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Dorchester News July/August 2017 A DoT view

Ever since I moved to Dorchester I have felt lucky to live here. And now that view has been endorsed by a national newspaper. Tom Dyckhoff, writing in The Guardian's column about places to live described Dorchester as 'a little utopia'. (Or should that be 'Utopia'? You can never be sure with The Guardian.) I have included a short summary of some of the things he said on page 15, but if you can get hold of a copy of The Guardian Weekend of 3 June do have a read, if only to make you feel smug at being able to live here.

One of the attractions that Tom mentions is the English Music Festival, which took place at the end of May. Apart from organising yet another wonderful weekend of music, I am very grateful to Director, Em Marshall-Luck, for writing her report when she was very busy following the EMF so that it could be included in this issue. You will find it on page 16.

Summer has barely started but the Autumn Flower Show is already beckoning. See page 9 to start thinking about which of your plants you should be talking nicely to for the next couple of months, and page 4 for How To Win!

If you really want to get involved in the village, turn to Chris Hill's proposal on page 5 for the community to acquire the Fleur de Lys, which is for sale. It would be a shame were the village to lose one of its three pubs—one of the things that makes it a little utopia according to The Guardian!

Ian Brace

Cover: Roses in Rotten Row



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Most people usually attribute the saying 'a week is a long time in politics' to former Prime Minister Harold Wilson, and this week it feels as though that saying has never been truer. Only a few days ago, we were all horrified at the terror attacks in London. I write this on the morning after the election, and as I write the result appears to be 'no clear result'. This is a political change that leaves uncertain at this stage who will govern us, not to mention who will negotiate exit from the European Union or what sort of exit they will negotiate. Whatever we might feel about the election result, elation or dread, anxiety or hope, I think we can agree that we rarely see weeks like this one. (Speaking personally, I have had to rethink what I was going to write three times, just to keep up with events!)

Sometimes, when it feels as though there is a tsunami of news heading our way, whether bad or just confusing, it can be tempting to close our doors to the world and switch off the television. I read an article last week in which the author and researcher argued that constant exposure

to a 24hr news cycle, and particularly exposure to other people's opinions about the news, coincided with a greater than average likelihood of experiencing depression or anxiety at some point. So when, from time to time, we look at the world, throw up our hands and try to retreat into an enclosed, controllable, safe space in which simple things like home, family, 'a bit of peace' and a 'quiet life' can be had, we are doing something quite natural. These *are* good things and it is good for our health and well-being that we enjoy them.

But don't events out there in the wider world have a habit of imposing themselves at a local level anyway? For most of us, this takes the form of what decisions made at a national and international level might mean for household income, community facilities, new housing developments, the well-being of our schools, shops, pubs, pensions, healthcare, savings, benefits, jobs and so on. For others of us, as it did for the poor families of those killed or injured the other day in London, the wider world can impose itself

in devastatingly tragic ways. In both cases, those affected can feel caught up with neither escape nor influence in events that just happen to them.

All this is a way of saying that sometimes it can feel as though the entire world is being shaken and that nothing in life is certain or secure any more. At times like that, I think about a line from one of the Psalms, in which the writer says to God, 'you have been our dwelling place in all generations'. When I read this, I hear the voice of someone who could face the uncertainties of the world with courage not because he believed that God would swoop in at every opportunity and take the difficulties, complexity or grief out of life. Rather, I read him as being able to take heart *despite* the fact that the difficulties remain. He is able to do this because he trusts that the person and the love of God are unshakeably certain, even if nothing else is. I pray that in this time of uncertainty and change, you will know that peace.

From the Rector

Summer is a time for relaxation and a slightly slower pace of life for many of us – and I hope for you! I'm hoping to join my daughter Jenny (who is spending six months walking across the Alps) for a few days walking in Italy but also hope to take the opportunity to just call in on people – if you'd particularly like a visit; feel you haven't seen me for ages, have something particular you'd like to talk about – or have never met me do call (340007) or drop me a line (admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) and I'll hope to catch up with you during August!

Summer Special Services 16 and 30 July

The quieter months always offer an opportunity to visit some of the Dorchester Team's smaller churches. Our Choir will be going to the beautiful Chapel in the grounds of Nuneham House on **16 July**. This Church is cared for by the Churches Conservation Trust and is a real gem – Evensong at 3.00pm followed by tea is a special annual treat!

July 30 is a fifth Sunday and our team service will be at Newington Church – small and beautiful with a churchyard that is 'mown by sheep' this is an opportunity to worship in the church in our team that is truly rural – there are three working farms in a village with a population of about 80 people!

Please note that there is no Evensong in the Abbey in either July or August.

Clergy Residential

Our clergy will be spending time away together from 19 to 21 July thinking particularly about our shared mission to the communities around us. Please pray for us.

Prayers

Many of you will know that we have a prayer board in the Abbey which is well used by members of the community and visitors alike. You may not know that we also have an online prayer board on the website <http://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/prayer/> where you can request prayers and a virtual prayer group – to join email prayers@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Dorchester Education Trust

This Trust fund exists to further the education of young people under the age of 25 who are resident in the parish or who attend school here. The Trustees are keen to receive requests for assistance for any educational purpose from young people from our community. Please write to Richard Winslet, Secretary to the Trustees, The Rectory, 10 Manor Farm Road, Dorchester on Thames or e-mail richardwinslet@gmail.com.

Tea Room Anniversary

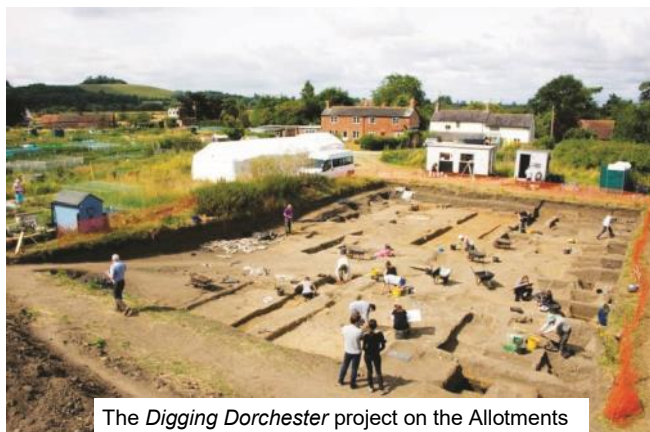
2017 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Dorchester Tea Room. As some of you will know one of the ways we plan to celebrate this is to purchase a replacement for 'Lettice's Seat' which has fallen into disrepair and over the year tea room visitors have been invited to contribute towards this. On **Monday 28 August** after the Tea Room closes we would like to invite all tea room helpers past and present and anyone who has a long association with the tea room to celebrate together. Please make sure that you receive an invitation by telephoning the Abbey office (01865 340007) or emailing admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk – on your own behalf and/or to pass on details of someone who may not see this notice!

Archaeology in Dorchester Summer 2017

Dates for the 2017 season on the Allotments:
Undergraduate field school: Sunday 25 June - Friday 7 July
Public field schools: Sunday 9 - Friday 14 July, and
Sunday 16 - Friday 21 July.

See www.discoveringdorchester.blogspot.co.uk for information on the project so far. Residents of the village are particularly invited to come and take an active part in the exploration of its history during the 'public' sessions. Many members of our community have become experienced 'diggers' and pot washers over the years, especially during the period when the project was HLF funded.

For more information please email
edward.peveler@arch.ox.ac.uk



The Digging Dorchester project on the Allotments



Why don't you win?

Do you wonder why your entries to the Flower Show (see page 9) don't seem to win? I know I do. Why do other people win when your entry is just as good? Well, it may simply be that those other people better understand the rules and what the judges are looking for.

To help you through this minefield, The Flower Show Committee have produced some information about the staging of produce, based on official RHS guidelines. This is available by email from:

christinastores@gmail.com or david@drpwilkinson.co.uk

So get a copy and get winning!



The Easter Corner Dorchester Abbey

Within the hush of lofty Abbey walls,
 Below the oaken beams and whitened naves,
 A sombre scene, in painted silence calls,
 Above the flagstones, over ancient graves.
 It shows a group of friends below a cross,
 Their heads bent low in heavy disbelief,
 As they helpless, watch their leader's loss.
 Their once bright hopes now turned to grief.
 But though that scene is one of doubts and fears,
 This corner of the Abbey sheds not gloom,
 For above the painting's faded years
 An opening to the Abbey's inner room,
 Shows a stone that has been rolled away
 To pass the light of human's greatest day.

Tom Robertson
 20 May 2017.

This was submitted by Maureen Fitzgerald of Abingdon Road, and was written following a visit to Dorchester Abbey by her friend, Tom Robertson.

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What is this?

Where will you see this
 in Dorchester, and what
 is it?

Answer on page 15



Hempcroft Allotment News



In early June new water pipes were installed in certain areas of the allotments to bring water to locations that were previously remote from water taps. This work was managed by Stuart Poole and Bill Downey with the help of a few others on a particularly wet and windy Tuesday 6 June.

The Committee met recently and decided that the annual subscription of the Allotment Society of £5 needs to be raised. It has been £5 for a long time, at least over 10 years, and our annual float of about £500 is slowly diminishing. Rather than raise it by a couple of pounds the Committee was of the view that it should be raised to £10 per year. This will then cover the cost of increases to insurance, membership of the National Allotment Society and also pay for structural improvements such as new standpipes and better signage. This proposed increase has been reported to the Parish Council who are in favour. This proposal will be presented to the AGM in September.

From 23 June work will start to prepare the archaeological site on the northern part of the Hempcroft for this summer's visit by archaeological students.

Edward Metcalfe



Ever wanted to own your local community pub?

This could be the first step. Some of you may know that the Fleur de Lys is for sale. Others of you may also know that over four years ago it was registered with SODC who are the administrators of Assets of Community Value (ACVs) by a group of local customers who live in the village.

What this means is that if it is ever put on the market (as it is now), there is a six month moratorium on the sale during which members of the local community can assemble a consortium to buy and run it as a community pub.

In order to evaluate whether there is sufficient support to take this forward as a serious proposition there will be an initial meeting of interested parties at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th July. Anyone who is interested will be welcome to come along to find out more and decide for themselves.

Friends of the Fleur
c/o Chris Hill
340910

Village News



Thank you to Mary Reaugh for educating us this month on the interesting facts of the July 4, Independence Day in the USA.

Speaking of July, on the 2 July we are running the Abbey Tearooms, Susan has a list of cake makers and helpers. (You should have received an email). Thank you to Gill and Linda for organising.

Important dates coming up...

13 July our Summer Tea Party in Pauline's Garden, 3.00pm
Please note slight change of time for the tea party above.

10 August – Summer Outing to Waterperry Gardens – Don't forget to tell Susan Jupp on **341066**, if you wish to come on the outing in August.

For General information:

www.thewi.org.uk. Please call Pauline on **340746**, Susan on **341066** or Hayley on **340119**.

New Members Welcome!
We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm

Dorchester Lunch Club for retired residents.

History of the Lunch Club: The lunch club started about 35 years ago organised by Lettice Godfrey for Dorchester residents, aged over 60, who had retired and lived on their own, to ensure that these residents had a good home cooked meal at least once a week. It was held weekly in the Abbey Guest House during the winter months from October to Easter. There were teams of cooks on a rota system who between them cooked a lunch for 20 people every week. About 10 years ago the venue was changed to the village hall back room.

The problems now being encountered: Most of the present cooks have been doing the cooking for the lunch club since it started and are now struggling to continue as they are well past the age of many of the residents now eating the lunches! In spite of trying to advertise and persuade younger people to take over the responsibility, it has been impossible to recruit enough helpers willing to take on the responsibility of cooking a meal for 20 people.

Possible solution: Nowadays people on their own are able to buy extremely good meals for one person in supermar-

kets and from companies like Wiltshire home cooked frozen meals, which were not available 30 years ago. So it is no longer so important to provide a good home cooked meal to residents, however the social side of the lunch club is important and very much enjoyed by every one who has attended in the past. And so there are three possibilities to keep the social side going

- To come to the Tuesday Community Coffee morning held in the Abbey every week from 10.30 to 12.00 (and I stress this is not just for residents who attend the Sunday services in the Abbey) it was started in the hope that every Dorchester resident what ever age, religion or no beliefs would come and enjoy meeting and chatting together over a cup of coffee / tea / squash and biscuits. So please come.
- To have a snack lunch in the village hall 12.30- 2.00 once a fortnight (or possibly weekly if enough residents request it) on Wednesdays in the winter months, consisting of a cup of soup, cheese, pate, and bread and fruit for £3. This is aimed at being a

social thing rather than for a meal. It would be necessary to know the number of people who plan to come for catering purposes, therefore it would be necessary to phone Susan Jupp on the preceding Monday to tell her you were coming on the Wednesday.

- Instead of a snack lunch to have a tea (scones and cake / biscuits) in the village hall 3.00 to 4.00 fortnightly in the winter months on a Wednesday. (It would be necessary to phone Susan Jupp on the preceding Monday as described under option 2).

I would be very grateful if residents could give me some idea whether you would like to keep the lunch club going with option 2 or 3 by phoning me sometime between now and 1 August on the phone number given below. Whatever the result option 1 is always there for you, so please use it! I will report in the September Dorchester News the result of your replies to me, so you know the final plan for the future of the lunch club.

Susan Jupp
01865 341066

St Birinus Primary School News



As I write this we are approaching the end of the year with our Year 6 children bracing themselves to move on to their next school – an exciting but nervous time!

Highlights from last term include:

Fox class had the opportunity to try out the 'Run a mile' challenge to start their day. Under the leadership of Mrs White, the children headed off at 8:40am to run around the playground before heading off to the cloister garden and back. It was a great opportunity to build up our fitness and a positive way to promote perseverance and concentration. We hope to develop this over next academic year.

Our annual Music and Drama evening was next, where we were extremely impressed by the amazing talents within our school as children, who have musical and drama lessons. The evening gives our performers such a valuable experience to perform in front of an audience, whether just starting exploring their talents to those who have been practising for a while. I was so proud of the children and their enthusiasm and perseverance to keep going. A big thank you to Caroline Seed (Drama), Jill Lloyd (Violin teacher) who were able to come and support their students, also Ian Fawcett (Flute teacher) and the other music teachers working with the children to achieve such wonderful results.

A damp start to the week did not deter

KS2 as they headed off to Tilsley Park to take part in a joint cluster sports event. This was originally organised to be led by students of King Alfred's as part of their studies, however the rain seemed to put them off – so a huge thank you goes to Danny Taylor (Vale School Games Organiser) and all the staff for running the event to ensure everyone had a great day. Mrs Eade and Mrs Eacopo were very impressed with the behaviour of the children and the way in which they coped with the changes to the day.

As this is the last news this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all their support and hard work this year. It is wonderful to be part of this great team.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher

Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

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Fishmonger

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News from the Museum

The Museum's opening hours for this season (Easter to end of September) are:

Wednesday and Thursday 11.00am-5.00pm, Friday to Sunday (and Bank Holiday Mondays) 2.00pm-5.00pm.

We also open for school and adult groups on Mon and Tues and at other times by arrangement.

We have a number of new items coming soon, including the Anglo Saxon display, designed for our new education programme. The First World War display, featuring the experiences of three Dorchester women, is still on until the November 2018 commemoration.

There is a wide selection of gifts in the Museum shop, to suit everyone, ranging from 50p pocket money items to beautiful pottery at over £20. You will also find other popular gifts, such as Dorchester tea towels, tote bags and mugs. Also note pads, writing paper, and lovely wrapping paper, as well as a wide selection of greeting cards, together with 1st and 2nd class stamps.

So why not come and have a look around to see what's changed since your last visit. You're always welcome to come in and browse,

The Museum and shop are run entirely by volunteers, and new helpers are always needed. If you'd like to discuss this, please give the Curator, Anne-Marie, a ring on **01235 539858**

Dorchester News online

Remember that Dorchester News is available to download from the Abbey website each month (go to the homepage at: **www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk** and click on Dorchester News) and from the village website (go to **www.dorchester-on-thames.co.uk** and click on the Dorchester News tab).

Remind your friends and family who have moved away from the village that they can catch up with what's going on in Dorchester.



This term is a busy one! Summer is (hopefully) here! We are learning about looking after ourselves in the sun, and have been walking around the village and allotments to find summer plants and flowers. Our colours for the

Pre School News

term are pink and yellow and we are learning about 2D and 3D shapes. Children

starting school in September will have the opportunity to visit to their new schools in preparation for leaving Pre-School and starting the next phase of their education - a big exciting step! Events for the rest of this term include a Teddy Bear's Picnic, story time with the foundation class at 'big school', Sports Day and the Pre-School leaver's presentation.



The final part of our new look is now in place - our wonderful new mural. It complements the colourful fence and large, fun playground! Feel free to wander by to have a look.

There are still some places available for new children to start at Pre-School in September. There is 15hrs per week government funding available for 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. Pre-School is offering the new funding option of up to 30 hours per week for working parents. See our website for details - dorchesterpreschool.co.uk, or contact

Helen Morris, Pre-School Manager on **01865 341805**.

Louisa Margison
Pre School Secretary

Evacuee Project update – at last a London school contact!

Just as we had reluctantly decided to put the project to rest for a while, as we had made no progress on finding any evacuees from the London school which came here in September 1939, the May Bank Holiday Monday brought a wonderful surprise.

A family visiting their son/grandson studying at Oxford decided to come to Dorchester because his grandfather had been evacuated here with Thomas Street School, Stepney in September 1939. And someone in the Abbey on that Monday morning [it turned out that it was Julie Evans – thank you so much, Julie] knew about the evacuee project, and sent them to 14 Queen Street. We met them in the street (I was on



Paul in 1939 and 2017

the way to our allotment!), and immediately invited them in for a cuppa. Gail and Denise joined us, and we were finally able to get the story of one of our London children.

Paul Hailes was six years old when he was delivered to Thomas Street school, with his gas mask and suitcase, and put on the bus to Dorchester with his schoolmates and some teachers, leaving behind his mother and very sick father at 95 St Paul's Way, Bow or Limehouse [we have two versions of this street's location in the records, for different children]. He was billeted with the Bensteads, in Oxford Road. His friend Jimmy Fairley went to 5 Jemmetts Row (Mrs C. Bumpass), while Peggy Heardman who lived upstairs from his family in London went to Mrs Holliday at 1 Jemmetts Row. [source: Mrs Bowditch's records].

Paul remembers the school (now the Village Hall), and Denise got the key, so he could revisit his old classroom – the present 'back room'. He remembers open fields around the house in Oxford Road, and spent time 'wandering around the countryside' when not at school. We were not sure which house he



had lived in, but with local help we have now identified it as the first house on the left in Oxford Road. His name is not on the list of those attending the 1939 Christmas party (although Jimmy was there), so we think he must have gone home for Christmas.

In November 1940 the seven-year old Paul was called out of class by his teacher [we think probably Miss Cox, one of the London teachers, as she seemed very concerned with children's

welfare, but it could just possibly have been our own Mary Tame (then Miss G.M. Jones)] to be told the very sad news that his father had died, of TB. He returned to devastated East London, but he and his mother were soon evacuated again, to Leicester, by his mother's employers, the British Sailor's Society, and remained there for some time.

We hope this story may trigger some more memories in Dorchester, and Paul plans to come back soon to continue tracking his past, and to meet more 'locals'. He also gives talks to schools, so we hope to follow up that idea, too. We are thrilled to have met Paul and his family; their visit has given new impetus to our project.

Margot Metcalfe and the Evacuee Research Group



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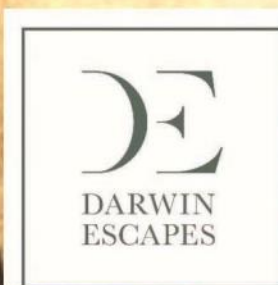
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2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 20, 25 and 26, where three entries may be made.

3. The **number** of exhibits in Class 1 must be the same as in the corresponding class **where applicable and in a container.**

4. All entry forms, together with fees, to be submitted **not later than 7.00 pm. on Thursday evening** before the show.

5. All exhibits in classes 1-39 must have been grown by the exhibitor. All exhibits in classes 42-55 must be home produced by the exhibitor. All pot plants must have been owned for a minimum of 4 months.

6. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, stands etc. Every care will be taken of the exhibits but the committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

7. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the opinion of the judges shall be final, but the committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.

8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.

9. All exhibits for competition must be staged between 9.00 am and 10.30 am on the day of the show.

10. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and clear immediately afterwards.

11. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.

12. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules will be disqualified.

DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW

and
Plant Sale/Raffle
in
DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL
on
Saturday 2nd September 2017

Staging 9.00 am -10.30 am

Viewing 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and
presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

Exhibitors will be competing for:
The Amey Rose Bowl, The Rose Plate,
The Amey Tankard, The Fruit Plate,
The R Belcher Onion Cup,
The Floral Art Cup, The Runner Bean Plate,
The Britain in Bloom Cup, The Best Vegetable Award,
Vegetable Collection Plate,
The Best Kept Allotment, The Pat Cheese Potato Cup,
Victoria Sandwich Award, The HC Smith Dahlia Cup,
The Blackwell Photography Cup and
The Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate

Section 1 - Vegetables

- 1) Collection of 4 different types of vegetables (see rule 3)
- 2) Potatoes 5 white
- 3) Potatoes 5 coloured
- 4) Carrots 3, foliage 3" max
- 5) Parsnips 3, foliage 3" max
- 6) Onions 5 from sets
- 7) Onions 5 from set/seed max 3" dia
- 8) Shallots 7
- 9) Beetroot 3
- 10) Runner Beans 5
- 11) Longest Runner Bean
- 12) French Beans 5
- 13) Marrow 1, fit for table (up to 12" long)
- 14) Peppers 2
- 15) Tomatoes 5
- 16) Tomatoes, Cherry type 7
- 17) Cucumbers 2
- 18) Courgettes 3 (4-6" long)
- 19) Herbs - 4 bunches in water (space 12"x12")
- 20) Any other vegetable (see rule 2)
- 21) Squash 2
- 22) A disaster vegetable

Section 2 - Fruit

- 23) Apples, Cooking 5
- 24) Apples, Dessert 5

- 25) Berry Fruit (see rule 2)
- 26) Any other fruit (see rule 2)

Section 3 - Flowers

- 27) Flowering plant in pot, pot not to exceed 8" diameter
- 28) Foliage plant in pot, pot max 8" dia
- 29) Dahlia - 1, 6" diameter and over
- 30) Dahlias - 3, 3" to 6" diameter
- 31) Rose - 1 bloom any type
- 32) Roses - 3 stems, one variety or mixed
- 33) Flowering shrub - 3 stems, one variety
- 34) Berried shrub, including hips - 3 stems, one variety
- 35) Michaelmas daisies - 3 stems
- 36) Annuals - 3 stems, one variety
- 37) Annuals - 5 stems, all different plant families
- 38) Biennials or Perennials - 3 stems, one variety
- 39) Biennials or Perennials - 5 stems, all different plant families

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 40) 'Shades of sunset' (max 18" x 18" x 18")
- 41) 'Storm in a teacup' (max 8" x 8" x 8")

Section - 5 Domestic

- 42) Treacle tart
- 43) Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- 44) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 45) Cottage loaf
- 46) Jam doughnuts - 3
- 47) Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 48) Pot of Jelly, sweet or savoury - sealed with plain screw top lid

Section 6 - Photography and Art - All unmounted, not exhibited previously. Classes 49 & 50: Conventional or digital camera (*must not be manipulated or enhanced in any way*) Max 8" x 6"

- 49) 'Monument'
- 50) Subject beginning with "X, Y or Z"

- 51) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4
- 52) An unframed picture painted by exhibitor - state size on entry form

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

- 53) Age under 5 years
A drawing of our house
- 54) Age 5 - 8 years
A paper hat
- 55) Age 9 - 15 years
A scene in a shoebox

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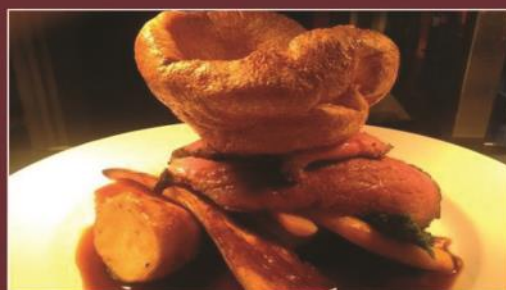
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Division 4		Result
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03/06/2017	Marcham v Dorchester	Marcham win by 3 wickets
10/06/2017	Dorchester v Swinbrook	Dorchester Win by 281 runs A Redhead 118 C Graney 112

Division 8 South		Result
13/05/2017	Dorchester II v Watlington II	Dorchester II win by 92 runs
20/05/2017	Chalgrove v Dorchester II	Match abandoned
27/05/2016	Steventon II v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 5 wickets
03/06/2017	Dorchester II v Kennington II	Dorchester II win by 191 runs



Tennis Club News

Doubles ladder

Our season got off to a great start with the Spring tournament, and as a result of that we have started a doubles ladder - to be played throughout the season. The teams are now into their stride inspired by the Roland Garros and Wimbledon.

Ladies morning : has been resurrected on Friday - and is proving to be very popular. Come along if you're curious.

Wednesday evenings: this year we have started a members evening from 7 to 9pm, which is proving very successful.

Sunday morning: sessions continue to be popular at this time of year.

Junior coaching: sessions are in full swing now, with attendance very high.

Adult coaching: continues throughout the year on Thursday mornings and evenings.

The hitting wall: has proved useful for people who want to practise on their own.

Wimbledon tickets: as a club, we received three pairs of tickets, which were drawn in a ballot by three lucky members of our club. We hope they have a great day at the championships

We look forward to some more excellent tennis matches throughout the season culminating at the Autumn Tournament on **Sunday September 17**.

Annual membership – Family £45; Individual £30; Junior £5.

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Chris Smith

DOGS' 'DOGS Days'

Over the years Dorchester-on-Thames' golfing society has generally become known as 'DOGS'. Perhaps, a slightly odd description of a friendly social group, but one that demonstrates an inherent sense of humour. This is typified by us calling our only formal annual social event a 'DOGS Dinner' at which a 'DOGS' Bowl' is awarded.

Well, the tradition continues. In keeping with an ancient description of the hottest days of mid-summer as 'Dog Days', we have a new golfing challenge. Three top golf courses have each agreed for us to hold a late afternoon 9-hole event, with our prize going to the best individual scores from any two of them. These are low-cost outings making use of extended daylight hours and not cutting into working day schedules. Golfers of all abilities are welcome.



Not surprisingly we're calling them **'DOGS DAYS'**.

The first of these, Oxford Golf Club (Southfield) will have already taken place before this edition of Dorchester News is published, but there's still time to enter and possible win the prize. The prize, as such, isn't your usual cup or trophy – but you'll have to wait and see.

The two remaining outings are **Huntercombe GC, 5.00pm, Thursday 13 July** and **The Springs GC, 4.30pm, Thursday 3 August**.

In addition to our regular first Monday of the month informal social drink (or two) at 8.00pm in the White Hart Hotel bar, we're having our **BBQ on Saturday 12 August**. No pressure, no golfing content, just an excuse to get together, mingle and meet new people. An ideal time for anyone interested in seeing what DOGS is all about without need for further commitments.

To find out more contact Mike and Jan Rimmer on **01865 343719**

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I'm running a taster session in Dorchester Village Hall, on Thursday 20th July from 7-9 pm, as a pre-cursor to an 8 week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction course starting in September.

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Earth Trust July events



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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Wednesday 19 July, 6.30pm-9.30pm

Earth Trust is delighted to welcome The HandleBards, the world's first cycling theatre company! Since 2013, their two troupes (one all-male, the other all-female) have pedalled over 6000 miles across the UK to perform their unique brand of "charmingly chaotic, environmentally sustainable, bicycle-powered Shakespeare".

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For those not familiar with the story, what's the play about? Well... Four young lovers find themselves enveloped in the dream-like arms of a magical forest full of sprites, where a feuding Fairy King and Queen are at war over the possession of an Indian boy. A group of amateur actors share the same forest. They're rehearsing for a play. Fairies and humans collide. Hilarity ensues.

£18 adult, £14 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Drawing from Nature for Families

Sunday 23 July, 10.00am-1.00pm

Let your creative side loose in the great outdoors, and get top tips for inspiration and improvement from local artist Gareth Lloyd. £10 adult, £5 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Creepy Crawly Comics

Monday 24 July, 10.00am-3.00pm

You'll be the bees' knees at creepy crawly comic drawing after attending our session with popular cartoonist Neill Cameron, whose work features in The Phoenix comic. You'll explore the Earth Trust garden, then create a nature themed comic inspired by what you discovered. For 7-11 year olds. £30 (ask about our discount for siblings); booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Woodland Adventure

Tuesday 25 July, 10.00am-12.00pm

An expedition for 5-8 year olds. Use your detective skills to explore, build and play in the woods! £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Night Safari

Tuesday 25 July, 8.00pm-10.00pm

Join us for this night-time expedition to discover Thrupp Lake's wildlife, who knows what you might find? On the evening, you'll also set up live traps ready for tomorrow's event. £7 adult, £4 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Wildlife Wednesday at Thrupp Lake

Wednesday 26 July, 10.00am-12.00pm

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve each school holiday. Come out and play and learn about your local wildlife! £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

Tree Climbing

Wednesday 26 July, 10.00am-5.00pm

Use ropes and harnesses to explore Little Wittenham Wood's treetops in 1hr sessions with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company. £20 per participant; booking essential: online at <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/tree-climbing-events/>

Basket Weaving

Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 July, 9.30am-5.00pm

You can create several small baskets or one larger structure in this two day workshop with Catherine Tregaskes. £115 per person; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

Clumps Club

Monday 31 July - Friday 4 August, 9.00am-5.00pm

Experience some wild adventures in this holiday club for 7-11 year olds! Different outdoor activities each day (see our website for details). £30 per day (book all 5 and get one FREE); booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson (incurs a booking fee).

As always, more information can be found on our website www.earthtrust.org.uk. All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated.

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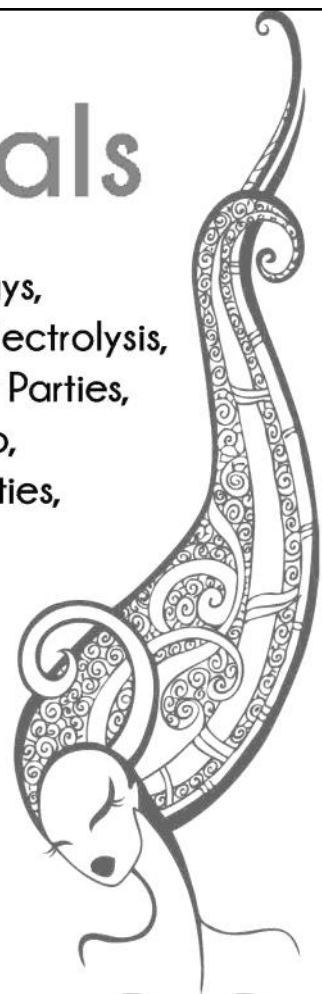
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Aladdin—the DADS panto, November 2016.

The Oxford Drama Network has awarded last November's DADS' panto, Aladdin, second place for best pantomime in the network (which includes nearly 50 drama organisations throughout Oxfordshire). Well done to the DADS team that put this on, and especially to Ann Winslet who directed such a fun show.

First place went to Faringdon, by just one point!. DADS tied with Sinodun Players for second place, who are a significantly larger group, and Kingston Bagpuize.



Guardian writer Tom Dyckhoff wrote that he drooled at the thought of a pint in the garden of the Fleur de Lys on a warm summer evening.

A little utopia

In the Guardian *Weekend* magazine of 3 June, the 'Let's move to' column featured where else but Dorchester in Thames! 'A little utopia' was the heading, and writer Tom Dyckhoff described it as 'one of those English villages that get me all misty-eyed with patriotism...'

He commented on the 'certain grandeur' that the village has as a result of its historical role, but also described it as 'all soft thatch, half timbered town houses and bow windows'.

Local residents Malcom Airs and Rob Ballantyne provide quotes. Malcolm praised the amenity value of the Hurst Water Meadow and Rob the amenity value of having three pubs!



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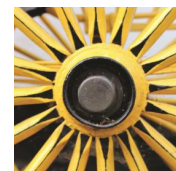
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The English Music Festival

For many years I have loved the music of English composers such as Delius, Vaughan Williams, Finzi, Elgar and others. Together they certainly have more space in my record collection than any other group of composers. So one of the great advantages for me of living in Dorchester is having the English Music Festival on my doorstep. What a treat. Every year I hear something that is new to me and this year was no exception. And I am delighted that Festival Director Em Marshall-Luck has written her report of this, the 11th EMF, especially to be included in this issue of Dorchester News.

Ian Brace

Every year that the English Music Festival takes place, I write a post-Festival review claiming it to be the most successful thus far; this year, the large number of letters I have received stating it to have been of the very highest musical standard yet, reinforces my opinion. Every musician involved put heart and soul into their performance, resulting in music-making of passion and utter commitment, as well as of technical excellence.

The Festival commenced on the Thursday, with a joint Schools' Concert with Radley College - part of our on-going educational programme. A large number of children from local schools took part, playing and singing alongside professional musicians and Radley boys. The standard was impressively high; and we were pleased to have fulfilled an EMF aim in bringing English music to children who otherwise might not have encountered it.

The main part of the EMF commenced with a talk on Gustav Holst in Dorchester Village Hall, before Friends and Vice-Presidents of the EMF made their way over to the Manor House for a reception, generously hosted as always by Simon and Margaret Broadbent. It was the most beautiful late spring day - the sky a cloudless azure; the sun lending warmth in its welcome rays; and all present greatly enjoyed companionship, champagne, canapés and musical conversation in such attractive and congenial surroundings. The main opening concert, in the Abbey, featured the BBC Concert Orchestra under conductor Martin Yates, and this -

which was recorded for later broadcast on Radio 3 - opened with Parry's *Jerusalem*. The world première performances of two works by Vaughan Williams sandwiched Delius's *In a Summer Garden*, and the first half concluded with what was, for me, the highlight of the concert, if not the entire Festival - Holst's *The Mystic Trumpeter*, with Ilona Domnich singing the searingly, intensely moving soprano part, in a performance of radiant, breath-taking beauty. The second half contained two more world premières - Stanford's *Concert Overture*, and Montague Phillips's *Symphony in C minor*. This latter work was probably the biggest talking point of the Festival, with audience members utterly intrigued and tremendously impressed by this substantial - and sometimes noisy - piece!

Saturday opened with a concert in the Abbey given by Worcester College Chapel Choir, which fully lived up to its title of *O be Joyful: A celebration of English choral music*; the boys sang superbly. An EMF lunch followed, in Radley College's Silk Hall foyer: another convivial occasion, which preceded the concert given in the Hall by the Fidelio Trio. This presented piano trios by Moeran and Adrian Williams - whom we were delighted to have with us - alongside works by Harty and Stanford to an appreciative audience. Back to Dorchester for the talk on Vaughan Williams, and then the concert in the Abbey, with the Godwine Choir conducted by Hilary Davan Wetton. The programme included works by Dyson, Macfarren, Havergal Brian, Bliss, Gardner, Holst, Hawkins and Tippett. A large audience stamped their feet in approval at the end - a welcome, if not typical, occurrence at the EMF!

The late-night concert (in the side-Chapel of the Abbey) was one of the most intimate events we have staged: a guitar duo from Germany commenced with works by Purcell, Downland, Philips and Johnson, moving through Vaughan Williams, to Maxwell Davies, Phibbs and Dodgson - including the world première of performance of *Cantilenas* by Phibbs (who was present). The focus and intensity of the completely-absorbed performers was palatable, while the audience was





by Delius, Britten, Bliss, Head, Boughton and Dring.

Delius - alongside Bax, Warlock and Ireland - also featured in the afternoon concert given by the Carice Singers in All Saints' Church in Sutton Courtenay; one highly-respected musical figure present commented to me that it was finest part-song concert he had ever attended. The director of this group then gave the last talk of the EMF.

And so to our final event (in the Abbey): the acclaimed Orchestra of the Swan, with works by Purcell, Walton, Elgar and Tippett, alongside Finzi's *Let us Garlands Bring*, with baritone David

absolutely silent and equally absorbed in the most magical atmosphere.

Sunday morning saw an EMF innovation – Eucharist held jointly with the Abbey, with all-English music and hymns as part of the service. It was a lovely event – helping to bring the EMF helpers and audience members together with residents of Dorchester and to celebrate together in the historical and beautiful Abbey. Revd Sue Booy's sermon was powerful, intelligent and appropriate and provoked much admiration, thought and discussion: everything a sermon should be, and I found myself envying Dorchester having her as incumbent! Another EMF lunch in Radley was followed by song-cycles by Finzi, Howells, Young and Vaughan Williams, performed with conviction and persuasion by Christopher Foster and Timothy End. After a talk on Delius, the main evening concert, back in Dorchester Abbey, featured the excellent Bristol Ensemble and Bath Camerata. The first half comprised works by Britten, Bridge and Vaughan Williams; Paul Carr's *Requiem for an Angel* – composed in memory of his mother – constituted the second half. Paul was sitting next to me

for this, and I don't know how he managed to stay dry-eyed, as I certainly didn't – nor did many other audience members! It is a typically Carr-ian gorgeous work, but immensely moving, and given a performance full of raw passion.

The late-evening concert provided a contrast, as we welcomed back the New Foxtrot Serenaders for a concert of light-hearted works; *Bless 'em all* and *Smile when you say goodbye* being among my personal favourites. Director Graham Wright's patter added to the geniality and humour of the event; and, in fact, he was so good as to lend his trumpet at the end of the concert to my

three-year-old son, who then proceeded to steal the show, blowing wobbly notes on the instrument with heaving lungs, and attracting an applauding and cheering audience!

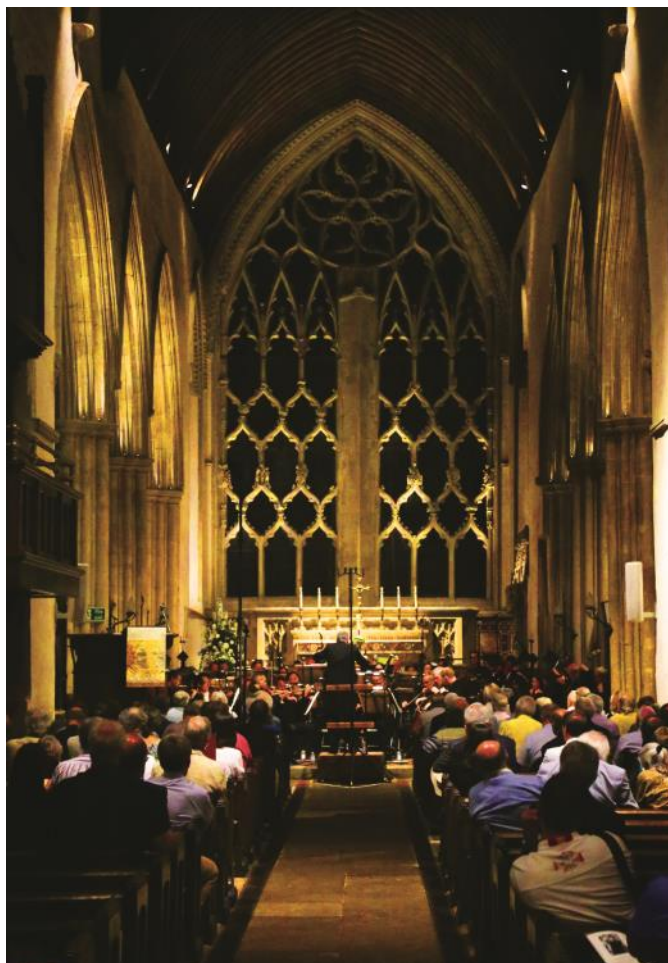
The morning recital on Monday was back in the Abbey, with Anna Huntley and Emma Abate performing songs

Pike, who charmed and beguiled the audience. It was a fitting conclusion to another highly successful EMF, with outstanding music-making, and delightful and moving works.

As ever, I reflect on the Festival just passed with a mixture of pleasure, satisfaction, and regret that it is over; whilst looking forward already to next year's offerings, which are currently well in the planning!

Em Marshall-Luck

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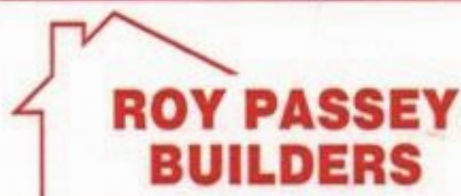
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Contacting the Parish Council

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Neighbourhood Development Plan

As you know the Pre submission Consultation should have ended on 8th May. The time was, in fact, extended by an additional few days at the request of SODC Planning Officers to give them more time to make their comments. Following this the NDP Group met again to discuss the responses from all the statutory consultees such as Historic England, local parishes, the County council and other local responses from residents, landowners and FODLWOS.

Some of the responses requested changes and amendments. These have been considered in the round with the comments made at the initial consultation meeting at the start of the process and many have been incorporated in the revised document. Other responses provided an encouraging degree of support and even praise from others.

We will be working around holidays to finish these for the rest of June with the help of Community First Oxfordshire a specialist consultancy in Neighbourhood planning before we make our final submission to SODC that will start the official consultation process in July.

Chris Hill
NDP Steering Group

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It's been another year of getting on with the job of looking after South Oxfordshire for the council.

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- given out more than £1.5m in grants to communities and organisations;
- joined our back-office processes up with 5 other district councils to help further reduce costs whilst increasing resilience;
- housed two refugee families from Syria;
- been recognised in national awards for our house design and place-making work;
- maintained our status as the best recyclers in the country;
- supported dozens of parishes in creating their own neighbourhood plan;
- frozen our council tax for another year – 5th lowest tax in the country;

More publicly, we've been moving forward with our Local Plan. We are now targeting just under 24,000 new homes in the district between 2011 and 2033. Nearly half of those are already built or have planning permission. The remainder will be made up of a series of larger sites as well as local, organic growth in each village delivered by the neighbourhood plans.

The potential larger sites are Chalgrove Airfield – a site owned by the government and so potentially of significant financial benefit to the area; Culham Science Centre – a development which we hope we see the first new crossing of the Thames built for more than 25 years; and new homes at Berinsfield.

Berinsfield is a particularly special case since we would be using house-building there to fund regeneration of parts of the village. Specifically, we hope to build new shops, a new leisure centre, a new health centre and a new school.

The Garden Town in Didcot is taking shape with the new shops currently being built and due to open in the Spring, and longer-term plans – including ideas as radical as moving the railway station – being published for consultation in June.

We've also been promoting a turkeys-voting-for-Christmas-plan to abolish ourselves.

Following more than a year of work looking at ways that we can both improve the quality of services in the county and save money doing so, the County and Vale councils joined us in March in submitting a bid to the Government to create a single council – rather than the current six – for the whole of Oxfordshire. We should get the Governments' reply soon after the General Election has taken place.

John Cotton

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Annual Parish Meeting - Chairman's Report

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the public and guest speakers for the evening, our County Councillor: Lorraine Lindsay-Gale; our District councillor, John Cotton; the chairman of PAGE, John Taylor; and representing the Friends of Dorchester Little Wittenham Open Spaces group, Becky Waller. He summarised the year had been one of a continual increase in the work load experienced by the Parish Council but one that has been accompanied by a significant increase in intensity and stress levels as well.

The Council membership had started with a full complement of eight councillors but sadly Val Howells had resigned in February. He thanked her for her help with village events and as the Parish Council representative school governor. Val has continued to be a school governor until a replacement is found. The school still retains its Good status from Ofsted. Val continues to be part of the Fireworks night display, the Village Christmas tree team and also the Children's Play area at the Rec. Recently we have co-opted Maurice Day to the Council. For over 30 years Maurice was a Parish member and was a past chairman.

The year began with successful celebration of the Queen's Birthday on 11 and 12 July, the sale of the Bowditch farm at which the Parish Council were unsuccessful in the bid for Lot 7 (a one acre parcel behind Belcher Court) as an extension to the cemetery.

Warnings from the County Council and Thames Travel that the bus service through Dorchester would be axed came as no surprise. While the X39/X40 provides a good service from the by-pass this is difficult for elderly and infirm residents to access. The county Council had advertised an alternative tailored service and Dorchester was one of the first councils to show an interest. At a meeting on 7 July it was clear there was sufficient support for a limited service if the price was set to at an attractive level. The 40 strong Bus Users group was formed and the Parish Council offered to seed fund the service for 6 months with users paying towards the cost. The 16 seater bus with wheelchair access and lift called the Dorchester Flyer, now runs to and from Wallingford twice on every Friday, which is market day. The service has been extended for another 6 months as much of the original seed funding is still unspent.

At the Recreation Ground the Tennis Club Hitting Wall, funded by the Tennis Club, was completed and officially opened in July 2016. Nearby, urgent

repairs to the Pavilion flat roof were necessary to prevent leaks which could lead to severe damage. Unfortunately there has been no progress plans to extend the pavilion. To make matters worse, last week, at the AGM, three of the longstanding Sports Committee members resigned. This could delay any further plans for some time.

Since its announcement in December 2015 the Parish Council took a close interest in the closure of Belcher Court. Our first concerns were that residents would be treated fairly and many have now been re-homed. About 6 months ago it was announced that it would be sold off for commercial housing and the proceeds used to provide social housing in the 'area' though not necessarily in Dorchester. The Parish Council and the NDP Group are opposing this plan as Belcher Court has long been accepted as the preferred site within Dorchester as Affordable Housing. There is proof of the need for Affordable homes in Dorchester as shown in the Housing Needs Survey carried out a few years ago.

This year the allotments have the same number of plots in use, 78, but this year most people believe the condition and tidiness have been judged as very good. About six or seven keen new allotment holders are thought to have been influential in raising standards all round. However, there are still a few plots for anyone who is interested. The committee have proposed that the Allotment membership fee will be raised at the next AGM but Dorchester is still much less than many local allotment associations.

In October the Parish Council hosted a successful Newcomers evening in the village hall. The chairman thanked all those who attended and especially to those representatives of organisations who came along to advertise the wide range of hobbies, pastimes and interests available in our small but active community.

At the cemetery in addition to the general grass cutting and tree maintenance, we started to restore the area that is behind the rear gardens of Page Furlong. This area had been used for depositing soil and other spoil for many years and had become unsightly and weeds. After three lorry loads of soil were removed the area was then grass seeded and early this year volunteers planted daffodil bulbs. This has drastically improved the look of this area and hopefully this will continue in the future.

The chairman stated that the Parish Council did not to raise the precept for this financial year. It remains at £42,280

per annum which is roughly £100 per household per year, or £2 a week and remains very good value for money for our residents.

In October we heard from the farm manager of the new Bishops Court Farm owner and that a meeting would be arranged soon afterwards. This meeting eventually took place in March of this year. The suddenness and extent of the changes came as a shock to everyone and this presented all of us in the Parish Council with a significant increase in the workload and stress levels as we were bombarded with requests from residents and visitors for information and to express their concerns. This started in October and continued into this year as further developments unfolded. Even now the Farm have not shared any of their future plans with us. In my view, this has led directly to the formation of the interest group, we now know as FODLWOS, Friends of Dorchester Little Wittenham Open Spaces group and subsequently to the applications for Village Green status and challenges to the Footpaths changes on the Farm.

As the Parish Council do not have responsibility for the footpaths or open spaces on the farm so we have relied on the resources of the County Council, the District Council and Historic England for their expertise and resources in these specialist matters. As a result we have chosen to adopt the role of 'honest broker' between the new owners and the rest of the village residents. Our ambition is to create a dialogue between all parties and to represent the broad spectrum of views of the residents across the village. We are all agreed that, as a village we do not fall out with each other, as, if we do, we are all losers. We believe that both parties can provide significant benefits for the village and hope we can work together to achieve the best for the village. That said, we have been pursuing danger areas caused by the fencing at Days Lock, the Thame/Thames confluence, and other places including those with exposed areas of barbed wire. We have had some success at Days Lock and will continue with the others.

Over the past year there had been 35 Planning applications considered by the Parish Council compared with 43 the previous year. The majority received approval.

The report concluded by giving thanks to all of our Councillors who spend many hours a week working for the mutual benefit of the village and especially to Geoff Russell for his hard work and dedication often late into the night.

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Many thanks for all your support, from all at Footsteps Foundation



Josh in 'The Spider' at Footsteps.



Josh receiving his bronze medal at the European Judo Championships in 2017.



Developing young people through personal challenge

About YoCO

YOUTH CHALLENGE OXFORDSHIRE (YoCO) is a local charity established to support young people aged 14 to 21 to develop resilience and confidence so that they can overcome the problems that they face during teenage years.

The young people follow an exciting guided 18 month programme, helping them overcome some of the key challenges facing them today, such as pressures of social media, bullying and peer influence to take unnecessary risks. The programme designed and delivered by YoCO is run by youth group leaders at weekly meetings with a professional team at YoCO in support.

After six months, each youth group has the chance to spend a residential weekend away together sharing experiences and completing challenges. This offers more opportunities for personal development, team building and reflection. The young people may also volunteer for a life-changing experience of a trip to the Nasio Trust charity in Western Kenya. They return to the UK with a greater understanding of themselves and the role they can play in the future.

Building on this experience, the young people will then be supported for as long as they need with help and advice for applications to educational courses, apprenticeships and employment.

In the June Dorchester News, we included a picture (right) of a group from YoCo fundraising at the May Morning breakfast in Dorchester Abbey. But who are they and how they can be helped?



How can you help: Personal expertise or contacts you could share with us in the following areas: grant giving organisations; travel, especially air travel; travel insurance/

inoculations; lecturers; team building; printing & stationery; marketing, online and other.

Start your own Group in your own Youth Club or Community - and we will support you.

Financial Support :Administration costs budgeted at £20,000 for 2017.

Supporting a Group: UK costs – between £1000 and £1500 per group of 10 or 12; travel costs for a group to fulfil their dream and go to Kenya (approx £1000 per head)

As they progress through the Programme the young have to raise money themselves for their accommodation in Kenya and for the projects they will undertake during their visit to work with the children supported by the Nasio Trust. Groups will also be expected to raise money to contribute towards their own travel costs.

They will however need support to earn enough money and you could help them in the following ways: Find them Saturday morning or holiday jobs; hire a group to support an event or function; arrange a fundraising event for them – small or large; lead a group in the UK or travelling with a group to Kenya

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A Date for your Diary - Saturday September 9
Yes, 'Ride and Stride' is coming around again.



Here are some reminders from last year. There is Sue laughing in the rain and we were so pleased to see these beautiful vintage Red Tractors visiting us at the Abbey again.

Below are our resolute and determined 'Rider', James with his bike, and 'Striders', Susan, Judy and Richard. We now know that between them, they raised a fantastic £706, to be shared equally between Dorchester Abbey and Oxford Historic Churches Trust. Congratulations to them all once again and a big thank you to everyone who sponsored them too!

Since the Oxford Historic Churches Trust was founded, grants totalling several million pounds have been made to churches in Oxfordshire. A significant proportion of this money has been raised by the annual 'Ride and Stride'. Last year Oxfordshire Ride and Stride raised over £120,000. They would love to do **even** better this year. Ride and Stride is a fun day out for everyone. Last year participants ranged in age from two to ninety years old!



Please do think about joining in. Would you like to walk, ride your bike or even your horse, to raise money for Dorchester Abbey and for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust? If you would, or if you know someone else who might be interested – please do ask them too!

For further information, please contact me on rosemarybyrde@btinternet.com.



From your MP... John Howell June 2017

With the General Election now behind us I am writing this on the day MPs gather at Westminster for the start of the new Parliament. I feel honoured to be back here. I am, of course, grateful to those who supported me on polling day, however once polling day is over successful candidate is the MP for everyone who lives in the Constituency. In my work as MP I have always worked hard for those I represent and as such I am interested to know people's views and am open to listening to differing sides of debates as issues arise. I find such debates helpful in forming my own view, and in the end coming to my own judgement on issues.

There is little doubt that this election has drawn some important national issues to the fore and I look forward to working through these in the coming months. Sometimes people have personal issues or problems and seek the advice of their MP. I am happy to try to help with issues where possible. Strictly speaking MPs are there to help with matters in their own constituency for which Parliament is responsible although sometimes I can help beyond this. Concerns relating to the NHS, HM Revenue and Customs, the Borders Agency, and the Department of Work and Pensions are examples of issues that I can directly take up. However many of the issues that are raised with me are matters for our local councils and you have elected representatives to these council who are often best placed to help. For example matters such as planning, refuse collection, housing benefit and council tax are dealt with by the district council, whilst issues relating to highways, social services, school transport and trading standards come under the remit of the county council. Full details of the responsibilities of the different councils can be found on their websites and my office is always willing to try to direct you to the best point of contact for help should you need it.

I do hold surgeries and as the constituency is geographically large I move them around to try to be nearer to different communities at different times. However with the use of technology many issues can be addressed more promptly using phone and email. In my experience over the last 9 years as your MP, I have found more and more issues have been dealt with in this way. It enables much more prompt action to get the ball rolling to resolve issues. Individual case issues are usually dealt with

through my constituency office so in the first instance please call there if you would like help or advice.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months and hearing from many more on the various issues that will no doubt arise.

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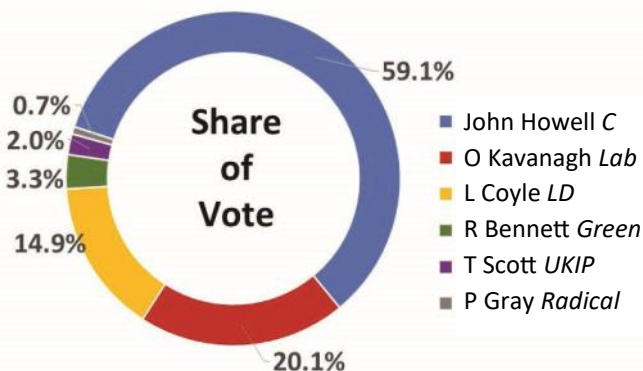
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Wallingford Museum Family Archaeology Day @ Wallingford Museum

On Saturday 22 July from 11.00am – 4.00pm Wallingford Museum has organised another exciting Family Archaeology Day at the Museum.

A small archaeological excavation will be taking place in the Museum courtyard and you'll be able learn all about how archaeology is done from the experts. You'll also be able to take part in some 'hands-on' work - pot-washing, sieving, and much more. Then you can find out how to begin to identify the sort of pottery that helps to date the finds from archaeology, and even try making your own pots for fun!

There'll be a display of things found in past years in the Museum courtyard, including pictures of the medieval fireplace found in 2016 and the rare medieval chess piece which is now on display at the Museum!

We'll also have pictures and some details of the recently found Roman villa site at Cholsey (excavated by Foundation Archaeology) and the archaeology that has been happening under the old Waitrose site in St Martin's Street (excavated by Cotswold Archaeology).

You'll be able to explore the delights of the Museum - find the Roman skeleton, the woolly mammoth bones, spearheads, daggers, stones from the lost Priory; handle the cannon ball, search the 'smelly-feely' drawers, and complete a quiz sheet - plenty to interest and occupy the whole family!

Of course, you can also have a good look at this year's special museum exhibitions where you can find out what Wallingford Castle looked like. The 'Pettits: past to present' exhibition gives a history of Wallingford's department store; and the 'Ways to Wallingford' exhibition looks at the development of transport to and from the town over the ages, including the importance of RAF Benson which was established just before the Second World War. There are more displays about 'At home with the Queen of Crime: Agatha Christie', and Midsomer Murders (Wallingford is Causton in the TV series).

So there's plenty of family entertainment for this special archaeology day!

Entry is by Museum ticket at the door - £5 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until 30 November) but accompanied **children are FREE**.

www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Wallingford Festival of Cycling 16 July 2017

Road closures:

A4074 Shillingford Roundabout to Nosworthy Way: 12.30 to 1.15pm and 4.00pm to 4.45pm

Shillingford Roundabout to Castle Street, Wallingford: 12.30pm to 1.30pm and 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

Wallingford Town Centre: 10.15am to 8.00pm

A4074 Nosworthy way to Reading: 10.00am to 1.15pm and 2.15pm to 4.45pm.

There will be other closures around and to the south of Wallingford.

What's on in Wallingford



Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society The Water Gypsy: how a Thames fishergirl became a viscountess

At the Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) July talk, Julie Thorne will present the story of a local 'Cinderella'.

This true story of a local Cinderella is about a humble Thames fisherman's daughter who married a viscount in 1766 and came to live in the Vale of the White Horse. Naturally such a dramatic leap up the social ladder presented her with considerable challenges, but when she was widowed tragically early she found herself responsible for huge estates in Ireland at a time of great hostility towards English landowners. How she dealt with this and ultimately triumphed makes a compelling cracking story - and all true.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 12th July, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twahas.org.uk



Agatha Christie Weekend in Wallingford and Cholsey

Breaking news for your diary ... Friday 8 to
Sunday 10 September

This year's Agatha Christie Weekend is looking to be bigger and better than ever before!

This is a joint initiative by Wallingford Museum and Cholsey 1000 Plus.

Main events summary:

- * Celebrity talks, by Lucy Worsley and John Curran
- * Agatha Christie Trail walks
- * Exhibitions
- * Heritage train rides
- * Guided history walks

As the Weekend is all organised by volunteers, we would very much welcome any help. It should be fun and Judy Dewey looks forward to hearing from you! (01491 651127).

Please come and join us for a fabulous weekend of celebrations for the life and works of our internationally acclaimed local author!

Further details, and how to book, will be posted at www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

CornExchange@The Great Hall

Good news for film goers. Wallingford's Corn Exchange closed in June for major building works, but the show will still go on - at another venue, in Cholsey.

The Corn Exchange is collaborating with the Cholsey Community Development Trust and throughout the summer will be showing films at The Great Hall in Cholsey Meadows.

Equipment currently used for the Corn Exchange's smaller 'second screen' showings are being transferred to the 'out-of-town cinema' to be known as

theCornExchange@TheGreatHall. Screenings at the venue, which is located in the Grade II listed building of the former Fairmile Hospital, will also include weekend matinees and NT Live shows. There is an on-site bar and seat tickets will remain the same as those at the Corn Exchange.

Corn Exchange cinema manager John Warburton said: 'The Great Hall is a superb location and we appreciate the support of the Cholsey Community Development Trust for offering us this venue. It means that the Corn Exchange can still generate some revenue during our closure and the public don't miss out on seeing films altogether. We are also exploring the possibility of showing recorded NT Live shows as Encores just a couple of weeks after the initial broadcasts.'

Programme details (unavailable at the time of going to press) can be found on the Corn Exchange website,

www.cornexchange.org.uk, where tickets can also be booked. They will also be available on the door before each performance.



Wallingford Gardening Club Garden Visits

Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden programme begins with a visit to The Filberts in North Moreton in mid-July, followed shortly by a visit to Chalkhouse Green Farm in early-August.

Our visit to **The Filberts**, High Street, North Moreton, OX11 9AT will be held at 6.30pm on **Thursday 13 July**. Filberts is a one acre garden demonstrating many different styles including a formal colour-themed garden with lily and fish ponds, island beds for old roses, architectural foliage, and grasses. There is a large informal pond, colourful mixed borders, secluded Japanese area and over 100 varieties of clematis, and also a formal parterre with roses and herbs, vegetable garden, fruit cage and orchard.

Cost will be £4 which will include tea and biscuits.

Our host, Janet Prescott (horticultural lecturer), will be in attendance.

Then on **Thursday 3 August** at 6.30pm, we visit **Chalkhouse Green Farm**, RG4 9AL, near Kidmore End.

(Take the A4074 from Wallingford towards Reading; turn left at The Fox at Cane End; then first right into Wood Lane, and follow road to Chalkhouse Green.)

This is a one acre garden and open traditional farmstead, with herbaceous borders, herb garden, shrubs, old fashioned roses, trees including medlar, quince and mulberries, and a walled ornamental kitchen garden, and new cherry orchard. Rare breed farm animals including British White cattle, Suffolk Punch horses, donkeys, Berkshire pigs, chickens, ducks and turkeys.

Cost will be £8 which will include refreshments.

Visitors are very welcome at both these events.

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Have you visited Wallingford Country Market?

Wallingford Country Market, formerly known as Wallingford WI Market, was set up in 1974 by a group of local WI members from the villages surrounding Wallingford. First trading from the Town Hall, it moved to its present location in the Regal Centre, St. Martin's Street in 1986, which offered more display space, better access and free parking for two hours.

The name changed to Country Markets Ltd. in 2004 and is now run by a Board of six voluntary directors, all country market producers. The Directors ensure that the markets throughout England and Wales, numbering 278 in total, keep to the high standards first set by WI Markets when they started in 1919, after World War I, due to the severe food shortage. Amongst their duties is to ensure that all legal trading requirements for the items we sell are adhered to.

The market in Wallingford is open each Friday morning between 8.30 am – 12 noon in the Regal Centre, except for a short break during the Christmas/New

Year period. A Maundy Thursday Market replaces Good Friday and we hold an annual outside market in the Market Place in early June. Whenever we can, we support the town's special events, thus becoming an active part of Wallingford's strong community.

Wallingford Market sells a wide variety of home produced goods including, fresh home baking, seasonal plants, produce and flowers, preserves, honey, eggs, greetings cards and hand-crafted items. Competitively priced tea and coffee etc. are also available during the morning. From time to time we hold special promotions highlighting the different areas of the market and orders can be taken for most items that we sell, including celebration cakes.

Country Markets are run on a co-operative basis and anyone over the age of 16, male or female, can become a shareholder and sell their goods according to their particular skill/s. Being a producer is a fun and enjoyable way to earn some extra income in convivial surround-

ings, the market taking just a small amount for running costs.

As Country Markets approaches its centenary celebrations in 2019, we all want to ensure that they will continue in the way that they have done in the past for many years to come. Both new customers and shareholders are the life blood of any market, and we are always on the look out for new producers to join the current friendly team. New bakers are particularly required at Wallingford to ensure a good weekly supply of different goods. If you enjoy baking and think you might like to become involved in this area, or any other area of our market, please do pop in one Friday morning and have a chat with Alison, our Market Manager, (or phone her on: **01491 681596**). Producing for a Country Market can quickly become a way of life!

As a customer, or producer, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Wallingford Country Market Committee

Day by day

Sat 1 July	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester v Brill Recreation Ground School and Pre-School Barn Dance Village Hall 8.00pm (see pxx)
Sun 2 July	Trinity 3 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Morning Service 12.00 noon Baptism
Fri 7 July	Oxon County Music Service Concert 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sat 8 July	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester II v Sunningwell II Recreation Ground National Open Garden Scheme 2.00pm See pxx for venues Oxon County Music Service Concert 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 9 July	Trinity 4 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) 10.30am Sung Eucharist Digging Dorchester Public Field Schools start Until 21 July Hempcroft Allotments See p4
Tues 11 July	10.15am Short Communion



Wed 12 July	Parish Council Monthly meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 13 July	WI Summer Tea Party 3.00pm DOGS Huntercombe Golf Course 5.00pm
Sat 15 July	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester II v Letcombe Recreation Ground
Sun 16 July	Trinity 5 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd David Haylett) 10.30am Family Service 3.00pm Evensong at Nuneham Courtenay
Mon 17 July	2.30pm Service at The Close
Thurs 20 July	Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Village Hall (see p19)
Sat 22 July	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester v West Ilsley Recreation Ground
Sun 23 July	Trinity 6 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Revd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thurs
27 July Service at the Cheshire Home
11.30am

Sun
30 July **Trinity 7**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Caroline King)

Weekly events

Tuesday	Coffee in the Abbey 10.30am-12noon Bellringing Practice 7.30 pm Abbey Fishmonger 9.30am to 9.50am by War Memorial (p.6)
Wednesday	Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church 9.30am Song School Dorchester Abbey 5.00pm
Thursday	Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am – 11.00am Village Hall: (term time only)
Friday	Choir Practice 7.00pm Abbey

Regular events also appear in the Parish
Council's website:
www.dorchesteronthames

Parish Registers

Holy Matrimony

13 May	Alan Hawkins and Kathryn Phillips
20 May	Andrew Souter and Sarah Lake
3 June	Christopher Wilson and Leanne McEneaney

Church services in the Abbey appear in red.
More details can be found at :
www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

For details of services at St Birinus RC
Church go to:
www.stbirinus.co.uk

The Dorchester Flyer Minibus Service to Wallingford Every Friday

Departs Dorchester (Herringcote):	10.15	12.00
Departs Wallingford (Corn Exchange):	11.40	13.00

Tickets must be bought in advance from
Lily's

28 High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames, Oxfordshire OX10 7HN
Tel: 01865 340900
Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm, Sunday 10:30am-5:00pm Closed Tuesdays

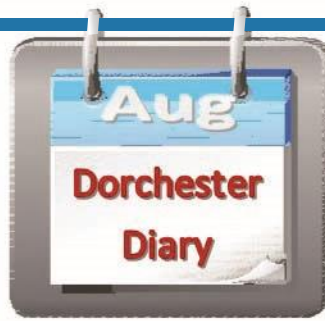


Whatever you do this summer,
have a great time. *Dorchester
News* will be back in September.



Day by day

Thurs 3 Aug	DOGS Springs Golf Club 4.30pm
Sat 5 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester v Marcham Recreation Ground
Sun 6 Aug	Trinity 8 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Morning Service
Tues 8 Aug	10.15am Short Communion
Wed 9 Aug	Parish Council Monthly meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Thurs 10 Aug	WI Summer Outing Waterperry Gardens
Sat 12 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester II v Chalgrove Recreation Ground DOGS Summer BBQ



Sun 13 Aug	Trinity 9 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Rev'd Jon Roberts) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Mon 14 Aug	2.30pm Service at The Close
Thurs 17 Aug	Classic Car Show, George Hotel 1.00-4.00pm Chiropodist Village Hall (see p19)
Sat 19 Aug	Dorchester Cricket Club Dorchester v Uffington Recreation Ground

Sun 20 Aug	Trinity 10 8.00 am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Family Service
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Thurs 24 Aug	Service at the Cheshire Home 11.30am
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Sun 27 Aug	Trinity 11 8.00am Holy Communion (1662) (Canon Sue Booyes) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
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BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

Visit your Local Library
and see what we have on offer

**Why not join us for our
Museum Activity Afternoon
Wednesday 23rd August 2-3pm**

Pop into the Library and put your name down
All welcome children to be accompanied by an adult please

Join our Animal Agent Summer Reading Challenge
Read 6 books during the Summer Holidays
Collect the prizes and have lots of fun

Rhymetime Wednesdays 10.30am
Storytime Wednesdays 3.45pm

**Craft Afternoon
Wednesday 26th July 3.45pm**



Here to help



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 Hilarie Rogers on **01865 340007**.

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Tracey Francis; bookings@dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk or telephone **01865 340352**.

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

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

STREET LIGHTING

Report any problems with a street light to **0800 317802**, available 24 hours a day. Callers will be asked for the address of the site and the nature of the fault.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Ring Oxfordshire Highways on **0845 3101111**, available five days a week, with a 24-hour answering facility. Complaints can also be sent via e-mail to southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

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.more recycling.co.uk

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

Green Furlong, Berinsfield **01865 340771**
Free Internet access. DVDs can be ordered.

OPENING HOURS

Mon - closed
Tues, Wed, Fri 10.00am - 12.30pm
Tues 2.00-7.00pm
Weds, Thurs 2.00-5.30pm
Fri 2.00-5.00pm
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm

Useful Information

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

TRANSPORT

DORCHESTER FLYER

The Dorchester Flyer runs every Friday from Dorchester to Wallingford at 10.15am and 12.00noon, returning at 11.40am and 1.00pm. Tickets must be bought from Lily's in advance.

OTHER BUS SERVICES

Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from www.traveline.info, and **0871 200 2233**, which also provides information about trains, London Underground and Overground and ferries throughout the UK.

OXFORDSHIRE TRAVEL ADVICE LINE

Free journey planning and advice for people over 65 and those needing a high level of support whilst travelling. **01865 323738**

AGE UK

The UK's largest charity working with older people For help and advice etc. go to www.ageuk.org.uk

WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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

www.wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

USEFUL CONTACTS

ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory
Rev. Canon Sue Booy
01865 340007

EDUCATION OFFICER

Margaret Craig
01865 343164
education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

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.stbirtinus.co.uk

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



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 7 July	Green
Fri 14 July	Black
Fri 21 July	Green
Fri 28 July	Black
Fri 4 Aug	Green
Fri 11 Aug	Black
Fri 18 Aug	Green
Fri 25 Aug	Black

Weekdays from 7.00am.
Saturdays from 6.00am.

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.

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National Meadows Day!

Saturday 1st July 2017

Families and individuals are invited to the
Hurst meadow: 10.00am to 12.00noon

Under the big oak tree

Everyone welcome

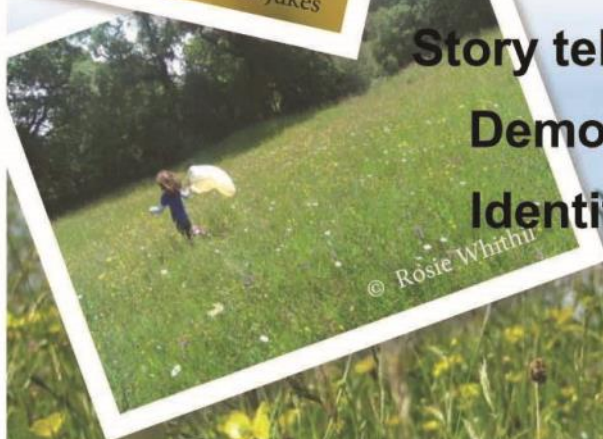
Help to install the 'bug-hotel' built
at the Dorchester Festival

Find out about the wildlife on
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animals are there

Story telling about meadow life

Demonstration of scything

Identifying meadow flowers



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