

Dorchester News

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Cover picture: Spring blossoms in Martins Lane

A DoT view

May is going to be a busy month in Dorchester. The Coronation and the activities associated with that will make it busy in most places. But Dorchester starts the month with what has become the traditional May Morning with Two A Part singing from the top of the Abbey. At least they start at the reasonable time of 8.30am rather than the 6.00am of the Magdalen College Choir in Oxford. This is shortly followed by Oxfordshire Art Weeks, when four venues around Dorchester will be showing the work of six local artists. On top of that there is the English Music Festival for four days at the end of the month, a concert of the Chiltern Arts Festival, the Snug Sessions at Bishops Court Farm, and the DADS production of *One Man Two Guvnors* which runs for four nights in the Village Hall and, I understand, is very funny. And of course the first contested Parish Council Election for many years, which makes us one of the few parishes in South Oxfordshire to care enough to need one. Well done to all those who are standing. But did nobody tell Buckingham Palace that we are too busy to have a Coronation as well this month?

Ian Brace

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Dorchester News**



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The last Sunday in May is called in the church's year the Festival of Pentecost when we celebrate God's gift of life. The Bible tells it as the story of Jesus' followers being overwhelmed by an empowering, burning fire that turned their world upside down.

But has the fire gone out? The church certainly seems to struggle to keep it lit, let alone attract others to come and warm themselves by it or use it as a light to guide our path through life. The exuberance, the energy that drove the apostles out across the whole known world – around the Mediterranean, into North Africa, the Middle East, probably even as far as India – and over many centuries across the globe; this fire doesn't burn like it did, certainly not in our neck of the woods.

It's not, it's precisely not, about numbers in church. It's about the deeply, joyfully serious business of finding and offering 'life in all its fullness' – as the fourth gospel sums up Jesus' gift to the world. Where life is, there God is, but God is a strange comforter. What those first people of Pentecost discovered was that life isn't

about comfort or self-satisfaction, not about keeping rules or keeping safe, not about staying out of harm's way or just doing enough to pay the bills. Life is for living in all its messiness, uncertainty, commitment, joy, sorrow and the elation – in the end – of being alive in our incomprehensibly wonderful universe. So Pentecost is God's final demand (like the giving of the law to Moses): be alive or else you will have forfeited your chance to share in the glory of creation.

On the first Easter morning, the followers of Jesus were huddled together in despair. The fire of life had gone out of their eyes. With nothing to hope for they were getting ready to drag themselves back to their old lives, dreams shattered. Then, from nowhere, came life – life that had defeated death. New life for them, new hope, a new chapter, a new journey.

Pentecost is the great explosion: not just life for me, not just for those who are content to huddle together in fear that the accounts won't balance, that numbers will fall away further and that the roof will collapse. Pentecost is the

gift of life beyond the bank balance, the head-count and the building – out into the world where true life is to be found in all its chaos, glory and challenge. Pentecost is the moment when the church is told to get out there and join in what the world is doing. Because that's where God is.

On a more personal note: many people will know that Carlynn and I will be leaving Long Wittenham vicarage at the end of May as I retire and leave active ministry. We arrived in the midst of the great Covid pandemic and it has certainly been a strange time to have been working amongst you. But it has been a delight to get to know these villages and their communities. Thank you for your kindness and hospitality. My last Sunday will be 28 May when all the churches of the Team come together at Dorchester Abbey. Yes, we will almost certainly pop up from time to time in the future – promising not to get in the way, but looking forward to hearing of all the good things that are happening.

Events in the Abbey

Brahms Requiem, Strauss Four Last Songs **Sat 13 May 7.00pm**

The sublime beauty and simple power of music is showcased in this evening's concert. Soprano Ilona Domnich, described by Opera Now as having a voice of 'silken beauty', joins the orchestra and OSJ Voices to perform three pieces from the German Austrian greats Brahms and Strauss on a theme of farewell, serenity and peace. Tickets £5 to £30 from www.osj.org.uk

Chiltern Arts Festival **Friday 19 May 7.30pm**

Part of Chiltern Arts Week Long Festival – 'Love, Loss and the Passage of Time' The Choir of King's College, London: Rachmaninov All Night Vigil (Vespers) with Joseph Fort conductor comes to Dorchester Abbey. The Choir of King's College, London performs Rachmaninov's breath-taking All Night Vigil alongside works by Tavener and the world premiere of a new work by John Strut, setting text by Anne Brontë. A truly special evening to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Rachmaninov's birth. Advanced tickets and refreshments available. £15- £35 from www.chilternarts.com/whats-on

The English Music Festival **Friday 26 – Monday 29 May**

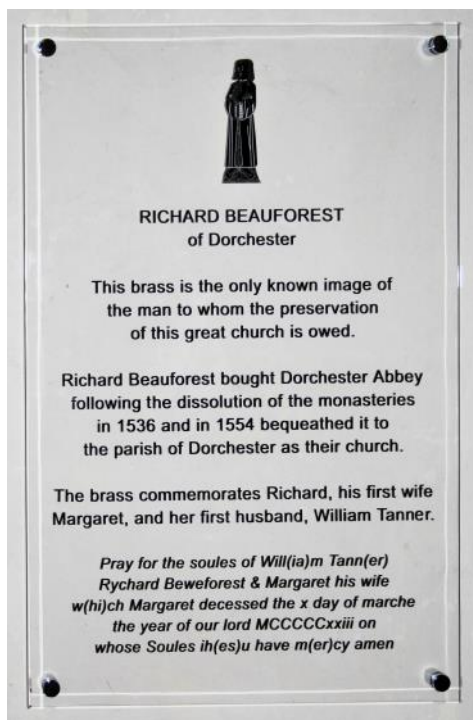
The Festival will be held in Oxfordshire, with events held in the glorious surroundings of Dorchester Abbey as well as at the Silk Hall at Radley College and the historic All Saints' Church at Sutton Courtenay.

www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2023-may-festival/box-office/box-office-front-page.php

Weekly Service information

Most parishes are sending a weekly email with service information; if you want to receive this email – and for up to date information about services - please call the Team Office on **01865 340007** or email admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

The Unveiling of a Plaque Commemorating Richard Beauforest



It was Richard Beauforest who bought Dorchester Abbey following the dissolution of the monasteries in 1536, and in 1554 bequeathed it to the parish of Dorchester as their church. Some years ago it became apparent that a permanent acknowledgement of that debt had never been made.

There survives a memorial brass to Richard Beauforest adjacent to the south wall of the Abbey Shrine Chapel. With renewed interest in Richard

Beauforest it was seen that this brass among others needed conservation. A project to undertake conservation began in 2017 and the Richard Beauforest brass is now stable and secure below the plaque.

Dr Kate Tiller, who edited and contributed to *Dorchester Abbey Church and People 635 - 2005* and Sir Hugo Brunner conceived the idea of the plaque. The design was achieved with careful wording by Dr Tiller and Sir Hugo and the expertise of Drewett Signs of Oxford. The unwelcome 2020 pandemic resulted in protracted delay in obtaining approval from the Diocese for the installation of a plaque.

On Sunday 5 March this year the now installed plaque was unveiled in the presence of Rector Jane Willis, Dr Kate Tiller and Sir Hugo Brunner. The plaque is directly above the Richard Beauforest memorial brass.



Sir Hugo Brunner and Kate Tiller
Photo S Forman



Sunday 14 May: 10.30am
(breakfast from 10.00am)



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Family Service for breakfast
from 10am and
craft activities

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for
Bible stories, worship, fun and refreshments.

Dorchester May Morning

Monday 1 May

TWO A PART will again welcome May by singing from the top of the Abbey tower and then give a short concert in the Abbey. There is no admission charge but donations will support the Abbey.



Continental Breakfast £5 will be served in the Abbey from 8:30. Please buy tickets in advance from Dorchester Co-op or from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/dorchesterabbey

Two A Part

Sing from the Tower at 9:00, then in the Abbey.



Gilbert Scott Hall

The village hall of Dorchester-on-Thames

Dorchester Village Hall 200 Club Prize Draw

Congratulations to the winners of the March draw.

1st Prize	£75	No.108	Mr J Stevenson
2nd Prize	£45	No.85	Mrs M Russell
3rd Prize	£25	No.134	Mrs C Moore

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

The 200 Club is a quarterly prize draw to reward supporters and raise funds for the village hall. We need new members to keep the draw worthwhile but there are good odds of winning as there is a maximum of 200 tickets in the draw. A ticket for the year (four draws from when you join) only costs £12 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 (preferred).

Thank you for your support and good luck!

Elaine



Hempcroft Allotments May

Over the Coronation weekend off 6 to 8 May Dorchester is organising the 'Big Help Out' on **Monday 8 May**. This is about volunteering in our community and spending a few hours on that day supporting a local group. A number of groups in the village have agreed to take part and the Hempcroft Allotments are also participating.

The project is to build some raised beds on one of the easily accessible plots. These would be for use by the elderly of the village who no longer have the mobility or flexibility for the usual allotment activities. They may be retired plot holders or any member of the village community who would appreciate the opportunity to continue to benefit from the healthy activity of growing some of their own food in a friendly environment. The raised beds will be about 80cm (2½ feet) high to enable comfortable working, and some will be wheelchair accessible.

The plan on **Monday 8 May** is to carry out the clearance of vegetation and ground preparation on a vacant plot alongside the path that runs east-west to the north of the allotments. It will truly be a case of many hands make light work so if you feel like coming along please do so. The construction of the raised beds will be at a later date.

Anyone is invited to help with this, not just current members of the Hempcroft Allotments. Charlotte Bennett (**charlotte.bennet28@icloud.com**) will be leading this project.

Edward Metcalfe

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edmetcalfe@yahoo.co.uk

Six Artists in Dorchester are showing this year for Art Weeks (May 6-14) at four addresses. Please do drop in and have a look at what they've been up to.



Tracy Lester and Ellie Ribeiro Beaman
4 Martin's Lane
May 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14,
11.00am-6.00pm
Refreshments available.



Sophia Stewart-Liberty and Isabel Fishlock
66 High Street
May 6, 7, 11, 12, 13,
14, 11.00am-6.00pm



Chris Ellis
2 Paige Furlong
May 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14
11.00am-6.00pm



Jane Elsworth
13, Queens Street
May 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
12, 13, 14
11.00am-6.00pm

NB Work and greeting cards are available to buy at all venues. It is possible some venues may close early at the coronation weekend, depending on visitor numbers.

If not now, when?

Like most people, you probably know how important it is to have a Will in place. So how has it ended up at the bottom of your to-do list?

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Prescriptions are dispensed by the pharmacy in Berinsfield and delivered by volunteers to Dorchester residents.

If you are interested in using this service please contact the pharmacy and arrange to be included in the Dorchester prescription delivery service.

Repeat prescription requests need to be ordered at least one week before you need your medication.

If you would like your repeat prescription requests taken to the pharmacy please put them into the metal post box by the front door of the **Rectory Office**, (8 Manor Farm Road, which is the house attached to the Rectory) before Monday mornings.

If you think you may be able to offer to give some time to help with this valuable village service please contact one of :

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Ann Wells
annwells0@icloud.com
07885 528388



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Please call Rachel on : 07852 568223
email : rachelwinslet@gmail.com

Dorchester Historical Society

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7.30pm

Dorchester Abbey Shrine Chapel,

Members free, Visitors welcome (£5).

Malcolm Graham will talk on:
'Henry Taunt, Oxford photographer, and his views of Dorchester'



Henry Taunt (1842-1922) was a famous Oxford photographer whose collection of many thousand negatives and prints was rescued by the Oxford City Librarian after his death.

He mainly focused on the city and the surrounding countryside along the river Thames and made many expeditions to Dorchester. His evocative images of the village are an invaluable record of its appearance during his working life. He sold many of them as postcards and they are now highly collectable.

We are extremely fortunate to have Malcolm Graham as the speaker for our May talk. His biography of Taunt established his national importance as a photographer and the significance of his extensive collection.

Malcolm Graham read history at Nottingham University, followed by an MA in English local history at Leicester; his thesis was on the development of Oxford's Victorian suburbs. He was Oxford city's first full-time local studies librarian (1970), then took on the same role for the county (1974) and became Head of Oxfordshire Studies with Oxfordshire County Council 1991-2008. He has published several books on Oxford and Oxfordshire local history.

Margot Metcalfe

Chairman

Chiropodist

Wednesday 10 May

Village Hall

Appointment only

Call **07850 196714**



Volunteer Curator (Part-Time) for Dorchester Abbey Museum

This is an exciting opportunity to take Dorchester Abbey Museum into the next phase of its development, and make a valuable contribution to the local community. The post would suit an enthusiastic, creative person with a keen interest in Dorchester, its people and history – perhaps someone working part-time, seeking to develop a career in museums, or recently retired.

Dorchester Abbey Museum is a small, accredited and highly-regarded museum located in the Abbey Guest House adjacent to Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester on Thames, Oxfordshire. It is open to the public from Easter to end of September (3-4 afternoons per week), but its work goes on throughout the year.

The Museum is managed by a small committee which includes the Curator, and run day-to-day by a team of 30 committed volunteers. The Curator is responsible to Dorchester Abbey's Parochial Church Council and works closely with the Museum Committee team. Our previous Curator has been appointed to a salaried museum post, so we need a replacement.

Time commitment: 1-2 days a week (7-15 hours approx.). The appointment is not for a fixed term, but will be reviewed after 3 and 6 months, and annually thereafter. We seek someone who is able to take up the post as soon as possible.

For further details and how to apply please contact The Administrator admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk or tel. 01865 340007
Closing date for applications: **Friday 12 May 2023.**



Dorchester Abbey Museum News

Find out about volunteering at the Museum!

Monday 8 May 2.00 to 5.00pm

Please come and see us to find out what's involved in opening the museum to visitors (Easter - end of Sept) and in any other of these activities that interest you.

From 2.00 to 3.00pm find out about helping with school visits and handling workshops.

From 2.00 to 5.00pm learn about our archive and collections, including a large number of photographs that need digitising, collating, and cataloguing, as well as taking – could you help? This work continues throughout the year, not just when the museum is open.

Do you have a background in retailing? We have a small gift shop which is an important source of income.

You may not be able to volunteer during our usual opening hours, but what about welcoming groups of visitors who come out of hours?

Could you help with creating displays, IT and admin tasks, social media?

We hope to see you, but if you can't come on **8 May**, please email museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk for further information and a chat.

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III

Come and take part in our handling exhibition of replicas of the Crown, Crown jewels, Orb, Sceptre, Ermine Robe and Throne used in the Coronation Ceremony

Exhibition open:

15 April-19 May (during museum opening times - Thurs, Sat, Sun, bank holiday Mon, 2.00-5.00pm)

Handling workshops: (children and adults welcome):

Sat and Sun 29 and 30 April, 2.00-4.00pm

Sat and Sun 13 and 14 May, 2.00-4.00pm

- Come and try on the Crown and Robe, hold the Orb and Sceptre, and have your photo taken on the Throne (a small donation for photos would be appreciated)



*Crown jewels, Simon Greig
Photo, CC BY-NC-SA 2.0*

- Hear about the meaning and history of the objects used in the Coronation, and the amazing stories behind them.

Craft workshops for the sessions above are also planned - to make Coronation-linked keepsakes. Please see village Facebook page for updates.



Football Results North Berks League Div 2

18/03/2023	Dorchester	7	0	Compton
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North Berks Charity Shield

	Abingdon			
25/03/2023	United FC Development	1	1	Dorchester

Abingdon win 4-3 on penalties

North Berks Cup (semi-final)

15/04/2023	Dorchester	4	3	Stanford-in-The-Vale First
			aet	



St Birinus Primary School News

The PTA of Dorchester St Birinus Primary School raised over £500 towards the school book fund in March with a popular quiz. The school hall was packed for the evening with members of the school community including staff, local residents and parents of children who attend the school all coming together for a battle of the brains... And for wine and delicious nibbles!

There were several rounds including topics such as 2022, childhood days and music as well as photo rounds.

It was great to see everyone come together to have a wonderful evening and raise money. The PTA would like to extend their thanks to everyone who came, had fun and helped raise funds.

Should you wish to contribute to the book fund for the school then all donations are welcome and can be done so through the Amazon wish list www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3EAI7Q6N5EB2E?ref_=wl_share

Thank you!



We have lots to look forward to at school this summer including the Coronation event in the village, some exciting trips out, sports day and our sponsored walk.

We run a breakfast club and an after-school club. 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/>

Jo Staples
Headteacher



Dorchester Preschool

What a wonderful term we have just had. We have ended this term celebrating Easter. There was a very successful Easter bonnet parade, songs from the children with a great send off to Val who has started retirement; she will be very much missed. There has been a successful Abbey tea room take over with lots of home-made cakes and pastries made by the parents of the preschool. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the King's Coronation in the village in May; we will be participating with lots of games and also selling some lovely treats. It should be a wonderful day. Our new term will be focusing around life cycles and we will be enjoying visits to Bishops Court Farm, looking at the life cycles of a chick, frog and caterpillar.

Some children have extended their hours at the setting, so we have very limited spaces now. If you would like to have a look around or are interested in adding your child's name to the waiting list please do get in touch - contact on **01865 341805**. Thank you so much to the Dorchester Co-op, The Berinsfield Co-op, Georgie beautician in Dorchester, Nails by Rachel Winslet, The Snug and The White Hart for supporting our Easter raffle and for helping us to raise much needed funds for the setting. We would like to once again thank Helen and all of the staff for their continued hard work and support towards the preschool, without them it simply wouldn't exist. Lastly I would like to remind everyone the setting is a charity and relies solely on fundraising so if you can help or would like to help please get in touch.

Sarah Egan

Oxfordshire Libraries

May events at Berinsfield Library

Bee-themed story time and craft
Saturday 20 May 10.30am
Join us for a bee-themed craft and stories inspired by nature. Ages 4+



Rhymetime Wednesdays at 10.30am
Singing and rhyming fun for under 5s and their parents/carers



Book Club Friday 26 May 2pm
Contact the library for this month's book or just turn up to say hello and help choose the next one.



Playmobil Stay and Play
Wednesday 31 May 2-5pm
Half-term fun: get creative with the library Playmobil!



[@oxonlibraries](#) [Berinsfield Library](#)





Come And Try Out Pickleball !

At Dorchester's Big Street Party Sunday 7 May

Did you know?

Pickleball is a cross between tennis, badminton and table tennis and is quick to learn, highly competitive and great fun. A great game for younger children to help develop hand eye coordination, and also for the older generation as it occupies a smaller court and has a slower pace than tennis.

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America for the past three years, with nearly 5 million people playing.

How lucky are we to have two Pickleball courts in Dorchester

A fundraiser for the school in 2019/2020 raised over £17,000 to get the school playground resurfaced and a netball court and two Pickleball courts marked out and painted (plus funds for equipment). Two planned official openings had to be cancelled because of Covid restrictions, but now is the chance to introduce Pickleball to the village.

At Dorchester's Big Street Party on the 7 May

The courts on the school playground will be set up from 2.30pm. Come along and try the game for yourselves.

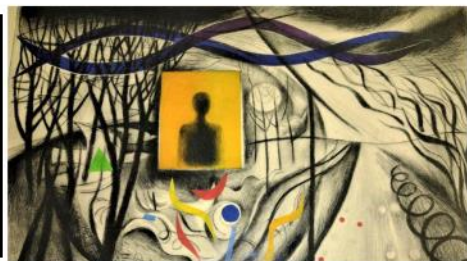
Two coaches are planned to be there as well as local players who can help everyone have a go. .

If you would like to play Pickleball occasionally, we are hoping to set up an evening club this summer – please let us know if you are interested in joining us for Pickleball. We will poll interest at the Coronation weekend and let you know the outcome.

Hope to see you on court,
Claire Andersson and Val Howells

Contact Claire@claireandersson.co.uk if you would like to go on our club list.

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Dorchester's Coronation Weekend

Sunday 7th May

Village Afternoon Tea on Queen St
3pm-8pm Big Street Party!

SEAT TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE COOP!

3-5pm Afternoon tea:
Free tea & coronation cake
with your seat ticket
Entertainment & tea stalls

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5pm-8pm Music & Dancing

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Ceilidh

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BH Mon 8th May
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One Man Two GUVNORS

by Richard Bean

17th - 20th May 2023

Dorchester-on-Thames Village Hall

Queen Street, Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7HR

Just before Easter, Dorchester News was given privileged access to a rehearsal of DADS' forthcoming production of *One Man, Two Guvnors*. Some will remember this as a major hit when it was first produced by the National Theatre in 2011, moving to the West End and then to Broadway. Many will tell you that it was one of the funniest plays, if not the funniest play, that they have ever seen. So, with such a heritage, how is the DADS production shaping up?

Director Ed Metcalfe has assembled a strong cast, most of whom were in one or both of the last two DADS summer productions: *Wind in the Willows* and *Mansfield Park and Ride*. These include Russell Bailey, Ian Brace, Ryan Fannin, Christine Jones, Rosemary Mills and Kate Phillips who are joined by Hayley Poole and Ann Winslet, plus newcomer to DADS, Andy Pay, together with a surprise guest.

Russell takes the part of the lead character, Francis Henshall, an out of work skiffle singer in the underworld of 1963 Brighton. This part was originally played by James Corden, who Russell saw several



times, so knows exactly what is required for it. Henshall finds himself working for two bosses who he tries to keep in ignorance of each other, apparently unaware that they are lovers who are desperately trying to find each other. No mobile phones in 1963 to help!

Dorchester Village Hall does not exactly have a stage the size of that of the National Theatre, which makes the production a little more intimate than the original, but, if anything, increases the pace of the show, requiring some very slick timings on the part of the actors in some scenes. In common with the NT production, however, there will be live music played on stage with a band led by Ian Salisbury and Steve Eyre.

As a 'period piece' the play does contain some attitudes of the time, although the script acknowledges them and forecasts their change. Some of the language is also a little 'robust', but if it worked for the NT it will surely work for cosmopolitan Dorchester.

At our visit rehearsals were already well advanced and it looks to be a pacy production and a very funny evening out.

Performances are **17-20 May**, with tickets available from Ticketmaster or at www.dads.org.uk.



Warborough & Shillingford WI

What a lot of weather we have experienced this spring. Just when we thought the winter had gone and sun and warmth had returned the cold came back and we were pelted with hailstones. It meant that some of our members did not make the monthly meeting in April although many did brave the rain to enjoy a talk by Ian Wheeler, who has links with the Fair Mile Hospital in Cholsey. Several generations of his family worked at the hospital, in various capacities, and he lived there for the first three years of his life. If for you Victorian lunatic asylum conjures images of Bedlam, then think again. Ian described a place of sanctuary for those suffering from mental illness, where the staff were instructed to treat patients with care and compassion and living conditions were designed to reduce stress and calm them. The Victorians realised they must do something for those suffering psychiatric disorders as, prior to the 1845 Lunacy Act, such people were left in the care of their families, sent to the workhouse or simply neglected. The legislation made it the responsibility of each county to provide facilities where the mentally ill could be cared for & studied. Ian's interest was sparked when he worked at Fair Mile just before it closed. His manager rescued old photographs that had been thrown into the skip. Ian was allowed to copy these and now has a rich archive which has continued to be a source of inspiration for him. Ian has written a book entitled *Fair Mile Hospital* and he offers tours around the site.

The WI Walk led by Chris Tilley resumed at the end of March. After months of inactivity the walk is to be recommended; for what can do more to raise the spirits than exercise and conversation with friends under the beautiful Oxfordshire sky?

Future Programme will include talks on The Samaritans, The WRVS, The Magistrates Court and a demonstration on wool and spinning. Filming commitments permitting we also look forward to a talk by TV personality George McGavin. Plus there will be two outings, so watch this space for more details.

Coronation Weekend: We hope, like us, you are looking forward to the celebrations. The WI will be providing support where needed.

We would love to welcome you to our meetings which take place every second Wednesday of the month in the St Laurence Hall, Warborough.

Sarah Allen
President

warboroughwi@oxfordshirewo.co.uk

Vicky Hart
Secretary,

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If you would like to know more about hosting a course let me know!

The Spring Flower and Produce Show 2023

What a wonderful Show it was in spite of the hard frost and heavy rain of winter. Entries were not far off normal for a Spring Show. Thank you all for entering, you made a wonderful display.

The flowers made it feel Spring had really arrived, especially the daffodils.

Domestic classes were very well supported. There are a lot of good cooks out there.

The handicrafts were really good. Some items must have taken an age to make and a lot of skill.

The photos were interesting. Did you pick your own favourite?

Do look out for some interesting changes we are making to several classes in the Autumn Show. The schedule will appear as normal in the July/August Dorchester News and it will also be available to view on the Dorchester Events & Noticeboard Facebook page. We also hope to have our own dedicated Facebook page soon...!

The Flower Show Committee

Roll of Honour	
Children's classes	
Aged 9 and over: Treasure map	No entries
Aged 8 and under: Decorated pebble	No entries
Adult classes	
Robert Soffe Cup - Best long trumpet daffodils	Claire Grant
Short Trumpet Daffodil Cup	Ed Metcalfe
Spring Flowers Cup - Best Flower exhibit other than daffodils	Vera Baker
Vegetable Cup - Best vegetable in the Show	Claire Grant
Mary Tame Handicraft Plate - Best handicraft/needlecraft	Richard Juniper
Blackwell Photography Cup- Best photo in the Show	Gordon Roberts
Domestic Classes Cup - Most points in Domestic classes	Ellie Ribeiro Beaman
England in Bloom Cup - Most points in all Flower classes including Flower arranging	Claire Grant





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Village Hall - Help Required

Are you able to spare a little time supporting our hall?

We could do with some help in a variety of roles.

Either formal such as being a Trustee or committee member, or occasional such as helping at events as front of house or behind the bar.

And we could do with someone to create online activity on Facebook or other social media.

We also need a bookings officer as Emily has moved to Bath and, while the tasks can be carried out remotely via Google Docs, it helps to have someone in the village.

Takes a couple of hours a week.

Please help to keep the hall viable as an on-going centre for village activities.

For more details contact Keith Russell, **01865 340838** or Mark Williams, **01865 340441** or email admin@dotvh.org.uk

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Gilbert Scott Hall

The village hall of Dorchester-on-Thames

Village Hall Bookings Officer Required

We're looking for someone to co-ordinate our bookings and liaise with people wanting to use our village hall.

This would suit someone with a couple of hours a week to spare, an interest in village events and social activities and be willing to help us maintain running an essential village asset.

The job is managed using Google Docs or MS Office, along with occasional visits to the village hall.

Please help to keep the hall viable as an on-going centre for village activities.

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Dorchester, Malthouse Lane	09:45	12:34	
Dorchester, Dorchester Abbey	09:46	12:35	
Dorchester, Dorchester Bridge	09:46	12:35	
Dorchester, Meadside	09:47	12:36	
Wallingford Market Place	10:00	12:48	

RETURNING FROM WALLINGFORD

Wallingford Market Place	11:45	12:20	14:00
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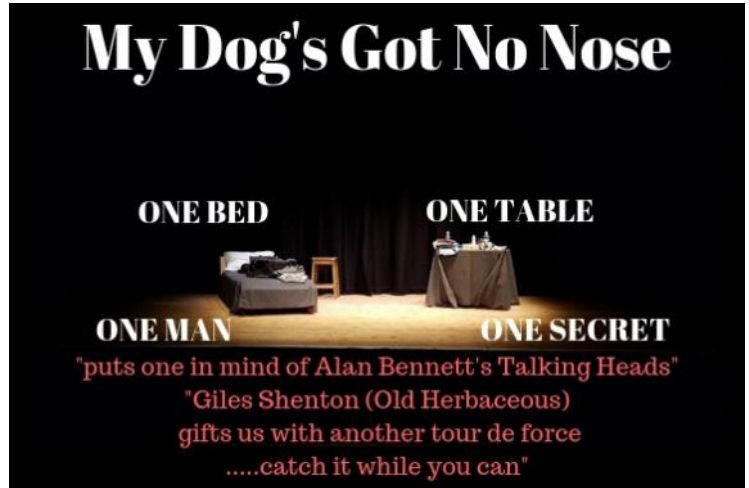
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My Dog's Got No Nose

He's back with another amazing theatrical production



Dorchester Village Hall

7.30pm Saturday 10 June

Doors and bar open at 7.00pm

Tickets £12 from ticketsource.co.uk/dotvh

Saw 'My Dog's Got No Nose' yesterday at The Stables Theatre. Can't tell you what an impression Giles Shenton had on my husband and myself. From thinking we had a not very good stand-up, to one of the best acted and produced shows we have seen in a long time is an understatement'.

Giles Shenton ('Old Herbaceous' and 'Three Men in a Boat') returns with a 'thought provoking' and 'cleverly constructed, wonderful piece of theatre' about a man preparing to fulfil his lifelong ambition to be a stand-up comedian. But the man and the performance are not what they seem!

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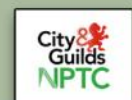
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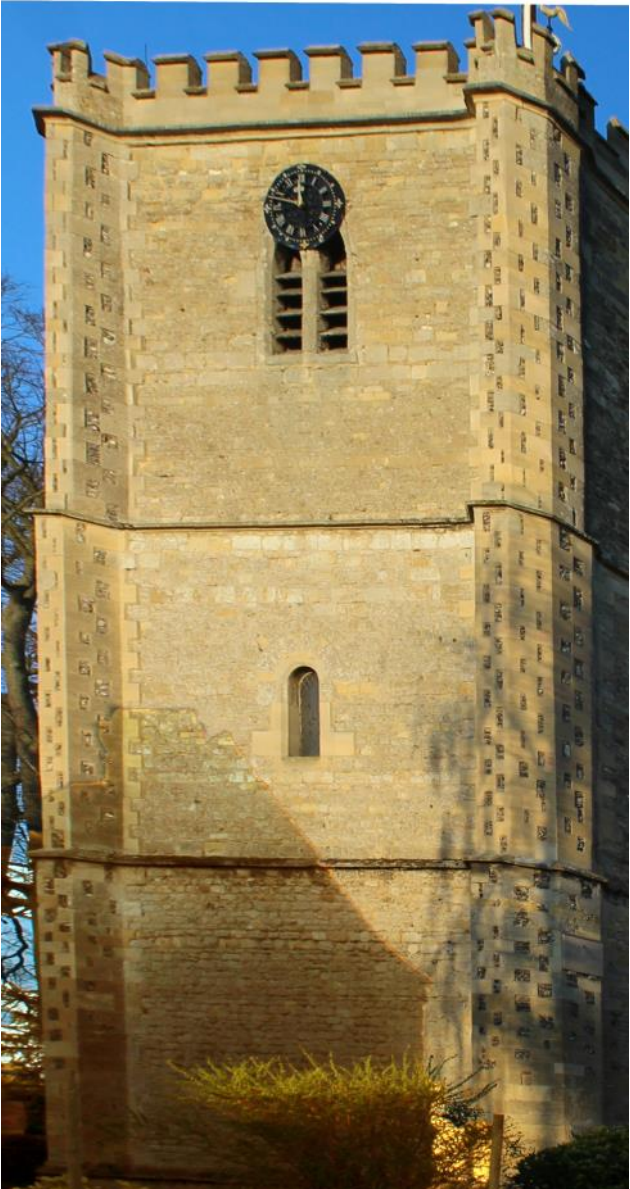
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Why has the Abbe

You may have noticed that the only thing working on Abbey clock at the moment is the hour chime. The hands are not moving, and the quarter chimes have been stopped. The clock needs some maintenance and recent inspections have confirmed the need for a full workshop overhaul of the clock and dial drive system. In particular we need to deal with an issue of serious wear on the quarter chimes.



View of clock cabinet with electric winding assist installation in front. Photo: Rupert Griffin

The clock, known as a 'turret clock' was supplied in 1868 by Moore & Son of Clerkenwell, who over a period of around 80 years produced 1,000 turret clocks. As supplied in 1868 the Abbey clock would have been a 'two-train' clock, comprising the time and an hour-strike. The frame was altered in 1900 to take a third 'quarter-chiming' train to ring out what was originally known as 'Cambridge' but now known as

'This clock is a special piece. It has run for more than 150 years, and whilst it is in good shape generally it does need some careful workshop attention to enable it to run for the next 150 years and be handed on to the next generation in a good state'.

Rupert Griffin, diocesan clocks advisor



Front view of the clock. Photo: RG

Why clock stopped?

'Westminster' chimes. The clock is beautifully well built and solidly made.

The most pressing wear problem is to the teeth on one of the cog wheels that drive the quarter-chime train. The wear on the teeth of the brass wheel can be seen in the photo below.



Wear to tooth profile, quarter-chime second wheel. Photo: RG

The level of wear is so severe that there is a significant risk that the teeth could fail and cause the weights that drive the quarter-chime to fall to the ground. Therefore we have lowered the weights to the ground, which means that the quarter-chimes are no longer sounding.

The clock hands have been disconnected from the clock mechanism to allow the hour-chime to continue to work. The hands appear to be catching on the ironwork of the dial and there is probably also corrosion in the drive shaft which is preventing the clock mechanism from consistently driving the hands.

The repairs to the clock are going to cost around £20,000. We have applied for grants to cover some of this cost and work cannot start until after the end of May when we have heard whether we have been successful in those grant applications. Unfortunately, the grants will only cover a proportion of the costs. The Friends of Dorchester Abbey have pledged support, but we will still need to find a significant amount, maybe £6,000, to enable the work to go ahead.

Nick Forman

Can you help?

If you would like to donate to the fund to repair the clock you can make a payment directly to the Abbey bank account quoting reference 'Clock'.

Account name: Dorchester Abbey PCC

Sort Code: 20-01-09

Account Number 20327603

Or you can send a cheque payable to Dorchester Abbey PCC to Nick Forman at 73 High Street, Dorchester on Thames, OX10 7HN

The Story of the Abbey Clock

The clock is a classic 'posted frame' or 'London' movement in which the frame is a 'cage' composed of decorated cast-iron bars bolted together. Clockmaking in this period was making the transition from the wrought-iron 'cage' forms, handmade individually by blacksmiths over the previous centuries, to the cast-iron 'beds' whose mass-production peaked in the late-19th century. Moore's clocks of this period embody an intriguing compromise between the old and new technologies. John Moore was born in 1771 and it appears he was apprenticed in 1785 to Richard Wilcock, who had himself been apprenticed to the eminent turret clock horologist Aynsworth Thwaites. In 1801 he joined Benjamin Handley in business at Handley's workshop at 38 Clerkenwell Close, London. 'Handley and Moore' continued until 1819 when the untimely death of Benjamin Handley brought the partnership to an end.

It is recorded that they produced 29 turret clocks during that period. Between 1819 and 1821 John Moore signed his clocks 'John Moore, late of Handley and Moore' and it wasn't until he produced the clock for Harrow School in 1822 that he signed it John Moore & Son. John Moore died in 1835 and was succeeded by his son Benjamin and from that date the company went on to produce more than 1000 turret clocks, still working from the same address after extending into number 39. The business continued until 1899 after which it was acquired by Thwaites and Reed. The prolific clockmaking activity of the Moore family is deeply rooted in the country's turret clock history, and the piece at Dorchester Abbey comes from the middle of their great arc.



Chime-side view. Note chime pin-barrel at second level.

Photo: RG

Roger Smith 1944-2023

Roger Alan Stuart Smith has passed away at the age of 78. He was a man with many interests from cycling in his youth to classic cars in his later years. He will be missed by family and friends.

Roger was born in Bristol in 1944 to Alan and Bunny. His father worked in the development and assembly of Concorde based in Filton and his mother was a popular hairdresser. Roger's love of cycling began at an early age, and he often spoke fondly of his cycling routes through the Cheddar Gorge and surrounding countryside. He was a perennial early riser and enjoyed telling the story of when he arrived for a time trial only to find no one there. Thinking he may have been late, he set out on the route, racing at record speed for 20 miles, before realizing no marshals were around to record his time and it was all for nothing. He remained a fan of cycling throughout his life and was always an avid viewer of the Tour de France.

Roger's career as a chartered surveyor began at Wimpey, the construction and civil engineering firm, in Bristol in the 1960s. His work took him to London where he shared lodgings in Chiswick with his friends, Stuart and Al. Roger travelled thousands of miles on business, often starting very early and returning home late at night. As Stuart, who later became his best man, recalled, home comforts were virtually non-existent, with little heating and no television or telephone. His landlady did provide a cooked breakfast, but the nightmare that was the raw egg swimming in a sea of tinned tomatoes may have been responsible for his desire to get out of the house early.

Taking up pipe-smoking he relaxed in the local hostelrys where smoking was pretty much compulsory. Stuart's pipe was a simple affair, a piece of wood with a hole at each end, while Roger's was state-of-the-art, with bowls, stems, cleaning gadgets, tissues and other paraphernalia. Roger's smoking process involved much preparation. When the time came for ignition, out came this thing like a flame-thrower. Roger, and anyone else within 10 yards, disappeared in a cloud of smoke, which lasted for about two minutes. Then it was time to repeat the process!

Roger married Janet, also from Bristol, in March 1969 and they moved to Bushey,



near Watford, where they had two children, Mark and Helen.

In January 1984, Roger became property surveyor for the National and Provincial Building Society which required a move to Oxfordshire. Settling in Dorchester, Roger and Janet quickly established themselves in village life.

Roger enjoyed playing golf as a member of the Dorchester Golf Society (DOGS). While his clubs didn't always make it through a round of 18 in one piece, he always found time for the 19th hole. At one point, he took a golf lesson and, after leading with his right hand all his life, discovered he was a left-handed golfer. This required the purchase of a whole new set of clubs but, unfortunately, this revelation and the investment still didn't make a difference to his game.

A dog lover through and through, he was devoted for many years to his Irish red setter, Rusty, with whom he enjoyed weekend walks in the Dorchester countryside.

Roger had a deep appreciation for Spanish guitar music, and a piece from one of his favourites, Andrés Segovia, was played at his funeral. He also enjoyed his big band jazz and loved blasting out tracks at top volume by some of his favourite American dance bands from the swing era, such as those formed by Benny Goodman and Glenn Miller. Having played the clarinet in his youth, he shared this passion with his

daughter, Helen, and loved trying to join in with her on the clarinet, playing along to some of his favourite tunes.

Roger also had a lifelong love of cars, from pushing his beloved Ford Anglia to record speeds in his formative years, weighed down with a hundredweight bag of cement in the boot to improve its performance, to weekends driving the family Fiat 500 through the lanes of Hertfordshire in the 70s, often with the Irish red setter's head poking out of the sunroof, tongue out and ears flapping in the wind. In his later years, Roger bought himself a Porsche, a car he had always dreamed of owning. He enjoyed taking it to rallies around the country and getting to know the other owners.

In his final years of working life, Roger worked for RHM plc (formerly Rank Hovis McDougall) based in Birmingham. At this time, his wife Janet struggled with long-term illness. While these were difficult years, they were still able to travel to Australia and China, among other places, before Janet's passing in June 2000.

For the last 20 years of his life, Roger spent his time with Margaret, sharing a mutual love of Spanish culture, especially the food and drink. They used to relish spending months at a time exploring La Herradura, in particular, a spectacular destination in coastal Andalucía.

In his later years, Roger took up watercolour classes and, for a while, became a bell ringer at Dorchester Abbey.

He could be a cantankerous old geezer at times, but those who knew him will remember his mischievous personality and cheeky grin.

Roger's funeral took place at Dorchester Abbey on 22nd March. He is survived by his children, Mark and Helen, and his partner, Margaret.

Maureen Margaret Corry 24 October 1941 - 20 March 2023

Maureen was always at the centre of our family and the love she gave us was unconditional. She was so stylish, happy, cheeky and inspirational. And was many things - a Smart car driver, a gardener, a traveller, a sunshine seeker (in Jesus Pobre in Spain), a homemaker, a lover of elephants (we have counted 27 at Carrick Cottage in various shapes and sizes!), a Wimbledon tennis watcher for two whole weeks, and above all, a friend.

Maureen was born on 24 October 1941 and was left at St Thomas' Hospital but was never collected. She was 5 when she was adopted by Ellaline and Roland Tippett and they lived in Chorleywood, followed by Bexhill.

Maureen left Bexhill and moved to London in 1965 and worked for the Rootes Group MD in Piccadilly who was marketing the Hillman Imp.

Maureen and Malcolm met in 1965, married in 1966 in Bexhill, and then moved to Gipsy Hill in London.

In 1968 Emma was born and shortly after they moved to Haywards Heath in Sussex as it was equal equi-distant between Bexhill and Ham near Richmond where the respective grandparents lived. Nick arrived in 1969.



In 1972 the family moved to Perth, Western Australia, travelling around the world for their only vacation.

They returned to Haywards Heath in 1975 making three moves over 9 years ending up in Maureen's beloved Partridges in 1984. To be close as a family, Maureen and Malcolm moved to East Hagbourne in 2002 and then to our very special Dorchester in 2006.

In between those moves Maureen was by Malcolm's side in Libya (1984), Indonesia (1989-1995), Texas USA

(1995-99) and Egypt (2000-1); embracing each new country with determination and wonder.

When we think of Maureen's glorious 81 years, and 56 years of marriage, we realise how blessed we have been. In the last four years Maureen has coped with the difficulties of myeloma, diabetes and getting older, with such amazing humour, courage and no complaint.

Caring for Maureen was an incredible privilege for us all, especially for Malcolm. Maureen was always warm, kind and humorous with a wonderful smile and charming personality.

Maureen loved life, her family and her friends and has been known as supportive, exceptional, a loving and caring soul, gentle, calm and steady, a friend, a perfect hostess, a sense of humour, a saucy laugh, a loving nature, a generosity of spirit, a warm and lovely smile, brave, courageous, a happy face with beautiful hair, devoted, kind, elegant and a lady, who loved her family above all.

Thankfully, Maureen is not in pain anymore and that is a great comfort for her family.

We will miss Maureen, but we know she will always be in our hearts.

Sue Parsons 15 October 1936 - 30 March 2023

Sue Parsons was born in Oxford in 1936 and lived in Parker Street Iffley, later attending Milham Ford Grammar School in 1948, where she had a good education. She met her future husband in the 1950s and they bought some land in Burcot in 1957 from the Mullah Family where they began building the house of their dreams. They married in 1959. Sue at that time was a shorthand typist and her husband a surveyor. They went on to have four children between 1962 and 1971 (Nick, Tim, Mike and Becky).

Sue's hobbies included making: dresses, corn dollies, paper crepe flowers and she loved baking, flower pressing, and eventually picture framing which is where many will remember her from.

She was a woman of no fear and if ever she suspected a burglar outside, she



would be first out the door to warn them off!

Sue's career focused on all things secretarial and she did many duties (usually shorthand or typing) for local

authorities, councils and schools. She worked for some years at the Abbey School in Berinsfield and then Berinsfield Primary School. In the 1990s she learnt picture framing with EAG group in Berinsfield and became a well known local picture framer. She later retired and was still living at home until the day she died which is exactly where she wanted to be.

Sue sadly passed away peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital on 30 March at 16.02.


Sue loved nothing more than a good puzzle or a crossword, watching Tipping Point and The Chase! She also liked a tippie before meals and renamed Tipping Point to Tipple Point, so please feel free to raise your glass in a toast one afternoon!



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Lucy Vandermin

1927-2023

Lucy Cecily Ruth Vandermin died peacefully at Rush Court on 9 January at the age of 95.

Her funeral took place at Dorchester Abbey on 10 February. It was a lovely service of joy and thanksgiving for a life full of love, beautifully led by The Reverend Myles Godfrey, wonderfully assisted by The Abbey Choir led by their organist Jeremy Boughton.

Lucy had a happy childhood with her sister Gena and brother Granville. When Granville was killed in the second world war, his death affected her deeply. Lucy qualified as a secretary from her Oxford college, having achieved the highest marks possible (something of which she was immensely proud) and enjoyed interesting secretarial jobs throughout her life. Lucy married Peter in 1959 and they were devoted to each other until Peter's death in 1999.

When Peter retired, they moved out of London and set up home in Culdrose, here in Dorchester, where they were very happy for the rest of their lives.

Lucy was a well-known and much-loved Dorchester character, often seen in later years wheeling her Co-op shopping trolley around the village on some errand or another, or pottering around her garden at Herringcote in her nightie!

She gained much strength throughout her life from her strong Christian faith and Lucy, Peter and Gena are now buried side by side in the Dorchester Cemetery.

Charlotte Graham (Lucy's cousin)



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Parish Council Election

For the first time in several years there will be a contested election for the membership of Dorchester Parish Council 2023 - 2027. I am sure that many residents will be interested to learn that out of the 83 Town and Parish Council wards that are located in South Oxfordshire only 13 are having a contested election. Indeed, there are some wards where no candidates have been nominated at all.

Of those 13 contested wards, the only Parish Councils are Beckley & Stowood, Dorchester, Ewelme and Goring. The others are in the Town Councils of Didcot (5), Henley (2), Thame (1) and Wallingford (1).

Many people, and I include myself, would say that it is greatly to Dorchester's credit that there is enough interest in parish council business for an election to be needed at all. **I hope that this enthusiasm will be matched by a good turnout on Polling Day, Thursday 4 May.**

The Village Hall is the designated polling station, and it will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm. **The new ID process will be in force and voters will be asked to show an acceptable form of photo ID.** For more information contact <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id> or call the helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

Votes will be counted in Abingdon with the results announced on **Friday 5 May**.

The Election is run by the Electoral Services team at South Oxfordshire District Council. Contacts: Tel: **01235 422528** and email elections@southandvale.gov.uk

Geoffrey Russell,
Clerk to Dorchester Parish Council.

Parish Council Notices



At the April Council Meeting Maurice Day completed 40 years as a Parish Councillor. The current Chairman, Cllr Mark Williams, thanked Maurice for his outstanding contribution to our community, which includes being Chairman of the Parish Council from 1991 to 1995.

Meetings

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on **Wednesday 10 May** commencing at 7.30 p.m. The Agenda will be posted on Village noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website –

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance. The business of the Meeting will include the election of the Parish Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2023/24. The June meeting will be held on **Wednesday 14 June**.

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.

The date for the **Annual Parish Meeting** in June will be decided at the May Councill meeting. **Wednesday 14 June** is a possibility but is not yet confirmed.

Polling Day 2023

Elections for both South Oxfordshire District Council and

Dorchester-on-Thames Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 4 May 2023**. The Village Hall is the designated polling station and will be open from 7.00am until 10.00pm.

The new ID process will be in force and voters will be asked to show an acceptable form of photo ID. For more information contact

www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id or call the helpline on **0800 328 0280**.

The Election results will be announced on **Friday 5 May**.

Defibrillators

There are three Defibrillators in the Village. They are located on the Recreation Ground mounted on the front of the Pavilion; in the entrance lobby of The White Hart Hotel; and in the former phone box in Bridge End. They are all registered with the Ambulance Service which knows the locations and in an emergency will provide the access code of the nearest device. No training is required. When the unit is opened, voice instructions will guide the user through the process.

Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like more information including links to view short on-line demonstrations.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), 5 & 7 High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7HH

Office Telephone **07745 311439** The Clerk's direct line is **07752 900716** Texts are welcome.

e-mail: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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

For information about the Parish Council go to:

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.

Parish Council Elections 4 May 2023

The Candidates



Mike Atkinson

Over recent years I have become more and more frustrated at the lack of vision, drive and openness of our Parish Council. We have so many exciting opportunities especially with regards to our community, village assets and the environment that have until now been ignored. If elected I will help the council listen to the village and act positively to achieve what is important to you.



Jonathan Steven Brydges

My wife and I are currently renovating our forever home in Martins Lane. We are deeply invested in the future of the village. Having run two successful businesses, my current role is focussed on collaboration, communication and identifying the value and priority in everything my team and I do. These are some of the skills I hope to bring to the council.



Mike Corran

Wanting to contribute to us being an active community and improving the environment we live in for all our residents are the main reasons I joined the parish council last time around. I'd like to continue that work with other like-minded people both on the parish council and in the wider community.



Charlotte Laura Garside

Charlotte's the name, Parish council's the game,
I care about my neighbourhood and believe progress is good.
I want to be further involved in my community,
Because it's important to me and my young family.
I'm not much of a poet and now don't we all know it,
...But hopefully I'll be better as a parish councillor!



Chris Hill

It will be challenging to integrate the benefits offered by modern life in future without harming Dorchester's unique and priceless character. It will require caution, sensitivity and balance. Or we could lose our valuable heritage.
If I am elected I will do my utmost to conserve what makes Dorchester an incredible village while remaining a vibrant and thriving community.



Michael Douglas Rimmer

Serving the community is important to me and I believe my experience as a councillor for the last two terms will provide a sound basis to do so.
Planning issues are an essential part of the Council's work and I think I can contribute positively to that. Also, having a legal and business background should enable me to add to the Council's skillset.!



John Jeffrey Taylor

I am a retired businessman living in Overy for 26 years. I supported Becky Waller in establishing the Village Greens, led the anti-gravel extraction campaign, currently Chair The Berin Centre and am Vice Chair The Abbey Friends.
I believe the Council should represent the interests of the whole community operating with the principles of Consultation, Collaboration and Communication. Vote for new ideas and energy!



Becky Waller

When Bishop's Court Farm was sold in 2015, I led the fight, with John Taylor and others, to secure footpath access and village greens. I believe the village needs an effective, dynamic, modernised PC to listen to residents and develop a community vision for a thriving village looking to 2030 and beyond.



Mark David Williams

Moved here in 2000, served on Parish Council for 16 years, the last four as Chairman, including six years on the Neighbourhood Development Plan Committee. Village Hall Trustee and Treasurer since 2004. A member of DADS since 2005, Chairman since 2012.
Previously Director of Berinsfield Community Business 2002-2019 and now work part time in Chalgrove. My focus on the PC is to deliver village priorities

Anyone for Table Tennis?

There is now an outdoor table tennis table available for anyone in the village to use. Find it by the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Just bring along some bats and balls and play!

The table has been provided to the Parish Council by South Oxfordshire as part of the 'Everyone Active' scheme. There will be a 'launch' later in the year, but don't wait!

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Pictures of Arabella Kilby and Sarah Myhill playing table tennis on the Recreation Ground by Val Ballantyne

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From the Chairman of the Parish Council



This month brings an end to the term of the current Parish Council who have served our community for the past four years. I'd like to thank my seven fellow councillors and our clerk, Geoff Russell, for their efforts on your behalf through some 'interesting' times.

On **Thursday 4 May** we will elect a new council to serve Dorchester. As nine candidates have put their names forward for the eight places available there will be a contested election. This means that we will be one of the rare village parishes in Oxfordshire, actually one of only four across the whole county, where an election is taking place. You can see details of the candidates in a separate article to help you make your choice when you go to the ballot box.

Irrespective of who is elected it is to the great credit of our community that we have people willing to serve and they all deserve our thanks for putting themselves in the firing line.

We will tell you more about the new council of course in the next Dorchester News, when we will know who the councillors are and as their priorities for the next four years are agreed. As part of setting of priorities for the new council we have the **Annual Parish Meeting** scheduled for the evening of **14 June**. This is a very different get together to the monthly Parish Council Meetings as it is all about hearing from residents and giving a chance for the new council to engage, listen and try to and answer some questions. So please do put it in your diary and come along. The beginning of the new Council's term is a great time to have your voice heard.

In the meantime, I would like to pay tribute to the four current councillors who have decided not to stand this time around. They have all served Dorchester with distinction, some of them for many years on the Parish Council and also in other ways that help our community tick. So 'thank you' on your behalf as well as mine to Rob Ballantyne, Keith Russell, John Edwards and Maurice Day. I know that while they are

standing down they will continue to contribute to village life in other ways.

In particular I wanted to highlight the contribution of Maurice Day to our village who this year completed an unbelievable 40 years of service as a Parish Councillor, having also served with distinction as the village bobby for many years before that. We are sure that Maurice holds the record for being both the longest serving and oldest councillor we have ever had in Dorchester.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Geoff Russell, our Parish Clerk, who, as usual, has kept the council on the straight and narrow for an amazing 25 years, something that we were able to celebrate last month with a gift from the councillors to Geoff of an old map of the parish which pre-dates even his tenure!

But before the new Parish Council takes its seats we have a party to welcome us to summer. We are within days of our great Dorchester Street Party on **Sunday 7 May** with the tea party and entertainment in the school playground, and then later in the afternoon music, a BBQ and bar to keep us fed and watered, followed by the Big Help Out on **Monday 8 May**. Thank you to all those who have helped make these events come to life; a great example of Dorchester in action. There are more details about timing, tickets and how to get your coronation mug in a separate article. See you there!

Mark Williams
Chairman DoT Parish Council



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



Elections on 4 May – check your voter ID

At the elections on **4 May**, all South Oxfordshire District Council seats are up for re-election (including this one, of course), so this is my final district council report of this term – thanks for reading them!

For the first time, you will need **approved photo ID** in order to vote. This is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government which will be in force for these local elections. To find out which ID you can use, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID.

Of course, some council business does carry on during this period, and normal services should not be affected.

South Oxfordshire in second place nationally for recycling!

DEFRA has recently released (much delayed) national figures on recycling rates for 2021-22. South Oxfordshire District continues to score very highly, at second place overall with a 63.6% rate of re-use/recycling/composting. We are fortunate that our residents are careful to make sure the right stuff goes in the correct bins, so thanks to all of you!

<https://www.letsrecycle.com/councils/league-tables/>

Council challenges Oxford City's plan for high housing numbers

South Oxfordshire district council have responded firmly to Oxford City Council's consultation that appears to be attempting to exceed the city's remit and force more development across Oxfordshire's rural countryside.

The government provides a standard formula for calculating how many new homes a council needs to plan for – this formula is even known as *the standard method*. For Oxford

City Council this calculation works out at 762 new homes a year.

However, in its current consultation the city council has announced its intention not to use the standard method and instead is seeking to use a different calculation that would nearly double its housing requirement.

Using an alternative calculation Oxford City Council is seeking 1322 new homes per year instead of the 762 that would otherwise be required.

As well as nearly doubling the required number of new homes within its own boundary, the city council is claiming that Oxfordshire's rural district councils should also use the alternative calculation that leads to inflated housing numbers when determining their own housing need.

SODC believe the city council is acting outside its authority and described this misguided attempt at *forcing development* in areas outside of its boundaries as hostile. They are requesting that Oxford City restricts its aspiration for unjustifiable housing development to its own borders.

You can read SODC's response, and its response to other similar consultations, here:

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

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

Flooding in our area

As we are in the spring flood season, a reminder that advice can be found both from the Environment Agency and the County Council, especially when the Environment Agency issues flood alerts or the more serious flood warnings. As we can all see, consistent rainfall throughout March has led to high river levels on many watercourses in Oxfordshire.

Latest flood alerts from the Environment Agency:
<https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk>

What to do in the event of a flood, from the County Council:-
<https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com>

In an emergency, please contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on **999**.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's main responsibility is saving lives, property and the environment. During a flooding incident you should focus on the safety of yourself and others and stay out of floodwater, as it is often not clean and can lead to infections and illness.

Weight restrictions for HGVs

Oxfordshire County Council are currently conducting a study to investigate the feasibility of area based weight restrictions. OCC are inviting local people to share their views on where there are problems with inappropriate Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) movements to help inform the study. This is a particular issue in our area on some of the historic bridges and in villages, so do take part if you can in the survey:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/area-weight-restrictions>

Spare seats and school buses

I have engaged with a recent working group looking at school transport issues. This has resulted in recommendations to cabinet to improve the policy, and also to help parents who are currently at risk of losing their spare seats bus places. I have been talking to colleagues, parents and council staff to try to ensure that the challenges facing parents and children in our area are taken seriously and addressed. As well as spare seats, the review is looking at over-16 school travel, safe walking/cycling routes, and better support for community travel solutions. The decisions on the recommendations will come to a Cabinet meeting in the next few months.

Motion on Future Generations at OCC

To improve decision-making at the council, and following the success of similar policies in Wales and Scotland, I co-wrote a council motion at the March full council meeting of OCC - passed unanimously - which asked the council's Cabinet to:

- Review how all decision-making and commissioning of services will consider the wellbeing of future generations
- implement a 'Future Generations impact assessment' section in all officer reports for elected decision-makers, and
- set up an Oxfordshire Youth and Future Generations Advisory Council

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From your MP...

...John Howell

I would like to begin this month with a personal note which some readers may already be aware of from media reports. After 15 years as the MP for the Henley Constituency I have decided that I will not seek to be a candidate in the next General Election. I have served this constituency since 2008 and by the time of the end of the next parliament I will be coming up towards my mid-70s. I do not want to be in parliament until that time as I would like to pursue other avenues. Until such time as the next General Election is called and Parliament dissolved I remain your MP and will continue to represent concerns and assist constituents whilst also leading the UK Parliamentary Delegation to the Council of Europe on behalf of the Government.

Now let me turn to issues that I know to be of concern to constituents. Firstly this month I was pleased to see the publication of the Government's Plan for Water. This seeks to address concerns about the health of our rivers, lakes and seas and aims to deliver a clean and plentiful supply of water for nature, people, and businesses. I am sure that constituents will be pleased to know that the Government is investing around £1.6 billion to reduce sewage discharges, reduce nutrient pollution, and increase the supply of water. The Plan will also strengthen powers, including those of regulators, to hold water companies and other responsible parties to account. This includes considering changes to the law to increase the maximum amount for penalties that the Environment Agency can issue against a company that damages the environment. This Plan is comprehensive, and you can read the full details on the GOV.UK website by simply searching Plan for Water.

Another piece of good news on funding is the Spring Budget announcement of additional funding to repair our roads. I think most people agree that the state of our roads is unacceptable in many places, a view which the Government shares. As a result the Chancellor announced an additional £200 million for highways maintenance for the financial year 2023-2024. The amount apportioned to Oxfordshire is £3,706,000 which is passed to the County Council to decide how best to spend it. When I recently raised concerns over potholes with the Director responsible for this work I was advised that they are currently receiving unprecedented numbers of reports of potholes that have become deep in a very short timescale due

to the usual weather patterns of heavy rain followed by freezing conditions. He added that they have limited resource to investigate the level of enquiries received and to maintain roads, paths and cycle paths. The council seeks to fix potholes reported via FixMyStreet based on the risk that they pose to all road users whilst also carrying out scheduled maintenance. I trust that the injection of this large sum of additional cash will help speed up this work.

I am delighted too that there is further investment of £1.2 million in the area through the Rural Prosperity Fund to support local businesses and create jobs to grow the rural economy. This will be administered via our District Councils, South Oxfordshire and Cherwell, which will received £733,241 and £526,831 respectively.

There are, of course, many big issues which affect us all which are well rehearsed in the national media and which the government is already working to address. If there is a particular issue that concerns you, please do share your thoughts. If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government, and in the Constituency, please do look at my website. The address is www.johnhowell.org.uk. My contact details are also on the website.

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Thu 4	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
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Mon 29	Brainwashed: Sex-Camera-Power

Live Screenings

Tues 30 May, 7.15pm

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Thursday, 1 June, 7.00pm

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Sun 7 May	5th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.15am Sung Eucharist Big Street Party Music and Dancing Queen Street 3.00pm—8.00pm
Mon 8 May	The Big Help Out Various locations All day
Wed 10 May	Chiropodist Village Hall Appointment only; see page x Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat 13 May	Cherwell League Cricket Dorchester 2 v Abingdon Vale 3 1.00pm Recreation Ground Orchestra of St John's Brahms' Requiem 7.00pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 14 May	6th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Family Service 5.00pm Choral Evensong
Wed 17 May	DADS <i>One Man Two Guvnors</i> 7.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 18 May	DADS <i>One Man Two Guvnors</i> 7.30pm Village Hall
Fri 19 May	Chiltern Music Festival The Choir of King's College London 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey



Fri 19 May contd.	DADS <i>One Man Two Guvnors</i> 7.30pm Village Hall
Sat 20 May	Cherwell League Cricket Dorchester 1 v Garsington 1 1.00pm Recreation Ground DADS <i>One Man Two Guvnors</i> 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 21 May	7th Sunday of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist The Snug Sessions <i>Ian Shaw—The Magic of Joni Mitchell</i> 7.00pm Bishops Court Farm
Wed 24 May	Dorchester Historical Society <i>Henry Taunt, photographer</i> Malcolm Graham 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey Shrine Chapel
Fri 26 May	English Music Festival 5.15pm Village Hall 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sat 27 May	Cherwell League Cricket Dorchester 2 v Kingston Bagpuize 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground English Music Festival 10.45am Dorchester Abbey 5.00pm Village Hall 7.00pm and 9.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 28 May	Pentecost 8.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Team service at Dorchester Abbey
Mon 29 May	English Music Festival 5.00pm Village Hall 7.00pm and 9.30pm Dorchester Abbey English Music Festival 10.45am and 7.00pm Dorchester Abbey 5.00pm Village Hall

Weekly events

Tuesday	Coffee Morning 11.00am Dorchester Abbey Abbey Bell Ringers Practice 7.30pm
Wednesday	New Baby and Toddler Time 9.30-10.45am Dorchester Abbey 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:
www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Weekly events in the Village Hall

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

Parish Registers

Funerals

22 March Roger Alan Stuart Smith

For current information about other services at Dorchester Abbey see

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

For St Birinus RC Church go to:

www.stbirinus.co.uk

CONTACTING THE POLICE

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

HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECT LINE TO URGENT LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

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

MINOR INJURIES

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

A&E

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

SURGERIES

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

ROOM HIRE

ABBEY GUEST HOUSE BOOKINGS

To hire the Abbey Guest House for private functions, meetings, exhibitions, etc, contact **01865 340007**, email admin@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 Dorchester to Wallingford and Dorchester to Didcot

To Wallingford: 12.50, 14.59 (Mon), 10.36, 14.59 (Wed), 09.45, 12.08, 12.39, 14.10 (Fri),
From Wallingford: 09.30, 11.45 (Mon, Wed), 09.30, 11.45, 12.25, 14.00 (Fri)

To Didcot Station: 09.43, 13.44 (Mon) 12.00, 13.44 (Wed),
From Didcot Station: 12.26, 14.35 (Mon), 14.30 (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, 5 & 7 High Street, Dorchester on Thames OX10 7HH; **07745 311439** (office) , **07752 9007116** (direct)
parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk.

SODC CONTACT

Telephone **01235 422422**
Email: enquiries@southoxon.gov.uk
South Oxfordshire District Council
Abbey House
Abbey Close
Abingdon OX14 3JE

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
www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITE
www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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

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



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Wed 3 May **Green**
Wed 10 May **Black**
Tues 16 May **Green**
Wed 31 May **Black**

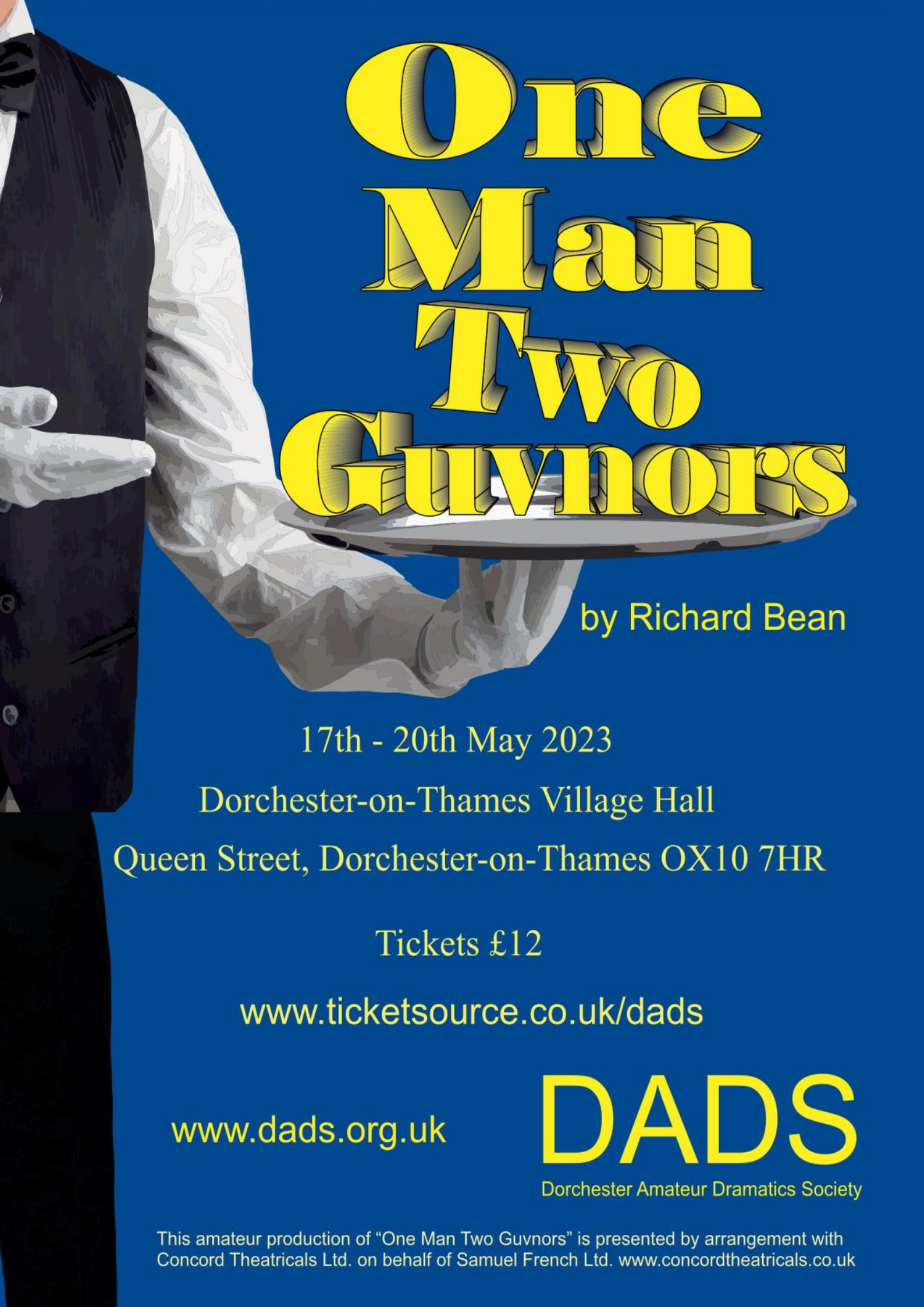
Weekdays from 7.00am

Weekly: food waste (in bio-degradable starch-based bag or wrapped in newspaper, in green caddy).

The recycling centre at Oakley Wood (off the A4130) is open 8.00am – 5.00pm seven days a week. Check website www.oxford.gov.uk/

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