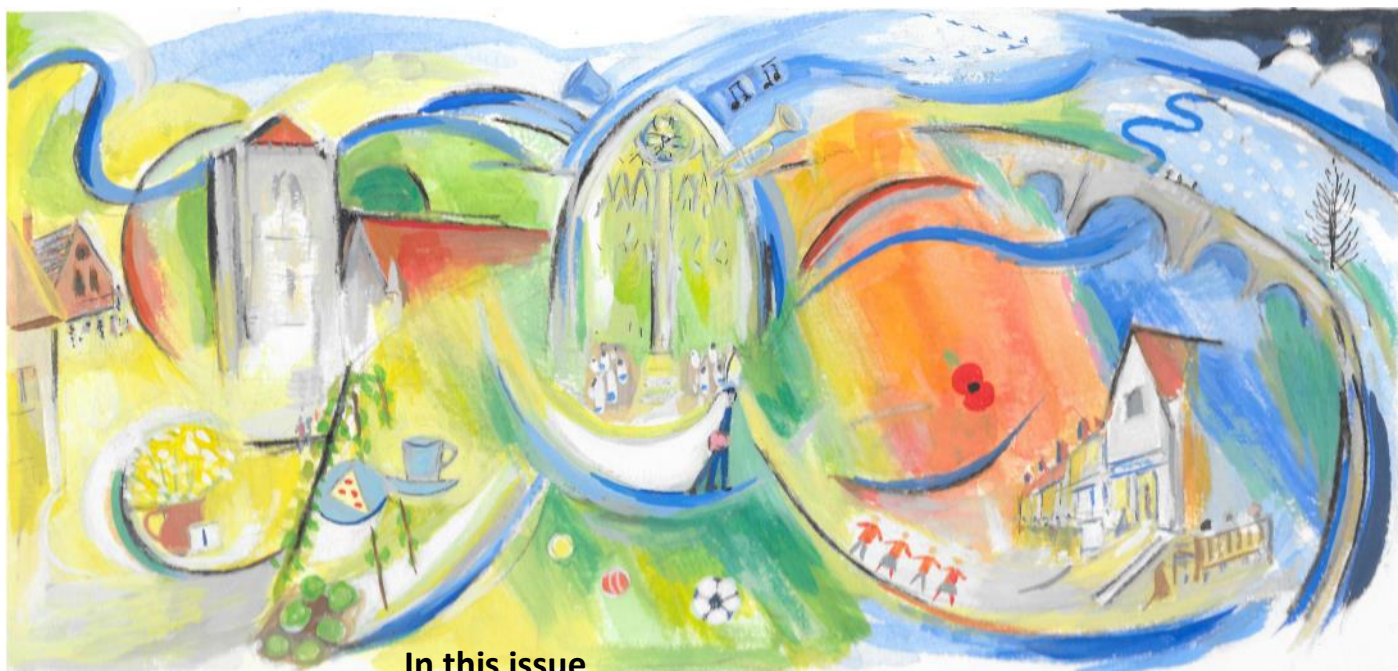


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July/August 2022





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Cover picture: Early morning sheep on the Dyke Hills by Oliver Nowell

A DoT view

The first thing I must note this month is the result of the 2022 Dorchester Festival. As Steph Forman reports on page 16, it raised over £50,000 to be divided between Daybreak and Dorchester Abbey. This is the highest figure ever, and is particularly amazing given that the Festival had to be delayed by a year because of the lockdowns. We once more thank Steph and Nick Forman and everyone else involved for all their hard work in making this happen, and all must be delighted at this wonderful outcome.

The village came together again at the beginning of June for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There were at least four street parties over the bank holiday weekend together with the village picnic in the Cloister Garden. It was a great opportunity for the people of Dorchester to get together, and I for one, came across a number of people I had never met before. These opportunities to get us all together do not come around that often, and this has shown how important they are to the fabric of village life.

There will be no Dorchester News in August—this issue looks forward to both July and August, and, apart from the DADS performance in the Cloister Garden at the end of July, the village is fairly quiet over the holiday months, as is shown by the Dorchester Diary pages. But we will be back for September, when it will be the Autumn Flower Show. So use the next couple of months to get your exhibits into top condition.

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I am writing this immediately after the Platinum Jubilee weekend. There was real and obvious affection for the Queen. Sustained by her Christian faith, she has served with grace, dignity and a clear sense of service rooted in duty to God and neighbour. The celebrations led to a real coming together of our communities in a wonderfully inclusive way. My one regret is that I have not yet had opportunity to try the Jubilee trifle (but perhaps there is still time).

For me, a real highlight of the national celebrations was the moment the Queen had tea with Paddington Bear and we learned what she keeps in her handbag - a marmalade sandwich! It was just the most wonderfully innocent joy filled moment, giving us all a glimpse of the Queen's sense of humour, but it was also a moment of great profundity.

Children's literature often expresses great truths in an accessible and non-threatening way. Paddington Bear is no different. Through the books and the lovely animated films Paddington has much to say to us about the importance

of welcome to those who need to hear that they are welcome, loved and a part of our communities.

'Long ago, people in England sent their children by train with labels around their necks, so they could be taken care of by complete strangers in the countryside where it was safe. They will not have forgotten how to treat strangers.' Aunt Lucy in Paddington Bear.

Paddington Bear was an illegal immigrant, who made his home amidst a pretty traditional strait-laced family and as a result enriched their lives in a transformative and wonderful way. Aunt Lucy makes this point beautifully. The quote says something important about our compassion and tolerance as a nation; I'm sure it still rings true today.

I know that our communities will offer a big affirming welcome to those settling here, especially to Ukrainians, Afghans and anyone fleeing their homes. Speaking up for the dispossessed is at the heart of the Bible as is the offering of hospitality. In Matthew 25.40 we read

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' In the Old Testament, God's people are commanded: 'Don't mistreat any foreigners who live in your land. Instead, treat them as well as you treat citizens and love them as much as you love yourself. Remember, you were once foreigners in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God' (Leviticus 19.33-34).

The Queen's choice of Paddington seems poignant and profoundly Christian especially because once again many in our villages are opening their hearts and homes to welcome people fleeing Afghanistan and Ukraine. Many more are helping to support them in any way they can. As communities it is wonderful that we can offer welcome and refuge to those fleeing the devastation of war. The Platinum Jubilee has highlighted that modern Britain is a dynamic and diverse place. My hope and prayer is that our communities continue to come together and offer friendship and welcome to all.

Abbey Concert Managers Required Are You Interested?

The demand for Events to be held in the Abbey has been steadily increasing this year and we need to increase the number of volunteer Concert Managers who play a vital part in helping to make the events run smoothly. This is an opportunity to find out more about what goes on behind the scenes, meeting interesting artists, hearing lovely music and being the welcoming face of the Abbey to the audience.

Training will be given. For further details please contact the Events Administrator, Dorchester Abbey, Kate Herbert; events@dorchester-abbey.org.uk and 01865 340007 (Mon, Tues and Fri mornings)

Team Services

Sun 24 July 10.30 St Laurence Warborough
Sun 28 August 10.30 Dorchester Abbey



Sunday 10 July
Sunday 14 August
10.30am

Mary and Martha



David and Goliath



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Family Services for Bible stories,
fun and craft activities

Wallingford Food Bank Help for Ukrainian Refugees

Here is some information from The Food Bank manager's report for May:

An increasing number of Ukrainian refugees are living both in Wallingford and the surrounding villages. Help can be offered to those hosting as well as to Ukrainians waiting for benefits or looking for work.

They should email: ridgewayfood@outlook.com. and have access to an email address or a mobile number (which can be Ukrainian).

Please let people know that there is help available.

The total cost of providing this help is huge and only made possible by your generous donations.

Providing food for local people still goes on and May has seen an increase in the number of requests for help.

Sadly, the food bank is now needed more than ever.

Thank you for your support. It would not be possible without you.

Judy Parker

(Any donations left in our garage are delivered to Wallingford distribution centre every week.)



Hempcroft Allotments July

The National Allotment Society has designated the week of 8 -14 August as National Allotments Week 2022 with the title **Bugs, Bees & Broccoli**. The National Allotments Week theme for 2022 is an acknowledgement of the importance of gardening with nature in mind. An allotment plot is a complex web of plants, micro-organisms, fungi, insects and animals that not only produces food but also supports eco-system services such as pollination, and offers a refuge for wildlife in urban areas.

Nationally there are thousands of plot-holders endeavouring to reduce pesticide and herbicide use, encourage beneficial insects, small mammals and amphibians and they tolerate losing some crops in order to achieve a balance eco-system on their plots. Indeed, on the Hempcroft Allotments there are plot-holders who have given their whole plot over to a balanced eco-system uninterrupted by crop growing.

The National Allotment Association are presently working on a programme to celebrate their campaign week in 2022 and one activity they would like to carry out is some form of wildlife focused citizen science on allotments. One way in which we might take part is for any participants to choose a particular day and note all the wildlife from the smallest bug to the largest bird that they see on the allotments. The participant could also be a non-allotment holder who regularly walk across the allotments on the designated paths.

I would be happy to collate any responses and forward them to the National Allotment Association.

Edward Metcalfe

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Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw.

The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to reward supporters

1st Prize	£75	No. 60	Ms C Wright
2nd Prize	£45	No. 45	Mr R Taylor
3rd Prize	£25	No. 25	Mrs G Russell

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 and you can have as many tickets as you wish.

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



HENGE

This Autumn Equinox (**23 September**) be part of a Community Performance, marking the life of our earliest forebears. HENGE will occupy the site of their first settlement between the two Rivers, beneath the Wittenham Clumps.

More details to follow.

Chiropodist

Wednesday 13 July and 10 August

Village Hall

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DADS are back with another outdoor production! The comedy, **Mansfield Park & Ride**, is an irreverent take on Jane Austen's classic novels. Originally written for Eastern Angles, Brendan Murray has reset this new version of his acclaimed play here in South Oxfordshire. Will Mrs. Bonnet see any of her daughters wed? Will the dashing Captain Knightly keep his shirt on? **Mansfield Park & Ride** is sure to delight and entertain, whether or not you are a fan of Jane Austen.

There will be a pay-bar open one hour before 'curtain-up' and during the interval.

This is an outdoor event with **no** seating provided. Bring your own low-backed chairs or rugs. Performances will continue in all weathers so please come prepared.

More details page 36.

See also 'From the rehearsal room' on page 21.

Covid advice for children

All children aged 5-11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19 vaccine and this half-term holiday is good time to get your child vaccinated in time for the summer when cases might increase.

Two doses of the vaccine (at least 12 weeks apart) should give the child long-lasting protection against serious complications of infection and some protection from mild symptoms. To book an appointment, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination> or call 119.

The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here:

COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 (publishing.service.gov.uk)

If you do not know your child's NHS number you can get it:

- by checking your child's personal health record (the red book given to you when your child was born)
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Pre-School

Dorchester Preschool has had a great, and busy few terms. We post regular updates to our Facebook page:

<https://m.facebook.com/dorchesterpreschool/>. We have particularly enjoyed being able to take part in the Dorchester Festival Scarecrow trail and joining with the school to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, being able to do these joint activities is a wonderful part of being part of a village and means that for those of our children who move onto St. Birinus the transition to school feels natural and smooth.

We have celebrated Val giving 25 years to the Preschool – a sign of her wonderful devotion and care for the children and other staff, and also of the wonderful atmosphere that all of the staff work to achieve!

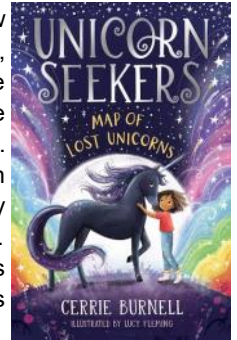
As you will be aware the last few years have been tricky for many reasons. We thank our staff for remaining been dedicated throughout and providing a safe, nurturing environment for local children to socialise and learn. Our Preschool is run by a committee of volunteers, as a charity we can't function without a committee (legally) and as a setting we rely on volunteers to help us with a range of things, from fundraising to maintaining the setting, and even maintaining the website and social media. If you would like to join the committee or would be able to volunteer to support us in any way we would love to hear from you – many hands make light work!

We will be saying goodbye to our number of children at the end of July as they move up to school – thankfully we are sure many of them will return to give us updates through the school fence! We wish them every good fortune as they progress, they have developed strong friendships and a love of learning that we hope will serve them well!

We are also getting ready to welcome new children in September, if you are interested please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Books for younger readers

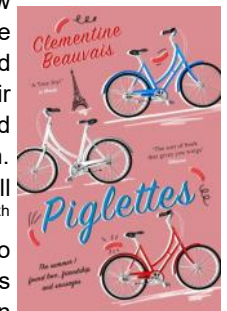
Unicorn Seekers: The Map of Lost Unicorns, Cerrie Burnell (7-10 year olds, pb, £6.99). Who doesn't like a book about unicorns? This fun new novel by BBC disability ambassador, Burnell, has got it all: sparkles, adventure and magic. Elodie Lightfoot can see unicorns and she can feel their magic. Why? Because Elodie is a Unicorn Seeker! All of which is enormously exciting - but also a little bit dangerous. Includes black and white illustrations throughout, helping young readers transition to more complex stories.



Monster Hunting for Beginners, Ian Mark (7-10 year olds, pb, £6.99). It turns out that monster hunting is surprisingly tricky. A fact that Jack swiftly learns when a monster suddenly appears in his garden one day and tries to eat his aunt! Having fired his catapult at the ogre and saved his relative, Jack becomes apprenticed to a 200-year-old monster hunter. Many adventures follow, with Jack successfully navigating his way out of trouble thanks to the aid of a handy book called – you guessed it - *Monster Hunters for Beginners*. This is funny, really funny.



Piglettes, Clementine Beauvais (14+ years, pb, £8.99). I LOVED this. It is so nice to see a new story about sparky young lasses who are full of determination. Having been voted the ugliest girls in the school by their classmates on Facebook, Mirelle, Astrid and Hakima make a plan - a brilliant plan. They decide to cycle from their small French village to Paris, arriving on the 14th of July. Selling sausages along the way to raise funds for the journey, the girls overcome shyness and blossom in confidence.



Library books to your door

If you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help!

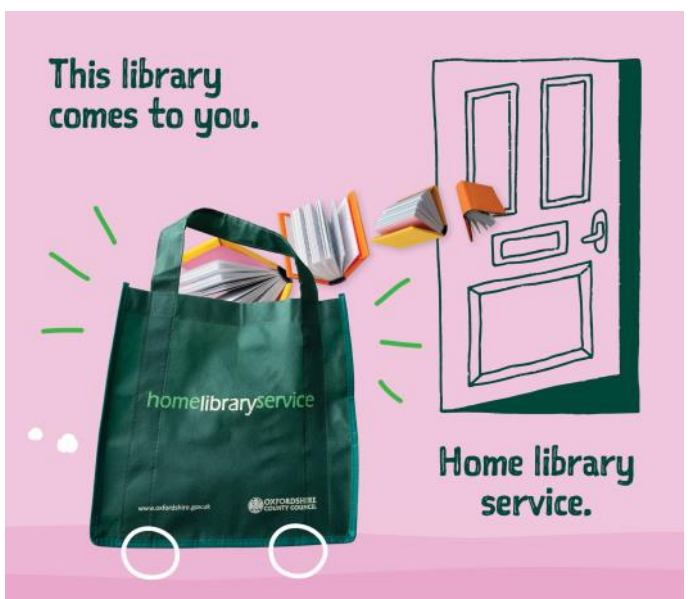
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www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice





St Birinus School News

We have had a very busy time here in School as summer arrives. One of the many highlights from recent weeks were our Jubilee celebrations. The whole school learned the National Anthem and some of our talented musicians played along as we recorded our singing for 'Choir for the Queen' - a compilation of songs from a range of schools which has been sent to The Queen. Our street party on the playground was also a great success. It was super to be joined by Pre-school for lunch and some playtime afterwards. We had music, dancing, flags, masks, crowns, stickers, a lovely lunch and lots of fun. It was great to see so many smiling faces.



Towards the end of the day, we had an amazing surprise as the Puma helicopter from RAF Benson included us in their Jubilee fly-past. The country dancing and the Maypole dancing were a joy to watch and the children should be proud of what they've achieved.

Our Year 3 and 4 Class have been enjoying weekly visits to our Forest School area on The Hurst. We are passionate about our children learning how to take risks and appreciate the environment and we are proud that all our children are getting to experience Forest School through the year.



Our Key Stage 2 children had a fabulous day in the Abbey enjoying the Singmaker workshops as part of the festival. We are still singing the songs we learned at school. The concert was a joyful experience for all involved.

Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have demonstrated resilience and determination as they faced their end of key stage assessment tests with a positive attitude and no dramas. They have made us all very proud. We are sorry to be losing such a fabulous year 6 group at the end of this year and we wish them the very best of luck in their new schools. We know they will continue to live out our values of compassion, knowledge and diversity as they continue their journey.

We have so much to look forward to as our school year draws to a close; sports day, a Key Stage 2 show, a residential trip for our older children, and some special assemblies and workshops with a variety of visitors including the Church, Swings and Smiles charity and the Henge project. Our school council are also organising a 'friendship day' at the end of term which is shaping up to be an interesting and fun day for all involved (including making some friends out of vegetables!).

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in the village who has supported us in any way this year. We are so grateful to the Parochial Trust for all that they do for our pupils including helping us resource our new nurture space in school, the Parish Council for giving us the opportunity to have our say about the changes in the playground and the lovely Jubilee bookmarks, the Hurst Water Meadow Trust for Forest School and all our volunteers who have helped run sports clubs, hear readers, donate books and offer services.

This school is a special community to be part of. We have places available and if you would like to see what we could offer your child please give us a call to arrange a tour. You can find out more from our website here:

<https://www.st-birinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk/>

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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
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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
- 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) 'Mists and mellow fruitfulness' (max 18"x18"x18")
- 42) Arrangement with a tealight (max 6"x6"x6")

Section - 5 Domestic

- 43) Upside down cake
- 44) Fruit cake
- 45) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 46) Focaccia
- 47) Shortbread round
- 48) Pot of jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 49) Pot of curd - 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"

- 50) 'Along the Thames'
- 51) Subject beginning with "H"
- 52) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4
- 53) An unframed painting or drawing - max dimension 18"

Section 7 - Children All own work please - state age on exhibit

- 54) Age 9 and over: A multi-media collage: 'seaside', max A4
- 55) Age 8 and under: A decorated potato

ENTRY FORM

Please return no later than **7.00 pm Wednesday, 14 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).....



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Meadow matters

The Hurst has been at its best, with buttercups seemingly floating in the air above the ground. A succession of wild flowering follows, and then it's all cut, leaving something that looks more like a prairie. We are asked why do we cut and bale? And why do we mow paths through the flowering plants?

Wild flower meadows do require some maintenance. If we did not mow them periodically they would degenerate to coarser plants and then to brambly scrub. We want some scrub which provides good refuge for wildlife, but we do not want it encroaching everywhere. Mowing once a year at the right time prevents this degeneration. Timing of the mow is important. Too early and wildflowers will not have had time to seed, and the wildflower seed bank will degenerate. Annual plants will quickly die out completely; perennials will be weakened.

Wildflowers are at a competitive advantage compared to coarser grasses and other strong smothering plants in impoverished soil, so it is important to remove mown vegetation which as it rotted would act as a fertiliser. This is particularly important in a water meadow, as flooding will inevitably wash more fertile silt across the meadow.

We receive a government subsidy for managing our meadows to promote wildflower diversity. Under the terms of the subsidy we must mow the meadows once per year, but not until after 1 July. In order to encourage plant diversity we are required to keep 10% of the area covered by the subsidy uncut. All cuttings must be removed either off site or to habitat piles. These requirements fit well with what we would do anyway to foster wildflowers and ecological diversity.

We do not have the capability to mow and bale the meadows ourselves, nor any use for the hay, so we employ a contractor. To minimise the cost we give the contractor some flexibility as to the timing of the haycut, provided it is after 1 July. Varying the timing also helps keep a competitive balance between



plants with different seeding times. Hay which is contaminated with dog mess can be toxic to cattle and should not be used for animal feed; it can be used as bedding material, but is worth much less. Last year a contractor declined to quote because of this contamination. Cutting, bailing and removing the bales was our biggest cost last year. Not only is



dog mess unsightly and a human health hazard, it costs the Hurst money.

In the winter in recent years the Hurst meadow has been grazed by horses. Wild flowers are dormant, and grazing at this time helps keep other vegetation under control. Inevitably the horse dung acts as a fertiliser, but their trampling helps embed wild flower seeds in the ground.

That explains meadow maintenance; what about those mown paths? We do this mainly for your convenience as users, and for many a path through long grass has its own attraction. It eases access for the less physically able. It also deters walkers from too much roaming unintentionally into areas of wildlife. We do not much vary the course of our paths from year to year, partly because they follow your habitual routes and partly because many of them define the edge of the areas to be mown and thereby help the contractor. The paths are mown wide enough for two people to walk alongside each other, and also to minimise development of worn ruts when everyone follows exactly the same track, especially in muddy conditions.

Finally, seats. The unexpected arrival of a simple bench seat recently on Overy Mead Piece caused us some consternation as no one had sought permission. Its positioning at the narrowest mown point in the meadow meant it was vulnerable to tractor damage, and Dorchester Angling Club had reservations about its positioning. Once we discovered the donor he readily agreed to resite it in a less vulnerable position nearby. We think its plain design fits into the meadow landscape well, and its placement allows the less able more easily to take a rest half way between the Dorchester Bridge entrance and the confluence. It is a good look out point for nature on the river. If it is as well received as we anticipate, we will look for suitable sites elsewhere in the meadows for more benches with a similar design.

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Dorchester Cricket Club

Match report from 4 June

It was a lovely Jubilee long weekend as both Dorchester sides reigned supreme.

The firsts travelled to Horspath where Adrian Redhead won his fifth toss in a row and elected to bowl.

On a windy day, Dorchester openers Harry Platt and Thom Airs met strong resistance from the Horspath top two, but once they eventually prised open the door, the Dorch attack breezed through and dismissed the hosts for just 97.

It was a spicy affair at times, with Horspath choosing this weekend of pageantry to wave a white flag and threaten to walk off the pitch after Dorchester vociferously thought two home batters should've done just that after snicking behind.

But calm was eventually restored and Richard Sharman - patriotically dressed in blue and white having forgotten his kit - rounded off the innings with 4-11.

In reply, Horspath drew on the resources of the Commonwealth and unleashed their Aussie overseas bowler on the away side's batting line up, but Conor Graney found some form with 35 and Dan Houseman hit 32, though the latter's band of loyal fans had taken their fold-out thrones elsewhere for the

afternoon.

In the end, the firsts ran out victors by four wickets.

Meanwhile in Dorchester, the second team faced off against Marcham and put on a fine batting display.

Timo Smith (73) and Tom Kitson (67) opened the innings with aplomb to set up what would become a comfortable victory. Your reporter idly wonders whether either of them altered which stump they bat on and can therefore attribute their right royal success to a changing of the guard...

Anyway, the home side finished on 201-6, with loyal Dorch subject Kim Rockall making a triumphant return to the crease with 11 not out at the end of 40 overs. Another great sight was that of Hannah Blatchley returning to bowl after a year away with injury. She took 3-26 while man-of-the-match Kitson snaffled 3-3 in just two overs to help send us victorious and leave Ma'am on 100-9.



Date	Dorchester 1 result	Dorchester 2 result
07/05/2022	Dorchester 1 beat Wootton and Boards Hill 1 by 5 wickets	Dorchester 2 beat Minster Lovell 3 by 14 runs
14/05/2022	Steventon beat Dorchester 1 by 4 wickets	Match between Abingdon Vale 4 and Dorchester 2 forfeited by Abingdon Vale 4
21/05/2022	Wantage and Grove beat Dorchester by 91 Runs	Dorchester 2 beat Steventon 2 by 192 runs
28/05/2022	Wolvercote beat Dorchester by 112 Runs	Stanton Harcourt 2 beat Dorchester 2 by 61 runs
04/06/2022	Dorchester beat Horspath by 4 Wickets	Dorchester 2 beat Marcham 2 by 101 runs
11/06/2022	Challow and Childrey 2 beat Dorchester 1 by 95 runs	Dorchester 2 drew with Sunningwell 2



The Women's Cycling Tour

On 11 June at approximately 2.00pm, more than 100 professional riders of the Women's Tour passed Dorchester along the A4074 having started at Chipping Norton three hours earlier and heading for the stage finish in Oxford.

Photos: Gaynor Roberts



Your village urgently needs you...



The Royal British Legion have hosted several memorable occasions in the village over the last few years including a celebration of the centenary of our War Memorial and Remembrance Sunday parades.

The Dorchester and District Branch membership is currently at a critically low threshold. **We face an existential crisis.** Without new members the Branch will no longer be sustainable. If the Branch is forced to close, we will lose our Standard and the right to host the Remembrance Parade in November.

Membership is open to all and supports the fabulous work of the RBL. Please do consider joining to protect and preserve the future of the Branch, opened in 1927.

Details at www.royalbritishlegion.org.uk

Please quote the 'Dorchester and District Branch' when joining and let us know, so that we can warmly welcome you to Branch meetings and future planned RBL events in the village.

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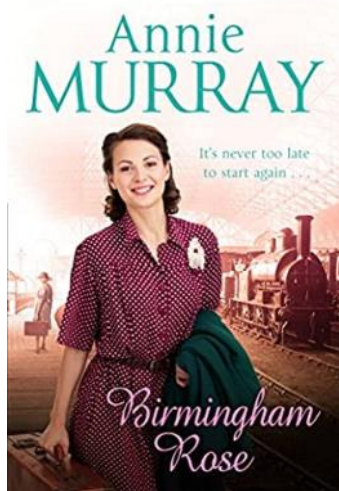
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Annie Murray: The author at Bridge End



When she moved into Bridge End a year or more ago, Annie Murray was returning to the area of her youth, having grown up in Wallingford and Blewbury, the daughter of a Wallingford antique dealer. Following school and university at St John's College, Oxford she had moved to the Midlands where eventually she became what she describes as an 'adoptive Brummie'.

And it was the Midlands, Birmingham in particular, that caught her attention as an author. In 1995 she published her first novel, *Birmingham Rose*. Annie was looking for a subject for a novel and realised that Birmingham in the 20th century provided the perfect setting. And so she started what became



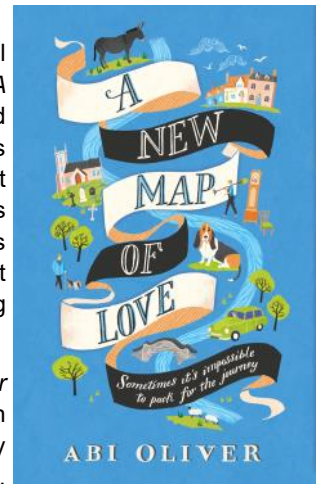
a series of 28 novels charting the social history of Birmingham in this period, concentrating on the Second World War, and what 'life' does to people in all sorts of settings. She describes the conditions of wartime Birmingham, as well as life during the thirties, fifties and sixties; of life on the narrowboats and as a Bournville factory worker, in genre known as 'regional sagas'.

Before she published the first of her Birmingham books, Annie had already won the Granada TV Short Story Competition in 1991. She was also nominated for the Romantic Historical Novel of the Year by the Romantic Novelists Association for her 2007 novel *Where Earth Meets Sky*, but prefers to be thought of as an author of regional sagas and not romances.

But these are not all that Annie has written. Under the name Abi Oliver she has written two books that are more personal to her and are based on her own family, drawing on life with

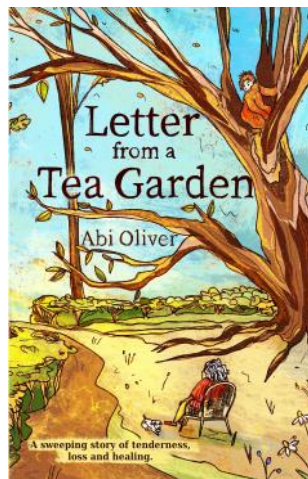
her father, and bringing in local associations. In the first of these, *A New Map Of Love*, a widowed antiques dealer named George has a second chance of love but uncovers some mysteries from his past, and the book uses locations recognisable to people of this part of South Oxfordshire, including Day's Lock.

Annie's new Abi Oliver book, *Letter From A Tea Garden*, is set between South Oxfordshire, with Blewbury disguised as Greenbury, and India,



where Annie's sister lived for ten years on an Assam tea plantation and a country which Annie has visited many times. Set in 1965, the main character, Eleanora Byngh, returns to the Indian tea gardens of her childhood where she faces her past life but also a chance of love and a new life.

Letter From A Tea Garden will be available mid-July, so watch out for it.





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Our 2022 partner charity, Daybreak, now has over £26k to spend on supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community. If you have a suggestion for a local charity we could partner with next time do let us know

Take a look at the full photo gallery at www.dorchesterfestival.com (and PLEASE email your photos and video to festival@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

Doreen Stoneham 1940-2022

Doreen Stoneham who died on 11 May 2022 lived in Bridge End, Dorchester for more than 50 years, only moving away to be close to her daughter Elise during the very last few weeks of her life.

Doreen was born in 1940 in Sale, Manchester during the Blitz. Her mother walked 3 miles in labour and had a pudding basin by the hospital bed for protection in case of bombing. She met her husband Marshall Stoneham in Barrow in Furness and they both studied Physics at Bristol University where they were friends with Alan Isherwood and Sue Ingrams, who both live in Dorchester.

Doreen and Marshall married in 1962 and moved to Abingdon where Elise was born in 1963 and Nicky in 1966. In 1969 they moved to one of the (then) new "shoebox-on-end" houses in Bridge End with lots of windows and stairs, built on an old orchard. Sadly, Marshall died in 2011, about a year before their golden wedding anniversary.

Doreen caught Asian flu as a teenager which caused severe lifelong lung damage, but she was determined this would not limit her ambitions and she became an award-winning scientist and entrepreneur.

Doreen enjoyed village life and had many friends. She was a keen bellringer for very many years and was Tower Captain at Dorchester Abbey between 1987 and 1997. For many years she rang with



David Parker and others and taught many Dorchester residents to ring including John Metcalfe and Nick Forman. A recording of these Dorchester bells was played at the end of Doreen's funeral. Doreen eventually gave up when her lung problems meant she couldn't manage the very many steep stairs. In 1987, the bells in Dorchester were lowered to the ground by Whites of Appleton, retuned and rehung - one of these old bell wheels hung for many years on the side of her house. Doreen shared her love of bellringing with Elise, and we all helped mum prepare delicious Bellringer Teas

Doreen grew delicious fresh vegetables including asparagus, and golden raspberries (to trick the birds!) in her allotment. Her eagle eyes would also spot roman coins lying in the soil. She loved her garden and eventually moved a few doors along, to a house with a much bigger garden (beautifully fertilised by hens who previously lived there). Some of you will have visited this garden and met her tortoises when it was open to the public for several years. Doreen's first tortoise in Dorchester was Freddie, then she adopted Flossie and George who bred accidentally but successfully, leaving a legacy of baby tortoises for her daughters to enjoy!

Doreen worked at the Oxford University Laboratory for Art and Archaeology from 1970 till 1997 when, at the age of 56, she set up her very successful business, Oxford Authentication which dated porcelain and other fired ceramics, and was awarded the Institute of Physics Gabor medal in 2008. Doreen visited Chernobyl in 1990 and 1991 to conduct collect and analyse samples for scientific research as part of a collaboration between Oxford University and other international organisations. She also brought back cucumber seeds that she grew successfully. She learned Russian, gaining an A-level, and wrote a novel about Chernobyl that sadly was never published.

Doreen's family and friends were so very important to her, and she was immensely proud of her grandchildren Bill, Eddie and Susie. Doreen loved creative writing, completing a Creative Writing course, and joining a Local Creative Writing group that gave her much pleasure. She wrote many quirky short stories displaying her characteristic humour, which we are still finding now!

She had her wish to live in her own home right to the end, and we would like to offer our most grateful thanks to those people who made it possible, including friends and individuals, medical staff and carers especially during the cruel times of Covid.



Doreen on the right with Chris and Frank Norman, 4 February 1987, on the occasion of the Abbey bells being lowered to the ground for retuning.

Dorchester's Platinum

Street Parties



Photo: John Cornelius

Tenpenny and Haven Close



Page Furlong



Photo: David Fletcher

Oxford Road



Photo: Rachel Marriott

Watling Lane



Photo: Rachel Marriott

Queen's Close



h Jubilee Celebrations

Cloister Garden Jubilee Picnic



Photo: Dan Johnson



Photo: Dan Johnson



Photo: Amanda Budd

Some previous royal celebrations



Seeing the pictures of the recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations, how do they compare with previous Dorchester Royal Celebrations?

Fortunately we have photographs taken by the late Frank Blackwell which give us a clue.

On the left is one from the 1977 Queen's Silver Jubilee. It looks to be a rather staid affair with the Abbey choir and best hats on parade. Perhaps they went off for something a little less formal afterwards.

They certainly did in the pictures below. Here we see a street party in Queen Street complete with Morris Dancing outside the Village Hall. Perhaps you were there.

These are believed to be from 1982 for the wedding of Charles and Diana.



With thanks to Julia Fryer for the photographs.



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Mansfield Park & Ride—from the rehearsal room

Is Jane Austen rolling over in her tomb in Winchester Cathedral on Monday and Thursday evenings? DADS' are currently rehearsing their summer outdoor production, *Mansfield Park & Ride*. This irreverent romp through her work, combines many of her characters and plot lines, as well as some later additions from more recent adaptations. There's an ambitious mother (Mrs Bonnet!), a bevy of unmarried daughters, a clergyman threatening to take their house, love unfulfilled because of misunderstandings, mislaid love letters and plenty of wet shirts.

The cast of nine are loving their rehearsals in the Village Hall, getting ready to bring this hilarious comedy to the Abbey's Cloister Gardens from 21 to 23 July and then on to Henley. It is very difficult to keep a straight face when the dialogue tells of the delights of Didcot, and the 'man from Reading' (who turns out to be the bounder) in this specially adapted version.

Please note that this play is aimed at an older audience than last year's *Wind in the Willows*. DADS are suggesting that *Mansfield Park & Ride* is suitable for those aged 12+ as some of the dialogue is slightly risqué (in a 'Carry On...' way).

More information on the back page and page 5.



Fund raising for The Pride of Nasio

On Sunday 12 June, John Cornelius, and his team set up stall outside the Co-op in Dorchester to sell items that had been kindly donated by a Dorchester resident who had cleared

them out and marked them as unwanted in preparation for moving house. This succeeded in raising £334 for The Pride of Nasio, which goes towards the cost of the forthcoming

visit to Kenya by a number of local teenagers to help disadvantaged children in that country.

So if you have stuff that you no longer need, think about making use of it to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Several of the Pride of Nasio teenagers are learning to ring the church bells as another way of raising funds, and three rang for the Abbey service for the first time on Sunday 5 June. Congratulations on reaching that target.



I am writing this on Friday the 10th of June, and today a

plan to leave their failed family farm in Nebraska

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it's a book with a big heart and I loved it so much I just had to include it here. 12-year-old Norman has three goals: (1) Look after mum; (2) Find dad (his mum, Sadie's, not exactly sure who he is!), and (3) perform at the Edinburgh Fringe (the dream Norman shared with his best mate, Jax, who has just died). Sadie can't bear to see her son sad, so

along with their eccentric 84-year-old friend Leonard, the pair head to Edinburgh, stopping along the way to have a few uncomfortable conversations with some of Sadie's ex's. The story is much better than the cover would suggest (sorry, Penguin). Made me laugh and made me cry.

Dorchester News



From the Chairman of the Parish Council



Now that we are all 'Jubileed' and 'Festivaled' out, the Parish Council is back to focusing on the things that make a difference to the village, big and small. But we shouldn't let either event pass without recognising the efforts of those who organised and helped bring both events to life. The DN Editor made reference to the amazing energy and drive of Steph and Nick Forman which gives Dorchester such a unique event and the Parish Council would like to echo those comments. Two last Jubilee items before it begins to pass into memory; firstly the commemorative picnic bench will shortly be placed in the children's play area on the rec once the plaque is finished and secondly the commemorative bookmarks have now been distributed to all households but there a few spares held in the various pubs and businesses in the village if anyone would like more, just call in and grab them.

The Parish Council enters its last year before the elections for a new council, and as well as navigating through the constant stream of planning applications and similar requests that come our way, we are looking to make sure the small things that can make a difference to our village are sorted. So, I'm pleased that we have taken action to tidy up the Meadside bus stop which I know has gone down well. And, (with fingers slightly crossed) I'm hoping by the time you read this that the bike racks outside the Coop will be installed, something we have been looking to do for some time. And I hope that over the next month or two I'll also be able to update you on both the children's play area and some tree planting to replace where they have been lost. Little things add up. So if you have other 'little things' please do contact me or other councillors with your ideas, we'll see if we can help with some of them. In fact, I was stopped in the Coop this afternoon regarding the weeds on the pavement and in the gutter along the High Street and up the Abingdon Road, so we will see what we can do to make things tidier.

Also on the horizon is the update of our Neighbourhood Development Plan, due in 2024. Not so far off. And with so much change in our working and home lives and the developments at Bishops Court Farm for instance, this will be a great opportunity to review all aspects of our plan to understand not just what the village want's but also to see what is possible, given that we are in the Green Belt. So we are going to start elements of that work very shortly so that we are well positioned as we head towards the renewal date. Expect to see more from me on this on the months ahead so you can input your views.

Mark Williams
Chairman DoT Parish Council

Parish Council Notices

Dorchester Festival

It is understood that the Festival raised just over £50k, which is a remarkable achievement in the post covid climate. The Parish Council congratulates Steph Forman and her team upon this achievement and thanks them all for helping our community to get out and about on the road leading us to the 'new normal'.

Parish Council Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 June, Cllr Mark Williams was elected to serve as Chairman 2022/23 and Cllr Rob Ballantyne as Vice-Chairman 2022/23.

Bike Racks Outside the Co-Op

After consultation with the area management team at the Co-Op, the Council has arranged for bike racks at two places close to the shop entrance. The assistance of Oxfordshire County Council is acknowledged with thanks.

Monthly Meetings July and August 2022

As previously announced, the July Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 6 July** - one week sooner than usual. The August meeting will take place on **Wednesday 10 August**. Council meetings commence at 7.30 p.m.

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 **Contacting the Parish Council**

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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.

Warborough & Shillingford WI

I was speaking to an old friend recently who asked if I had settled in to Warborough and if I thought of my new village as home? Without hesitation I replied that I had, and I did. A big part of the reason for that is because I joined the WI. It has been a great way to get to know some lovely people, although I still cannot tell you everyone's name. The monthly Members Meeting always has an activity or interesting speaker: even if one month the topic is not of interest, there is bound to be one in the future that is. One thing you can be sure of, is a warm welcome at WI Members Meetings.

In June we had a special event, as part of the celebration of our Centenary year, an outing to St. Cross College in Oxford for a drinks reception and talk by Dr Graham Harding, author and the college's resident wine expert, on 'The History of Champagne'. This was accompanied by a tasting of Champagne, a South African Riesling, a Spanish red, and finally, a sweet white wine from northern Italy. We learned that historically Champagne had a rather racy reputation because it was the drink of disreputable characters. It is no accident that famous Champagne houses incorporated the title 'Veuve', which translates to 'widow', as in Veuve Clicquot, to add respectability. Madame Clicquot was the first woman to run a Champagne house after being widowed at the age of 27. Dr Harding informed us that a bottle of Champagne contains fifty million bubbles; there would be many more in a bath, but did anyone actually bathe in Champagne? We discovered that Marilyn Monroe did, Elizabeth Taylor did not. Although you don't have to be famous to do so as we found out when we heard the story of an Asda employee, called Steve, who took advantage of a special offer on Champagne and bought several bottles for his wife to bathe in: 'Don't tell her how much it cost', he said, 'she'll pop her cork'.

Programme: The subject of our July Members Meeting is 'Pets as Therapy'. Monty, the dog is our expert who will be

bringing his human, Mike Pritchard, to explain how they assist in patients' recovery.

Craft: Our WI is creating a Scrapbook, to celebrate our Centenary, led by Clare Dewell. It will contain an eclectic mix of photographs, information about speakers, past WI meetings, members recipes, WI projects and events. All contributions from our members, both past and present, are welcome. Please contact us if you have something we can include.

Community Project: The Parish Council have now placed an order for the new bus shelters and installation is scheduled for July 2022. The WI has ordered 10 kilos of daffodil bulbs which Clare Dewell and Rachel Walker will be planting on the verge around the shelter to flower next year.

Walking Group: A good way to get in shape for the summer would be to join Chris Tilley for a walk in the beautiful surroundings of Warborough, Shillingford or Dorchester. It takes place every fortnight, weather permitting. There is usually coffee and cake at the end of the walk.

May we wish all our Ukrainian guests a warm welcome to Warborough, Shillingford and Dorchester.

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South Oxfordshire PROBUS Group

South Oxfordshire Probus Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Shillingford Bridge Hotel.

PROBUS is an organisation for retired professional and business men whose purpose is to provide intelligent social interaction in a friendly environment.

Our monthly meetings consist of a drink and chat followed by an interesting talk and a two course lunch. The speakers are an eclectic mix and we have had talks ranging from the PreRaphaelites to the Bermuda Triangle.

We also have regular outings for members and their families including visits to the theatre, sporting events, museums and places of interest.

If you are interested in joining us, please send me a brief CV and we will provide information on how to proceed.

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The first of a series of 62 EV chargers which have been installed in council-run car parks across South Oxfordshire are now up and running.

The chargers – which have been installed as part of the county-wide Park and Charge scheme – are ready to use by EV owners in the council-run car park in Cattlemarket, Wallingford.

In total 12 chargers are now available with the remaining 50 due to come online in the next few weeks at other council-run car parks in Greys Road and Kings Road in Henley, Goldsmith's Lane, Wallingford and Southern Road, Thame.

The chargers will work from 7kW up to 22kW depending on the vehicle, time of day and the EV hub take-up. You will also be able to reserve charging bays so EV drivers can be assured of being able to charge on arrival.

More information about the chargers can be found here [parkandchargeoxfordshire.co.uk](https://www.parkandchargeoxfordshire.co.uk).

Joint local plan (for South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse districts)

Tackling the climate emergency, sustainable transport, affordable housing, high-tech jobs, and the future of our town centres are among the topics up for discussion as South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils embark on the creation of a new Joint Local Plan.

Please do have a look and take part in the consultation – you can find it at

<https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/planning-and-development/local-plan-and-planning-policies/local-plan-2041/>

Useful contacts on Homes for Ukraine

It's great to see so many local residents providing a safe and secure home for refugees from Ukraine. We continue to push to provide the best and fastest access to services that we can via both county and district councils, working closely with other partners.

Please direct general Ukraine queries to:

Website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ukraine

Oxfordshire Ukraine helpline: +44 1865 966444 / 01865 966 444

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Barnardo's has also set up a free support service and helpline staffed by English, Ukrainian and Russian speakers:

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£10.4 million awarded for active travel improvements in Oxfordshire

Cyclists, pedestrians and residents in Oxfordshire will benefit from a £10.4 million government grant to improve walking and cycling infrastructure in the county.

Oxfordshire County Council has been awarded funding from the third phase of the government's active travel fund. The council has previously been awarded grants of £600,000 from phase one and £2.98m from phase two, so this new round is a step change in magnitude.

The funding will support infrastructure improvements across the county including £400K for feasibility work on the Berinsfield-Oxford link and £237,500 for the School Streets programme.

Celebrating the official opening of our new library service

Our library teams recently celebrated the official opening of the new Business and Intellectual Property Centre. Based on the second floor of our county library in Oxford, the centre supports individuals and entrepreneurs to start and grow their own business. Developing multi-purpose physical spaces for people to access a range of services is part of our innovative new library and heritage strategy.

Action to tackle climate change in Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet has approved plans which could see its own carbon emissions almost halved by 2024/25.

The authority produced 10,774 tonnes of CO2 in 2020/21, but measures outlined in its carbon management plan could see this cut to 6,000 tonnes within three years.

The climate action plan for 2022/23 was also approved, aiming to help Oxfordshire as a county get to 'net zero' ahead of the national target of 2050. Ways in which the council is helping Oxfordshire tackle climate change include:

- Shaping our transport system through the new Local Transport and Connectivity Plan.
- Investing in public transport to bring 159 electric buses to Oxfordshire.
- Installing EV charging points in council car parks for those without off-road parking.
- Piloting a zero emissions zone in Oxford city centre.
- Supporting more than 100 community-led climate action groups, the largest network of its kind in the UK.
- Helping residents recycle and compost 59.5 per cent of all household waste – top place in England for eight

years in a row.

- Trialling hydrogen technology to power fire engines.
- Partnering with councils, universities, community, and private sector to create a smart clean energy system through **Local Energy Oxfordshire**.

Another key tool in the council's plans is the **Pathways to a Zero Carbon Oxford** (PAZCO) report, which was jointly funded by the council, alongside partners in local government, academia, and business, to outline different potential pathways to achieving a zero-carbon economy in Oxfordshire by 2050, with milestones for 2030.

HIF1 Didcot and Culham infrastructure project

I'm continuing to participate in the 'cabinet advisory group' for the project. We've made clear we do not want an 'Expressway by stealth' pushing heavy traffic onto our unsuitable country roads, and we don't want to lock in car-dependent sprawl in new developments. We are also looking at design improvements to cut the carbon and other pollution impacts of the project, and making sure that walking and cycling routes connect and link to other forms of transport. What change we can actually secure, given how far along the project is, remains to be seen.

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...John Howell

When I wrote last month we were anticipating the Jubilee Weekend and the celebrations that were planned. Whilst the weather wasn't quite what we might have hoped, from what I hear celebrations around the constituency went well. The national celebrations were certainly a credit to all of the planning, and it was lovely to see Her Majesty the Queen at her public appearances. I think tea with Paddington Bear was one of the favourite events and shows that even in her 90th decade Her Majesty still has a great sense of humour. The Jubilee weekend was a great opportunity for community events and a chance to get together after so much separation in recent times.

Sometimes it is good to do something different and in May I did something else that I have not done before - I joined thousands of other people across the country in the Big Plastic Count. It was an interesting exercise where you have to count the single use plastic you throw away over a 7-day period. Some of the time I was at home at others I was in the office or away. Overall I was quite shocked at just how much single-use plastic I get through in the different settings. The office is pretty good with glass replacing plastic water bottles and corn-starch wrapping used for many documents that are sent to me. But I was quite taken aback at just how much single use plastic there still is for food products. Clearly some of this is avoidable and the exercise certainly raised the profile of the need for us to cut back further. The Government Resources and Waste Strategy set out plans to reduce, reuse and recycle and was a step in the right direction. A promising start on which we are now building.

For some people the half term break was an opportunity to get away and I know that many people have been caught up in the backlog of passport applications. During the pandemic, around five million people delayed applying for or renewing their passports which has led to huge demand now that international travel has opened up. My team has been helping as best we are able and where the need to travel cannot have been anticipated, or where the delay in an application being processed has been longer than the advertised time, we have been able to assist some people. The Home Office has been doing all that it can to increase output and it does seem that the situation is beginning to ease. Staff have been working 7 days a week and additional staff have been recruited. I

understand that between January and March 2022, over 90 per cent of cases were completed within six weeks. However if you are planning to travel and need to apply for or renew a passport please do so as soon as possible and do not rely on being able to get a fast-track appointment as these are like gold dust. The official guidance is still to allow up to 10 weeks to get a passport. There is little that my team can do with late applications.

Another thing to watch out for are the new barcoded postage stamps. Royal Mail has introduced these new stamps as part of their drive to improve operational efficiencies and security. If you have bought stamps recently you may have noticed the change with the addition of a barcode alongside the image of the Queen's head. If you have a stock of stamps you can still use them until the end of January 2023. If you cannot use your stock before then you can swap them for new ones. Full details are available on the Royal Mail website under the heading 'Reinventing stamps for the next generations.' The change only applies to the regular stamps with the profile of the Queen's head on and not the special stamps such as Christmas stamps.

In any month a wide range of issues are raised with me from things in the general media to specialist issues. With the help of my team I do my best to respond to all polite correspondence but sometimes it may take a while, especially if an issue needs research. If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way in 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 takes longer 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**.



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Wallingford Museum News

Wallingford Museum is planning some really exciting activities and events to offer our visitors through the Summer months. On Saturday July 23 the Museum will join in with the National Festival of Archaeology, with a family archaeology drop in between 11 - 4 pm. Bring along your own finds, meet our experts and get hands - on with archaeology. No need to book.

We are going to offer the Arts Award Discover at Wallingford Museum, starting in the Summer holiday. Arts Award is both a certificate and an award. Taking part is creative and fun and a great way to find out about Wallingford Museum and our local history and archaeology. To achieve an Arts Award Discover, children collect evidence in an individual arts log of their experiences. Along the way they will find different types of arts in Wallingford Museum, take part in museum arts activities, research local artists and makers and share their discoveries. Our Big Art day on 20 August will be part of the programme but also open to everyone. More information can be found on our web site.

BunkFest 2 - 4 September - museum extended opening hours

Tuesday 30 August - Friday 2 September 2pm-5pm

Saturday 3 September and Sunday 4 September 10.30am-4pm

Special FREE BunkFest Castle History walk Friday 2nd September - meet at the museum 4pm. (Not suitable for dogs) Donations welcome

Special FREE BunkFest - gentle guided walk around our lovely historic town - Sunday 4th September - meet at the museum 11am. Donations welcome

Our popular Agatha Christie weekend will take place **9 to 11 September**.

We are now taking bookings on the web site for Fabulous Fossils, which is being offered at the Museum on **24 September** by the Oxford Geology Trust. Get your FREE event tickets soon for the budding paleontologists in your family. Booking Essential

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

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July

Fri 1	Jurassic World Dominion (12A)
Sun 17	Elvis (12A)
Mon 18	Elvis (12A)
Tues 19	Elvis (12A)
Wed 20	Good Luck to You, Leo Grandee (15)
Fri 22	Good Luck to You, Leo Grandee (15)
Sat 23	Nitram (15)
Sun 24	Nitram (15)
Mon 25	The Quiet Girl (12A)
Tues 26	The Quiet Girl (12A)
Fri 29	McEnroe ()
Sat 30	McEnroe ()
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August

Mon 1	McEnroe ()
Tues 2	Brian and Charles
Wed 3	The Railway Children original version (U)
Thurs 4	Brian and Charles
Fri 5	The Railway Children Return (U)
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Live on Stage

Tuesday 12 July to Saturday 16 July, 7:45pm

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couples: Delia & Ernest who have booked a restaurant to celebrate their wedding anniversary; newlyweds Malcolm and Kate are throwing a house warming party and have invited many of their friends including Nick & Jan and the neurotic Trevor & Susannah, whose selfish obsession with their own problems has a seismic impact on everyone else. What could possibly go wrong? Bedroom Farce pulls back the sheets to expose an hilariously bleak view of middle-class relationships as the four couples descend into free fall with the inevitable chaos, illustrating the farcical nature of marriage; the play explores the habits, routines and short cuts we create – some playful, some decidedly passive aggressive.

Live Screening

Thursday, 21st July, 7pm

Prima Facie (15)

Recorded live at the Harold Pinter Theatre in London's West End. Directed by Justin Martin. Jodie Comer (Killing Eve) makes her West End debut in the UK premiere of Suzie Miller's award-winning play, a solo tour de force. Tessa is a young, brilliant barrister. She has worked her way up from working class origins to be at the top of her game; defending; cross examining and winning. An unexpected event forces her to confront the lines where the patriarchal power of the law, burden of proof and morals diverge. Prima Facie takes us to the heart of where emotion and experience collide with the rules of the game. This show includes sensitive subject matter including reference to sex, violence and rape.

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Day by day

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2 July **Cherwell Cricket League**
Dorchester 1 v Clifton Hampden
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

Sun
3 July **St Thomas or 3rd after Trinity**
8.00am
Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

**National Garden Scheme
Dorchester Gardens**
2.00 to 5.00pm
See page 15 for locations

Wed
6 July **Parish Council Meeting**
7.30pm
Village Hall

Sat
9 July **Cherwell Cricket League**
Dorchester 1 v Wooton and Boars Hill
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

Sun
10 July **4th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am
Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am
Family Service

5.00pm
Choral Evensong

Wed
13 July **Chiropodist**
Village Hall
Appointment only; see page 4

Sat
16 July **Cherwell Cricket League**
Dorchester 2 v Didcot 4
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

Sun
17 July **5th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am
Holy Communion

10.30am
Sung Eucharist



Thurs
21 July **DADS
Mansfield Park & Ride**
7.00pm
Cloister Garden

Fri
22 July **DADS
Mansfield Park & Ride**
7.00pm
Cloister Garden

Sat
23 July **Cherwell Cricket League**
Dorchester 1 v Wantage & Grove
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

**DADS
Mansfield Park & Ride**
6.00pm
Cloister Garden

Sun
24 July **6th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am
Holy Communion

Sat
30 July **Cherwell Cricket League**
Dorchester 2 v Stanton Harcourt 2
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

Sun
31 July **7th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00am
Holy Communion

10.30am
Reflective Service

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Weekly events

Monday Come and See
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey

Tuesday Coffee Morning
11.00am
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

Thursday Wellbeing Walks
10.00am
Outside Co-op

Friday Abbey Junior Choir
Practice
6.00pm

Abbey Senior Choir
Practice
7.00pm

See also the Parish Council website:
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Weekly events in the Village Hall

Tuesday Zumba Gold
9.30am

Move Together
1.30pm
Busby Dance
3.15pm

Wednesday Pilates
5.30pm

Tango
7.30pm

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Marriages

21 May David Tollemache and
Jemima Cadbury

Baptisms

15 May Ula Geddes

21 May Isla Carol McCarthy

Day by day

Sat 6 Aug	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 1 v Horspath 1.00pm Recreation Ground
Sun 7 Aug	8th after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Said Eucharist
Wed 10 Aug	Chiropodist Village Hall Appointment only; see page 4 Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat 13 Aug	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 1 v Challow and Childrey 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground
Sun 14 Aug	9th Sunday after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Family Service
Sat 20 Aug	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 2 v Faringdon & District 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground



Sun
21 Aug
10th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am
Holy Communion

10.30am
Said Eucharist

Sat
27 Aug
Cherwell Cricket League
Dorchester 1 v Radley 1
1.00pm
Recreation Ground

Sun
28 Aug
11th Sunday after Trinity
8.00am
Holy Communion

10.30am
Team Service

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Thursday	Wellbeing Walks 10.00am Outside Co-op

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Weekly events in the Village Hall

Tuesday	Zumba Gold 9.30am Move Together 1.30pm Busby Dance 3.15pm
Wednesday	Pilates 5.30pm Tango 7.30pm See dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk/ #calendar for forthcoming events.



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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**
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ROOM HIRE

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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 Emily Moore (interim) 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.

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

MOBILE POST OFFICE

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

Useful Information

BUS SERVICES

Bus services by Going Forward buses
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To Wallingford: 10.32, 12.48 (Mon, Wed), 09.46, 10.28 (Fri),
From Wallingford: 09.30, 11.45 (Mon, Wed), 11.50, 12.15 (Fri)

To Didcot Station: 09.38, 11.53 (Mon, Wed),
From Didcot Station: 10.05, 12.26 (Mon, Wed),

OTHER BUS SERVICES

Services X39 X40 go every 30 minutes from the bypass at the end of Drayton Road to Oxford and Wallingford. Information about bus services, is available from www.traveline.info, and **0871 200 2233**.

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.

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
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
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