

## Dorney Parish News

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#### **1959**

Nov-59 Maidenhead By-Pass Issues: Summary

#### **1961**

Oct-61 Parish Council: Proposal, in the interests of road safety, for a three foot high two-rail white-painted wooden fence along the south side of Common Road from Boveney junction with a break for the entrance to Pigeon House Farm

The Dorney Square Dance Club and the Dorney Youth Club have now amalgamated to form the New Dorney Square Dance Club

Nov-61 Parish Council: Much discussion regarding road safety on Dorney Common. The proposal to fence the south side of the B3026 at public expense as they could not agree that the 50/50 principle was equitable

They felt the best system would be, if the Commoners were agreeable, for the beasts to be driven to the south of the fence at night or in fog, while enjoying the northern pasteurage at other times.

They requested that these views be placed before the Highways Committee.

Dent's Corner Scheme. Agreement from landowners for the Council to enter their land.

Agreed to rename the stretch of old Marsh Lane, between Harcourt Road and Meadow Way, Oak Stubbs Lane as proposed earlier by Mr Gibson.

Dec-61 Parish Council: At meeting on 07NOV61 the Council agreed to take the necessary steps to acquire a Playing Field in Dorney Reach - at the rear of the Primary School - Four and a half acres of same

A detailed article follows justifying this proposal

There are regular articles concerning the Dorney Loco-, Aircraft- and Ship-Spotters Club each month. The editor (T W E Roche) was a keen "spotter"

## 1962

- Jan-62 An organist has been appointed - Mr Stephen Speight  
Some differences appear regarding the naming of Oak Stubbs Lane in correspondence!
- Feb-62 A new look to the Dorney Parish News, an Editorial Board, more distributors and a regular donation from the PCC of St James
- Mar-62 Deaths of Edward Watson & Walter (Charlie) Hope remembered  
An explanation from Len Eastgate regarding the funding of the Playing Field
- Apr-62 The Queen will be driving through Dorney at 0938hrs on Friday, 6th April en route from Windsor to Bourne End and pupils of Dorney County Primary School will line the route at the old school  
The Bells & the Organ. The full peal of six bells, four old and two new, rang out at 1930hrs on Tuesday 13th March. This has freed the organ from its long silence on Sunday 18th March.  
An article on the bells follows.  
A letter raising concerns that the Playing Field might attract "an undesirable influx of rowdies from the surrounding towns and villages".  
The results of the Dorney Short Story Competition with the winners entries - full of ne'er do wells, burglars and dog thieves in Dorney. Oh, and bears!
- May-62 27-Mar-62 Death of Alfred Webb, Organist remembered
- Jul-62 24-Jun-62 The Dedication of the Organ and the Bells. "Sunday, 24th June will go down in the history of Dorney as a never-to-be-forgotten day."  
Dent's Corner change of plans. Proposal to erect a new wall behind the existing one and then dismantle the latter. Work to start in June.
- Aug-62 Parish Council: The possibility of a car park in the village was discussed. Two alternative sites were considered.  
Letter regarding the danger of Dent's Corner, the car crashes and the blind bend.
- Sep-62 Parish Council: Dents Corner. Land purchased by the County Council. No reason for the work to be delayed.  
Dorney Reach House Numbering proposals discussion.
- Oct-62 Churchyard virtually full. Col. Palmer offered an adjoining piece of land so the closure would be unnecessary
- 02-Sep-62 Dorney Cricket Club scored 209 for 6 declared. Three Club records broken: First time 200 scored before tea, first 100 run partnership & first individual century of the Club
- Nov-62 Parish Council: Measures are being considered for providing a car park in Dorney  
More letters regarding the Dorney Reach House Numbering exercise
- 03-Oct-62 Success for Dorney farmers at the Royal South Bucks Agricultural Association 119th Ploughing match
- Dec-62 10-Nov-62 Death of Lt Col Ames  
25-Nov-62 Death of Percy Hawthorn  
Parish Council: It was decided to apply for permission to develop the land at present occupied by the School House as a car park.

## 1963

To be added later

## 1964

- Jan-64** 18-Dec-63 **Marriage of Hugh Alexander Haworth and Hertha Karoline Hildegard Crevato of Shepherds Close, Village Road, Dorney**  
04-Dec-64 **Parish Council**  
**Objections to the suggestion of constructing an M4 Service Area in the region of Huntercombe Lane were reiterated.**  
**A lengthy article by PDS Palmer on Bell Ringing at St James**
- Feb-64** **Sir Arnold Hall, Wakehams, Dorney Common congratulated on his appointment as Pro-Chancellor of the new University of Warwick**  
**New Village Hall Project launched. Donations already received Of £120!**
- Mar-64** **The Parish Council decided to write to the County Surveyor, advocating the inclusion of a footpath in road improvement plans from Dent's Corner to Lake End**
- Apr-64** **Parish Council: Reported that it was proposed, under the Lake End Road improvements scheme, to widen the road to twenty-four feet. He pointed out that this was the standard width for a second class road, and he hoped that the fact would reassure people who feared that the road might become a speedway**  
**Agreed to enter the parish for the Best kept Village Competition in three parts this year. Dorney & Lake End being combined and Dorney Reach and Boveney entered as separate hamlets as last year.**
- Jun-64** **New Parish Council appointed. As in 1961, only seven candidates stood for the seven vacancies.**  
**Lengthy article on The Dorney Players who presented three one-act plays in the Village Hall**  
**Report on Dorney Cricket Club v Simon Ames' XI. Dorney lost by 7 runs!**
- Jul-64** **Parish Council: Finally agreed to enter the Best Kept Village Competition in two parts, Dorney Reach and Dorney Village, including Lake End and Boveney**  
**Lengthy correspondence regarding the "straightening" of Lake End Road from Dent's Corner and the Pineapple Pub - with some disagreements!**
- Oct-64** **Parish Council submitted the following evidence with regard to the Lake End Road improvements:**  
**It was suggested that the proposed footpath should stop short of Cypress Cottage**  
**It was suggested that a small strip of land should be taken from the garden of Cypress Cottage to allow for the widening of the carriageway**  
**It was suggested that the owner of Cypress Cottage might be called upon to enter into an agreement to make available the land needed for eventual completion of the footpath, when he finally disposes of the property.**  
**An article suggesting the establishment of a Civil Defence team in the Parish**  
**A letter from Mr Hepburn of Vine Cottage, Dorney Common regarding the "constant slaughter of cattle on Dorney Common".**  
**A letter from Mr Toll regarding the installation of a solid fence on either side of the M4 wherever it passes close to a residential area.**

## **1965**

In virtually all issues there are reports on the Dorney Players, The Dorney Womens Institute and the Horticultural Society - all very active

- Feb-65** 24-Jan-65 **Editorial comments on the death of Sir Winston Churchill**  
**Letter regarding the ability/inability of Parish Council regarding planning applications**
- Mar-65** **A summary of the role of the Parochial Church Council**
- Apr-65** **The Langley - Chiswick section of the M4 is opened, bringing Dorney within 30 minutes drive of London. Not necessarily welcomed!**  
**The start of the Local Government Commission Boundary changes. Will Dorney be in Slough?**  
**The girls of Dorney School became Champions of the Slough and District Junior Schools' Netball Association, Section IV**
- Jul-65** **A letter from the vicar urging more people to attend church - reference to a "faithful few"**  
**A memorial window to the late Mabel Stayner, formerly Mabel Palmer 1868 - 1963**  
**Public Meeting re boundaries. Slough claiming "a small area of Dorney Parish"**  
**An article clarifying the ownership of the towpath (Thames Conservancy) and the lawful purposes allowed on it.**
- Sep-65** **A number of letters pointing out various aspects of the Towpath at Dorney Reach. Horses are not allowed!**  
**Results of the Best Kept Village competition for the two areas - Dorney Reach & Dorney/Boveney & Lake End**  
**More articles on the New Village Hall and its planning**
- Dec-65** **Editorial comment: The dangerous stretch of Common Road between the cattle grids on Dorney Common**  
**The resignation of the Parish Clerk due to the salary not being enough. A new Clerk is being sought. Salary £45 - £50 per year.**

## **1966**

- Jan-66** New Parish Clerk appointed - Mr R A Cother of Slough  
Dorney Locspotters club regrettably disbanded
- Feb-66** Problems with parking on grass verges in Harcourt Road.
- Apr-66** Annual Common Meeting held. Article on Commons Registration Act 1965. Dorney commoners rights will be registered during 1966
- May-66** Editorial comment on Dorney's bakery - Barksfield's, carried on by Roger & Olive Stacey is now ably discharged by the Rigden family. A big Thank You!
- 18-Apr-66 **Burnham Abbey was 700 year old. Princess Margaret to be guest of honour at the celebration on 16MAY66**  
Some letters regarding the antics of children (and their parents) in Dorney
- Jun-66** Dorney Baby-Sitters Club launched
- 16-May-66 **Report on the Burnham Abbey 700th anniversary celebration**  
Suggestion from TWE Roche to find a way for those living in Harcourt Road to reduce the length of their gardens by selling the land for building and finding a suitable access  
Accident at Dent's Corner when the Vicarage fence was damaged again. Divisional Surveyor asked to investigate cause and solution.
- Sep-66** Some comments about Dorney Reach and the Best Kept Village competition. Dorney Village did well to come 7th.
- Oct-66** Editorial: Great regret to announce the impending retirement of T W E Roche from position as co-editor. One of original editors when first published in its present form in 1955
- Nov-66** Keith Wiseman appointed co-editor. Finances of DPN secured.  
The start of Miss Bennett's recollections of Dorney over the past 50 years.  
Recorded separately and on the Dorney History Group website