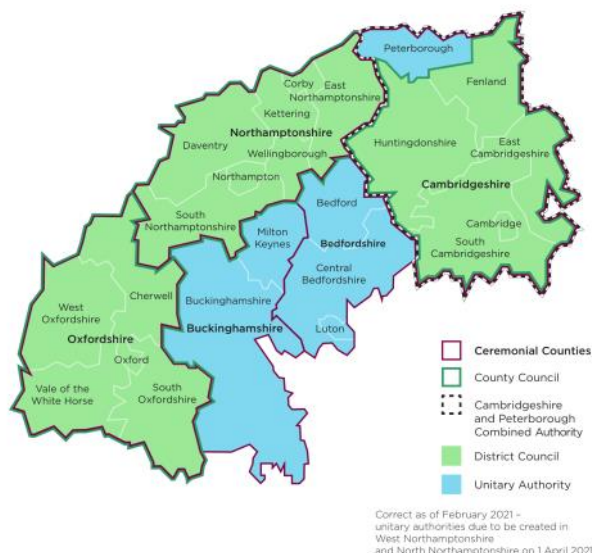
Enjoy the remains of your summer

Mark Williams
Chairman DoT Parish Council

People across South Oxfordshire urged to have their say on the Ox-Cam Arc

People across South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are being urged to have their say on the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, a government led project which will have an impact on the district in the future.

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc includes the area between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge and aims to make significant economic, social and environmental improvements across the region by 2050 and beyond.



The government is currently developing a vision for the Spatial Framework – a long-term strategic plan for growth across the area – which will help support planning for the future with the aim of helping to create jobs, drive investment, protect and enhance the environment, and provide infrastructure to make the Arc a better place to work and live.

The government has announced a 12-week public consultation on the future of the Ox-Cam Arc and people are being encouraged to help to create the Spatial Framework's vision for the area to 2050 under the following themes:

- The Environment
- The Economy
- Connectivity and Infrastructure
- Place-making

Once agreed, the shared vision will help to determine which new policies are developed and ultimately will shape government plans for the Oxford to Cambridge Arc region.

The consultation also seeks views on the work the Government has done to set the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal, and the Government has also announced a new expert panel to advise on sustainable economic and housing growth in the Arc.

Cllr Sue Cooper, Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council, said: 'The Ox-Cam Arc will have an impact on our residents in South Oxfordshire for many generations to come, especially if the high population growth forecasted materialises. It is therefore vital that development is properly managed and planned and that the project's vision really focusses on protecting and enhancing our natural environment, while also providing green focussed improvements to our local infrastructure and employment opportunities which will have genuine benefits for people living and working here.'

'We as a council will do what we can to influence the direction of this project, however it's very important that people understand what this project means and that they are able to have their say at each stage of the process.'

'I therefore urge everyone who lives and works in South Oxfordshire to have their say in this consultation, particularly our younger residents who will be most impacted by the longer-term effects of any Arc projects.'

How to have your say

This public consultation is the first of three that will guide a new Spatial Framework over the next two years.

To find out more and to have your say visit placebuilder.io/futureofthearc. The consultation is open until **12 October 2021**.

About the Oxford-Cambridge Arc

The Oxford-Cambridge Arc (the Arc) is a globally significant area between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge. It is formed of five ceremonial counties: Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

It supports over two million jobs, adds over £110 billion to the economy every year and houses one of the fastest growing economies in England.

For more information, please visit the government's website or search for Ox Cam arc.

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



I hope everyone is having a good summer and perhaps even managing to get away for a holiday. If you are looking for something to fill your time, there are several consultations going on, including on two plans which will have a big impact on the future of the area:

People urged to have their say on the Ox-Cam Arc

The government has announced a 12-week public consultation for this project covering the area between Oxford, Milton Keynes and Cambridge. Responses are open until **12 October 2021**. This government-led project will have an impact on our district in the future so please help us to spread the message to encourage people across South Oxfordshire to have their say in this consultation – at www.placebuilder.io/futureofthearc

Oxfordshire Plan 2050

Residents can also respond to the 'Reg 18' Consultation on this future plan for the county, which has been prepared by all 5 Oxfordshire districts. That means that various possible policy options and ideas are presented. There are some very ambitious policies on tackling climate change, transport and protecting the natural world in the proposal, which will set out areas for future development and protection across the county. There's an interactive website at www.oxfordshireopenthought.org

Levelling-up fund bid for Berinsfield

Councils have been able to put forward one bid per parliamentary constituency for this government funding pot, and the detailed bid proposed and submitted by SODC and OCC officers for Henley Constituency was the Berinsfield-Oxford 'Roman road' cycle/active travel route. This would benefit from support from the local MP, but that has not been forthcoming.

New Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Patrick Arran has been appointed as SODC's new Head of

Legal and Democratic Services and also as Monitoring Officer. Patrick has significant legal and senior management experience across local government, including numerous monitoring officer positions.

Every household must check their details!

The council has been sending the annual 'Canvass Communication Form' to every home across both districts to check residents' voter registration details. This is something the council needs to do each year by law in order to ensure the electoral register is up to date.

If a household receives a **yellow letter** – they should check the details then visit householdresponse.com/southandvale to either confirm or correct the information. If a household receives a **green letter** and the details are correct - they don't need to do anything, they can keep the letter for their records or shred it and put it in their recycling bin.

Financial support for residents

The last year has of course been tough for many residents across Oxfordshire due to the pandemic. 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
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From your County Councillor... ...Robin Bennett

Oxfordshire makes ambitious new bid for active travel funding

Although it's still early days for the new Oxfordshire Fair Deal Alliance administration, we are starting to see how things can be different. The county council has just submitted a bold £21m funding bid for a third round of the government's Active Travel Grant to help the county's transport infrastructure recover from the pandemic and offer real quality of life benefits for active, healthy communities.

The scale of the bid means these schemes should benefit the county for the long term; they will allow further upgrades to our county cycle infrastructure and allow us to produce desperately needed holistic plans that will make safe cycling and walking an option for many more residents.

To reflect the scale of investment needed to make a real difference, this bid has been put forward for significantly more than the previous two rounds, and includes reference to over 169 countywide active travel infrastructure projects worth £500 million that the county council has identified as priorities. Some of these are aimed specifically at this bid with others being funded by different means, not just in Oxford but also in Berinsfield, Witney, Bicester, Abingdon and Banbury.

Bridge trial in Abingdon set to be extended

A trial to temporarily designate some additional carriageway space on Bridge Street in Abingdon for better pedestrian and cycling provision has been extended to provide more time to assess the impact and refine the arrangement.

Temporary traffic lights were introduced for safety reasons in May after an inspection revealed stonework on the northern arch of the bridge had become displaced. This presented an opportunity to explore ways to improve Active Travel in the town, and the Council decided to run a short trial. From 26 July, the temporary traffic signals were moved further apart to either end of Abingdon Bridge – near to Thames Street in the north and the Rye Farm car park in the south – to create a dedicated space for cycling and walking over the bridge, where the pavements are very narrow.

Early concerns about significant delays in the town centre circuit do not appear to have materialised, so we have decided to test a variety of traffic conditions, including the impact of the return to school in September. Oxfordshire County Council has set up a dedicated page for the trial where a short survey can be completed and a forum on which comments can be made, and we'd welcome your input if you've been using the bridge:
<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/abingdon-bridge>

Household waste and recycling centres

We have started a consultation process to find out the views of residents, businesses and other organisations on the service that is currently provided at our household waste and recycling centres. Have your say at Let's Talk Oxfordshire, our new digital consultation and engagement platform. <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Oxford moves closer to an electric bus future

A new fleet of fully electric buses could be coming to Oxford after Oxfordshire County Council's proposals made the final shortlist in a government scheme for Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA). If Oxford is successful, it would mean that up to 166 brand new electric buses could be introduced, operating in an area stretching from Kidlington in the north to Sandford in the south, and from Cumnor in the west to Wheatley in the east. More than £78 million could be invested in the local public transport network if the bid makes it through the final round.

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. The fund 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, and would then have to complete the form available for download on the county council website

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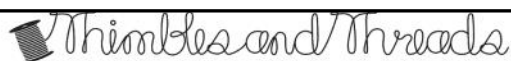
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As we learn to live with COVID19 some of life's most important opportunities and pleasures are likely to be increasingly dependent on vaccination. This is true in relation to both activities at home and abroad. Already other countries have a requirement that people must have had two doses of a vaccine as a condition of quarantine-free travel, and that list seems likely to grow as more countries catch up to our successful vaccination programme. At home there are activities in crowded venues that people are keen to get back to. Being able to go to a nightclub is one that has been very much in the media spotlight.

I know that some people question why others are so keen to go to such venues, but I appreciate that those who enjoy clubbing and have been denied the opportunity for so long want to do so. It is generally younger people who like to go to such places, and I think that they have suffered greatly with lockdown and restrictions. The opportunity to enjoy time with friends, to meet others and build relationships is important particularly for young adults. I do not want to see nightclubs and other venues closed again but it does mean that measures need to be in place to help ensure that they are as safe as possible. A NHS Covid Pass which shows proof of vaccination, a recent negative test or natural immunity – as a means of entry - is therefore sensible. I fully appreciate concerns being raised over this being reduced to proof of vaccination and expect that this particular debate will be an important one in coming weeks. This is about protecting people in those settings where the virus is most likely to spread, and vaccines are the best possible way to do this.

Similarly I appreciate concern at extending the vaccination to younger people especially when it was previously not advised. However research into vaccines is ongoing and when new data comes forward the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency carefully reviews it before making recommendations to the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation which, in turn, advises the Government on various aspects of immunisation strategy.

Another key issue is of course climate change and with COP26 drawing ever closer our minds are rightly drawn to focus on this. The report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) just published leaves us in no doubt of the urgency of this, particularly our need to reduce emissions

of carbon dioxide (CO2) and other greenhouse gases. As Alok Sharma, the government's climate co-ordinator, said, the report is a stark warning about the need to cut emissions. I agree that this is a priority and am pleased that the UK was the first country in the G7 to legislate to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. I share the desire to get to net zero sooner and Government has to ensure that what is put into regulation is achievable for everyone. It has already announced the interim target of reducing emissions by 68 per cent from 1990 levels by 2030. This target is faster than any other major economy. A cross-community consensus will be required to ensure the UK achieves a transition that works for all. As well as Government measures on this we all need to do what we can to make our own contribution by making what changes we can to our own lifestyles.

Although Parliament is currently in recess my office remains open. If you have an issue that you would like to raise with me, if possible, please email me at

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| Wed 1 | Jungle Cruise (12A) 2.30pm & 7.30pm |
| Thurs 2 | Jungle Cruise (12A) 2.30pm |
| Sun 5 | Janine Jansen: Falling for Stradivari (U) |
| Mon 6 | The Last Bus (12A) |
| Tues 7 | The Last Bus (12A) |
| Wed 8 | The Last Bus (12A) |
| Thurs 9 | The Last Bus (12A) |
| Mon 27 | The Courier (12A) |
| Wed 29 | The Courier (12A) |
| Thurs 30 | No Time To Die – James Bond (PG) (Until 14 October) |

Live Screenings

Sunday, 26 September, 7:30pm Dangerous Liaisons

Sex. Power. Cruelty. Deceit. Two bored aristocrats spin a web of heartbreak in 18th Century France. It may seem like a game but lives will be ruined and love irrevocably lost. Northern Ballet's bodice-ripping retelling of Laclos' scandalous novel is performed with minimal set and full costumes. The ballet is set to Vivaldi's The Four Seasons, played by Northern Ballet Sinfonia. Contains scenes of a sexual nature and sexual violence including a rape scene. Age guidance: 12+ **All Tickets £8**

Tuesday, 28 September, 7:30pm Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet risk everything to be together. In defiance of their feuding families, they chase a future of joy and passion as violence erupts around them. This bold new film brings to life the remarkable backstage spaces of the National Theatre in which desire, dreams and destiny collide to make Shakespeare's romantic tragedy sing in an entirely new way. Jessie Buckley (Wild Rose, Judy) and Josh O'Connor (The Crown, God's Own Country) play Juliet and Romeo. The award-winning cast includes Tamsin Greig, Fisayo Akinade, Adrian Lester, Lucian Msamati, Deborah Findlay.

All Tickets £10

Live Theatre

Saturday, 4 September, 7:30pm Not The Bunkfest

Featuring the Outliers, Pete Orton and friends and the Stones Project. **Tickets free** but must be booked beforehand; bucket for donations to the Corn Exchange and the 2022 Bunkfest fund.

Friday, 10 September, 7:45pm Arthur Smith is SYD

Arthur Smith's show SYD follows a highly successful season at Soho Theatre and a sell-out and critical acclaimed run at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Packed with big gags, hilarious stories and poignant reflections about an ordinary man who lived through extraordinary times; Arthur, accompanied by the mellifluous Kirsty Newton, tells the story of his own father.

Tickets £15 (with some adult humour)

Wed 22 September to Sat 25 September, 7:45pm

Sinodun Players present A Daughter's a Daughter.

An intense family drama published by Agatha Christie under the name Mary Westmacott, and directed by Lucy Pitman-Wallace. It bubbles with suppressed emotion and has the extra frisson of perhaps being inspired by Christie's difficult relationship with her own daughter, Rosalind.

Tickets £12 (adults) and £8 (under 16s)



Wallingford Country Market

We are looking for new producers, especially bakers, plant/produce, preserves and egg producers, to ensure we continue to offer our loyal customers a good range of products. If, during the lockdowns, you have honed your baking skills, or indeed, discovered the pleasure of home cooking and growing your own plants, vegetables and fruit and looking for a new interest, (perhaps recently retired), then why not join our current team of producers by becoming a shareholder, which enables you to make a little profit from your efforts. Anyone over the age of 16 can become a producer. The market is open in St. Mary-le-More Church each Friday morning between 9.30am – 12noon.

If you are interested and would like to discuss things further, please contact:

Alison Broadbridge (Bakery) email:

alisonbroadbridge@gmail.com

Sandra Halstead (Gardening) email:

s.halstead2@btinternet.com

Alternatively, come and visit us one Friday morning and speak with them then.

Wallingford Market has been trading in the town since 1974, formerly known as the WI Market until 2003 when the name changed to Country Markets, becoming independent from the founding organisation but still maintaining the high standards of the products sold. It has always been a successful and well attended market and a valuable asset to the town.

If you would like to look at the Country Markets Ltd. website, it will give you all the information you need about the organisation – **www.country-markets.co.uk**

Do come and join us, we are a friendly and welcoming group.

Wallingford Country Market Committee



Wallingford Museum News

We are delighted that the museum is now open with **free** entry for the season, with real live visitors coming in! Please check the website for opening times. Our amazing new exhibit, the new Wallingford castle model is on display.

Wallingford Guided Historical Town Walks - every summer Saturday starting at 11.00am from under the Town Hall.

These popular town walks, led by expert guides from The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society, will be on offer throughout the summer until the end of September. There is no need to book these walks - just meet the guide who will be standing under the Town Hall. Payment (£10 per adult, children free) should be made to the guide please, and will help support the work of the volunteer-run Wallingford Museum.

The walks last about 90 minutes and will take you all round the town and its backstreets, revealing the story of the town's history from the Anglo-Saxon period to the present day!

Saturday 11 September will be a special **Agatha Christie Day** at Wallingford Museum.

In the Museum - **free!**

- You can visit our Agatha Christie exhibition in the museum
- Have a go at a special Agatha Christie Quiz
- See all the other lovely exhibits, including the new model of Wallingford Castle

You can also join in one of our special guided Agatha Christie walks:

10.30, 12.00, 2.30, 4.00: each starting from the Museum

Our expert guides will take you round the town to *Discover Wallingford as Agatha Christie would have known it*.

The walks will begin from Wallingford Museum in the High Street and last about an hour. Reserve a place via the museum website, or just turn up on the day.

Please note however places are limited to 15 per walk.

£10 per adult, children free.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk Please pay at the museum on the day.



You can also visit Agatha Christie's grave in Cholsey

St Mary's Church, Cholsey, is where Agatha Christie worshipped and chose to be buried in the churchyard. The church will be open during the day and you can meet a guide there who will be able to answer any questions about her connections with Cholsey.

It is a short drive or bus ride from Wallingford, or a 2½ mile country walk (guiding leaflets available in the Museum).

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!



The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Zoom talks for members or possible return to St Mary's Church.

8 Sept (Wed) Andy Hood: *Archaeological investigation at the Cross Keys, Wallingford*

Excavations in advance of a residential development revealed part of the Burh western defensive ditch, as well as a later substantial chalk bank. Other features included a further probable ditch to the west, as well as pits and gullies, some of which appeared to be relatively early. Somewhat unexpectedly, the presumed defensive ditch terminated within the site, which suggested that the military earthworks in this area are more complex than previously thought.

Please see the web site for further details:

www.twhas.org.uk/meetings-programme.html



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Day by day

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| Thurs 2 Sept | Pre-School Returns DADS Snow White rehearsals start 7.30pm Village Hall |
| Sun 5 Sept | 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Sung Eucharist |
| Wed 8 Sept | Flower and Produce Show Entry forms to be submitted 7.00pm Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall |
| Sat 11 Sept | Flower and Produce Show Staging 9.00 to 10.15am Viewing 2.30 to 4.00pm Village Hall Dorchester Team Pilgrimage Start Toot Baldon Church 9.45am OSJ Concert Strings and Harp 7.00pm Dorchester Abbey |
| Sun 12 Sept | Dorchester Team Pilgrimage Concludes 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Family Service 5.00pm Choral Evensong |



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| Wed 16 Sept | Chiropodist Village Hall |
| Sun 19 Sept | 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Sung Eucharist |
| Sun 26 Sept | 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Team service at Marsh Baldon |
| Tues 28 Sept | Hempcroft Allotments AGM 7.30pm Village Hall |

Parish Registers

Baptisms

4 July Silas Elwyn Johnson

Marriages

26 June Charles Boles and
Rebecca Peet

Funerals

25 June Brian Newey
15 July Margaret Forman
26 July Dean Luckett

Memorial Service

20 July Tanya Hawley

Weekly events

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| 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

Weekly events in the Village Hall

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| Monday | DADS Rehearsals 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | Pilates 5.30pm Tango 7.30pm |
| Thursday | DADS Rehearsals 7.30pm |
| See dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk/ #calendar for forthcoming events. | |

For current information about other services
at Dorchester Abbey see
www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

For St Birinus RC Church go to:
www.stbirinus.co.uk

All events are subject to change due to
Covid restrictions



CONTACTING THE POLICE

To report a non-emergency crime, or to give information to Thames Valley Police, call **101**. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**. In the event of an emergency dial **999**.

HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECT LINE TO URGENT LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Dial **111** to access urgent local NHS health care services. Where possible, they will book you an appointment or transfer you to the people you need to speak to or send an ambulance if they think you need one. For non-urgent health needs you should contact your GP in the usual way.

MINOR INJURIES

The Minor Injuries Unit at Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Road, daily from 10.00 am to 10.30 pm: **01865 903476**.

A&E

The nearest A&E units are at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford (**01865 741166**) and the Royal Berkshire in Reading (**01183 225111**).

SURGERIES

Berinsfield Health Centre: **01865 340558**
Clifton Hampden: **01865 407888**
Millstream Benson: **01491 838286**

ROOM HIRE

ABBEY GUEST HOUSE BOOKINGS

To hire the Abbey Guest House for private functions, meetings, exhibitions, etc, contact Kate Herbert on **01865 340007**, email admin2@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Emma Shrimpton bookings@dotvh.org.uk or **01865 689452**.

Please telephone at least 24 hours in advance to arrange collection of the key.

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

POTHOLE, STREET OR ROAD PROBLEMS

Abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, flytipping or litter, street cleaning, such as broken glass in a cycle lane, unlit lampposts, potholes can be reported on fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk. In an emergency, call **0345 310 1111**.

BLOCKED DRAINS

Ring Thames Water for blocked drains on **0800 316 9800**. Callers will be asked for the postcode of the address where the drains are blocked.

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

See page 7 for current opening hours.

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

Useful Information

TRANSPORT DORCHESTER FLYER FRIDAYS

To Wallingford: 10.13; 10.48am
From Wallingford Market Place: 12.15;
12.50pm

OTHER BUS SERVICES

Services X38, X39 X40 go every 20 minutes from the bypass at the end of Drayton Road to Oxford and Wallingford. Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from www.traveline.info, and **0871 200 2233**. 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

WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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/.

USEFUL CONTACTS

ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory
Rev. Canon Sue Booy
01865 340007

ABBEY E-MAIL:

admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Contact details for Church Wardens and other Abbey information are on the notice board in the Abbey.

ABBEY WEBSITE

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

The Presbytery
Fr. John Osman
Bridge End
01865 340417
www.stbirinus.co.uk

Dorchester Abbey Museum E-mail
museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Sat 4 Sept **Black**
Fri 10 Sept **Green**
Fri 17 Sept **Black**
Fri 24 Sept **Green**

Weekdays from 6.00am
Saturdays from 6.00am
Note weekday collections
now from 6.00am

For garden waste
collections see SODC
website.

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/

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