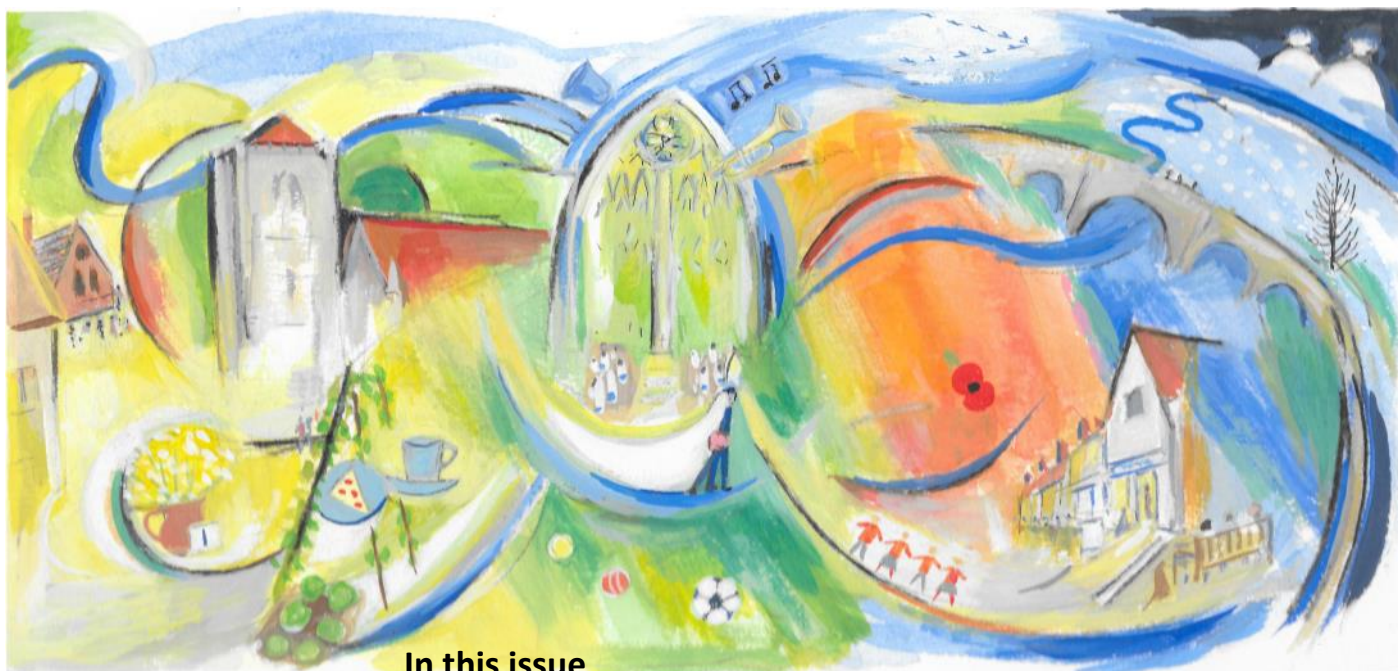


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A DoT view

What a week. I went away on holiday with Boris Johnson in Downing Street and Queen Elizabeth as our monarch. I returned to Liz Truss and King Charles III.

This issue of Dorchester News contains tributes to the Queen from Dorchester Abbey in the Talking Point column and from John Howell MP, and I am sure that we all would want to acknowledge the role she played in our lives for so many years.

But by the time you read this, we may be getting used to having King Charles and Ms Truss as our leaders, and this magazine is not about national issues but local and village issues and events. And these continue as usual.

The George has re-opened and we have a report on that; the cricket season has finished and once again Dorchester CC had a successful campaign with the second team winning promotion; and there has been the flower show, but a report on that must wait until next month.

And as we approach Christmas, we begin to think about Christmas Cards and Christmas Markets, about which we will hear more next month I am sure. Life, and the life of the village continue.

Ian Brace

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I am writing this in the immediate aftermath of the sad news of the death of HM the Queen, knowing that by the time you read this her funeral will have taken place and King Charles III will have been proclaimed king. Thank you to our curate, Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood, for sharing the following poem:

September the 8th, 2022

You were old, already, when I was born
And I took your gentle face for granted:
On every coin and every postage stamp,
Each Christmas message, poppy wreath laid.
Most famous of faces around the world,
I saw you, once or twice, felt I knew you
And many people cherish their stories
Of garden parties and medals received.

We feel the sands of time shift beneath us
As history is marked before our eyes.
We feel the cold wind blow, the night draw in
And pull our coats tightly around our chests;
We raise our heads, as you did, say a prayer;
We cling to the true rock, the true anchor
As you did. We live with faith, hope and love.

The Archbishop of Canterbury writes, 'As we grieve together, we know that, in losing our beloved Queen, we have lost the person whose steadfast loyalty, service and humility has helped us make sense of who we are through decades of extraordinary change in our world, nation and society.

'As deep as our grief runs, even deeper is our gratitude for Her Late Majesty's extraordinary dedication to the United Kingdom, her Realms and the Commonwealth. Through times of war and hardship, through seasons of upheaval and change, and through moments of joy and celebration, we have been sustained by Her Late Majesty's faith in what and who we are called to be.

'In the darkest days of the Coronavirus pandemic, The late Queen spoke powerfully of the light that no darkness can overcome. As she had done before, she reminded us of a deep truth about ourselves – we are a people of hope who care for one another. Even as The late Queen mourned the loss of her beloved husband, Prince Philip, we saw once again evidence of her courage, resilience and instinct for putting the needs of others first – all signs of a deeply rooted Christian faith.'



Harvest

16 October 10.30am

The Harvest Service that is a family focused communion service which gives us the opportunity to give thanks for everything we have.

All Souls

Sunday 30 October

Please join us for a quiet and reflective service at which you will be able to remember your loved ones who have died. This service is for everyone – we do send formal invitations for this service to everyone for whom we have conducted a funeral during the past five years – but everyone is welcome to attend and to ask to have the name of a loved one remembered at the service. There will be sheets to add names on the table on the west end of the Abbey nearer the time or you can contact the office on **01865 340007** or email **admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk**

Team Services

Sunday 23 October 10.30am at Clifton Hampden

If you would like to be added to the weekly email with service information; please call the Abbey and Team Office on **01865 340007** or email **admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk**

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 Events

Fri 7 and Sat 8 Oct

BUILDING BACK GREENER?

Christian perspectives on the future of our economy, money and work

Building back greener? asks what it might mean to build a genuinely sustainable, low carbon, economy and what distinctive contributions Christians can make.

The day is inspired by Green Christian's Joy in Enough project.

All are welcome.

7pm on Friday 7 October 2022

Zoom with Paul Kingsnorth

Saturday 8 October 2022

10.15am - 4.30pm at the Priory Rooms, Birmingham B4 6AF

Speakers: Grace Blakeley and Professor Christopher Southgate

Workshops include: Money Makes Change, Tax Justice, Consumption and Advertising, Rage Against the Machine, and Joy in Enough's Plenty! programme.



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For more information and tickets please see <https://greenchristian.org.uk/conference2022/>

And if you would like to travel by train with others from the team please contact Rev Teresa email **revteresa@outlook.com** **07823 809112**

Ringling Bells following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

If you were in the village over the period between the Queen's death and the State Funeral you will have heard the bells being rung, but they might have sounded a bit different because some of the ringing used 'muffled' bells.

Bells are rung muffled on Remembrance Sunday and also for some funerals. Generally, on such occasions, we ring half-muffled, which means half the strokes are normal and half are muted by the leather muffle on the bell clapper. Churches that had a set of full muffles could ring fully muffled, which only ever happens when ringing following the death of a monarch.

All of our ringing was done at times set to be when church bells across the country were being rung. Determining when the bells should be rung was one of the aspects of Operation London Bridge which was often mentioned in the days after the Queen's death. On the day after the announcement of Her Majesty's death we rang half muffled for an hour from noon. The following day we took off the muffles and rang normally ('open') to celebrate the accession of King Charles III. We then refitted the muffles and all service ringing before the funeral was half-muffled.

For the funeral we rang all eight bells half-muffled from 10am for half an hour and then we tolled just the tenor bell for the half-hour immediately before the start of the funeral.

Nick Forman
Dorchester Bells Tower Captain

Wallingford Food Bank

In August the Food Bank sent parcels to 76 households (118 adults and 99 children). (A record number of children needed help as their families were missing the support of term-time free school meals.)

Electronic supermarket vouchers are being issued to Ukrainian refugees to enable them to buy food whilst they await Universal Credit or other help promised by the government.

Thank you very much indeed for your support.

Challenging times lie ahead.

Judy Parker

Logs for Sale

Martin Drew

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Hempcroft Allotments October

Although it has been a record breaking hot dry summer the allotment holders have not complained about the weather and have got on with things. However there is a growing chorus of complaint about irresponsible dog owners and the amount of dogshit that is befouling parts of the allotments because the problem has become a lot worse of late. We allotment people have an interest in excrement, which over the centuries has been used to improve soil structure so that the soil holds more nutrients and water, and therefore becomes more fertile. When obtained from cows it is generally called cow dung, when obtained from horses it is generally called horse muck, and when obtained from chickens it is generally called chicken manure. What we do not like is that which is derived from dogs, and it should be called by the name that is used when you have to scrape it off your boot rather than a polite euphemism. Quite a lot of the fouling seems to occur early in the morning and there is a suspicion that some local dog owners just let their dogs run wild early in the morning.

We have tried putting up signs but they are generally ignored. Can I remind people that there are only two public rights of way across the allotments and the rest of the site is private land. Dogs should be on a lead and it should be a short one, not one of those extendable leads which allows the dog to roam on a 30 ft radius. All dogshit should be bagged by the dog's owner and removed from the site. This is one of those examples where an irresponsible minority can give the responsible majority a collective bad name.

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Dorchester Lunch Club

The Lunch Club dates for this Autumn are **Wednesday 26 October** and **Wednesday 16 November** at 12.30 in the Back Room of the Village Hall. Priority will be given to people living on their own. New people who have moved into the village who have not come to the Lunch Club before, would be very welcome, it is a lovely way to meet other residents who you may not have met, please phone me to let me know that you would like to join us.

As numbers are limited, I need to know the names of everyone who would like to come to either or both the dates shown above by the **preceding Monday of each date**, (leave a message on my phone, number below). The cost of the lunch is remaining at £5 per person, to pay when you arrive at the Village Hall.

Susan Jupp
Organiser of the Lunch Club
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Dorchester Preschool

Dorchester Preschool has had another exciting start to the year. We have loved welcoming in new children and have started with some interesting 'all about me' activities.

Preschool is run by a committee of volunteers. We are expecting to welcome some new members at the AGM in October, if you would like to get involved, or just find out more please email manager@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk or admin@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk

We would like to thank the committee members who have refreshed some of our outside spaces over the summer and the staff for the preparation they have put into starting the new term so well.

Dorchester Preschool Committee

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St Birinus Primary School News

Open Morning – We are holding an open morning on **Thursday 3 November**.

You are welcome to drop into the school at any time between 9.30 and 11.30am for a tour and a look at what is going on in our classrooms. Everyone is welcome.

Please share this with any families who you think may be interested in coming to our wonderful school.

We look forward to welcoming you.

You can find out more about the school from our website here: <https://www.st-birinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk/>

Jo Staples
Headteacher



The Pride of Nasio

On **20 October 2022** 14 young people from the village - The Pride of Nasio - will travel to Kenya to volunteer for the Nasio Trust.

In September, six members of the group will ring the Dorchester Abbey bells before a Sunday service as a fundraiser for the trip. Megan, Amelie, Toby, Cecily and Sian started learning to bellring from scratch on 5 March and have since fitted in approximately 25 hours of practice each around their school exams. Jamie - an already experienced bellringer with Benson Church - will join them.

'Learning to bell ring together has been a fun challenge' said Megan. 'It's much more difficult than it looks!' Thanks to Nick Forman, David Parker and the other experienced ringers for 'showing them the ropes'. If you would like to support their *Bellringing for Nasio* challenge, please email julia@ajsadler.co.uk or nick@forman.org.uk for more details.



Nasio learner, Toby, on left, rang with the Dorchester Abbey ringing team for the accession of King Charles III on Saturday 10 September, see page 5.

Oxfordshire Libraries

October Half-Term Events at Berinsfield Library

Autumn Scavenger Hunt

All week during library opening hours
Collect a sheet from the library, complete in your own time and return to us for a small prize!



Lego in the Library Wacky Races

Wednesday 26 October, 2.30pm – 4pm
Join us for our popular in-library Lego play.
Build your best vehicle on wheels to race at the end of the session! Will yours be the fastest?



Seasonal craft table

Saturday 22 & 29 October, 10.30am – 12pm
Drop-in craft table with autumnal and spooky-themed crafts.



Teddy Bear Trail

All week during library opening hours
Can you find and identify the famous teddy bears hiding in the library? Come in, collect a sheet and help us to find them all!



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11.30 - 14.00

2 courses for £12

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Dorchester Abbey Museum News

Dates for your diary

Two half-term craft workshops

Inspired by the Stone Age and linked to the HENGES event.

Felt Making

Our volunteers will show you how to make a picture out of felt.



Saturday 22 October

2:00pm-2:40pm and 3:00pm-3:40pm

Guest House Tea Room

Jewellery Making

Make necklaces and bracelets out of shells, stones, seeds and other natural materials

Saturday 29 October

2:00pm-2:40pm and 3:00pm-3:40pm

Guest House Tea Room .

Workshops suitable for children 6+. Young children should be accompanied by an adult. Adults of all ages welcome to join in the fun!

Both sessions £4 per person to cover materials, total of 15 people per session.

For further details and to book your place, please email museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk by **Thursday 20 October**.



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Dorchester Historical Society

7.30pm Wednesday 26 October 2022

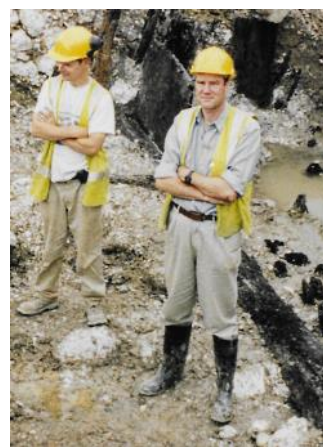
Dorchester Abbey Shrine Chapel,

Members free, Visitors welcome (£5).

David Wilkinson, archaeologist and Dorchester resident, will talk on:

A life in Archaeology

David Wilkinson began his archaeological career in Scotland in 1976. Since then he has worked on and directed many excavations in the UK and abroad, including Rome. David was a Senior Project Manager at Oxford Archaeology, with responsibility for archaeology at the Royal Palaces. He is now an Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Historic England, advising on the conservation of everything from Iron Age hillforts to the cruise missile shelters at Greenham Common. David will share some highlights of his working life and reflect on archaeology and how much it has changed.



And looking forward:

Wednesday 23 November: Professor Malcolm Airs: *Upstairs to Bed: post-medieval houses in Dorchester.*



The Historical Society now has a Facebook page. We will be posting regularly using the wealth of material in the Museum's photographic archive. We will also be advertising our programme of talks and events to keep you up-to-date with all things historical!

Margot Metcalfe

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Victorian Evening Saturday 15 October

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall as the Girls' and Infants' School designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott, the Village Hall Committee has organised a Victorian-themed evening for **Saturday 15 October**.

The Hall will open at 7.00 p.m. with a choice of welcome drink.

The delicious 3-course menu has been selected from Mrs Beeton's famous Cookery Book (published 1861) and will be catered by The White Hart Hotel, assisted by village volunteers from The NASIO Trust, who leave for their trip to Kenya just a few days later. Vegetarian options are available.

Period costume is optional but encouraged with fabulous prizes to be awarded for the best individual, couple and group.

Themed entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and includes performances by Two A Part and Special Guests.

Tickets cost £32.50 each (no extra fee) and are available on-line from **www.ticketsource.co.uk/dotvh** Proceeds from the event will be divided between The Village Hall Restoration Fund and NASIO. **Advance booking is essential.**

Throughout the evening the bar service will offer a cash/card option.

For further information contact
artful@dorchesteronthames.co.uk



Warborough & Shillingford WI

As we draw our curtains against the chill of autumn this year we can look back on warm and sunny, summer days. It was a glorious day for the WI Centenary Party in August. Past members came from afar to join us on The Green and all enjoyed the wonderful cream tea. In memory of the first members from 1922 we all posed for a photograph wearing our best hats, as did those ladies 100 years ago. The oak tree that was planted in February to mark this important anniversary has survived the drought and is thriving on the edge of The Green.

Future Programme:

October 12 will be a talk from auctioneer Leigh Gotch, who spent 21 years at Bonhams, where one of the highlights of his career included selling the world famous Vivien Green Dolls House collection. Members are invited to bring along old dolls and toys for him to value.

The November meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th, we are planning a craft event but details are still being finalised. Then, in December, there is the Christmas party to look forward to.

The Scrapbook is slowly taking shape, but we still need member's input. It can be anything at all that has relevance to life in our villages and the WI: as a relative newcomer I would love to hear about unusual members' meetings or interesting events in the past, so please, send in an anecdote or a photograph we can include. Contact Claire Dewell, Liz or Vicky if you would like to join her team or have something to contribute.

The Walking Group under Chris Tilley's guidance is active again and the email has gone out already inviting members to join the first one. Walks take place every two weeks, members and four legged friends welcome.

Membership: Our WI has members from Shillingford, Newington, Dorchester and Warborough we are a friendly group who would love to welcome you.

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The George Re-opens

Earlier this year, The George Hotel in Dorchester High Street, was acquired by the Coaching Inn Group. This group already operates over thirty other hotels and inns in market towns across the country and utilises the strap line '*Hospitality from the Heart*'. So expectations were high that they would reinvigorate a Dorchester institution that had rather lost its way after having had four managers in about as many years hopes that were compounded when rumours began to circulate about the amount of money that they were prepared to put into it. After being closed for refurbishment for the more than three months, The George re-opened for business on Monday 12 September.

The re-opening ceremony was performed by Councillor Mark Williams, Chair of Dorchester Parish Council, seen below cutting the ribbon. To Mark's right is Jay Evans, the new manager of The George. Also in the picture are representatives of Coaching Inns. Other members of the Parish Council also attended the ceremony. To the right we see Mark pulling the first pint.

The refurbishment, now revealed to have cost over one million pounds, has seen the remodelling of all the public areas, to include a walk-in coffee shop and extended restaurant and bars, together with the upgrading of all the hotel bedrooms.

The previous evening local villagers were invited for a preview with drinks and snacks, when guided tours of the hotel were given, and people were free to wander and see



what had been achieved. Of note are the completely refurbished bar, a much extended restaurant, and lavishly finished bedrooms and bathrooms, including the impressive showpiece, the Oak Room.



Who are The Coaching Inn Group?

The Coaching Inn Group is an independent company that operates hotels and inns with a passion for transforming historic coaching inns back to their former glory, *'with a few modern-day twists.'*

Group Chief Executive Officer Kevin Charity said the company, based in Boston in Lincolnshire, had expanded steadily over recent years and established an enviable reputation for the role its properties played at the very heart of the communities they served. They now operate more than 20 hotels and inns in England and Wales.

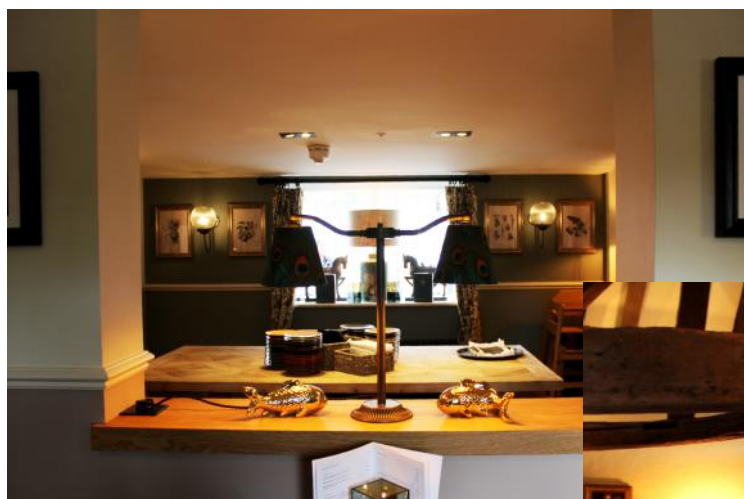
Their core value is 'unlocking potential' from their properties, as well as from their people. They believe that they have established a reputation for *'refurbishing, revitalising and breathing life back into inns, creating elegant, comfortable and well-priced accommodation, tempting menus, relaxed and stylish bars and coffee lounges where friends, families and business people can relax and enjoy everything we have on offer.'*

Last year the Coaching Inn Group, jumped from forty-four to twenty-one in the Top 100 Best Large Companies to Work For in 2021.

'We've become a very people focussed business over the past four years, just constantly refining our Hospitality from the Heart culture. We're focussed on looking at what we can do better and how we as a management team can serve our people – that's been the key,' said Kevin



Villagers enjoy the evening



A detail in the extended restaurant



The Oak Room

Hidden history in the Thames Valley

Living in Dorchester on Thames, we all feel the hand of history resting gently on our shoulders. From the George Hotel built in 1495 to the Abbey constructed in the 1180s over an earlier Saxon church; from the 2,000-year-old Roman ramparts to the west of the village, to the Neolithic Cursus and wooden henge to the north, dating back more than 4,000 years. What we aren't quite so aware of perhaps are the secret nuggets of history hidden in the names of the villages we drive through, and the rivers we cross every day.

The Thames Valley has seen people migrate, invade and settle permanently since the last Ice Age over 11,000 years ago. The first were nomadic people who followed herds of animal as they roamed the Thames Valley. Flint tools recovered from excavations in Goring were used between 11,000 and 8,000 BC, and several sites in the Kennet valley—a tributary to the Thames—have been dated to around 8,000 to 7,300 BC. However, whatever rudimentary communication these early settlers might have used, they had no written language.

During the Iron Age from 750 BC to AD 43, settlements in the Thames Valley became much more permanent and would certainly have been given local names. The Iron Age people didn't leave a written language either and few Celtic names survive in Southern England, although there are some exceptions. Penn and Penn Street in the Buckinghamshire Chilterns originate from the Celtic name for a hill, *penn*, and Pennsylvania in Gloucestershire combines the Celtic word with the Latin (Roman) word for woodland, *silva*.

The Romans first arrived in the region in 51 BC, although they didn't stay for long on this occasion. However, their chroniclers give us an insight into local Celtic names. The Romans called the Thames *Tamesis*, which is possibly derived from the Celtic *Tamesa* meaning "the dark one"; other sources claim that the Celtic word means "tranquil river". An alternative and more likely explanation is that *Tamesis* is derived from the Roman *Tam* meaning "wide" and *Isis* meaning "water". Historically the Thames is often called the Isis upstream from its confluence with the Thame; perhaps we should be radical and call our village Dorchester on Tamesis.

The Romans established many settlements throughout the Thames Valley, both large and small. Any place name ending in *-ceaster* (*-chester* or *-caster*) denotes a Roman military station or walled town. Notable places include our own Dorchester on Thames (originally *Dorcic*), Cirencester

(originally *Corinium Dobunorum*), and Silchester (originally *Calleva Atrebatum*, which was established in the territory of the *Atrebates*—one of the major late Iron Age tribes in southern Britain. Although the town of Gloucester lies in the Severn valley, it gives its name to the county in which the source of the Thames originates. London derived its name from the Roman *Londinium*, possibly from the Celtic *Lon* (formerly *Llyn*) meaning 'grove', and *don* (formerly *dun*), a fortress; another suggestion is the name came from the Celtic *Lin* meaning 'pool', and *dun*. The Romans also named the country *Britannia* from the Celtic name *Pretani* or *Pretannia*; those living in *Britannia* were called the *Britanni*.

AD 476 marked the end of the Roman Empire and the beginning of the Middle Ages, and this became a boom time for new settlements in Britain. Saxons and Jutes crossed the North Sea and settled throughout southern Britain. They changed the name of the country from the Roman *Britannia* to *England* ("land of the Angles"), and gave names to regions which remain today; *East Anglia* (East Angles), *Essex* (East Saxons), *Middlesex* (Middle Saxons), *Sussex* (South Saxons), and *Wessex* (West Saxons).

The old English word for a forest, *-weald* (*-wald* and *-wold*), remains in various forms such as the Cotswolds, Harrow Weald in London, and Wield in Hampshire, but it is in their settlements that the Saxons left most of their appellations in the Thames Valley:

- burna* (or *-burne*) denotes a stream or brook (Bourne End, Lambourn, Pangbourne);
- burg* (or *-bury*) was a fortified place (Banbury, Newbury);
- cumn* (or *-coombe*) was a deep valley (Coombe in Oxfordshire, Compton in Berkshire);
- dean* (or *-dene*) was a small valley (Denham, Deddington in Oxfordshire);
- ford* has an obvious derivation (Oxford, Hungerford, Wallingford) although the less common term *-lade* also survives (Lechlade and Cricklade both indicate homesteads beside a river-crossing);
- ing* denotes the people who lived in a settlement (Reading is derived from the local chieftain *Redda*, Ealing from *Gillingas*);
- leigh* (*-lee* or *-ley*) was a forest clearing (Henley, Leafield



in Oxfordshire, Leckhamstead in Berkshire);

-stead (or -sted) was simply a place (Hampstead, Wanstead);

-shaw (and -hold and -hot was a small wood or thicket (Shaw, Aldershot);

a *hurst* was a clearing in a wood (Hurst, Chislehurst, and Tilehurst);

a *-wick* (or *-wich*) was a farm, often linked with its produce (Greenwich, Woolwich, Butterwick, and Chiswick for cheese);

-ton or -tun was an enclosed village, manor or farmstead (Alton, Kingston).

Windsor is also a Saxon name, believed to be a corruption of *windlass oran*, meaning a bank with a windlass. Abingdon seems to originate from the Old English meaning "Hill of a man named Æbba, or a woman named Æbbe", even though the town is built in a valley. Other obscure names include Maidenhead, which was a small Roman settlement called *Alaunodunum*, but re-named "Maiden Hythe" or "new wharf" in Saxon times.

The next major change in place names came following the Norman Conquest in 1066. The Normans established a French aristocracy, which translated into names such as Princes Risborough, Kingston (de) Bagpuize (from a Norman aristocrat called Ralph de Bachepuz), and Leighton Buzzard (from the family name Busards). Sometime between the Norman conquest and the completion of the Domesday Book in 1086, William the Conqueror granted the manor of

Newenham to one of his Normans barons, Richard de Courcy, and the name became corrupted to Nuneham Courtenay. Stoke Mandeville was listed in the Domesday Book as *Stoches* (from the Old English *stoc* for an outlying farm or hamlet), and the suffix Mandeville was recorded in 1284 when the manor was in the ownership of the powerful Norman de Mandeville family.

Names often change and become unrecognisable over the years. Staines was originally called *Pontibus* by the Romans, meaning "at the bridges". In the Domesday Book of 1086, it was called *Stanes* from the Old English *stān*, meaning stone; this might refer to a Roman milestone on the London to Silchester road that survived into the early Anglo-Saxon period. The modern spelling of Staines was first used in 1578.

Other names have a more prosaic origin. *Slo* (or *Slough*) was first recorded in 1196 and thought to mean a mire or morass because of the wet soil. This period also saw an increase in the rural population; as villages grew, they were often differentiated with prefixes or suffixes: North, South, East, West, Upper, Lower, Down, Great, Little, Broad, Long, Church and Steeple are common prefixes found in the Thames Valley.

The radical MP, John Burns, once claimed that "the Thames is liquid history". So spare a thought when you next drive through Stadhampton (*Stodeham* in 1146 and derived from the Old English *Stod-hāmm* meaning "river meadow where horses are kept") or Berrick Salome (*berewic* is Old English for "barley farm" and Salome comes from Aymar de Sulham, who owned the manor in the 13th century).

Peter Firstbrook

Cherwell Cricket League: Dorchester CC scores and final table positions

Date	Dorchester 1 result	Dorchester 2 result
20/08/2022	Dorchester 1 beat East Oxford 2 by 3 wickets	Dorchester 2 beat Faringdon & District 2 by 8 wickets
27/08/2022	Radley beat Dorchester by 140 Runs	Dorchester 2 beat Sunningwell 2 by 9 wickets
03/09/2022	Dorchester 1 beat Clifton Hampden 1 by 6 wickets	Dorchester 2 beat Abingdon Vale 4 by 7 wickets

Division 5 C: Final Table 2022

	Team	P	W	D	L	Total
1	Challow and Childrey 2	18	14	0	3	399
2	East Oxford 2	18	11	3	4	374
3	Wolvercote 1	18	11	2	5	364
4	Radley 1	18	9	2	6	321
5	Wantage & Grove 1	18	8	3	7	308
6	Dorchester 1	18	8	3	7	307
7	Wootton and Boars Hill 1	18	8	2	8	291
8	Horspath 4	18	4	2	12	195
9	Clifton Hampden 1	18	3	4	11	189
10	Steventon 1	18	2	1	15	128

Division 8C: Final Table 2022

	Team	P	W	D	L	Total
1	Stanton Harcourt 2	18	14	2	2	412
2	Dorchester 2	18	14	3	1	404
3	Uffington 1	18	13	3	1	401
4	East and West Hendred 3	18	11	1	6	337
5	Didcot 4	18	9	0	8	282
6	Faringdon & District 2	18	7	2	8	255
7	Minster Lovell 3	18	5	1	10	223
8	Bampton 2	18	6	2	10	217
9	Sunningwell 2	18	5	2	10	200
10	Steventon 2	18	6	1	10	195
11	Abingdon Vale 4	18	2	2	13	119
12	Marcham 2	18	2	1	15	112



It was another successful summer for the cricketers of Dorchester-on-Thames CC.

In 2021 the first XI brought home a league title and this year it was the turn of the second team to get promoted, finishing second in Division 8C of the Cherwell Cricket League.

This year also saw the return of touring cricket for the first time since 2019 as a band of Dorchester players travelled west for back-to-back midweek games against Apperley in Gloucestershire and Golden Hill in Bristol.

The club's midweek T20 side also continued to perform well in the local friendly league, finishing second behind Woodcote in the table and losing out to the same opposition in the final of the cup competition.

Sunday friendlies were harder to come by, but Dorchester managed to play Risinghurst in a pre-season exhibition match and travelled to Ibstone in September once the league season had ended. We also hosted a touring side from Exeter University in the final week of the season.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend Dorchester also sent a side to Abingdon Vale CC for a match to honour former

James Neal was the outstanding performer in the side, taking 31 wickets and scoring 265 runs. His good form earned him a call up to a Cherwell League representative side in a match against the Thames Valley Cricket

Dorchester End of Sea Another win



Dorchester's Dan Alderson batting



First-team skipper Ady Redhead batting

League held in searing heat at Great & Little Tew in early August.

The second team had a much better season overall, securing promotion from the bottom division after a second-placed finish behind Stanton Harcourt's second XI. Losing just once all season, the Dorchester side finished the year with 10 victories in a row.

High Street resident Tom Kitson, playing in his 23rd league season for Dorchester, starred with bat and ball. The 38-year-old scored a hugely impressive 477 runs at an average of 53 this year, with four half centuries and a highest score of 76. He also took 27 wickets with the ball.

player Deane Rockall who passed away in 2021. Deane – a talented batsman – played for both sides and was also a long-standing member of Abingdon Rugby Club.

Dorchester have welcomed a number of new players this season, including teenager leg-spinner Guy Gilroy, fellow bowler Andy Munday and all-rounder Keir Walker. New additions are warmly welcomed and the club is always on the lookout for fresh players and umpires. And it's not just men who represent the village. Hannah Blatchley has been a member for a three years and scored the winning runs on her first-team debut in the final game of the season.

In the league, the first team initially struggled after their promotion last year but finished strongly and played a big part in the Division 5C title race by beating two of the top three in consecutive weeks in August. They eventually finished sixth out of 10 teams, just a point behind fifth-placed Wantage & Grove.



Touring side playing in Gloucestershire

Cricket Club Season Report Bowling season

The greatest change to village cricket since the pandemic has been the death of the traditional tea. No longer a requirement in the league, most teams have reluctantly called time on the between-innings spread. At

Dorchester we continue to offer a selection of biscuits and keep the urn boiling for cups of tea, but have hit on a new approach to keep the players fed.

Sophie Lee (soon to be sister-in-law to first-teamer James Neal) runs Soph's Loafs sandwich shop in St Peter's Street in Wallingford and she kindly rounds up an order of baguettes in midweek and, with James's help, delivers them to wherever the first team is playing that week – much to the approval of the team.

For the first time in many years, not a single game was lost to rain this season, although the second team were given one walkover when their scheduled opposition couldn't field a side.

The heat of July and August kept groundsman Kim Rockall on his toes, but he continued to do a sterling job in preparing excellent wickets for us (and Warborough) every week of the summer. Kim was also recalled to the playing side late in the season for the first time since 2009 and took a remarkable one-handed catch as the first team overcame second-placed East Oxford in mid-August.

The soaring temperatures ended the need to cut the outfield after mid-July as the grass browned off and died back, which saved us plenty of money in diesel for the ride-on mower but left village resident and chief grasscutter Ian Ferris twiddling his thumbs. Sitting atop plenty of gravel, the recreation ground has always dried extremely quickly, but this season was as hot and as dusty as any current player can remember.

Despite saving some money on fuel for the mower, a constant cycle of fundraising is needed to keep the club afloat. Our next event will be a quiz night in the village hall on Friday, November 18. We will publish full details in the coming weeks and would love to see a packed village hall puzzling over Tom Kitson's questions and drinking the bar dry.

Season's Bests

Highest individual first-team score: 83 not out for Aiden Pugh v Horspath 4s

Most first-team runs: 427 for Ady Redhead

Most first-team wickets: 31 for James Neal

Most first-team maidens: 22 for Harry Platt

Best first-team bowling figures: 5-41 for Thom Airs v Clifton Hampden

Highest individual second-team score: 86 for Ian Ferris v Steventon 2s

Most second-team runs: 477 for Tom Kitson

Most second-team wickets: 29 for Will Anastasiadis

Most second-team maidens: 20 for Will Anastasiadis

Best second-team bowling figures: 5-17 for Will Anastasiadis v Steventon 2s



Second-team captain Will Anastasiadis bowling

To stay in touch with Dorchester CC's news and results you can follow the team on twitter (@DorchesterCC) or via facebook.com/dorchestercc. We will hold winter nets sessions in the new year and any new recruits are welcome to contact us via our social-media pages or by emailing thom_airs@hotmail.com

For the season's final league tables see page 15.

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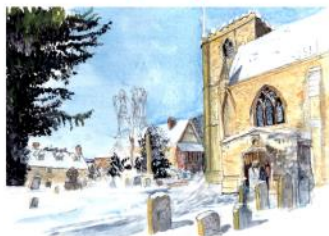
Front row from left: Maurice Day, Rob Ballantyne (Vice-Chairman), Mark Williams (Chairman) and Mike Rimmer
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From the Chairman of the Parish Council



I write this at the end of a week where we not only have a new Prime Minister but also a new head of state and Sovereign. The enormity of these events, especially the death of our Queen, makes normal parish issues seem to pale into insignificance. But life goes on and we have to look forwards.

One item on the Parish Council's to-do list is making improvements to the play area and Cllr Ballantyne is making progress on that front. We have in the past been asked why we can't have a play area as grand as Benson's or Warborough's; two key reasons are that grant funding radically changed during Covid and this parish is in the green belt so doesn't benefit from CIL (the levy placed on new housing developments) to the extent that other parishes have. But we will do our best and, of course, public contributions are always welcome!

Speaking of housing developments, I have had some emails expressing concerns about the Housing Needs Survey that accompanied last month's Dorchester News as it seemed to some that the PC was supporting Bishops Court Farm's proposed development along the start of Abingdon Road. We need a survey as part of the review of the Neighbourhood Plan, otherwise we would be criticised by the Planning Inspectorate, and as it is being managed by the same reputable third party which the council used in its own survey in 2018, the Council was happy to cooperate. At this point in time, no formal application has been submitted for a social housing development, so the Council does not have a formal view. Informally, we have made it clear to Bishops Court Farm several times over the past eighteen months that the Council believes that the existing permissions for new housing at Allen's Pit are sufficient.

Change is inevitable, we don't live in a museum village, but judging the right balance for the village as a whole is difficult, especially as views on how the village moves forward vary considerably, and the diversity of views is reflected in the Parish Council itself. I therefore welcome your emails so that I can get a feel for the strength of those views and also, on occasion, correct some misconceptions.

Mark Williams
Chairman DoT Parish Council

Parish Council Notices

Monthly Meetings October and November 2022

The October Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 12 October**. The November Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9 November**. Council meetings commence at 7.30 p.m.

The Agenda for each meeting 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.

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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Telephone (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency) **07745 311439**. Texts are always welcome.
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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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Sunday 2nd October 2022

Jo Harrop

Jo Harrop possesses a beguiling voice that could give a goosebump goosebumps. Raised on a heady musical diet of Nina Simone and Aretha Franklin, Harrop recently released her debut solo album, *The Heart Wants*, which has received rave reviews everywhere from the Times to the Guardian, been played extensively on BBC 6 Music, BBC Radio 2 and Jazz FM and is currently riding high in the US Jazz Album Charts.



Sunday 9th October 2022

Jo Harrop with Paul Edis and Jamie McCredie

Fresh from her recent sell-out shows at Ronnie Scott's, Jo Harrop will be joined by two true virtuosos, guitarist Jamie McCredie and pianist Paul Edis. Alongside a selection of tracks taken from her critically acclaimed studio albums, she will be unveiling a suite of sublime songs from her forthcoming LP *When Winter Turns To Spring*. Having established herself as one of the most unmistakable voices in British jazz, the legendary Iggy Pop was instantly captivated: "Her voice is delicious. When she sings, she moves me."



Sunday 16th October 2022

Ciyo Brown's Acoustic Soul Sessions featuring Geraldine Reid

Joining forces to dive into a joyful jukebox of jazz and soul classics, award-winning guitarist, Ciyo Brown, and singer, Geraldine Reid, have a symbiotic musical connection that blurs the boundaries between genres. Together with double bassist, Larry Bartley, they will be performing a set of sublime songs that could melt the hardest of hearts.



Sunday 23rd October 2022

Alex Webb with Lulu Pierre

A brilliant British chanteuse whose soulful swoon weaves its way between the notes like steam, Lulu Pierre stirs up an intoxicating blend of classic jazz with a cool twist. Accompanied by the brilliant British jazz pianist Alex Webb and his trio, Pierre can turn on a dime between sultry and sassy, sounding like Julie London one moment and Sarah Vaughan the next.



Sunday 30th October 2022

Paul Edis Trio featuring Alan Barnes

Blurring the boundaries between Bill Evans and Claude Debussy, Paul Edis is a natural melodist who finds the emotional resonance of every note. For this special performance he will be joined by his drum-tight trio and legendary saxophonist Alan Barnes to dive into *The Still Point Of The Turning World*, an achingly beautiful, impressionistic album that wells up from places Wordsworth deemed "too deep for tears."



Sunday 6th November 2022

Freddie Benedict Trio

Freddie Benedict cut his teeth as the lead singer of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra. His silvery fingered trumpet playing style and soft, velvety voice are uncannily reminiscent of the great Chet Baker, so it's no surprise that he's burst headfirst into the jazz spotlight. Accompanied by his first-rate trio, he'll be performing a perfectly mixed cocktail of cool jazz standards and Brazilian sambas.

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



Cost of Living Crisis

Cost of Living Clinic: The District Council and BBC Radio Oxford co-hosted a Cost of Living Clinic in Didcot over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Oxfordshire Mind, Citizens Advice, Didcot Food Bank, officers and councillors from South Oxfordshire District Council and other organisations were on hand to provide residents with advice and support. It's hoped that clinics will be rolled out elsewhere in the District later this year. The clinic follows the Council's declaration of a Cost of Living Emergency at Full Council in July.

The Council is calling for urgent action from government including: a review of the energy cap regime to ensure that it provides much greater protection to consumers; an immediate reduction to VAT; an increase in benefits in line with inflation; reinstating the Universal Credit Uplift, providing immediate support for public transport; and increase funding to local authorities which are facing inflationary pressures.

As ever, officers can guide residents to the support that's available via our Community Hub: **01235 422600** or **communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk**

Household Support Fund

Regrettably, our portion of the Household Support Fund has been spent and is now open only to pensioners. Any pensioners struggling to pay their household bills are encouraged to get in touch with the Community Support team who can guide them through the application process. Applications close on **30 September**.

Rough Sleeping and Housing Support

We are receiving growing numbers of reports of people rough sleeping in the District and we can expect these numbers to increase further. Our Housing Team are expert at supporting people who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness and our Council follows the Housing First approach: first provide people with a roof over their heads and additional support. Please contact: **housing@southandvale.gov.uk** or call **01235 422452** or let us know if you would like to discuss a housing issue or have concerns about a resident who is homeless or about to be.

Oxfordshire 2050

Work on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050, a County-wide plan for growth and development, has ended after the Districts and City failed to reach agreement on housing numbers. Three "growth" scenarios were proposed by consultants and councils had views on these which could not be reconciled. Our focus remains on absorbing and providing for the high levels of housing growth that have already been committed in existing local plans. Much of the work previously done under Oxfordshire 2050 will now be absorbed by local authorities in the drafting of their own Local Plans (including South & Vale's Joint Local Plan).

Councils Withdraw from Ox-Cam Arc Project

South and Vale leaders have agreed that they do not support proposals for a pan-regional development and growth partnership across the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. Cllr David Rouane, leader of SODC, wrote to Cllr Barry Wood confirming that South Oxfordshire will not be involved in the continuation of the Arc, a scheme that at one stage mooted a million new houses and an Expressway between the two cities. Instead, Cllr Rouane suggests focusing scarce funds on supporting residents through the cost of living crisis. You can read Cllr Rouane's letter at **southoxon.gov.uk**

Protecting our Rivers: Bathing Water for Wallingford

Volunteers have been conducting water quality testing at eight sites along the River Thames, as well as the Thame in Dorchester, as part of the Wallingford Bathing Water partnership project led by Thames21 and funded by South Oxfordshire District Council. The test results will support an application to DEFRA for Bathing Water Status at Wallingford Beach, a well-known swimming area enjoyed by local residents and visitors for generations.

Should the application be successful, the Environment Agency would be required to test the water in and around the bathing area for faecal bacteria and to make the results of these tests public. Bathing Water designation also requires the sewage undertaker (Thames Water) to treat effluent to "human health" standards thus giving greater powers to bring about improvements to treatment works that impact the bathing area.

If you have photos of Wallingford Beach this summer, please send them to us – they could help to establish that the Beach is widely used and popular (a criterion set by DEFRA for Bathing Water Status). And please be sure to complete the consultation survey and help Wallingford to become only the third stretch of river in the country to be designated as a Bathing Water: **<https://www.thames21.org.uk/improving-rivers/wallingford-bathing-waters-project/>**

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils temporary offices in Abingdon

At the end of September we will be moving to temporary office space in the Vale's Abbey House building in the centre of Abingdon. The councils plan to stay there for a couple of years while South Oxfordshire District Council completes the development of a new office building at Didcot Gateway (opposite the station).

Both councils have been based at Milton Park since the summer of 2015, after an arson attack at the offices in Crowmarsh.

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Bin Collection changes



SODC are planning to introduce new routes to make our household waste and recycling rounds more efficient. This will mean changes to bin days for some people.

If you have received a message tag on your bin recently then you are likely to be one of those having a change later this year.

When the details including a launch date have been finalised, our waste contractor Biffa will send letters to affected households with specific information about how their collection days will change.

At that point the SODC web page will be updated to allow all residents to look up their address and check whether they are affected and if so, what their changes are.

Some households will have a different bin day, some households will have a week change* ie rubbish and recycling cycle will swap (but their collection day will remain the same) and/or a different bin day

Why are the collection days changing?

Since the collection routes were first planned more than ten years ago, lots of new homes have been built. This means collection routes are much busier in areas that have new houses, resulting in uneven rounds. By planning new collection routes, we can make them more efficient and use less fuel. This is more cost-effective and better for the environment. The new routes are of a more equal size which is also fairer on the crews. Positive benefits for residents will mean a reduction in later collections and fewer situations where people in the same street have different collections.

*People with week changes will be sent new calendars

Dorchester News Crossword No.23 Solution

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

Consultation(s) on central Oxfordshire Transport Plan and trial traffic filters 2022

I think most of us would agree that traffic in Oxford has been a problem for years, with the knock-on effects of delaying buses for the whole surrounding area and poor air quality in the city. The county council are proposing a set of 22 actions to help achieve a sustainable and reliable transport system, including three major transport proposals for Oxford City: traffic filters, a workplace parking levy and zero emission zone.

This is being called the **Central Oxfordshire Travel Plan** and sets out the council's vision to develop a world-leading, innovative, inclusive and carbon neutral transport system with a focus on how people move quickly and safely around the area.

The three key major projects in the plan will be subject to detailed and separate consultations, starting with one on the **six proposed traffic filters**. The consultation can be found at <https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

The county council are proposing six trial traffic filters, via an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO), from summer 2023 on key routes across Oxford to improve bus services and journey times, reduce walking and cycling accidents and improve air quality across the city.

When they are operating, private cars will not be allowed through without a permit. Other vehicles requiring access, including buses, coaches, taxis, vans, mopeds, motorbikes and HGVs, will be allowed through. Residents within Oxford will be able to apply for a permit allowing them to drive through the traffic filters on up to 100 days per year. The traffic filters will be monitored by automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras.

You can have your say on the proposed trial by filling in the consultation survey, which will be open until **3 October 2022** (midnight). Please do take part if you can, because it's important for the council to know how these filters may affect residents across the county.

Trialling these filters also enables OCC to receive the **£12.7 million of government funding for buses in Oxfordshire** as part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which includes cheaper fares for under-19s, new rural services, and bus priority improvements across the county. New zero emission electric buses are to be funded by a separate government fund.

Oxford's Park and ride services are now trialling a new combined parking and bus ticket: People will be able to purchase a combined ticket which covers both parking and return bus travel at a rate of £4 for a car with only one driver and £5 for a car with two or more people.

Homes for Ukraine update: Three-month free bus passes

OCC have been working closely with Oxford Bus Company, Stagecoach, Thames Travel and Arriva to offer three-month free bus passes to any Ukrainian on the Homes for Ukraine scheme. The passes will enable guests to travel extensively in their local area, as well as access Oxford city. There will be a number of passes available and suitability will depend on where the guests are living, working or what journeys they are more likely to need to take.

Guests can apply for one bus pass and the county council will pay for and administer the process. The government's support funding will be used to purchase the passes from the bus companies at a 20 per cent discount.

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The House returned from the summer recess on Monday 5 September. It was always going to be an historic week with the incoming of a new Prime Minister on 6 September. The fact that resignation of one Prime Minister and the invitation to another took place at Balmoral instead of the traditional Buckingham Palace was no great surprise as we have seen the frailty of the Queen in recent months. No one questioned the decision of a lady in her 90s asking for others to come to her. Having seen these events at Balmoral only a few days before her death meant that the news of her death came all the more as a shock, her dedication to duty and her service to the nation continuing to the end.

Having had one Monarch for seven decades most of us are seeing events that have not taken place in our lifetime and indeed with the advent of television during the late Queen's reign some of these ceremonies have never before been seen by more than a few. We greet our new King and indeed, barring tragedy, it will be a King that we welcome for the foreseeable future. It is historic too that a Prime Minister is asked to form a government by one Monarch and to be greeted by another a few days later.

In Parliament normal business was suspended as we entered a period of national mourning. The House sat for two days to enable MPs and Lords to pay tribute to the late Queen, and for oaths to be sworn to His Majesty the King. The Palace of Westminster was prepared for the Lying in State and other procedural and ceremonial events.

The timing is such that following the period of national mourning we would be entering the annual period of Party Conferences. However at the time of writing it is not clear whether these will go ahead and thus what the schedule for the sitting of the House will be. By the time this newsletter is published this will have been decided.

When the House returns there will be much to do, and our new Prime Minister will be able to proceed with her agenda to address the critical issues that our country faces. It is good that she just managed to squeeze in the key announcement on the support for people in relation to the energy crisis before these historical events took place. This has been widely welcomed.

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

Just about everyone has heard of Agatha Christie – even if they've never read one of her books or even watched a 'Poirot' or 'Miss Marple' on TV. She's the best-selling author since Shakespeare, with work translated into over 100 languages!

But how many locals are aware that she spent 42 years as a resident of what's now South Oxfordshire? She and her second husband, archaeologist Max Mallowan, lived on the outskirts of Wallingford. 'Mrs Mallowan' shopped in the town, loved the annual pantomimes by the Sinodun Players, had friends in her neighbourhood of Winterbrook and worshipped at her Parish Church of St Mary's in Cholsey. Today her grave in the churchyard there is visited by hundreds of well-wishers every year from all over the world.

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Sue Wright
Wallingford Museum

The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society

Wednesday 12 October

Visitors are welcome to attend the next TWHAS talk on **Wednesday 12 October** at 8.00pm in St Mary's Church, Wallingford (visitors £4.00).

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Wallingford Country Market

Wallingford Market is open every Friday morning in St. Mary -le-More Church (behind the Town Hall) between 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon, where we sell a range of Baking, Plants & Produce, Preserves, Honey, Eggs (when available) and Crafts. The market has been a popular feature of the town for nearly fifty years.

However we are sorry to say that the number of Bakers has decreased. So to ensure we continue to offer a good range of baked goods, from October the Bakery Table will only be available on the first and third Fridays of the month, (i.e. 7/21 Oct, 4/18 Nov, 2/16 Dec, with an extra special Christmas Market 23 Dec, our final one of 2022). We return after the Christmas break on the third Friday, 20 January, 2023.

A special 'Apple Day' has been arranged for 7 October, and Mince Pie Tasting is planned for 18 November, also the start of Christmas Orders for most baked items we sell.

It is important to note - there is no change to the availability of the rest of the products sold – plants, produce and craft, which will still be available every Friday at the church.

Baking will return to being available each Friday if we can recruit new bakers. So, if you love to cook, (sweet or savoury), and feel that you may like to join us, please contact Alison (our Market Manager) for further information: Tel. **01491 681596** or pop into market one Friday morning and speak with her, or any of the bakers. You would not necessarily have to bake every week – but any additional help is going to be very much appreciated.

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Due to significant increases in our energy costs, the Corn Exchange is having to raise the cinema price for Adults to £10 for all showings as from **1 October 2022**. Under 15 prices will remain at £5. Prices for live screenings will also rise to £18 (adults), £15 (over 60s) £10 (under 18s) for showings from that date

We will be bringing back matinee performances in October, initially on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2:30pm. Please look at the website for updates. This is being done for an interim period but will continue if there is sufficient demand.

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Wednesday 5 October, 7.15pm

The Royal Ballet: Mayerling, live from Covent Garden

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Thursday 6 October, 7.00pm

NT Live: Jack Absolute Flies Again, recorded at the National Theatre. London

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Wednesday 12 October, 6.45

The Royal Opera: Aida, live from Covent Garden

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