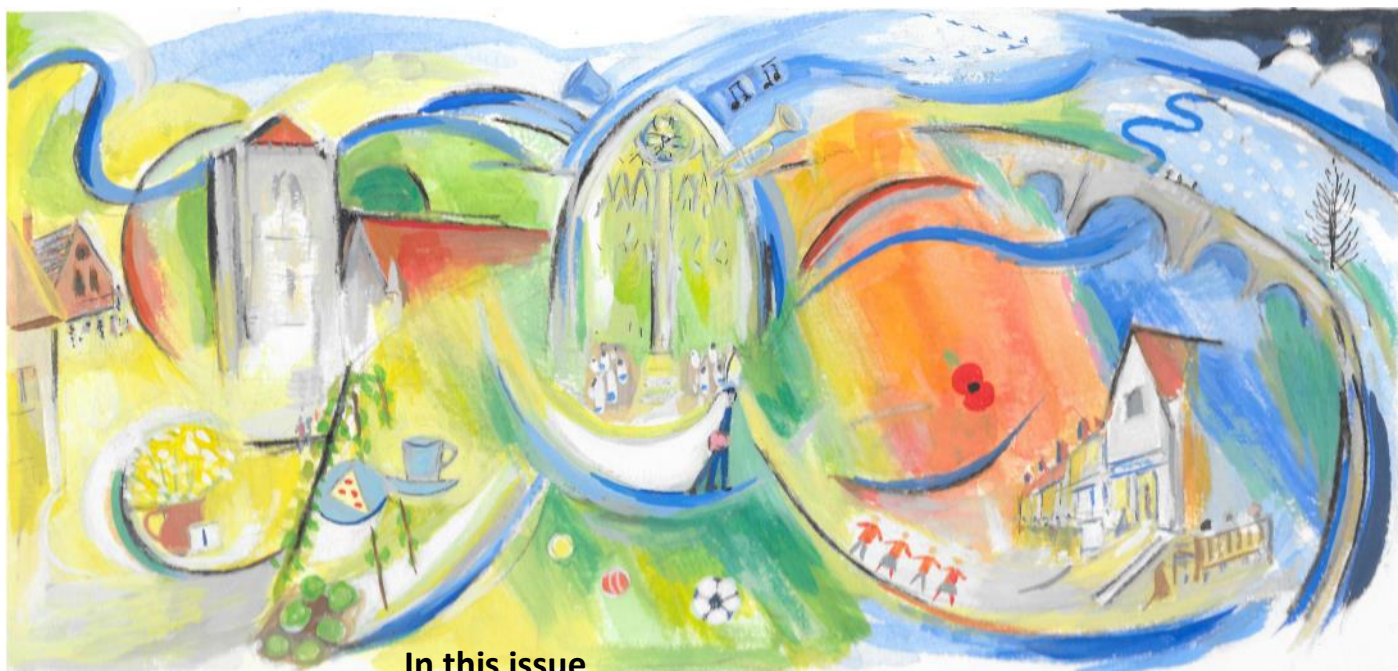


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A DoT view

May started off, as expected, as a pretty hectic month with the 2022 Dorchester Festival.

With over 50 events crammed into ten days, there was something for everyone. In this issue we devote seven pages to remembering the festival and the good times we all had, and all in a good cause, or rather two good causes, Dorchester Abbey and Daybreak. We don't know yet how much was raised and we'll have a report on that next month.

We must remember that the Festival would not happen were it not for the tireless work put in by Steph and Nick Forman, planning and organising the events, the publicity and support required and then making sure that everything runs smoothly. A lot of people in the village and beyond provided support in relation to individual events, but without Steph and Nick there would be no Festival. The village owes you both a huge vote of thanks.

June sees another coming together, this time to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. No doubt there will be street parties, certainly where I live, with the big coming together being in the Abbey Cloister Garden on Sunday 5 June. See you there.

Ian Brace

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June this year is a month for celebrations, it is the month in which we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, a time for street parties, music events, fireworks and flotillas on the Thames!

Underlying all of these joyous celebrations is an acknowledgement of the Queen's lifelong dedication to our nation and to the Commonwealth of Nations. In a speech for the occasion of her 21st birthday, the Queen set a benchmark for the next 75 years of her committed service, she said: *'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.'*

But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it

with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'

As I read these words, and as I look forward to the Jubilee celebrations, I am reminded of the huge benefit we all enjoy from our village community. The sense of collective endeavour and the success we achieve when we work together; the awareness that we are not alone but live alongside those who wish us well; the simple enjoyment we have in each other's company, whether that is on the cricket pitch, down the pub, or as we pass one another and stop for a chat on the many and beautiful pathways around the village.

I am also reminded of the biblical meaning of a 'Jubilee' year, as laid out in

Leviticus 25; a year when everyone was released from their debts, slaves were given their freedom, and land was returned to its owner. A Jubilee year is concerned with social relationship, economic security, stability and the wellbeing of the community; it aims to seek to ensure that people live in ways that reflect good relationships with God, with each other, and with creation.

Whatever you are doing in this month of Jubilee, I hope you will find yourselves feeling blessed by your village community and encouraged, like the Queen, to give a little back. In the difficult months ahead as we face a deepening of the cost of living crisis, there may be many who will need a helping hand and all the love and support of our community.

God bless the Queen and God bless you!

Pentecost Service and Jubilee Sunday picnic Sunday 5 June 10.30am .

A special service at the Abbey for Pentecost Sunday when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the birth of the Church, alongside our celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee.

All in the community are welcome to join a celebratory bring-and-share picnic for the Queen's Jubilee in the Cloister Garden at noon.

Team Services

Sun 26 June 10.30 Dorchester Abbey

Our Team Service this month will be the Dorchester Area Ordinations. The day a person is Ordained as a Priest is a major landmark in their lives – almost like a marriage – and we are always delighted to offer hospitality to our Bishop and the Candidates, their families and friends. This is a public service and everyone is welcome to join us. This service will be a major celebration with fantastic singing, good preaching and a great sense of occasion. Everyone is most welcome to come and greet our Bishop and to share this special occasion.



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A number of people in the village have volunteered to host refugees from the war in Ukraine. Some of the refugees may be from an urban environment, some may be from rural environments and some may have had gardens. The opportunity to spend time on the allotments may provide some of the refugees with a place where they can, in some small way, escape temporarily from the burdens they carry.

The proposal is therefore to make some allotment plots available to Ukrainian refugees. The new temporary tenant would not be given an overgrown part of a neglected allotment. A working party of volunteers would prepare the plot, and free seeds or plants would be supplied.

If this was of interest to any of the refugees, in consultation with their hosts, then please contact me or any member of the committee.

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Dorchester Abbey Museum News

New trainee curator

We're very pleased to have appointed Kay Eldridge as trainee curator, starting in early May. More news about Kay in next month's issue of *Dorchester News*.

Museum opening times

We're open until the end of September for four afternoons each week, Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday (also Bank Holidays), 2.00-5.00pm

Please come in and say hello, have a look around the Museum and our popular gift shop. As usual, we have lots of attractive small gifts for adults and children, a range of local books, and our wide selection of greeting cards.

Among the books is *A Yankee in an English Village* by Edith Stedman, the founder of the Museum. Edith gives a charming and amusing account of life in Dorchester during the 1950s-1970s. Beautifully illustrated with twelve pages of photos of Edith and the village during her time here. Price £9.99. Also available from the Wallingford Bookshop or Dorchester Co-op.

Become a volunteer helper

Have you thought of volunteering for the Museum? You'd be most welcome to join our friendly team. No previous knowledge or experience is needed, and you don't have to commit to more than one or two afternoons per month over the season. Come in when the Museum's open to see what's involved or contact us by e mail:

museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

May Morning in Dorchester

On the morning of Monday 2 May, after missing two years for Covid, TWO A PART, a group of a-cappella singers based in Dorchester, welcomed May with their concert in the Abbey, preceded by the traditional rendering of Now is the Month of Maying, Calon Lân (in Welsh) and Cwm Rhondda (in English) from the top of the tower.

An enthusiastic audience of around 100 people enjoyed a continental breakfast whilst listening to a short but eclectic programme including a Children's Prayer from the Ukraine and a version of Country Gardens with a whistling chorus in which the audience were encouraged to participate, as they also were for Jerusalem as a rousing finale.

Ticket sales raised £460 shared between the Festival Charities and Pride of Nasio. Donations on the day for Pride of Nasio raised a further £300.

The Pride of Nasio is a local group of teenagers raising money to volunteer with the Nasio Trust in Kenya. They will be involved with building mud houses for destitute families, working with the Kenya Red Cross and engaging with children at Nasio's two day-care centres. A life changing experience.

Many thanks to all those who gave of their time, talents and cash; the team providing breakfast including The Pride of Nasio volunteers, Dorchester Festival for ticket sales and publicity, Dorchester Co-op for ticket sales, Berinsfield Co-op for getting up early to cook the croissants. Particular thanks also to the Abbey for once again providing such an inspiring venue.

Tim Cook



Above:
TWO A PART
Photo Jim Asher



Right:
Pride of Nasio -
Washing up
Photo John Cornelius



Thumbs Up!

I would like to express my appreciation to those who contributed to the 'Thumbs Up' Festival art installation: Headteacher Jo Staples and pupils of Dorchester School, Francis Coe, Isobel Fishlock, Mark Townson, James Pratt, Jon Francis and the many children, teenagers and adults who painted and also to Steph and Nick Forman for their support.

'An Installation is a public artwork designed to comment on a time or a place'.

After a pretty dismal two years, and an uncertain present, we all appreciated the return of the Dorchester Festival. As a universal symbol of positivity, I hoped 'Thumbs Up' not only welcomed visitors to the Festival spirit, but was also a timely encouragement to think optimistically.

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Berinsfield Health Centre Patient Participation Group Meeting Monday 9 May 2022

The practice reported that it had been possible to maintain services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, albeit in modified form. They were at an advantage in having a strong telephone appointment system which the staff and patients had been used to using before the lockdown.

Pressure on general practice services remains intense. The doctors, nurses, and all the staff are having to work as hard as ever. They are fortunate in being fully staffed and in being able to take on more patients. The Benson and Wallingford practices are currently unable to take on more patients, having come under increased pressure because of all the building going on in their catchment areas.

Our local hospitals remain under intense pressure caused by staff absences due to Covid, so patients referred to hospital are experiencing long waits. Our GPs are finding they may have to support patients with up to six further appointments before they are seen at the hospital. That represents a significant extra workload for our GPs. In spite of that, it is good to hear that our doctors can still find time to visit patients at home who are too ill to be brought to the surgery and for whom care at home is planned.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme, initially carried out at Clifton Hampden Village Hall, had one of the highest uptakes in the country. For advice on obtaining booster vaccinations ring 119.

All the doctors at the Health Centre work part time, but patient

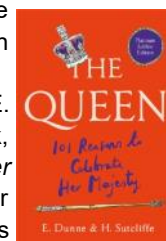
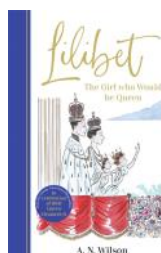
Books for younger readers

Brand new for 9-12 year olds is *Magicborn* by Peter Bunzl (pb, £7.99). This is the first in the much anticipated new series by the author of *The Cogheart Adventures*. Magic and danger collide in this thrilling adventure. The year is 1726 and those who are magicborn are being hunted down by the Royal Sorcerer of England and imprisoned in Kensington Palace. Amongst them are Tempest and Peter upon whom a curse was cast long ago, removing all awareness of their magic powers. Under the pressure of entrapment, their memories and their magic flicker to life. But the fairies are coming to get them, and a battle is looming. Great stuff.

The Bear Stylist by Steven Butler (pb, £5.99) is a super-cute new book for readers aged 5/6+ who are just making the transition to chapter books. Crammed full of colour illustrations and great sounds to read out loud (Crash! Bang! etc), this story is about sensible Ludo who likes to give his clients tidy, practical haircuts. Then, along comes Leonardo, who charms Ludo's clients with his more extravagant feather-flapping, curl-combing style. The challenge is on – who will be named Bear Stylist Supreme? Perhaps teamwork is the answer...

Finally, given that the Queen's jubilee is upon us, there are two books about Her Majesty that are worth a mention. In *Lilibet: The Girl Who Would be Queen* (hb, £9.99), A.N. Wilson writes from the perspective of Queen Elizabeth II on the eve of her platinum jubilee. Reflecting on her life, Lilibet recounts key events, including her realization, aged 10, that she was heir to the throne. It's both humorous and charming.

Full of fun facts and observations, is E. Dunne and H. Sutcliffe's quirky little book, *The Queen: 101 Reasons to Celebrate Her Majesty* (hb, £12.99). Did you know, for instance, that during her life the Queen has given out more than 75,000 Christmas puddings?



Karen Gurney

satisfaction with the service given has, according to a recent patient survey, remained high and complimentary. For example, most patients found it easy to make contact by telephone, and they found the receptionists SO helpful. Patients could usually be seen promptly, often by their doctor of first choice (not possible all the time with the doctors working part time). As Berinsfield is a training practice, patients can be offered an appointment with a trainee doctor (who will have worked in hospitals for several years before coming to Berinsfield for general practice training) and patients are usually delighted with the excellent care they receive.

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Dr David Parker



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Dorchester Cricket Club

Match report from 7 May

Both league sides ended opening day with victories after hard-fought contests that were anything but routine. The firsts' initial hurdle was traffic on the A34 as they headed to **Wootton & Boars Hill**, but 11 men eventually arrived in time and skipper Adrian Redhead won the toss and elected to bowl on a grassy but worn pitch.

Thom Airs made the first breakthrough of the season, but it was fellow opening bowler Richard Sharman who shone brighter as he came up the hill and finished a punishing nine-over spell with 2-39. Special mention must go to Chris Rudling who took the first one-handed grab of the day at square leg to remove opener Nik King. The hosts continued to play their shots but change bowlers George Dugdale and James Neal kept a lid on the scoring and delivered wickets at key times. The latter in particular was in fine form after returning from a shoulder injury and bagged 4-22 in a great spell. At the other end, Dugdale took two big wickets thanks to the safe hands of skipper Redhead. His second catch, one handed and insouciant, rivalled Rudling's earlier effort for champagne moment.

Wootton & Boars Hill finished on 117 all out, which wouldn't ordinarily pose too many problems for Dorchester's batting line up, but the hosts remained confident knowing they had a very handy bowling attack. And so it proved, with the visitors slumping to 54-5 as Tom Kitson (LBW) and Conor Graney (bowled) both got ducks. Rudling and debutant Keir Walker both looked fluent but fell for 12 and 11 respectively. Dorchester looked to the familiar steadying partnership of Redhead and Steve McComb to restore order, but the latter chipped one on the full to cover for 9 and the visitors looked in real trouble. Thankfully, Redhead (43 not out off 94 balls) and Aiden Pugh (21 not out off 53) gritted their teeth and weathered some accurate bowling while picking off the occasional bad ball. Dorchester reached their target in the 36th over and wiped the sweat from their collective brow after a nervy afternoon.

Over at Dorchester, the 2nd X1 were hosting a youthful **Minster Lovell** third team in what turned out to be an entertaining low-scoring affair. Batting first, four of Dorchester's top five batters got ducks as 12-year-old seamer Louis Schaay-Manning ripped through the hosts' brittle defences. He finished on 6-25. Dorchester did manage to put up some fight lower down the order as Luke Lochhead top scored with 14 and Harry Platt (9), Niall Douglas (10) and John Pitson chipped in with valuable runs. However, a total of just 67 all out looked way short on a good wicket. Amazingly, Dorchester bowled tightly and Harry Platt returned figures of



4-17 as Minster were bundled out for just 53! Will Anastasiadis took three wickets and Lochhead (2-6) and Belcher (1-2) finished the job.

A great start to the summer!

Match Report 14 May

With the seconds' game at Abingdon called off, it was down to the firsts to provide Saturday's action at home to **Steventon**. The visitors have regularly been a thorn in the Dorchester side, and so they proved once again in a surprisingly low-scoring affair in the sunshine.

Dorchester elected to bat first, but there were to be no easy runs on a pitch offering a surprising amount to the bowlers. Steventon's attack kept things tight throughout and only Ady Redhead (35) made more than the 16 accrued by Aiden Pugh and Conor Graney. McComb and Rudling were both dismissed by very sharp slip catches and Lalit Chablani's nine overs for nine runs typified Dorchester's inability to get into their batting groove at any point.

Posting 120 all out, the hosts trudged off at the midway stage wishing they'd made it to 150.

In reply, Steventon looked in danger of fluffing their lines at 42-5 thanks to more fine bowling from short-run-up-enthusiast James Neal (4-25) but the introduction of shot makers Thomas Cannon and Chablani took the game away from Dorchester who so dearly wanted 30 more runs to defend.

Thom Airs





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Playing around with the Village Playground

Village Playground

The Parish Council has been looking at whether the village playground could be updated and refreshed. Where better to turn than to the children of the St Birinus Primary School in Dorchester. Children there were asked to say what they like about the village playground and what they would like to change. In all, more than 30 seven and eight-year olds gave us their ideas. For the future of the playground this is important information!

What did they like?

Everything in the playground was liked to some extent. Most popular with this group were the climbing frame and the basket swing, followed by the seesaw and roundabout. Least often mentioned were the springy snail, the wobbly beam and the charmingly named 'witches hat' – these latter probably appealing more to younger children.



What would they like to change?

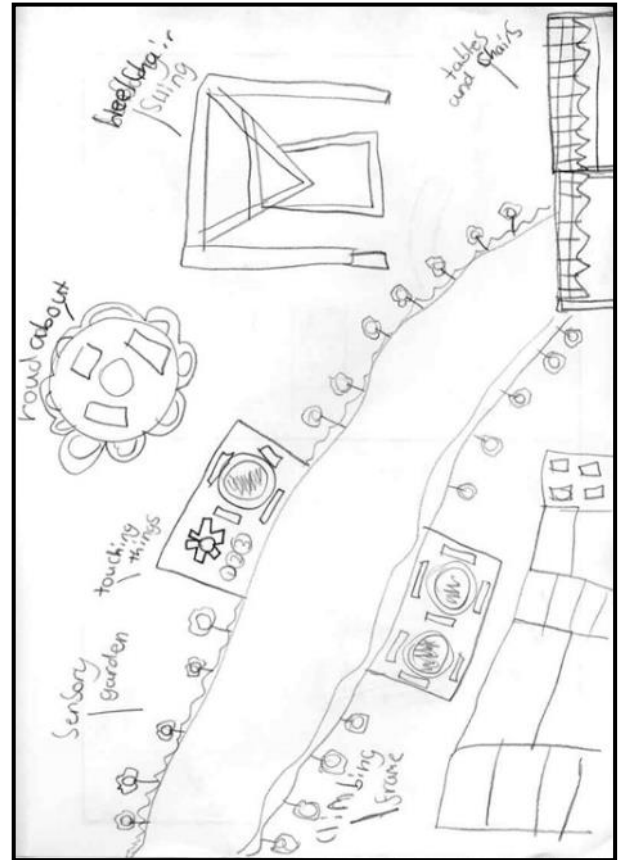
There was strong support for making the playground more accessible, inclusive, and suitable for everyone, including kids with disabilities. Ideas included a ground level roundabout, swings accessible to children with disabilities, and a sensory garden.

Other ideas that were popular included monkey bars, a climbing wall, and a basketball hoop. There is a basketball hoop near to the playground, but maybe it is too high for young children.

Some children liked the idea of fidgets and poppets, which are currently a playground craze. How far they could be incorporated into permanent playground would need further investigation!

There were also suggestions for tables and chairs, a sensory garden and a shelter – a picnic table is currently being added to the playground

One group did an entire layout for their ideal playground!

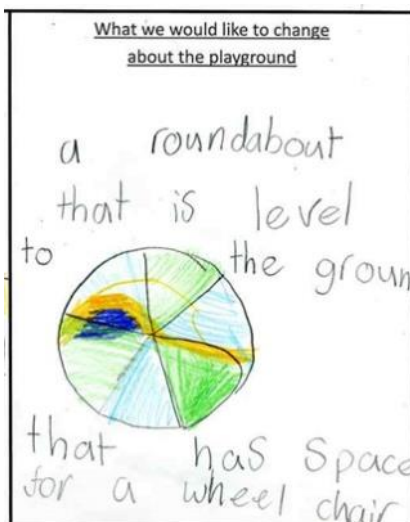


Plenty of food for thought here, and the Parish Council will look at what the realistic possibilities are!

We do need parents/carers to get involved with developing this project. Please contact Geoff Russell, Parish Clerk at 'The Pigeons' in the High Street, **07745 311439** parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Thanks to Jo Staples and to the children and staff of Dorchester St Birinus C of E Primary School for all their help on this project!

Rob Ballantyne



Euphorbia lathyris

Common names also known as: *Caper bush*, *caper plant*, and *wild caper*, *euphorbia-oil plant*, *petroleum plant*, *mole plant*, *mole tree*, *myrtle spurge*, *spring wort*, and *gopher plant*.



When I first spotted this plant in the garden early in March 2022, it was still very small. I could not think what it was as I had never seen anything like it before.

It was somehow completely different to every other plant in the garden. It looked quite unfriendly, almost dangerous, growing out of the path, with its long spikey leaves the colour of sage-green, with mauvy-whitish mid-rib stripes running right down the length of each leaf, and each leaf growing out in strict regimentation down the main stem.

Fairly quickly after a week or so, two more vertical stems appeared pushing up from path from base of the plant. By the end of April, the euphorbia had reached just over 110cms in height, now with four short, 5cm purple stems growing out of the top of the centre of the four top leaves, each with a two-leafed, lance-shaped flower bud, joined at the base, and each holding, what looks like a tiny yellow flower in the centre of each bi-leafed flower.

As time continues more purple stems are appearing from the side leaves all the way down the main stem of the plant, again with further tiny lance-shaped leaves pushing out from each flower bud.

This leaf system is amazing as each new layer is just a continuation of the earlier process. The stems have a milky latex sap, which is very sticky and which some websites say is very toxic to humans and animals.



Not being much of a gardener, whilst researching this plant, I have discovered that there are many different species of euphorbia and finding an image of the redwing euphorbia, I now remember that when I first moved into Dorchester twenty years ago, a friend gave me, what I now know was a euphorbia redwing, with round, lime yellow and green flowers as in the image below. She warned me that it grew like a weed and would spread quickly. She was correct. It spread alarmingly, so after a couple of years, I removed all the plants I could see. I never saw any again until this year.



I just wonder if it is possible that one species could possibly mutate and change into another variety of the same plant?

Mimia Umney-Gray
5 May 2022

Link to Wikipedia on this plant is well worth reading:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euphorbia_lathyris

Editor's note: If you can help Mimia to solve this mystery, you can contact her via
dorchesternews@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

The George

If you have walked or driven along the High Street in the last couple of weeks you cannot have failed to have noticed that The George is covered in scaffolding. And you may be wondering what is going on.

Reliable sources tell us that The George has new owners, The Coaching Inn Group, who have temporarily closed it, the bar, restaurant and the hotel, in order to undertake a major refurbishment. They own and run in excess of 20 upmarket hotels in England and Wales and have recently completed refurbishment of The Kings Arms & Royal in Godalming, Surrey.

We understand that the work is expected to take three to four months meaning that The George should reopen in August or September.

Meanwhile the car park is closed and will remain so until then. As a number of local residents usually use it to park their cars off the street, this may well result in more parked vehicles elsewhere, particularly on the High Street.

I think we all welcome the significant investment that The Coaching Inn Group are making in The George, and hope that it secures the future of this historic old inn.



Elite cycling returns to South Oxfordshire Saturday 11 June

People across South Oxfordshire will be able to experience the buzz of one of Britain's biggest cycling events when The Women's Tour returns to South Oxfordshire on Saturday 11 June.

Thousands of people are expected to line the route as about 100 professional riders race through the streets of Didcot, Wallingford and Crowmarsh. The race will also pass Benson, Shillingford, Dorchester, Berinsfield, Clifton Hampden and Culham.

Before entering South Oxfordshire, The Women's Tour will start mid-morning in Chipping Norton and will then pass through Cherwell, West Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse. The race will finish mid-afternoon in the centre of Oxford.

To see the full route map visit southoxon.gov.uk/womenstour.

Communities across the district are being encouraged to mark the occasion – this could be as simple as lining the route to cheer the riders on, putting up bunting, flags, or cycling inspired artwork, creating cycling themed window displays or having cycling themed events.

It is expected that the cyclists will not pass through Dorchester High Street, but will go along the bypass.



Scarecrow Trail

How did you do? Check here to see how many you got right.

The Scarecrow voted the best was Number 25 Birdwatching, right.

Congratulations to the Line family, who receive a voucher for The Snug Café. Well done.



No:	Address:	Which sport/pastime?
1	The Thatched Cottage, High St	Sewing
2	On the back of the Abbey	Bellringing
3	7 Monk's Close	Musicals
4	3 Monk's Close	Football
5	3 Manor Farm Road	Fishing
6	Dorchester on Thames Pre-school	Basketball
7	Dorchester St Birinus Primary School	Rugby
8	Jemmett's Close	Dungeons and Dragons
9	33 Martin's Lane	Cricket
10	14 Oxford Road	Camping
11	2 Oxford Road	Tennis
12	57 Abingdon Road	Tour de France
13	Bishop's Court Farm, High Street	Alpaca Walking
14	72 High Street	Magic
15	73 High Street	Dog agility
16	Dorchester High Street Bus Shelter	Winter Olympics
17	17 Watling Lane	Running
18	8 Malthouse Lane (Bradley House)	Knitting
19	1 Orchard Haven	Racing car driver (Formula 1)
20	15 Bridge End	Fishing
21	13 Bridge End (Loreto Cottage)	Rock climbing
22	2 Chequers Court, Bridge End	Swimming
23	21 High Street	Forgery
24	13 High Street	Rowing
25	6 Beechcroft	Birdwatching
26	30 High Street	Cluedo
27	39 High Street	Pilates
28	56 Watling Lane	Diving





Photo: Mark Townson

It was perfect conditions for the Dorchester Fun Run and some super fast times recorded, in particular from the under 8s!

Once again, over 100 people ran, a mixture of experienced runners, those running for the first time, families running together, parents being overtaken by their children, parents running with pushchairs and baby slings, and not forgetting the dogs who loyally ran alongside, well most of them!

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise it, register the runners, recorded the times, to all the marshals, first aiders and everyone who gave their support.

Thank you to the Dorchester Co-op who once again provided the runners with their much needed snacks at the finish line, and thank you to Fit 2 Run who kindly sponsored the race numbers.

**Laura Bristow
Penny White**

The Medal Winners

Category	Name	Time
Under 8 Girl	Raffie Goodwin	30:18
Under 8 Boy	Casper Dormandy	26:13
Under 12 Girl		
Gold	Delilah Budd	26:52
Silver	Izzy Elliott	31:28
Bronze	Fern Andersson	31:39
Under 12 Boy		
Gold	Alfie Ferry	27:44
Silver	Mylo Budd	31:31
Bronze	Freddie Scrimshaw	32:26
Under 18 Girl		
Gold	Megan Sadler and Tabitha Gauden	26:48
Silver	Hannah Boyd	27:15
Bronze	Jessica Boyd	30:36
Under 18 Boy		
Gold	Leo Gonzalez Merx	20:20
Silver	Max Dormandy	20:44
Bronze	William Walton	21:01
Adult Female	Fiona Dormandy	24:27
Adult Male	Angus Whitfield	19:16
Over 50 Female	Sue Price	26:26
Over 50 Male	Andy Walton	26:10
Fastest Villager Female	Eleanor Newbiggin	25:40
Fastest Villager Male	Angus Whitfield	19:16



Winners receiving their medal from Revd Rachel Carnegie.

Photos by Steph Forman



ction of Festival events



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The Food and Gift Fair



The Acts

The Street Food



The Stands



Dawn Dudley

9 November 1940-17 March 2022

Dawn Dudley lived in Dorchester for over 50 years, her funeral was held in the Abbey on 14 April, and the following is an excerpt from the family tribute read at the service.

Dawn was born on 9 November 1940 in the early morning following the overnight heavy German bombing of the Vauxhall Motors factory in Luton; a second daughter for Stanley and Phyllis Russell. Her mother gave birth under a Morrison table shelter in their home-office!

Dawn's childhood memories were very happy ones keeping rabbits and dogs, playing tennis and card games and gardening. These became lifelong hobbies. At age 12 Dawn went to Felixstowe College in Suffolk as a boarder. This was not a time in her life she talked about with fondness - she hated the compulsory outdoor swimming lessons in the North Sea and missed her family. When she returned

home for the holidays, she became a keen member of a club for boarding school children, and it was here that she met the handsome club secretary Nick Dudley. And so it began, a romance that was to last over seventy years!

After school Dawn went on to study physiotherapy at the Middlesex Hospital, London. Nick was studying medicine nearby at St Bartholomew's Hospital. They married in 1965 and both started their medical careers in London. After many moves, they bought Church House, Dorchester in 1971, where they lived ever since, except for a year in Australia when Nick took a research fellowship at The Children's Hospital, Melbourne. This became the wonderful family home for their four children.

Dawn loved village life in Dorchester and working nearby at Didcot Cottage Hospital. She also enjoyed playing golf and



bridge, attending village plays, services and concerts in the Abbey, baking for the Abbey tearoom, delivering meals on wheels, and was a familiar figure walking her Pointers on the Hurst and Dyke Hills. She was a fundraiser for the Oxfordshire charity Flexicare for many years.

The friends that Dawn made both in Dorchester and beyond were important to her and she received so much love and support from them in her final years. Their letters to the family mention her kindness, warmth, empathy, and loyalty – qualities of a true friend.

Dawn loved being a grandmother, which was fortunate as her grandchildren are a tribe of 10! She knew them each so well and was so fun to be with. They describe her as the 'Mary Berry' of the Dudley family, creating wonderful feasts for large gatherings and making the hard work look effortless.

Her sparkly, bright blue eyes reflected her fun-loving nature, she had a soft gentle beauty and was always elegantly dressed. She was practical and organised; qualities that made her an excellent mother and physiotherapist.

As a mother she was supportive and loving and combined wisdom and fairness so that her children knew she was always a reliable sounding board and guide.

No words can sum up how much Dawn is missed but the family are consoled by the wonderful memories she leaves behind, by the example of a life beautifully lived, and by the knowledge of her being at peace, in heaven, with her beloved Nick.



Benson Choral Society Summer Concert Dorchester Abbey Saturday 25 June 7.30pm

A sparkling set of choral gems will be on display in our June concert.

Vaughan Williams' powerful setting of George Herbert's Five Mystical Songs is familiar fare to many, but an exciting new find is Donald Fraser's compelling arrangement of Elgar's Sea Pictures for choir, more often heard as a contralto solo. Bang up to date is Cecilia McDowall's Ave Maris Stella, an evocative piece by one of the foremost choral composers of her generation. Three partsongs from Elgar, Ireland and Stanford - his exquisite Bluebird - complete the choral part of the concert, but as a bonus our talented accompanist Anita D'Attellis is given her head in Grainger's jaunty Handel in the Strand and Finzi's sensitive Eclogue, familiar to Classic FM listeners.

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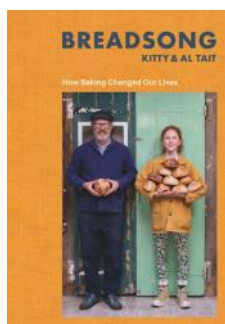
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'We've completely sold out. Can you bring more books?'

Late in the day on the Friday of the May Bank Holiday weekend we got a call from the Orange Bakery in Watlington. The father and daughter team who own and run



the bakery, Kitty and Al Tait, had a new book out – *Breadsong* (HB, £20.00). Only problem, they'd pre-sold all of their copies ahead of the Bank Holiday launch party, with none left over for those attending the event. Quickly averting the crisis, we ordered in many, many more copies, and took them along to the event, which was an absolute blizzard of busyness. It's always brilliant to see a local business thriving, but in this case it's not hard to

see why. Because this little bakery has a big story to tell. Alongside recipes aplenty, such as sourdough rye crackers, and Scandinavian Fika buns flavoured with cardamom and orange (yum!), *Breadsong* recounts how baking nurtured Kitty back to health and happiness. At the age of 14, chatty, sociable Kitty had steadily withdrawn into a deep depression, and her parents were desperate to help her. Proving that sometimes it's the little things that make a big difference, one day Kitty's father, a teacher, did something simple – he baked a loaf of bread. "It was just another activity that I was trying out with Kitty that might provide her with some kind of distraction", he says. About that first bake, Al recalls, "There was no hallelujah chorus or a blinding flash of light. What I do remember, though, was that she actually looked interested... and that hadn't happened in a long time". The next day father and daughter baked five loaves of bread and gave them to their neighbours. Quite simply, from then on in there was no stopping them. This book recounts Kitty and Al's journey, including how they learnt to bake a sourdough loaf that didn't look like a frisbee, and how the Orange Bakery got its name. It's a wonderful story, touchingly told.

Goings-on at Wallingford Bookshop

We are always delighted to meet and support local

authors like Kitty and Al, and there is a surprising number of writers, of both fiction and non-fiction, in Wallingford and its surrounds. Today, Lottie Gross, the author of *Dog-Friendly Weekends* (pb, £16.99) popped in to say hello. Lottie's book describes a range of places to visit in the UK, listing attractions, accommodation, and eateries where dogs are welcomed. It's a valuable resource for those of us who like to take our furry, four-legged friends away with us when we travel. Lottie brought her own dog in to see us, too, which is always a bonus.



Endless Forms by another local author, Prof Seirian Sumner (HB, £20.00) is about a rather less cuddly and cute creature –



the wasp. I confess that I've not always been so keen on these black and yellow buzzy insects. However, Seirian's enthusiasm for them is infectious (although thankfully she didn't bring in any live wasps when she came to visit). Bees, I'm told, have the potential to provide a cure for cancer. They are the evolutionary ancestors of bees, having been around 100 million years earlier. They have an important role to

play in maintaining our delicate ecosystems as a pollinator and predatorial pest controller. And they can turn cockroaches into zombies. Who knew? Genuinely, this book is fascinating.

Karen Gurney

The Orange Bakery featured, of course, in the Dorchester Festival last month. Ed



Warborough & Shillingford WI

Our WI is continuing to thrive, which is partly down to an interesting programme of speakers and events. In April our speaker was Stephen Dawson, the Assistant Operations Director of the Oxford Preservation Trust. Perhaps they are best known for their 'Open Doors' event, in September, which gives members of the public the chance to go inside buildings which would usually be closed to them. Definitely worth putting on the calendar.

In contrast, the speaker in May, Avril Hughes, took us inside a prison to give an insight into teaching Maths and English to male prisoners, many of whom were functionally illiterate. The aim was to help prisoners achieve Level 2 in these core subjects, although some achieved A/S level. The challenges she faced were overcome with a firm, but fair attitude mixed with humour. Avril believes this is the best job she ever had!

Programme: We are looking forward to our Centenary Celebration at St Cross college in June where Dr. Graham Harding will talk about the history of champagne and we will sample some of the wine. Preparations are well under way for our August Party, more details to come.

Craft: The Centenary Bunting, made by the talented Wendy

Rapp, was on display at the April meeting – all 33 feet of it. The colours of green, white and violet are the colours of the WI and we learned they were also the colours used by the Suffragettes: they stood for Give Women the Vote.

Walking Group: The group continues to thrive under the leadership of Chris Tilley, attracting two legged and the occasional four-legged walker. A healthy and sociable way to spend a morning, walkers can look forward to coffee and cake at The Six Bells at the end.

As many in the village prepare for Ukrainian guests and others work to support those hosting, I am sure I speak for all our members when I say to all the Ukrainian families who have left their homes 'Welcome to Warborough and Shillingford.

Membership: We welcome new members to our WI from Warborough, Shillingford and Dorchester. Contact details below.

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Liz Eaton

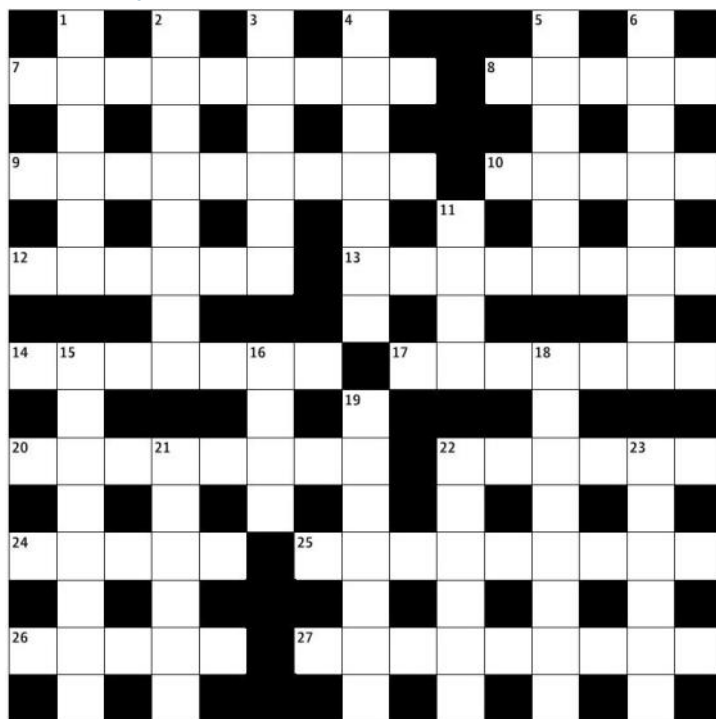
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Dorchester News Crossword No.22

Compiled by Slider



Across

- 7 Most of a royal gets a touch of the sun but he is not to be trusted. (9)
 8 Ponder on the family. (5)
 9 Slides out and gets debauched. (9)
 10 What is included when a braver solicitor states something positively. (5)

- 12 Plays and gets a way to the football disease. (6)
 13 The speed of a sunbeam contains an infinite number (say the French). (8)
 14 Patchy colour of some cured meat. (7)
 17 Not going out to where the patient people are. (7)
 20 Fish, posh in Ireland or food in Italy. (8)
 22 A spot to get quiet in part of Yorkshire. (6)
 24 A basic in the kitchen but sliced up it's no No.1 (5)
 25 Its not very nice to see a herb torn apart. (9)
 26 Uniform songs. (5)
 27 Putting something in a twisted blood vessel leads to pain. (9)

Down

- 1 Prudence for Armeria. (6)
 2 Force the French to be close? Certainly. (8)
 3 Talk less shortly on parts of the house. (6)
 4 To get unusual try same skill needed. (7)
 5 Expecting not to be entirely serious when facing Freud's ego. (6)
 6 It's strangely *de trop* with the gunners being thought of as best! (3,5)
 11 Southern wordplay made propaganda. (4)
 15 It sounds as if there is an attempt to get over the old Brit and it could be eternal. (8)
 16 Put back together inside. A stinker! (4)
 18 An article with the odds on the queen having one empty effort but it shows sharpness. (8)
 19 Hell of a group but they are not staying together. (7)
 21 A grim look to the force beneath. (6)
 22 If the medic has finished he could keep the cattle moving. (6)
 23 Insulin in great amounts could make an inside layer. (6)

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From the Chairman of the Parish Council



As I write this piece, the annual parish meeting took place a few days ago. The 2020 and 2021 meetings were cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions, so the last meeting was in 2019 and it was pleasing to see more attendees than at that meeting. Views were certainly aired! My colleagues and I will be digesting the views expressed and I should have more to convey next month. But please don't wait until next year if you have a burning issue, do come along to the monthly meetings or email either me or the Clerk, Geoff Russell.

At the meeting, representatives from Gigaclear gave an update, with the expected go-live for the network to be in Quarter 3 of this year, and Councillor Rob Ballantyne reported on the project to refresh some of the playground equipment, now trying to incorporate ideas with regard to disabled children after the involvement of children from the school. By coincidence Scope launched their campaign to make playgrounds more accessible to the disabled the following day. As well as a review of key items of Parish Council activities since 2019, I also gave an update on the plans to refurbish the village hall, where the current focus is to re-work some of the proposed building alterations to reduce the overall cost and enable a series of phased improvements rather than a 'big bang'. Thanks to Robin Bennett for his update on the activities of the District and County Councils.

With the Festival concluded, the next community event is the Jubilee weekend, with an open picnic in the Cloister Garden. Groups of neighbours are also planning street parties or garden parties so I do hope the weather holds. Rather than commemorative mugs, the Parish Council will be placing Jubilee bookmarks in the June edition of Dorchester News as a small memento. There will also be a new picnic table in the playground. I hope you can all take the opportunity to both salute Her Majesty and to enjoy yourselves.

Mark Williams
Chairman DoT Parish Council

Parish Council Notices

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bookmark

Please accept this token gift with the compliments of the Parish Council. If your copy of this edition of Dorchester News did not include your bookmark, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

Monthly Meeting June 2022

The June Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 8 June** commencing at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be posted on Village notice boards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website –

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of the meeting.

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.

Change of Date: Monthly Meeting July 2022

Please note that the July Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 6 July** - one week sooner than usual

Contacting the Parish Council

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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.

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Nature's Story Is Our Story

The hidden benefits of gardens and green spaces don't seem so hidden this year. It seems so many of you are more readily noticing nesting birds locally to you this year and being moved to tell me about your discoveries. Maybe even more so than you normally do?

What I personally take from that is not only is there a joy in sharing your garden or your local area with nature. There's a tangible joy in sharing that experience with others, especially since the Covid situation that we've all been through.

I don't claim to be an expert in the emotions around joy, but what I observe, maybe anecdotally, is that the initial joy brought about by nature is very engaging. Making the ecosystem around us, part of daily life, is a significant first step to starting to care about our environment, Which I've said many times.

Humanity seems to be transitioning to a more sustainable way maybe, and even those who don't care about the environment, are likely to be dragged along with that sustainability shift, whether they like it or not.

Let's hope that this new found sharing of the nature we discover continues, and we can all play a part in ensuring that it does. In the next month, I set you a challenge, lets all share our joy of nature with five of your friends. Let's keep passing our joy on. Natures story is our story though, let's not forget that.

Happy Gardening
Stuart Mabbutt
Wildlife Gardening Specialist

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



Councils pay out more than £8 million to help with energy bills

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils have paid out more than £8 million in energy bill rebates. All households living in properties which are in council tax bands A-D are entitled to a £150 payment. The government is providing this money, also known as the 'council tax rebate', to help people with the rising costs of energy bills with the payments being made by local councils.

Over 54,000 households across South and Vale who pay their council tax by direct debit have now received the rebate payment from their district council. The council will now send a letter to all remaining eligible households so they are able to receive the money. Further information about the rebate scheme can be found on the South Oxon website.

Details of a discretionary scheme to support those on low income living in council tax band properties E-H who are not eligible for the rebate will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Remember, if you're struggling with finances, or just finding life difficult due to the pandemic, the community hub is here to help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, get in touch

- Tel: **01235 422600** if you need support (our office hours are 8.30am-5pm Monday to Thursday; to 4.30pm on Fridays)
- Email: communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk

Cornerstone summer art classes

Cornerstone is hosting art classes for adults including 'Learn To Draw', 'Printmaking' and 'Life Drawing' this Summer. These classes aim to be fun and friendly introductions to the skills and techniques needed to build confidence and artistic abilities. Classes are weekly but residents can sign up at any point during the season and a free taster session is available too. Details of the classes are at www.cornerstone-arts.org.

Council lets wildflowers bloom during No Mow May

The council designates wildflower meadows which they only cut two or three times a year but this year we have trialled leaving several additional areas of land uncut for No Mow May, a national campaign which encourages people to not mow gardens and public areas to help boost biodiversity and provide a feast of wildflower nectar for bees. Not cutting lawns for a month encourages more flowers to grow and May is the point at which grass starts growing at its fastest rate.

We are keen to increase the biodiversity and boost wildlife on our public land and so this year, as promised in our new Climate Action Plan, we'll review how we carry out grounds maintenance to see if there any opportunities to reduce grass cutting and for wilding and tree planting to take place.

For more information about how the councils carry out grass cutting in their districts visit southoxon.gov.uk/NoMowMay

Over half a million pounds in funding awarded to community organisations in South Oxfordshire

Voluntary organisations in South Oxfordshire whose work includes supporting young people, providing vital help and advice for residents, and protecting the environment have been awarded £667,992 in grant funding. South Oxfordshire District Council awarded the funds to 22 organisations to help them improve the quality of life for the residents and communities they serve, whilst making sustainable plans for their future work.

Environmental charities including Earth Trust, River Thame Conservation Trust and Wild Oxfordshire were awarded funds to help with their work in our natural world benefitting nature and residents. All applications for the grant were asked to consider how their organisation, activities and services are working towards addressing the climate emergency – a key priority as set out in our Corporate Plan.

Supporting vulnerable residents is also a focus of the funding, with local information and advice services awarded funds. Riverside Counselling, a charity based in Henley, with services also in Wallingford, Didcot and Berinsfield, were awarded £45,568 to help them provide counselling services to adults and young people from the age of 12. Funding was also provided for BIVC and the Berin Centre.

This funding comes from SODC Revenue Grant scheme that was launched last year to applicants. It offers two years of financial support to community and voluntary organisations working to improve the quality of life for the residents of South Oxfordshire. There's more information about the grant schemes at SODC southoxon.gov.uk/grants

Note: this is additional to the currently-open Berinsfield Garden Village Grant scheme

Hot off the press: an interactive consultation on the new joint local plan

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have come together to work on a new Joint Local Plan. This will guide the kinds of new housing and jobs needed and where they should go, informing planning application decisions for the districts.

While development has been allocated up until 2031 for the Vale and 2035 for South Oxfordshire in our current Local Plans, councils must cover a 15-year period so this new plan will cover the extra years to 2041. We want to hear your thoughts on the main issues facing our districts and how we could use the Joint Local Plan to address them.

You can comment on our consultation until **Thursday 23 June 2022** via the SODC website.

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

Homes for Ukraine

The system is in full swing across Oxfordshire to support the government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. While we still have limited government guidance in some areas all partners across the county are working together to find solutions and put guests at the heart of any action required. The accommodation and safeguarding checks are progressing well, with the backlog of home checks almost completed, and with no significant concerns raised this week.

The £200 payments to our guests to help them with immediate costs while they settle in are being made by whoever makes the first physical contact with them as part of these checks. We have worked to agree that we will usually issue this payment as a pre-loaded card rather than cash, which can be used online, in shops or at a cashpoint like a normal debit card. We are offering our guests a choice if they would prefer to receive this payment as cash.

OCC have been working with Asylum Welcome to develop a proposal to expand the community liaison officer resource in each district and the city. The purpose would be for this resource to coordinate, advise and refer guests to the support that is available to them, across housing, education and health. This has now been agreed and recruitment to these posts has begun. OCC have continued to process school place applications and are also recruiting an admissions officer to manage demand and avoid administrative delays.

The Department for Work and Pensions has laid emergency regulations so those arriving in the UK from Ukraine can access Universal Credit and jobs support immediately. Families can claim for free school meals in the usual way under the usual eligibility criteria, which requires providing a national insurance number. In Oxfordshire, we are asking all schools to provide free school meals where appropriate and not wait to receive a national insurance number. A reminder, you can direct general Ukraine queries to:

Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ukraine

Oxfordshire Ukraine helpline: 01865 966444 (opening hours: 8.45am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Email: ukraineresponse@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Gifts for Ukrainian children and donated 4x4 from the County Fire Service

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our fire and rescue colleagues, hundreds of teddies are on their way to Fire Aid to be given to Ukrainian children escaping the horrors of war in their country. The donations were collected by our teams across Oxfordshire. We've also donated a decommissioned 4x4 vehicle that is currently on its way to Ukraine. Whilst it is still road-worthy, we've replaced the vehicle with a newer model and it's no longer needed by our fire and rescue service. Normally we auction vehicles being replaced but this time we've donated it to support such an important cause.

New County council policy on Tree Planting

A change in approach will help increase the number of trees in Oxfordshire after a new policy was approved. It will put the emphasis on a 'presumption in favour of trees' because of the host of benefits they provide to the climate, the environment and the places where people live.

We want to move away from simply maintaining and managing the trees on our land to actively encouraging and enabling more trees to be planted in both rural and urban settings. This can help tackle climate change and increase resilience to it, as well as improving people's quality of life – both now and in the future.

One requirement of the policy is to plant two new trees for every tree that has to be removed from county council land. It also promises to explore new tree planting opportunities and extra investment to carry it out, stricter guidelines for those wanting to remove existing trees and implement proactive care to prolong the lives of established trees.

The main climate benefits of trees, due to their ability to mitigate extremes of heat, cold, wind, rain, and drought, include removing and storing carbon from the air; reducing urban temperatures through canopy cover; preventing flooding by reducing the pressure on drainage systems; wind speed reduction; cutting air pollution; enhancing biodiversity; and supporting sustainable agriculture.

Their presence has also been shown to contribute directly to improved wellbeing and mental health, enhance street design and even reduce crime. The new policy will not compromise the council's ability to deal with trees which pose a danger to the public or to property.

The scope, scale, and business case for direct investment into a tree planting programme will be considered as the next step for key consideration as part of the 2023/24 annual budget setting process. Money to fund tree planting would also be sought from numerous national grants, sponsorship, carbon offsetting by businesses and developer contributions.

Climate Action Study and online tool

We're working with our council partners across Oxfordshire to develop an online tool to help people take action against climate change in their own lives. The suggestions provided will be tailored to the lifestyle of individuals to make sure they're relevant (for example, only suggesting ideas to reduce car journeys for those people who have a car) with the aim to reduce residents' carbon emissions. As one of our strategic priorities, we'd be very grateful if you could please share the survey and help us gather as broad a range of responses as possible. The survey can be found here:

https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/climate-change/survey_tools/survey14869

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...John Howell

On 10 May we had the State Opening of Parliament. This is a formal occasion which marks the start of the parliamentary year. It is a ceremonial event at which the 'Queen's Speech' is read from the Throne in the House of Lords. The Speech is written by the Government and contains an outline of its policies and proposed legislation for the forthcoming parliamentary session, so it is effectively the agenda for the year.

All new legislation coming before parliament is, of course, important and different Bills will be more or less important to different people. I am particularly pleased to see the new Planning Bill in the list which it was said in the Queen's Speech, will give residents more involvement in local development. I know that there are a number of concerns over the current planning legislation that are widely shared, and I will be looking to see the impact of proposed change. The Health and Social Care Bill is also good to see. The need for better integration between health and social care is well documented and the experience of many constituents bears out the need. For our younger people I am pleased to see that there will be some reform to education, especially in further and higher education. This will bring greater flexibility into further education making it more readily available for everyone. I know from correspondence that many will be pleased to see the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill in the list. These are just a few from the long list of Bills, 38 in total, coming forward. I know that many people will have views on the different pieces of legislation, and I look forward to sharing thoughts going forward.

I am sure there are many people who, like me are looking forward to the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I know from the copies of magazines and newsletters that I receive from across the constituency that there are many Jubilee celebrations planned. Whatever your view of monarchy there is no doubt that the Queen has served our country, and the Commonwealth nations, in an exemplary way over her long reign, and it is good to have reason to celebrate together. I am also sure that there are many people who share my concern over the Queen's health. Her majesty is, of course, a good age but let us hope and, where we are able, pray for her health so that she can truly celebrate a life of dedication and service. Whatever you are planning in your

own community I send my best wishes for a good celebration. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those in our communities who work hard on behalf of everyone else – those who serve on parish councils and parish meetings, those who run the many voluntary and charitable organisations and those who on their own, perhaps behind the scenes, support other people. It is all of this work that makes a community. and it is good to read about it month by month in local publications.

On the world stage the war in Ukraine sadly continues and it is a worry as to what Russia will do next. You may have seen that I was sanctioned by Russia. As you may have seen in the media Ukraine is thankful for the support that we have been giving. Here the response to support Ukrainians has been great whether seeking to offer refuge to people or help in many other ways. After some initial teething problems the visa processing is settling down and over three-quarters of visas have now been granted. In some cases there have been complications due to a variety of reasons and my team has been very active in helping to assist where possible. There are some problems in rural areas where plans have fallen through as most of the people seeking refuge are from Ukrainian cities and would prefer to be in a city or town. I have also been told that many are applying for visas as a back up but for now prefer to stay in the region which is quite understandable.

We have an interesting schedule ahead of us in Parliament. If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way if you have access to that. My email address is **john.howell.mp@parliament.uk**. Alternatively, you can write to me at the House of Commons (House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA) or my constituency office (PO Box 84, Watlington, OX49 5XD). Please note that correspondence sent through the post can take a couple of weeks to reach me as it has to go through offsite security scanning before being delivered.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government and the Constituency please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is **www.johnhowellmp.com**. Further details of the work of Parliament is available on the parliament website at **www.parliament.uk**.



Wallingford Museum News

Wallingford Museum is planning some really exciting events to offer our visitors through the Summer months. Here's a taster of what's to come; as usual the Museum will join in the National Festival of Archaeology, organised by the Council for British Archaeology, with a family hands - on archaeology day. This will be followed in August with a Big Art Day, the Agatha Christie weekend in early September and later that month the Oxford Geology Trust will be offering Fabulous Fossils at the Museum.

So keep an eye open on the web site and social media for updates

Wallingford's Guided Historic Town Walks are rolling again, every Saturday morning at 11.00am, until 24 September. There is no advance booking, so just meet the guide under the Town Hall in Wallingford Market Place at 11.00am any Saturday. The round tour takes approximately an hour and a half.

The cost is £10 per person (cash only please) which includes an open season ticket to Wallingford Museum for 2022. All walk proceeds help to support this splendid volunteer-run museum.

Each walk is led by an expert guide from The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society, exploring the backstreets and bringing to life the history of the town and its buildings from Saxon times to the present day.

To request special group tours and find out about all museum events, please visit www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk



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Sue Wright
Wallingford Museum

The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Wednesday 8 June

Gabor Thomas: *The Marlow warlord and the rediscovered church at Cookham*. A review of early medieval archaeology of the Middle Thames.

Wednesday 13 July

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June

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Thurs 2	Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)
Fri 3	Elizabeth – A Portrait in Parts (U) 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sun 5	Benediction (12A)
Mon 6	Benediction (12A)
Wed 8	Compartment No. 6 (15)
Fri 10	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
Sat 11	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
Sun 12	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
Mon 13	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
Tues 14	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
Wed 15	Top Gun: Maverick (12A)
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Saturday 4 June

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Live Screening

Tuesday, 7 June

7.00pm

Royal Ballet live recording from Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet's sumptuous production of Swan Lake returns to the Royal Opera House stage after its 2020 revival was interrupted by the pandemic's closure of theatres. The reimagining of Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov's towering masterpiece by Liam Scarlett is testament to the late choreographer's abiding love of classicism and innate musicality which shines through the production. With its sublime score by Tchaikovsky and glittering designs by John Macfarlane, an irresistible mix of spectacle, mystery and passion infuses this audience favourite, one of the best-loved works in the 19th-century classical ballet canon.

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

Thursday, 9 June

7.00pm

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Sun 5 June	Pentecost 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am All-age Sung Eucharist for Pentecost and Jubilee
	Jubilee Picnic 12.noon Cloister Garden
Wed 8 June	Chiropodist Village Hall Appointment only; see page xx
	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat 11 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 2 v Sunningwell 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground
	Women's Cycling Tour Passes
Sun 12 June	Trinity Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Family Service and Baptism
	5.00pm Choral Evensong
Sat 18 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 1 v East Oxford 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground



Sun
19 June **1st Sunday after Trinity**
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10.30am

Sat
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Sun
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