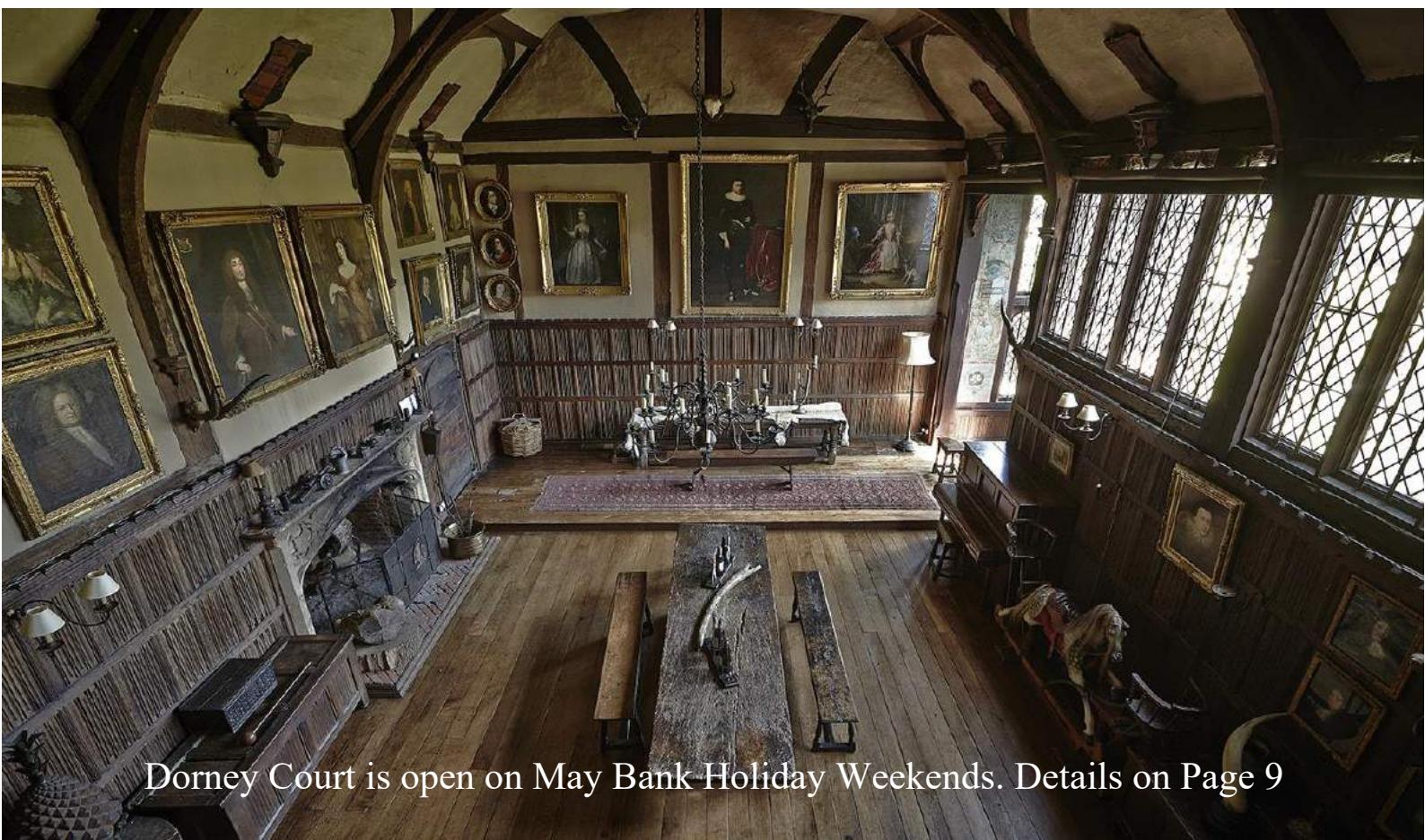


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EDITORIAL

I love books. Even though I almost equally love my laptop, I've never been tempted by Kindle-type technologies.

In the same way, even though my life is lived as much as anyone else's via my smart phone, there is a certain allure to the old world of 'trunk calls', 'reverse charges' and red telephone boxes.

So, if you like sorting through piles of ancient paperbacks (especially attractive to me if the price is in pre decimal coinage) and those now out of commission GPO boxes, Dorney is the place for you. There are several boxes around the village and two are filled with (free!) books.

These musings are prompted by several factors. The offspring were down with our grandchildren last week, and even though they hail from the inner city, there is nearly always a beeline made by young and not so young to the Harcourt Road box. I really must enter the swap spirit and top up after their removals.

These literary supplies could now come from Sainsbury in Taplow. Debating whether the customer experience in our nearest supermarket has markedly declined vis-à-vis Tesco or Waitrose is a whole new issue, but my loyalty has been for the moment preserved because their new charity book stall topped up presumably by customers has yielded some (to my taste anyway) spectacular finds. My pile of books to be read is now of skyscraper proportions.

Should you visit the Dorney Reach box, you will now find it neat and well ordered. Titles can be inspected more easily, and the knee-deep sogginess caused by books which have slid off the shelves is no more. We are indebted to Liz and Rod Stockwood for taking on this task. The number of titles has decreased, but that seems a necessary cull given that the box had become less of a book club and more of a recycling centre. I think it's fair to say that new books would be welcome. Popular fiction and children's books would be popular, but I can't possibly comment on the reading tastes of Dorney Reach. The number of volumes from the '50 Shades' series prompts speculation. Why were we so keen to acquire them? Why are so many dumped? Are we particularly, um, adventurous in these parts?

By my reckoning there are five red boxes in our parish. Three are in public places (their original berths?) - Harcourt Road, Village Road and Lake End Road. Two are in gardens, in Dorney Reach and facing the Common. Judging by pictures posted online, the latter has been fitted out with electric lights. It might be our new tourist attraction. A clue – it belongs to one of our regular columnists!

Peter Bowman

Dog Poo – it really is toxic

Anger is running very high about dog fouling in Dorney Reach. I cannot comment about which other parts of the parish feel under such a threat but living in Harcourt Road means an almost daily assault on our verges and driveways. It's as if the perpetrator proceeds along Harcourt Road, down Oak Stubbs Lane and up Meadow Way. Now, whose house today? Every other day, it seems to be ours.

One resident asked whether I'd seen a powerful article in local community newspaper *Round and About*. Do try and catch up with this. Burnham Parish Council have devoted their page in April-May entirely to this subject.

Let's just limit ourselves to what the article says about dog faeces and health. Round worm parasites in this stuff causes toxocariasis which can cause fever, stomach upsets, seizures and permanent blindness. 100g of doggy faeces can mean the passing of 15 million round worm eggs. These eggs can survive in soil for up to 3 years.

Over the Easter weekend, I saw another angle on the Dorney dog poo problem. A local resident, who keeps cows on Dorney Common, posted a 'polite notice' on Facebook. It wasn't at all 'polite'. No wonder. At this time of the year, cows on our village common are pregnant. They eat grass with their tongue and 'pull it right to the bottom. When they ingest dog sxxx it probably won't harm the cow, but the toxins poison the foetus and kills the growing calf.' She told of a cow 'pacing every inch of the common mooing and mooing, searching for her dead baby that she had passed'.

So, we know about children walking to school in a be-fouled Dorney Reach. Now we hear about 'one mourning mother because of dog poo.' The post reminds us that dogs must be on a lead on the Common between April and November.

Talking of her animals, she says 'please don't take away their freedom by leaving dog poo behind, it would be a shame for the cows to be shut in a cattle shed during their pregnancy.'

Thanks to Burnham Parish Council and this local concerned poster on social media for raising these toxic issues.

PB

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We are an adult badminton club and welcome any new members with some previous experience and knowledge of scoring.

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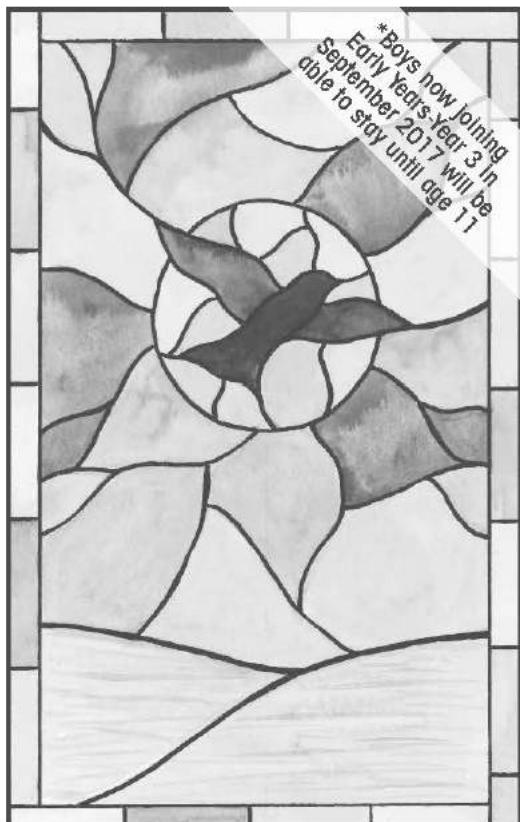
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Parish Priest: Fr. Andy Richardson, 01628 605764

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.45am Mass

Revd. La Stacey writes:

In response to the strangest story in the world, R.S. Thomas wrote this poem:

The Answer

There have been times
when, after long on my knees
in a cold chancel, a stone has rolled
from my mind, and I have looked
in and seen the old questions lie
folded and in a place
by themselves, like the piled
grave-clothes of love's risen body.

As I write we are deep in the drama of Holy Week and we have witnessed the drama of the destructive fire in one of the world's most iconic cathedrals: Notre Dame. What a response there was – of grief and then of generosity coming from every corner of the globe. It even seemed to touch those who run the BBC and took over the airwaves for a while!



I wonder if you saw the photo (taken by a journalist who crept into the cathedral, unseen, behind President Macron's visiting party) of the cross, standing gleaming and unscathed, bathed in a shaft of light, amidst the dust cloud and the rubble in the smoke. It is perhaps a good illustration of the way, in a dark and destructive world, we might see the resurrection afresh – not as something immune or resistant to destruction, dirt, disappointment, tragedy or pain. But rather something mysterious and wonderful which comes from the very depths of those things.

Blessed 50 days of the Easter Season to you all.

Church Services in May 2019

Wednesday 1st May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 5th May

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00 am 'Any Age' Family Service
4.30 am Family Praise (half hour with coffee)

St James the Less Dorney
St John the Baptist Eton Wick
St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 12th May

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Holy Communion (children's groups)
4.30 am Family Praise (half hour with coffee)

St James the Less Dorney
St John the Baptist Eton Wick
St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 15th May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 19th May

9.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Worship (children's groups)
4.30 am Family Praise (half hour with coffee)

St James the Less Dorney
St John the Baptist Eton Wick
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Sunday 26th May

9.30am Morning Worship
11.00 am Holy Communion (children's groups)
4.30 am Family Praise (half hour with coffee)

St James the Less Dorney
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Thursday 30th May (Ascension Day)

9.30 am Holy Communion on the Tower

St James the Less Dorney

Dorney Horticultural Society Update

An entertaining talk from Ray Broughton and a superb Spring Buffet from Chrys Fisher

It's a real pleasure to report on another happy and successful meeting of DDHS. Over 70 of us were in the Village Hall on April 12 with the main attraction being a talk by the Society's old friend Ray Broughton.

After training at Wisley in the mid-1970s, Ray has been teaching a wide range of horticultural subjects for around four decades. This was Ray's third visit to Dorney. It probably won't be the last.

Ray brings three main qualities to an evening like this – he is an expert and accomplished speaker (unexpected laptop failure barely held us up – of course he had a backup), he is funny and friendly, and he cannot resist handing out 'topical tips' to gardeners, expert or otherwise.

His topic '*The Ups and Downs of Public Speaking*' made us realise that maybe DDHS is a fairly hospitable body as he listed 40 years' experience of snoring society chairman, non-payment of fees and an apparent near universal shortage of toilet facilities for speakers in many village halls. But, laugh as we did, our members had come for those tips which cropped up between each anecdote. Three are being trialled, apparently with success, in our garden. The best way to sharpen those blades is to coat them in tomato ketchup for three days. Squirrels, who this year are eating and burying anything that grows, can be deterred instantly by spraying malt vinegar where they roam. As for lawns after last summer....

You may want to kill that moss and plant grass seed, but the birds take the new seed. Kill the moss with ferrous sulphate and rake out after two days. Mix your seed with compost, wait four days and germination will start, then put over the lawn. Birds, advises Ray, won't touch germinating seed.

The buffet, brought over from The Palmer Arms by Chrys, was sumptuous – cold meats, quiches, salads, cheese – something for all tastes. A lively quiz was put together by Peter Tyler and Kristina Perkins and our members were generous in contributing to Janet Messitt's raffle.

But the stars of the evening were the members. The event was happy and sociable. DDHS would love more residents to join the Society. Evenings like this have something for everybody.

PB



Visit Dorney Court in May



Widely regarded as one of England's finest Tudor Manor Houses, Dorney Court has a thousand stories to tell. We invite our neighbours and local friends to join a guided tour this May 2019 and take a step back in time before a well-earned cream tea in the Kitchen Garden.

Concessions for visitors (and up to 3 friends) who bring a copy of Dorney Parish News.

Opening Times

In May 2019 Dorney Court is open to the Public on both Bank Holiday weekends:
5/6 & 26/27 May

Doors open in the afternoon at 1330 with 'Last Admissions' at 1630.
Generally, tours take an hour

Admission Prices

House, Garden & Grounds	ADULT £9.00	CHILD (10-16YRS OLD) £5.50	CONCESSION £8.50
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There is no need to book tickets in advance as you can simply pick them up from the front of the House on the day

Nature Notes

When wandering along some of the less regularly used paths in the Parish, I note how the nettles abound, especially in the damp yet sunny locations. Parental guidance is valued by children, who will quickly appreciate being told how to recognise which of the plants they should avoid touching because of the stinging hairs on the stems and the characteristic spear-shaped leaves.

The unwelcoming plants are of course the stinging nettles. Whilst they have limited practical uses nowadays, traditionally they were used in many ways. It seems the leaves could be infused to make nettle tea and also a nettle beer. Young nettle tops may even be boiled and eaten as a vegetable (by those who so desire). Furthermore, nettles were recommended for inclusion in cattle and poultry food as they contain sodium, and a fair amount of protein.

The leaves of the stinging nettle are also valuable as a source of chlorophyll and the stems yield a very tough fibre. From this fibre a nettle-flax of considerable strength was spun and used to make household linen in times past. There are three varieties of the true nettle – *Urtica*, which is the most common, and the *Roman* nettle, which rather plagues gardeners in the spring and has the most violent sting. Both spread rapidly by means of strong runners, just under ground. Also, there is the smaller *Annual* nettle which is characterised by its ability to seed very rapidly. Finally, the *Dead Nettle*, although somewhat similar in appearance, belongs to a different family of plants. They bear mauve-pink flowers and lack the sting.



The nettles provide an attraction to one of our most common butterflies, the small tortoise-shell. They serve as a food plant for two broods per year, one in June and the other in August/September. Some of the autumn brood hibernate through the winter, re-appearing in the early spring.

The photo shows two small tortoise-shell butterflies against a background of nettle leaves. The butterflies are from my ageing collection. The specimen on the left is labelled Perthshire 1898, suggesting this is the location where it was found.

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Hogging it on Dorney Common

With Easter arriving very late towards the tail of April, there is a nip in the air but not many showers, making the task of hole digging a lot dryer and less muddied. My husband Dave, following our purchase of some ornamental trees last month, is coming to the end of his dig for victory, leaving 9 very large exposed holes in the garden. Now resembling a giant's golfing course, each hole spans some 95cm across by 60cm down, or 3 feet wide by 2 feet deep in old money. Important 'note to self', do not take the midnight air.

Deep lion trap pits now await the arrival of these trees, with a very tired husband asking me not to change the planting plan as each hole is bespoke. Today is the day they arrive, two truckloads, so we sit praying that each peg dovetails its hole. Soon some much-needed foliage and structure will enhance our current barren waste. How exciting! The view from our potato couch will be changed forever.

Meantime, it's been a busy few weeks, with, firstly, the Maidenhead Drama Guild's 'new home' warming party, which has been coupled with the celebration of a member who has been with the Guild for 60 years. The amazing history of the past 70 years (she missed the first ten), has been archived into large files, year on year, with every production listed, supported with photos and programmes. Our members pored over these records, which revealed slow changes in physique and wrinkles that confirmed the passage of time. Youthful vibrant performers metamorphizing through the decades to current wonderfully experienced actors, with character faces and a wealth of knowledge under their belts and handbags.

Our new unit is now, quite fashionably, very industrial, with the air of utilitarian spaciousness. One part made into a club room, has a lowered ceiling, from which I strung my home-made bunting from wall to wall to soften and encourage merriment. Drinks flowed and a home-made chilli devoured, in great companionship to reminisce the evening away. Oiled by fluids from bottles, stories from backstage grew in hilarity maybe with just a touch of exaggerated Pinot Grigio.



Just about recovering from the thick head from the night before, two days later our Dorney Horticultural Society opened the doors to a bumper membership attendance to our Spring Buffet with Guest Speaker night. Feeling a bit worse for wear, I had promised my compatriot on the committee that I would make a couple of hedgehogs to wear cheese and pineapple spikes. This was fine, just a couple of small prop faces made from felt, to spear the melon to create a suit of armour. However, after collecting the ingredients from Chrys at the Palmer Arms and attempting to stake the cheese with a cocktail stick, I saw immediately that there was a potential issue arising, as a crumble factor halted progress.

Now, everyone that knows me, realises that I am not a gourmet cook, nor have much about me that spells chef. Thinking logically, without pineapple hedgehog culinary books to hand, the process was salvaged, when as luck would have it, in the form of a cursory comment from Dave, who suggested to soften the cubed cheese in the

microwave. Lateral thinking from the husbandry department with his agricultural light bulb moment.

It was an incredible evening, not just the hedgehog parade, or the jaunty bunting that came out again, but the superb quality of food (Chrys from the Palmer Arms), with convivial banter and jovial atmosphere echoing through our village hall. Our speaker, Ray Boughton was a very amusing chap, and when he was not making a funny quip, he gave out some very interesting and useful garden tips. Sadly, not about planting new trees, so we will have to stick to the prescription that the tree nursery and google search provided.

Halfway during the evening, my phone chirped, and a friend from the Drama Guild sent a message (following my post Facebook picture of our crowded hall), 'I recognise that bunting' she exclaimed! Well nowadays we recycle everything don't we, which is in fact applicable to any leftovers from our do's, no food is ever thrown away, so after the clear up you will see us all leaving with a stout doggie bag, with no intention of feeding pets at home. Now, I must start my cut-back regime immediately after the Easter chocolate has been consumed.

Reminders for all those that may wish to come along, DDHS have a garden visit on the Wednesday 22nd May, to view St. Timothee Gardens in Maidenhead. Don't forget to put your name down for a place, as spaces are limited. It is a very beautiful garden but has the added enticement of home-made cake served at the end of the wander, along with the obligatory British cuppa!

With my horticultural hat on, although my fingers are not particularly green, it would be a wonderful surprise to see more entries into our annual show this year. My husband Dave is planting eleventy-eight carrots with the hope of growing half a dozen straight ones, and this year without the carrot-fly problem he encountered last year. He has had very good factual advice from the members, so has great expectations of vegetable perfection.

Here at the cottage we garden together, mostly things we like to eat, although we have not attempted a pumpkin yet, mainly his carrots and my courgettes. We will need to ask one of the oracles the best method to grow them, and don't tell me, divide the circumference by the diameter to get a decent pumpkin pi. I will have to remain laughing inside on that one!

Currently trending in the fashionable bars is raspberry gin served in a large bowl of a glass with crushed ice and tonic garnished with this fruit. So, one might consider growing some raspberries, since after they have won a trophy at the show, or simply been admired for their deep pink dresses, one could then freeze the lot for an after-show party drink.

Chin-chin!

**Kristina Perkins
Dells Cottage**

Dorney's Annual Parish Meeting, April 17, 2019

Two days before this year's Annual Parish Meeting, Graham Easton, Parish Councillor and Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee, passed away. This sad news rather overshadowed this gathering. In my time in Dorney, Graham had been a fixture on the Parish Council, was identified with the renewal of the Village Hall, and wrote on parish matters for Dorney Parish News.

Councillor Alice Foxley delivered a moving tribute. She talked of Graham's years of service. He oversaw the rebirth of the building we were in when rain was coming through the roof. Graham Easton was an 'honest gentleman'. I'm sure Dorney Parish News will carry more extensive tributes in future issues.

The meeting was a disappointment. One resident, a regular at these yearly meetings, professed herself 'saddened'. The attendance was lower than ever. Too much of the content was lacklustre.

It is said we are disillusioned with national politics and institutions. Alas, based on this evening, local politics in this parish, district and county demonstrated more of the same malaise. The Parish Council did not seem entirely sympathetic to residents' concerns. More seriously, you can detect a feeling that many in Dorney do not feel well represented or served by more elevated levels – South Bucks District Council or Buckinghamshire County Council, or the 'Bucks Council' as soon it will be known. Perhaps this explains the growing sentiment that, rather than be ruled remotely from the north, Dorney would be better off out of Bucks and in the Royal Borough.

If you follow the Parish Council minutes, as carried in Dorney Parish News, you will have seen that two issues have been prominent recently. Our Parish Council has been frustrated that Transport for Bucks and its Highways Officer have been reluctant to attend the M4 project's Stakeholders' Traffic Group, at which it was hoped to advocate policies that might alleviate problems linked to the closure of Marsh Lane later this year. To the onlooker, this sounds like another example of Buckinghamshire County Council's lack of concern for the south of the county, and we have had the project's Public Liaison Officer advocating our Parish Council's proposals.

Reports by David Pepler, our District Councillor, have had a steady refrain of 'no further news regarding enforcement action at Orchard Herbs Farm'. At the Annual Parish Meeting, David reported that 'the general lack of enforcement action...being taken would appear to be the fact that the breaches involve SBDC Planning, Environmental Health, Bucks CC Planning and the Environment Agency'. The good news for Dorney (I think) is that Highways England is to compulsorily purchase the site as part of the Motorway 'improvement' (to be completed in May) and that all current noxious activities will cease. David is justified in seeing 'light at the end of the tunnel' but is it right that the juggernaut of the 'Smartmotorway' is replacing correct representation, to some frustration I would imagine, for all of us?

I may have got these complex issues wrong. I always point out in these reports that they are not 'minutes'. But minutes, or any written report which can be shared with residents, are what we are lacking. There are no agendas for the Annual Parish Meeting's on the Parish Council's website and no minutes since 2017's Annual Parish Meeting.

This meeting was dominated by roads and traffic. Chairman Keith Harris kicked off his report with data from the MVAS ('Motor Vehicle Activated Signs') recently installed. Over a week in March around 20,000 vehicles came in and out of the Village via the Cattle Grid or Lake End Road/Court Lane. I think it was seen as a positive that the vast majority of cars were travelling under 30 mph, but these data as presented are complex and confusing, and hopefully Dorney Parish News can carry more details in future.

Of greatest concern to our Council was the impending closure of the Marsh Lane Bridge over the M4, resulting in one road in and out of Dorney Reach for a whole year. To assist the easing of expected congestion, double yellow lines will run from St James Church up the Richmond Path to the first cottages in Dorney Reach. Several bodies would contribute to the £15,000 cost – Buckinghamshire County Council, Eton College and Highways England. In 2012, with disruption from Olympic traffic feared, a temporary traffic solution was installed at the junction of Court Lane and Village Road. Our Parish Council is intent on making the case for a similar means, a roundabout, in 2019-20 to improve traffic flow.

A new councillor had joined the Parish Council, Jill Dax. Keith Harris praised the sterling efforts of maintenance man, John Farrell. As a Dorney Reacher, it's been great to see two recent visits by John...we have tended to feel neglected in this respect compared to the 'Village'.

Traffic issues even shaped Councillor Ormond's financial report. Increased expenditure had been incurred by the MVAS installation and income from Bucks' Devolved Highways scheme had been diminished sharply. The precept was up 3% and the 2019-20 budget stood at £22,546.

The Liaison Officer, Matt Orchard, talked of more than just Stakeholders' meetings. Matt has a disarming habit of maintaining 'there is nothing exciting to say' when our eyes and ears rather refute that. His sidekick, Jim Stacey of Highways England, urged residents to constantly challenge what the project was up to. They knew, he said, that they were unwanted guests. Residents have got quite excited that Matt has confirmed that the sound barriers running from the Marsh Lane Bridge to the Thames Bridge would be increased in height to 3 metres. Less exciting was confirmation that Marsh Lane would be shut for a year as the bridge is demolished from November 1st. Badgers continue to be our allies, in that until their mating season ends in July they cannot be persuaded to move their setts, and the hold up to the project is considerable. On the plus side, Matt said that movement of heavy site vehicles around Dorney Reach, where they shouldn't be, has been discouraged and that he was confident we would feel (or hear) the benefit of new road surfaces as they were laid that had a thinner surface layer of smaller stones (all very sound reducing, it seems). On the debit side, the thinning out of vegetation around the soon to be demolished bridge will now proceed apace.

Councillor Foxley reported that the Village Hall had been boosted by additions to the management committee, a programme of 'general works' had been set in place, money had been saved for roof repairs and bookings looked good. More was to be revealed at their AGM in May. The Dorney Reach defibrillator will now definitely be installed at the Village Hall and not in the red telephone box.

It was after the contributions by David Pepler and our County Councillor, Dev Dhillon, that audience participation kicked in. As the South Bucks District Council is phased out into 2020, Dev outlined a proposed structure for the new, unitary 'Bucks Council'. Five local area planning committees were intended to boost local decision taking. Nineteen local community 'hubs' with devolved powers would offset the critique of Bucks' remoteness. There was to be an unspecified greater role for parish councils, with Dorney probably part of a Burnham hub. It sounded as though decision taking had ground to a halt as currently a 'Shadow Executive' of current county and district councillors was overseeing a 'Shadow Authority' of over 200 current councillors.

One resident maintained that our leaving Bucks should have been on the agenda. The Chair could well point out that there was 'no option' to pursue this, but surely the issue is the current dissatisfaction, not practicalities. This stems from suspicion over the unitary process ('lets join a well-run borough'), increased council taxes for less in return, support for South Bucks District Council (one resident praised the District Council's planning policies and efficient waste collection) but above all, probably, potholes and the likely closure of the Burnham recycling centre (remember, such facilities in Maidenhead and Slough are closed to Bucks residents).

Poor Dev seems in a constant loop of maintaining that greater resources have been released by 'county' for road maintenance ('£14 million spent on roads'), and being confronted by the evidence of council tax payers eyes (and tyres). 'We hear the same, year after year' said one; 'at least Maidenhead get their roads repaired immediately' said another. Councillor Jill Dax suggested the Parish Council assess just how far dissatisfaction with Bucks and support for alternatives has progressed.

Every year an issue arises which takes us all by surprise. Disgust over 'dog poo' is intense, especially in Dorney Reach. The community has been very restrained given that the alleged identity of culprits is widely discussed, and residents understand the problems of publicising evidence from private security cameras. Again, the response of the Chair seemed to be 'nothing can be done'. Go to the Buckinghamshire County Council's website and see the opaque reporting process with a high degree of factual evidence required. Councillor Dax said that the process of reporting this scourge should be clarified for Dorney residents. What happened to dog wardens, I wondered.

Those residents seem to be saying 'something must be done' rather than 'nothing can be done'. Yet attendance at this Annual Parish Meeting was so sparse. One just hopes for greater engagement between councillors at all levels and the community. This might involve a functioning website, judicious use of social media (notably Next Door) and if that is not favoured, greater use of email communication. There is, of course, an open invitation to all to share opinions on these issues in the pages of *Dorney Parish News*.

Peter Bowman



Visiting Dorney Lake

Dorney Lake is a privately owned site, and access to members of the public is welcome unless we are hosting a sporting or private event. During certain events, the site is closed to avoid potential conflict between pedestrians and dogs, with runners, triathlon cycling or rowing crew.

Please check the events calendar below for forthcoming events, as public access may be restricted or not permitted on certain event days. Please call us on 01753 832756 for the most up to date information.

April 2019

Saturday 6th – Private Duathlon & Run - car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 14th - Rollerski - car park & footpaths open

Friday 26th to Saturday 27th – Private Rowing event – car park & footpaths open

Sunday 28th – Private Regatta – car park & access by foot only/or spectators can pay on entry

May 2019

Saturday 4th – Private Rowing event – car park & footpaths closed all day

Sunday 5th – Private Rowing Regatta – car park & access by foot only/or spectators can pay on entry

Saturday 11th – Private Run – car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 12th – Private Rowing Regatta – car park & access by foot only/or spectators can pay on entry

Saturday 18th – Private Triathlon – car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 19th – Private Triathlon – car park & footpaths closed all day

Wednesday 22nd – Private Triathlon – car park & footpaths closed all day

Thursday 23rd – Private Regatta set-up from 2.00pm - car park & footpaths closed from 2.00pm

Friday 24th to Sunday 26th – Private Regatta – car park & access by foot only/or spectators can pay on entry

Bank Holiday Monday 27th – Private Triathlon - car park & footpaths closed all day

*Also, please can we ask that the paths nearest to the lake are kept free, as this is the coaching path for rowing coaches to cycle alongside their rowers to give training instructions.

Dorney Diary

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time
MAY				
Wed	1	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga Yoga Class - Chair Yoga The Charteris Club: Lunch	Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall	10 am 11.45 am 12.00 noon
Thu	2	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	3			
Sat	4	Private Rowing event. Car Park and Footpaths closed all day	Dorney Lake	
Sun	5	Dorney Court Open Private Rowing Regatta. Car Park & Access by foot only/or pay on entry. Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Court Dorney Lake	1.30 - 4.30 pm
Mon	6	Dorney Court Open	Dorney Village Hall	7 to 10 pm
Tue	7	Dorney Badminton Club The Charteris Club: Lunch	Dorney Court Dorney Village Hall	1.30 - 4.30 pm
Wed	8	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga Yoga Class - Chair Yoga The Charteris Club: Lunch	Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall	8 to 10 pm
Thu	9	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	12.00 noon
Fri	10			
Sat	11	Private Run. Car Park and Footpaths closed until 2.00pm	Dorney Lake	
Sun	12	Private Rowing Regatta. Car Park & Access by foot only/or pay on entry. Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Lake	
Mon	13		Dorney Village Hall	7 to 10 pm
Tue	14	The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Badminton Club Dorney Parish Council Meeting	Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	12.00 noon 8 to 10 pm 8 p.m.
Wed	15	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga Yoga Class - Chair Yoga The Charteris Club: Lunch	Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall	10 am 11.45 am 12.00 noon
Thu	16	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	17			
Sat	18	Private Triathlon. Car Park and Footpaths closed until 2.00pm	Dorney Lake	

Dorney Diary

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time
MAY				
Sun	19	Private Triathlon. Car Park and Footpaths closed all day Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Lake Dorney Village Hall	
Mon	20			7 to 10 pm
Tue	21	Something New The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Badminton Club	Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	10.30 to 12.30 12.00 noon 8 to 10 pm
Wed	22	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga Yoga Class - Chair Yoga The Charteris Club: Lunch Private Triathlon. Car Park and Footpaths closed all day	Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Dorney Lake	10 am 11.45 am 12.00 noon
Thu	23	Private Regatta. Car Park and Footpaths closed from 2.00pm Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Lake Outside trip - details from Leanne	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	24	Private Regatta. Car Park & Access by foot only/or pay on entry.	Dorney Lake	
Sat	25	Private Regatta. Car Park & Access by foot only/or pay on entry.	Dorney Lake	
Sun	26	Dorney Court Open Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club Private Regatta. Car Park & Access by foot only/or pay on entry.	Dorney Court Dorney Village Hall Dorney Lake	1.30 - 4.30 pm 7 to 10 pm
Mon	27	Dorney Court Open Private Triathlon. Car Park and Footpaths closed all day	Dorney Court Dorney Lake	1.30 - 4.30 pm
Tue	28	The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Badminton Club	Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	12.00 noon 8 to 10 pm
Wed	29	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga Yoga Class - Chair Yoga The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Village Hall AGM	Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	10 am 11.45 am 12.00 noon 8.00 pm
Thu	30			
Fri	31			

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Update from Thames Valley Adventure Playground

Hello Everyone! We at Thames Valley Adventure Playground are so pleased to be invited to write an update for you all!

We are in our 37th year of offering a unique range of adventurous, therapeutic and educational play activities in a safe, caring and stimulating environment, catering for both children and adults with all types of disability. We continue to plug a gap locally, and beyond, and are often called a 'lifeline' by our visitors. We support carers, families and local authorities and are a one stop shop for families that need some expertise, a break (as we provide vital respite) and a safe and non-judgemental place to go to access play, and build life skills, in a way that is accessible to all, from those with severe physical disabilities to those with invisible ones.

In the last 18 months we have been on a mission to modernise our IT and so streamline our processes freeing up more staff time for the work that matters most – making a difference in the lives of those that visit us, and spreading the word so that even more families and people can benefit from what we have to offer. To that end we have a new booking system and customer relationship management system keeping all that we need at the touch of a button. Paperless is a revelation!

Last week we were thrilled to have been awarded a grant by the GWR Customer and Community Improvement Fund. Thanks to the fund we will be able to create a fantastic 'Play Train Network' with ride on trains and a working station in our transport area, providing opportunities for families, schools, nurseries, care homes and local toddler groups to teach about transport, safety around transport, and to teach about planning, money, time, and to encourage communication, interaction and independence. It will benefit the special needs community by enabling role play, and practise in a specially adapted and safe environment with staff with expertise in transforming play into learning, thus encouraging future train travel all whilst having lots of fun!

The cost of running the Adventure Playground is now just under £350,000 a year. Over 15,000 visits were made last year by children and adults with special needs, who came with their families, carers, schools, nurseries, local groups and care homes. They travelled from all across the Thames Valley as well as from Hertfordshire, Hampshire and all parts of London, and from as far afield as Sussex and Cambridgeshire, as there are few places closer to home offering such special facilities.

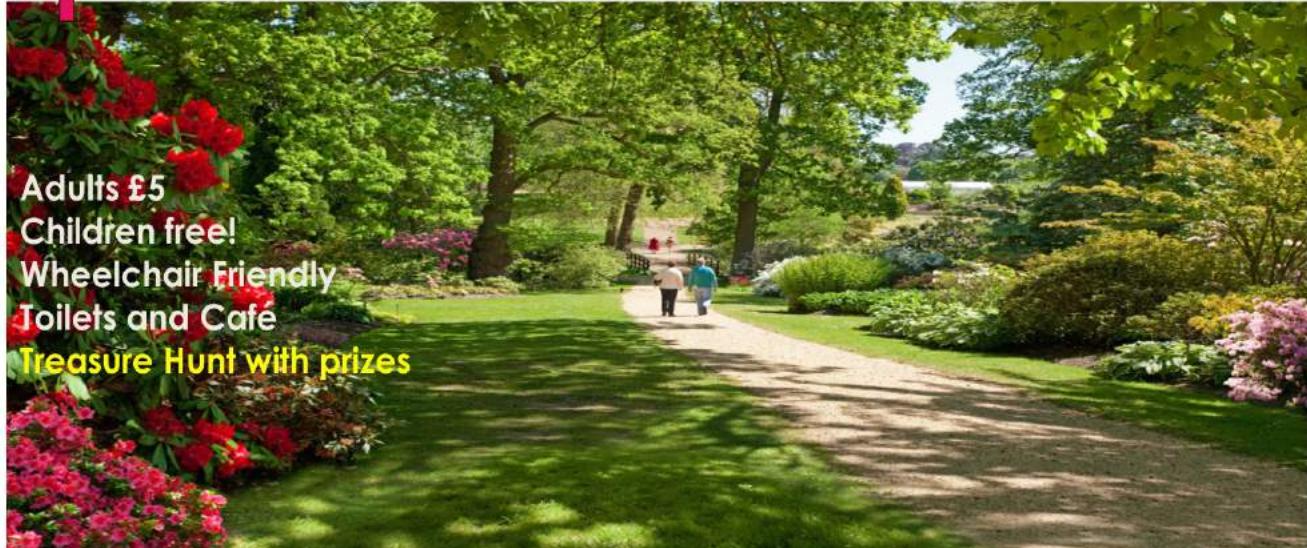
As little as 5% of the money the Playground needs each year will come from local authority funding, and this is in the form of grants, not statutory funding. Our visitors make a small contribution where possible and for the remainder we continue to rely heavily on the support of charitable donations.

Since 2004, we have been forging contacts with local companies and organisations as part of our Guardianship scheme. We truly need 'Guardians' to enable us to keep going and any of this financial support we receive plays a vital part in helping to maintain the stimulating and ever-changing environment, which is enjoyed by, and of such benefit to, so many children and adults with special needs. The scheme has mutual benefits and of course comes with the reward of knowing that you are making a real difference. If you know of anyone who may be interested in being an individual Guardian or becoming part of our Corporate Guardian Scheme, please do email reama@tvap.co.uk.

Every year we raise money through an annual sponsored walk. Thanks to the wonderful wheelchair friendly paths and disability friendly facilities of The Crown Estate, last year's walk in Windsor Great Park was the most inclusive walk yet and therefore we are thrilled to be holding our fundraising walk there on **Saturday the 8th of June**.

We do hope to see you at our Walk in the Park 2019 but do know we would be delighted to have visitors any time (just email reama@tvap.co.uk) and hope that you will spread the word for us!

Sponsored Walk in the Park 2019



Saturday 8th June

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Is the new-style Dorney Parish News recyclable?

This was the question posed to a member of the team at a neighbourly al fresco lunch in Lake End over the Easter break.

It seemed a strange question, as we assumed that everyone carefully filed their copy each month to add to their collection! However, the specific reason for the question was the change to 115gsm "silk" paper, with the slight sheen.

We checked with our new printer – InstantPrint – and Becky, their Community Manager (!) has written a blog on this very subject, which can be read in full on their website.

InstantPrint are very eco-friendly (unlike some other printers). They are registered with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The paper used for our publication is resourced sustainably. It can be traced right back to the very forest from which it began, and every step of the journey is recorded – not matter where it's from in the world.

There are two important environmental certifications that InstantPrint have. The first is ISO 14001 and the second, ISA 9001.

ISO 14001 is an internationally recognised standard of practice for minimising environmental impact. Certain materials used in the printing industry can be very damaging to the environment. InstantPrint has achieved a high level of environmental awareness and has built eco-friendly methods into their processes, thus achieving this certification.

ISO 9001 certification means the company has implemented processes both to prevent wastage and ensure a high standard of production and quality at all times. This efficiency reduces excess use of materials and energy.

InstantPrint also has a clear waste policy. It states what is recycled, how much is non-recyclable and what happens to waste during production. InstantPrint recycle all their paper trimmings and reduce their carbon footprint by compacting the trimmings before sending them for recycling.

So, we hope that this reassures all readers that our new printers are very eco-friendly and take their responsibilities to the environment very seriously. Of course, you can always file your copies of Dorney Parish News, just in case you might need them!

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Dorney Horticultural Society - 2019 Garden Visit

Wednesday 22nd May - 1pm

St Timothee Gardens - Maidenhead



Dorney Horticultural Society has arranged a private tour of St Timothee Gardens in Maidenhead followed by light refreshments.

St Timothee is a member of the National Garden Scheme where all profits made from garden visits are donated to a number of worthwhile charities.

The gardens include colour themed borders planted for year round interest, a wide range of attractive grasses and perennials, a box parterre, wildlife pond, rose terrace, wild areas and mature trees, all set within the 2 acre plot of a 1930's house.

Entrance is £8.00 per person this includes tea, coffee and homemade cake after the tour.



**Please meet in the car park ten minutes
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**St Timothee
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It is used by residents for a multitude of activities such as dancing classes, keep fit, children's nursery, badminton, horticultural and hired out for parties, dances and weddings.

The management committee welcomes non-residents, organisations, clubs, businesses, and societies to hire the halls.

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Dorney Vicar related to George Washington, first President of the United States



It is apposite, given the deserved success of the show "Alexander Hamilton", to recall that Dorney played its part in the earliest days of the White House. The list of Priests on the pillar inside St James' Church includes an emigrating Vicar whose descendant became the first 'First Lady' of the United States of America – Martha Washington (née Dandridge).

The Rev. Rowland Jones was Vicar of Dorney from 1667 to 1685. His two sons - the Rev. Rowland Jones Jr., a Church of England minister and Edward Jones, a merchant - emigrated to Virginia shortly after the Restoration of the Monarchy, where Rowland Jr. became the first rector of Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, and Edward served on his vestry staff.

The son of Rev. Rowland Jones Jr. was Rev. Orlando Jones who was a Burgess for New Kent County in 1718 in the House of Burgesses, the leading legislative body in Colonial Virginia. He married Martha Macron.

Their daughter, Frances Orlando Jones, was born in 1710 in New Kent County, Virginia. She married John Dandridge, a Virginia planter and immigrant from England, in 1730 in New Kent County, Virginia.

Their daughter, Martha Dandridge, was born in 1731 on her parents' plantation, Chestnut Grove, in the British colony, Province of Virginia.

Martha first married wealthy plantation owner Daniel Parke Custis in 1750. Following his death in 1757 she married George Washington in 1759 and became the inaugural "First Lady" of the United States of America.

It is reported that Martha was intelligent and gracious, experienced in managing a planter's estate and the couple created a happy marriage.

Martha's great-granddaughter through her first husband's (Daniel Custis) line, Mary Custis, married Robert E. Lee, the Southern states military leader during the American Civil War. Robert E. Lee (1807 – 1870) was best known as a commander of the Confederate States Army.

So, when you are watching the great show that "Alexander Hamilton" is, please spare a thought for the Dorney connection to George Washington.

Bill Dax

Dorney History Group

(with grateful thanks to the late Rod Dollimore who first recorded this connection in the Dorney Parish News in December 2000)

Dorney History Group

The Dorney History Group has no meetings, currently, but it has a wealth of information about Dorney's past on its website: www.dorney-history-group.org.uk, with over 6,000 web visitors each year.

Eton Wick History Group

The Eton Wick History Group has been meeting regularly since 1992. Eton Wick and the surrounding area is rich in history and the village has a heritage dating back to 1217.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in Eton Wick Hall, Eton Wick, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served, and there is a charge of £2.00 to cover costs.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

2019 Programme

22nd May 2019	'The Rise and Fall of Skindles', with Mr Nigel Smales
10th July 2019	'Failed to Return: Amy Johnson and Leslie Howard', with Mr Tony Easton
11th September 2019	'Flora and Fauna of the Jubilee River', with Mr Bill Stacey
30th October 2019	'1919 and the Peace Conference', with Mr Martin Davey
11th December 2019	'The Early Days of Fire Fighting in Bray, Eton and Eton Wick', with Mr Geoff Hayes

Further details from: Teresa Stanton teresams35@virginmedia.com

Hedgerley Historical Society

Monthly Meetings of Hedgerley Historical Society take place at Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane, Hedgerley SL2 3UZ at 8pm (unless otherwise stated) and visitors are most welcome.

May/June 2019 Programme

May 1st	'Costing the earth: Bucks and English gardens since 1660' Prof Sir Frederick Floud
May 15th	AGM and 'Belle Tout and Beachy Head' Rob Wassell
May 18th (Saturday 8pm)	'Joseph Hobson Jagger - The Man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo' Anne Fletcher Tickets £5 Booking required
June 19th	'Eton before the College' Dr David Lewis
June 21st (Friday)	'Bekonscot 90th Anniversary' Brian Newman Smith A talk on the history of the world's oldest and original model village. Meet 7pm Bekonscot entrance Warwick Road Beaconsfield HP9 2PL No Booking required - Admission free MEMBERS ONLY

Further details from: John Lovelock 01753 647187 jdlovelock@btinternet.com

29 MAY 2019: AN IMPORTANT DATE!

So, what's so important about 29 May? Is it Brexit day? Well, it might be, but at the time of writing that's still an unknown. The European Parliament elections, then? No, if the UK finds itself taking part in these, voting will be the week before. The Football League playoffs, perhaps? They're scheduled for the previous weekend. Champions League final? The following weekend. And the Cricket World Cup starts the day after.

Enough guessing. Wednesday 29 May 2019 is reserved for that special event, the Annual General Meeting of your very own Dorney Village Hall, to which you are all cordially invited. Taking place in the hall from 8pm, it's your chance to find out what's been happening over the past year and hear about plans for the future, and of course to have your say. After all, if you pay council tax in Dorney parish, you've got a direct financial stake in the hall. And you probably visit the hall occasionally, for a class or a party, an event or a regular club. Whatever your involvement, we'd love to see you.

So forget all about politics and football for an hour or so, and come along. Just drop me an email to let me know, so that we can put out enough chairs....

Virginia Silvester
Secretary, Dorney Village Hall Management Committee
virginia@dorneyphoto.com

Message from Jill Palmer:

There is a family wedding in the grounds of Dorney Court on Saturday 25th May 2019, and this is a warning for those living nearby that there could be some music disturbance which we will do our best to keep to the minimum! It is my youngest son - the last thankfully to get married!

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For details on how to register please call Julie & Jackie on: 07598 565091

We are keen to add to our membership and, in particular, from the Dorney Parish. The Annual Membership is £10.00, and the hot lunches are brought down from Bekynton (Eton College) each Tuesday and Wednesday for a small price of £4.00 per person. In cases where the member has mobility concerns, I can arrange for a car to collect and return home.

**Julie Chappell, Manager
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Information correct on 1st March 2019

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Dorney to Windsor and Slough	CB15 CB15	Dorney to Windsor and Slough	CB15 CB15
Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	10:08 12:38	Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	14:13 16:45
Windsor/Eton Bridge (Eton, on Brocas Street)	10:23 12:53	Windsor/Eton Bridge (Eton, on Brocas Street)	14:28 17:00
Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	10:34 13:04	Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	14:39 17:12
Slough and Windsor to Dorney	CB15 CB15	Slough and Windsor to Dorney	CB15 CB15
Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	09:05 11:35	Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	13:10 15:40
Windsor/Eton Bridge (Eton, on Brocas Street)	09:17 11:47	Windsor/Eton Bridge (Eton, on Brocas Street)	13:22 15:52
Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	09:30 12:00	Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	13:35 16:05
Dorney to Maidenhead	CB15 CB15	Dorney to Maidenhead	CB15 CB15
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Maidenhead Frascati Way (Stop S1)	09:45 12:15	Maidenhead Frascati Way (Stop S1)	13:50 16:20
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Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	10:08 12:38	Dorney (The Palmer Arms)	14:13 16:45

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Services run Tuesdays and Fridays only

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Dorney Reach, opp Old Marsh Lane	10:43 14:51	Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	11:10 13:30
Dorney, o/s The Palmer Arms PH	10:46 14:55	Windsor/Eton Bridge (Eton on Brocas Street)	13:40
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Slough Bus Station (Bay 3)	11:03 15:09	Dorney Dent's Corner (W-bound)	11:23
		Dorney Court (adj)	11:24
Dorney to Maidenhead	RE68 RE63	Dorney, o/s Elm View Farm	11:25
Dorney, opp The Palmer Arms PH	11:23 13:46	Dorney Reach, adj Harcourt Road	11:26
Dorney Dent's Corner (W-bound)	11:23	Dorney Reach, adj Old Marsh Lane	11:28 13:50
Dorney Court (adj)	11:24	Dorney Reach, opp Ye Meads	11:28
Dorney, o/s Elm View Farm	11:25		
Dorney Reach, adj Harcourt Road	11:26		
Dorney Reach, adj Old Marsh Lane	11:28 13:50	Maidenhead to Dorney	RE68
Dorney Reach, opp Ye Meads	11:28	Maidenhead Frascati Way (Stop S2)	14:35
Maidenhead Frascati Way (Stop S2)	11:43 14:33	Dorney Reach, opp Old Marsh Lane	14:51
		Dorney, o/s The Palmer Arms PH	14:55

Times marked s – “sets down only” – the bus will only stop to drop passengers off

The above is a summary of the journeys as they consist of many stops *en route*. Full details can be obtained from www.bustimes.org.

It is recommended that the actual times for each day are checked online at www.bustimes.org.

Minutes of the Meeting of Dorney Parish Council
held at the Dorney Village Hall on **Tuesday 9th April 2019** at 8 pm

Present: - Councillors K. Harris (chaired the meeting), A. Purdie, A. Foxley, P. Smith and J. Dax.

In Attendance: - Cllr Dev Dhillon, Mr Humbleman, Mr Bowman and Sue Moffat (Clerk).

191. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bucks CC – (i) Cllr Dev Dhillon has invited the Highways Officer who attends the M4 Smartmotorway Stakeholders' meetings to Dorney PC to discuss double yellow lines in Court Lane and a temporary roundabout at Court Lane/Village Road. It was agreed to invite him to the next Council meeting in May. The Clerk confirmed this has been organised. Cllr Harris added that the carriageways would need repairing and cleared before double yellow lines can be installed. Cllr Dev Dhillon will report this to the Local Area Technician.

Paul Humbleman, representing St James the Less church, reported that the Church did not want double yellow lines outside the Church as this would affect the parking to churchgoers. It was agreed that the double yellow lines would stop before the entrance to the Church and extend up to the houses in Marsh Lane. Mr Humbleman also added that a Plan B was needed in case there becomes a problem in Court Lane when Marsh Lane bridge is out of use, despite the proposed parking restrictions being in place. Cllr Harris was positive that Eton Rowing Lake would provide free passes to regular users of the Church although Mr Humbleman was doubtful if this would be suitable due to the distance to the Church with many church goers being elderly and/or infirm. It was agreed to register this concern to the Bucks CC Highways Officer at the next meeting; (ii) Cllr Dev Dhillon has received many emails about the burning of materials at Orchard Herbs Farm and brought out the new Enforcement Officer at Bucks CC to witness this problem. However, it is the Enforcement Officers at SBDC who are responsible for this and Cllr Dev Dhillon will arrange a meeting with them. Cllr Harris suggested that Cllr Dhillon should work with Highways UK who will be compulsory purchasing this land for the Smartmotorway to ensure the owners of Orchard Herbs Farm take responsibility for all the material that has been brought in; (iii) Huntercombe Lane South will be repaired shortly and afterwards Highways will concentrate on getting Boveney Road repairs; (iv) Installation of Bath Road Cycle Scheme starts on 22nd April and will be completed by 12th November 2019. Cllr Harris asked that maintenance of the cycle path is put in place unlike the cycle path from Sainsburys to Dorney which becomes unusable with encroachment of vegetation: (v) Cllr Harris reported that the 2 cattle grids still need repairing. The one at Eton end of the Common has been broken for 5 weeks. Bucks CC must ensure Boveney Common is not closed; (vi) Cllr Dev Dhillon reported that the order has now been placed for a Unitary Authority in Bucks therefore the Shadow Authority will be meeting soon. The Shadow Authority will be talking to towns and parishes for their views regards Community Hubs.

SBDC Report – Cllr Pepler sent a written report that there were no further updates regards Orchard Herbs Farm.

192. Apologies were received from Cllr G Easton, Cllr R Ormond and SBDC Cllr D Pepler.

193. Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – None.

194. Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting Council held on the 12th March 2019.

195. Clerk's Report – None.

196. Chairman's Report – Cllr Harris has downloaded information from the 2 new VAS signs. Data shows that the average speed tends to be 23 to 31 mph but the

number of vehicles driving through Dorney is very high. He will put a paper together to display this information.

197. Annual General Meeting of the Electorate on 17th April 2019 – Agenda Update. Unfortunately, the Manager of Eton Dorney Lake and Leanne Kittel are unable to attend but have offered to write a report. The Clerk has not received a reply from Eton Dorney School. Cllr Dax offered to make enquiries.

198. Defibrillator Update – No further updates.

199. Update on the parking situation in Court Lane outside the entrance to the Rowing Lake. As discussed under Bucks CC report. Cllr Harris has drawn up the plan for the location of double yellow lines in readiness for the feasibility study to be carried out by Bucks CC.

200. Update on M4Smartmotorway works. As discussed under Bucks CC report.

201. Dorney Parish News - To consider the request from Mr Bowman to change the format of the Minutes of the monthly meetings of Dorney Parish Council that will be published in Dorney Parish News to that of the 'Parish Pump' type style. (*Example circulated*). It was agreed to have a test run and for Mr Bowman to write a report like that circulated ensuring that it reflects a true record of the Minutes and the activity of any individuals mentioned is done so in a courteous manner.

202. Planning

- (a) To note planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council were noted.
- (b) To consider and comment upon applications which were agreed.

203. Finance

- a) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for April 2019 (as circulated).
- b) Resolved to receive list of income for April 2019 (as circulated).
- c) The bank statement for April 2019 - Noted.
- d) Resolved to receive the budget for 2018/19. Noted.

204. Member's Reports – None

205. Correspondence:- (i) Bucks CC - 2018 statistics for the Dorney Traffic Monitor; (ii) SBALC addenda for 28th March; (iii) Reply to the SBALC letter from the Secretary of State regards Unitary; (iv) A4 (Bath Road) Bulletin; (v) Dementia Friends Session - Wednesday 22nd May.

206. Resolve any complaints/comments received from residents – (i) **Huntercombe Lane South – Report from Bucks CC** – *The road is being extensively patched in approx. 3 weeks' time (hopefully sooner) which will take care of the potholes. In the mean time I've placed out failed road surface boards which will act as a warning to drivers to navigate with care. The vegetation I'm not aware about but will visit the road and raise any necessary orders for flailing/siding out etc and let you know'; (ii) Repair of cattle grids* – Suggestion to open side gate to vehicles at the Windsor end one was passed on to the new Local Area Technician, Chris Nash.(iii) Bad potholes in Marsh Lane by Marsh Lane bridge; Eton Dorney School – Refuse bins need moving in to the school premises. Also, a number of people from the School smoke outside the School premises leaving cigarette butts on the pavement. Cllr Dax offered to speak to the Head Teacher about these problems.

207. Highways work – All going well.

Date of next meeting – Council meeting at 8pm on 14th May 2019 at the Dorney Village Hall.

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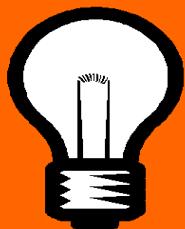
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