

Dorney Parish News

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Sunset over the Graveyard, St James the Less Church, and Saw Pits Field from Court Lane

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EDITORIAL

Stop Press – Marsh Lane to be closed for a year from October 31st. The current access track to the Village Hall is to be closed from October 7th with a diversion in place. The B3026 across Dorney Common closing 24/7 from October 21st to November 1st for replacement of the cattle grid.

Sometimes it feels as though our community is under siege. It's familiar territory for residents. A couple of decades ago, the gravel lorries started to roll as Dorney Lake was created. For a while LOCOG had nightmare logistics in store for us in 2012. But now challenges come literally from all directions, while the powers that be seem reluctant to communicate with us, or with each other.

Perhaps the best antidote is to get together and have some fun. We were present at a village event the other day. We saw lots of friends and neighbours. Then it dawned on me...this event was not announced in the Parish Magazine. I felt guilty...and then I heard that another sociable event was happening on the same day. Please, please let us know what you have planned. Perhaps like the authorities, we villagers might not be good communicators.

In this issue we have our vicar urging a solution to parking problems around Court Lane. The very future of her congregation is at stake. Dorney is beginning to pay a high price for the refusal of Dorney Lake to provide affordable parking within its site.

After a gap of a month or two, plans are again afoot to replace the cattle grid at the Common end of Village Road. The B3026 will be shut day and night for almost a fortnight.

Last month, we carried assurances from our District Councillor that this interval would last only a couple of days.

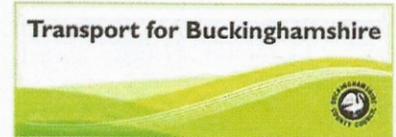
Lots of us must head out for work and leisure up Marsh Lane to the A4. Many school children come into Dorney Reach via this route, not to mention social and emergency services. Not after October 31st, and not for over year. I wonder how many will be taken by surprise by that announcement. The last day of October and the first day of November could be interesting as on those days the two main routes into the village will be impassable.

Planning an event at the Village Hall? Well, the access track to the Hall is to be closed earlier in the month. There should be a diversion...

We're going to have an eventful month. I wonder what this column will have to say in four weeks' time.

I've just got this nagging feeling. October 31st? Isn't there something else scheduled for that day? Something that is rumoured to be disruptive. No, I can't remember.

Peter Bowman



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TO THE OCCUPIER

Date: 18/09/2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

**Dorney Cattle Grid – Dorney Common Road
Dorney Cattle Grid Replacement Works**

Transport for Buckinghamshire will be undertaking essential maintenance works at Dorney Common Road starting Monday 21st October 2019 for approximately 2 weeks.

The works comprise of removal of the cattle grid, demolition and removal of existing foundations, install a pre-cast concrete foundation, in-situ concrete curing, installation of the cattle grid, road re-profiling and reinstating the traffic loops on completion.

To undertake these works safely, the works will be under total road closure with diversion route in operation throughout the duration of the work.

The **B3026 Common Road will be closed** for 24 hours 7 days a week at the location of the cattle grid **from 09.30 hours on Monday 21st October until 19.00 hours on Friday 1st November 2019.**

The works take place only during the day between 07.30 until 18.30. It is anticipate that there will be no night shift during the closure.

A signed diversion route will be in place during the works period.

Transport for Buckinghamshire would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience, noise or disruption caused as a result of these works and would like to thank you for your understanding and co-operation while we are on site.

For further information on traffic management, please go to roadworks.org and input the name of the road and the proposed date of the work.

The County Council apologies for any inconvenience caused. In the event of any query concerning the works, you can call 01296 382416 and one of my colleagues will be able to pass your enquiry through to me.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Pang
Structures Engineer
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Sunday 6.30pm Evening Service

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

Parish Priest: Fr. Andy Richardson, 01628 605764

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.45am Mass

Rev La Stacey writes:

I am feeling a bit sleep deprived. My morning psalm summed it up: 'I will not enter my house or go to my bed – I will allow no sleep to my eyes, no slumber to my eyelids till I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One'. At the moment the parking along Court Lane is creating difficulties for those wanting to access the church and churchyard and causing me to worry. Creative solutions are being explored but they add to my 'to do' list and leave me with questions about how easily we will be able to use the church at all sorts of odd times as we always have. The parish church of St James is a beautiful characterful building, imprinted with the history of our community. We have just had a report done on the medieval paintings inside (more on that next time). They date from the 1300s. The font is even older than that – for at least 800 years the babies of the village have been baptised in that font. The list of vicars goes back to 1265. My care is to keep this as a living building, not just a monument to history, so that the life of the parish continues to shape it. As incumbent, my calling is to keep the place telling out the glory of God with bells and song and prayer...and that doesn't happen unless people can easily get there. Please, if you are that way inclined, will you pray with me that the creative proposals will enhance this small sacred space and make it even more welcoming?

Church Services in October 2019

Wednesday 2nd October

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 6th October

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) St James the Less, Dorney
11.00 am Any Age Harvest Service St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
4.30 pm Family Praise (half hour with coffee) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 13th October

9.30am Holy Communion St James the Less, Dorney
11.00am Holy Communion (with children's group) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
4.30 pm Family Praise (half hour with coffee) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 16th October

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP) St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 20th October

9.30am Holy Communion St James the Less, Dorney
11.00am Morning Worship (with children's group) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
4.30 pm Family Praise (half hour with coffee) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 27th October

9.30am Morning Worship St James the Less, Dorney
11.00am Holy Communion St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
4.30 pm Family Praise (half hour with coffee) St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

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News from Dorney School

I am very proud to have been invited to write a regular article for the Dorney Parish News in my role as the new Headteacher at Dorney School. I would like to begin by thanking the local community for the warm welcome which I have received since starting my role earlier this month. The school is a fantastic learning community and I am proud to have the opportunity to work with a group of such delightful children and hardworking staff.

The start of the year has been action-packed as our new Foundation pupils have joined the school. They have really settled in well and are now enjoying full days in our superb Foundation Stage classroom, equipped with great learning resources and a lovely outside area. The children are a joy to see in the classroom as they learn about sharing and get used to the routines of school life. We still have a few spaces in our Foundation Stage this year, so if you are looking for a place for your child, feel free to come for a visit and find out more!

Year 6 have had a busy start to the year, as they have already completed their 11+ tests! The pupils were incredible as they worked through a challenging test, showing great resilience and a desire to do their best. We look forward to the results later in October. Staff from Heathrow Airport made a visit to Dorney and delivered a lesson to Year 6 about coding. The children took on roles from across the airport, dealing with challenges and problems linked to the delivery and transport of cargo.

The school also has a very active and passionate PTA, which fundraises for projects for the school. One of our main events of the year is coming up on **Saturday 9th November**, our Fireworks Night! This is always a highlight of the year as pupils and families from the local community visit the school to watch a superb, professional display of fireworks.

Tickets are available from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/dorneypta/301487> if you wish to join us for this great event.

I am really looking forward to a very positive future here at Dorney School and hope to see the school involved in as many community events as possible.

Kind regards,
Mr. Lloyd
Headteacher



Saturday 9th November at
Dorney Village Hall

1800-2300hrs

£17.00 for adults, £8 for children

Full Indian buffet including vegetarian dishes. Non Indian alternative

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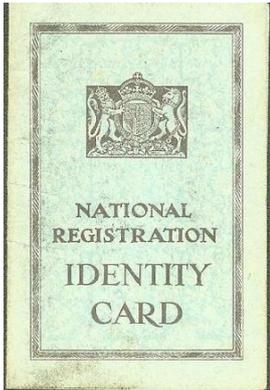
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DORNEY IN SEPTEMBER 1939

Britain declared war on Germany on 3 September 1939. Among the preparations, it was soon decided that the entire population needed to be recorded in a National Register so that identity cards and (later) ration books could be issued. Forms were issued to every home to register those living there on Friday 29 September. When the completed forms were collected, the ID cards were distributed, each individual identified by a unique code of four letters and two numbers. Although identity cards were abolished in 1952, the register continued to be used after the war. In fact, the National Health Service only stopped using it in 1991.



The register thus compiled included each person's name, address, date of birth and occupation. Details of occupation focussed on the skills an individual had and the sector in which they were working. This helped inform decisions by the authorities about the direction of labour and suitability for conscription in the armed forces. Notes were often added later, for example if someone was involved in specific war work, such as air raid precautions. Now, the register is available to view online, and although it can be rather difficult to read, it offers us a glimpse of our neighbourhood eighty years ago.

The register shows that Dorney village, together with Lake End and Dorney Common, was still very much a land-based economy. Many men and a few women earned their livings as farmers, farm labourers or market gardeners. These included carters and horsemen as well as tractor drivers, and dairying and pig farming were mentioned. One farm worker was a woman in the Women's Land Army, which had begun in June 1939 to recruit volunteers to work on farms with the aim of increasing production of home-grown food.

There was however an increasing diversity of occupations. These included two storekeepers at RAF Uxbridge; a few factory workers, probably on the newly developing Slough Trading Estate; a publicity manager; a patent agent; a chartered quantity surveyor; and a railwayman working on maintenance of the permanent way. Culture was represented by a musical composer, an artist, a pianist and an actress.

By contrast, Dorney Reach – which had grown rapidly in the previous two decades – was predominantly white collar in character. Many of the men held managerial positions in industry, retail or the City, or worked as accountants or civil servants. There was a sprinkling of draughtsmen and salesmen; a geologist, and a restorer of antique jewellery.

Few married women worked outside the home. Their occupation, like that of some unmarried women keeping house or helping with the chores, was often given as "unpaid domestic duties". This distinguished them from women engaged in paid domestic work. There were still quite a few households where servants were kept, from Dorney Court with its housemaids, kitchen maid, groom, chauffeur and gardeners, to smaller houses where a cook-general was the sole domestic help. A handful of women were described as daily domestics or children's nurses. Some of the younger women, single and married, were beginning to extend their horizons and were engaged as secretaries, shorthand typists, shop assistants or factory workers. There were a few nurses, a health visitor, and an inspector of day nurseries. Perhaps most notably, women (three of them widows) were in

charge of four of the main commercial outlets in the village – the two pubs, the post office, and the petrol station.

As well as their occupations, Dorney residents were acting in a voluntary capacity to help with the war effort. Many, including women, were listed as working in air raid precautions, in Eton and Burnham as well as in Dorney. ARP wardens at this time were involved mainly in enforcing the blackout, and issuing gas masks and air raid shelters, but they had to be ready to act if any air raids came by sounding the warning sirens, assisting any casualties, and reporting bomb damage. Some of those in Dorney were helping to organise the ARP service or provide telephone support. Other residents were special constables in the police force, emergency ambulance drivers, or provided nursing assistance through the Red Cross or the VAD.

Dorney also helped by providing accommodation for those evacuated to the country from urban areas at greater risk of bombing. Evacuation had started a few days before the declaration of war, implementing plans drawn up in the preceding months. In reception areas such as Dorney, billeting officers identified host families, who were paid a weekly sum for each child. In the history of Dorney School (on the History Group website), the headmistress noted that 54 children were evacuated to Dorney from schools in Westminster, Barnes and Stepney, along with a number of their teachers. A further 14 were privately evacuated or came with their mothers. This meant 68 extra pupils to be taught at Dorney School, then in the village, and initially this resulted in part time schooling, some in the morning and some in the afternoon, with the village hall pressed into service as a classroom.

Because relationships between household members were not included in the register, it is difficult to identify evacuees with certainty. The task is made harder because most entries for children have been redacted, to protect the privacy of those who might still be living. In the register, many households in Dorney included a child with a different surname to the family, usually aged between 9 and 11, and it seems likely that most of these were evacuees. Only one was identified as such – Anthony Brigdale, eight years old, staying in Dorney Reach in the house of a retired Indian Army officer. Typically, two child evacuees were housed together. Two women with children are also noted as evacuees, and at least some of the teachers who came with the London children can also be picked out. It is clear that many homes in Dorney were quite crowded at this time, providing safe housing for friends, family and workmates as well as official evacuees.

So, we can see that Dorney eighty years ago was still a farming community but was increasingly becoming a pleasant place to live while working elsewhere. All kinds of residents, however, were playing their part in preparing to cope with the war.

Virginia Silvester

Burnham/Farnham's/Taplow & Dorney**Neighbourhood Priorities****Priority One – Burglary**

This quarter we have seen a decrease in burglary from 24 to 16 and also for non-dwelling burglaries (sheds/garages etc) from 14 to 5.

However, the dark nights are starting to draw in and you may find you are coming home to a dark house! This is a clear indication that no one is home so please remember to use timer switches to have lights come on before it gets dark. If you are going away for some late sunshine then please ensure you cancel newspaper & milk deliveries, and make neighbours you trust aware that you'll be away, so they can keep an eye on your property as well.

Priority Two – Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

During the warm weather this summer we have seen a slight increase in Antisocial behaviour around Dorney Lake, to combat this the neighbourhood teams have been working closely with on-site security and have increased patrols around the area to tackle this and proactively deal with poor and illegal parking around Court Lane.

Priority Three – Speeding

We now have two very active Community Speed Watch teams, (one in Burnham and one in Taplow) and we are currently looking to set one up for Dorney with the parish council.

This is a great opportunity for residents who wish to volunteer their time to monitor speeding in areas highlighted for concern by fellow residents. If you are interested in helping out then please contact the team or your local Parish Council.

Other News

During the week of 19th August Chiltern & South Bucks officers, along with our colleagues from British Transport Police (BTP), conducted a knife sweep operation in areas identified by local officers as to places where youth frequent. This was a pre-planned operation by the neighbourhood team to ensure the safety of local public spaces. This was not related to any specific incident." Areas including East Common, Gerrard's Cross, Hotspur Park, Beaconsfield and the BMX track in Denham were searched by officers looking for any bladed articles or other weapons. We also searched train stations with our BTP colleagues.

This was not as a result of any incident, or intelligence but just to ensure that the areas searched have no items in them therefore ensuring the safety of everyone. We are happy to say other than a iPhone, a number of discarded tags and a courgette growing wild (!! no items were found which is an excellent result.

During this quarter the team have managed to locate two stolen motorbikes in the Burnham area and have safely returned them to their owners.

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male has been charged for criminal damage in Burnham.

A female has been charged with two counts of public order in Taplow

A further three people have been charged with shoplifting's which have occurred at Sainsbury's in Taplow and Farnham Common and TK Maxx



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.

September 2019

Saturday 7th – Private Triathlon & Run – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 8th - Private Triathlon & Run – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Wednesday 11th - Private Triathlon – car park & footpaths closed all day

Saturday 14th - Private Triathlon – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 15th - Private Triathlon – car park and footpaths closed all day

Saturday 21st - Private Triathlon – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th - Private Triathlon – car park and footpaths closed all day

October 2019

Sunday 13th – Private Run - car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 20th - Private Duathlon & Run – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm

November 2019

Saturday 16th - Private Run - car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 17th - Private Duathlon & Run - car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

Sunday 24th – Private Run - car park & footpaths restricted between 1.00pm and 5.00pm

December 2019

Sunday 1st - Private triathlon - car park & footpaths closed all day

Saturday 14th - Private Duathlon & Run - car park & footpaths closed until 2.00pm

***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.**

On Your Bike: Route 2

First, thank you very much to the two Dorney Reach readers and residents who responded to On Your Bike: Route 1 and clarified that their gardens include ownership of the riverside Thames Path. The historic right of way is for pedestrians/walkers but dismounted cyclists are allowed, with the owner's permission. Thanks to them and their neighbours.

My next route includes all three waters surrounding Dorney and while shown in the map below as 11.6 miles, I added around a mile by cutting across the Common and there are plenty of short cuts if a lesser distance ride is preferred. No steep hills and mainly off road so mountain or hybrid bike best.

Starting again on Village Road turn left past Dorney Court into Dorney Lake. Before reaching the Lake main car park, there is a left turn onto National Cycling Route 4 which weaves alongside the lake by the landscaped area. This is an enjoyable woodland track (several green woodpeckers around), which leads to Boveney Road/Lock Path where you turn right past the car park.

At the end of Lock Path, immediately after the cattle grid turn right into a narrow trail to the ancient Church, St Mary Magdalene (origins in 12C and open to the public), which is definitely worth a stop. Carry on a few more metres to the Thames Path and turn left towards Windsor. This tends to be a quite busy part of the river path, past Boveney Lock (dismount if taking lock path, but cyclists have their separate path around). Windsor racetrack can be seen across the river. There are several delightful small bridges over streams and tributaries from the Thames where caution for passing cyclists and walkers is recommended.

You then approach the Windsor Railway Bridge which is a wrought iron 'bow and string' bridge designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. It spans his wonderful brick viaduct and still carries the ex-GWR branch line from Slough to Windsor. Turn left just before the bridge along a track which takes you to Meadow Lane (the Back road to Eton, near Swan Rescue), which you go across (swift right then left) and follow the viaduct across fields and some allotments to Eton Wick. Cross over Eton Wick Rd (left then right this time) still following the viaduct and imagine how many bricks it took to build it.

At the end of a viaduct you have a choice - left takes you alongside the railway line more quickly over a stream to the Jubilee river track but my route, right passes Eton College golf course and an Observatory and takes you into Common Lane in the heart of the College. Look above right on a block of buildings and you will see a horizontal body who seems to be falling down to the road. Most passing visitors miss this. Do any readers know the background - is it a Master or Pupil?

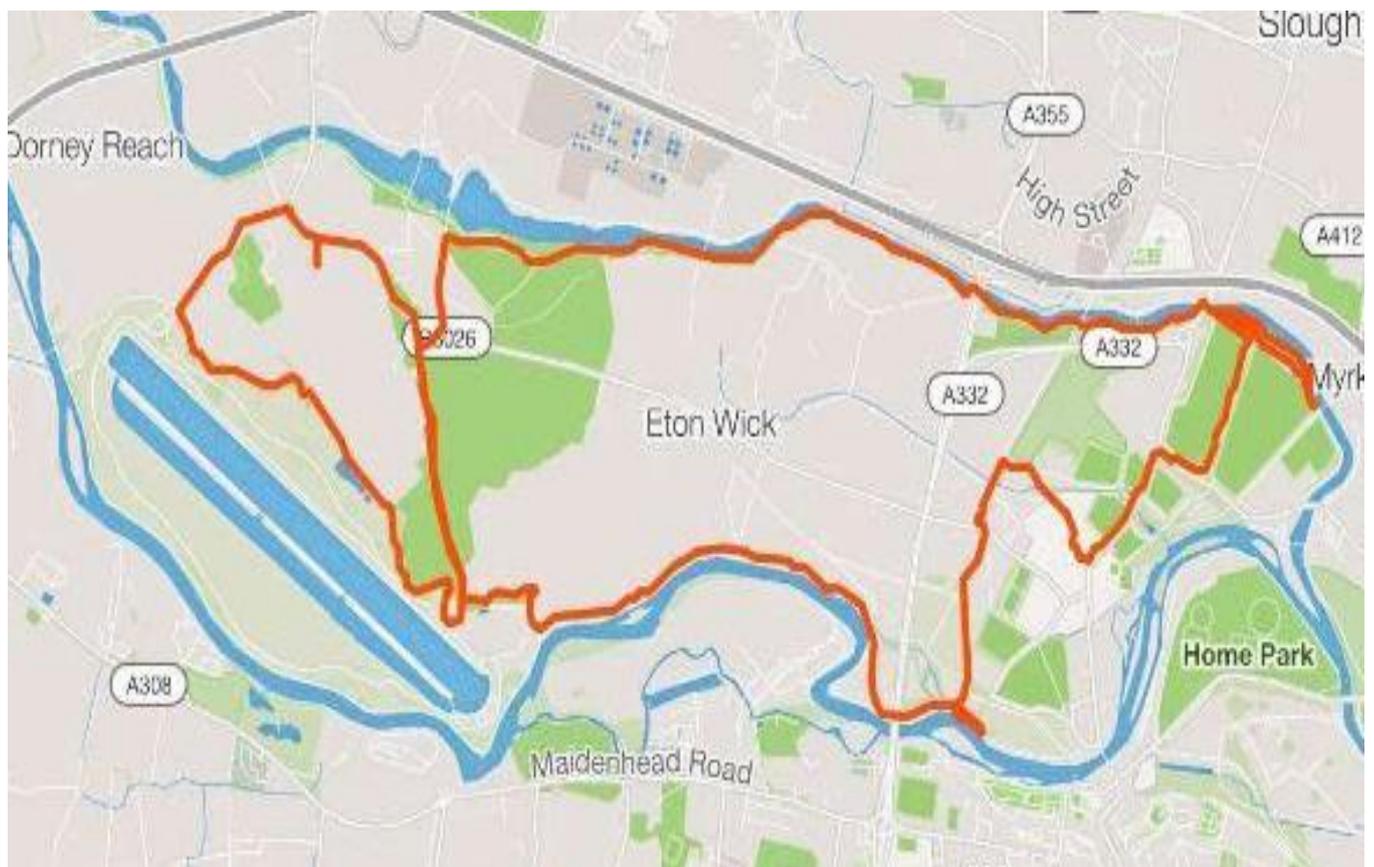
Straight ahead of you is the entrance to the School Quad where they filmed the dash in Chariots of Fire (should have been Cambridge but they wouldn't allow it), turn left into Slough Road for a short way humming Vangelis - cycles are allowed on the footpath, being a narrow busy road. Opposite you to the right is an Eton cricket  pitch but it is also the location of the infamous Eton Wall, where they play their annual

historic and unique game (good film of this on You Tube dated 1956). You could make a short diversion into the College to view but there is no public right of way, so back to Slough road and turn right at the mini roundabout down Pockocks Lane towards Datchet. Take the second left before Thames Valley Athletics Centre down the lovely tree lined path over Agars Plough (more Eton playing Grounds). a lovely ride through huge Beaches, Sycamores and Horse Chestnut trees.

At the end is an entrance to the Jubilee river - you can choose either side as there are several pedestrian/cycle bridges. My route stays on the Eton side. You do have to cross the busy A332 Slough Rd but there is a safe zebra crossing with lights. Continue down the Jubilee river on an easy track enjoying two weirs, all the way to Village Road in Dorney. There is a bridle way track up and over a small hillock just after the second weir which is worth taking for the great view. Also, you can turn left through two gates back onto the Common if you prefer and is shown on the map. Please slow down and give a wide berth to any passing horses as they are easily scared.

Enjoy.

Paul Temple with thanks to Jeff Day and Pete Stevens.



M4 Smart Motorway – Environmental Master Plan for Dorney Reach.

Matt Orchard of Balfour Beatty reports regularly to Dorney Parish Council on the progress of the Smart Motorway Project. From time to time, Matt updates Dorney Parish News...

The closure of the Marsh Lane bridge is on track. Marsh Lane will be closed for **over a year** from October 31st. The bridge will actually be demolished during the weekend of November 15th – 18th. The closure should end on November 15th, 2020.

The existing access track to the Village Hall from Oak Stubbs Way will be closed from October 7th. This is to enable Cadent to connect new gas mains to the existing mains. When the track is closed, there will be a diversion route for vehicles to and from the Village Hall. This appears to go around No.2 Meadow Way, which is now owned by Highways England. A letter about this diversion has been sent to all addresses in Dorney Reach and will arrive w/c September 30th.

An Environmental Master Plan Drawing for Dorney Reach has been made available. Many residents have been concerned by the necessary loss of grassland and trees. Affected areas will be planted with a variety of species.

Open grassland bordering the demolition area:

Sweet Vernal Grass, Crested Dogs' tail, Red Fescue, Timothy, Yarrow, Common Knapweed, Autumn Hawkbit, Selfheal, Meadow Buttercup, Red Clover, Yellow Rattle.

Woodland on raised areas by the road crossing the new bridge:

Linear belts of trees and shrubs planted at 1.5m between each plant. 30% of the total planting is trees with 70% mixed shrubs in variable proportions:

Trees 2.5 to 2.7 metres high when planted: English Oak standard 5% of total planting, English Oak Feathered 5%, Small Leaved Lime 5%, Scots Pine 7.5%, Hornbeam 7.5%
Shrubs 0.4 to 0.6 metres high when planted: Common Holly, Guelder Rose, Wild Privet, Common Hawthorn, Hazel, Blackthorn, Common Elder.

This plan also shows the extent of the new noise barrier to be installed.

The Environmental Master Plan Drawing for Dorney Reach will be uploaded onto NextDoor Dorney.



The Spanish Bit Riding School Pony Club will be holding a cake sale on Saturday 2nd November 9.30am-3.30pm in aid of the Thames Valley Air Ambulance, towards their fundraising badge.

This will also coincide with our 40 years anniversary at the riding school. Please come along and support this good cause.

Burnham Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HRC) – Saved

If, like me, taking a carload of gardening waste to the Recycling Centre in Crowpiece Lane is a principal weekend pursuit, you will have been relieved by a press release from Bucks County Council -

The Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HRC) at Burnham has been saved from permanent closure.

The proposed permanent closure of Burnham HRC is no longer required following the overall success of the money saving arrangements for the recycling centre service the Cabinet of Buckinghamshire County Council reluctantly introduced at the beginning of 2019.

However, the reduction in opening days at the Burnham HRC will continue in line with the other sites at Chesham and Aylesbury (Rabans Lane) with the site continuing to be closed on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Speaking after the Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet meeting held on Monday 9th September 2019, Bill Chapple OBE, the Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Environment said : 'Back in January, these were tough changes to introduce, particularly the charges for non-household waste, and we knew they would not be popular. That said, we are on track to achieve the cost savings that I needed to make over the longer term, so I'm delighted we can keep Burnham open.

Following a huge communication exercise to advise residents of the changes earlier in the year, we saw a 50% increase in what would become chargeable waste coming into the sites during March before the deadline. We therefore knew we would be playing catch up and, although income remains lower than initially modelled, we are seeing a steady return as we and local residents get used to the new system.

Can I take this opportunity to remind householders that around three-quarters of all waste is still completely free to take to our recycling centres? On the chargeable waste element, we are seeing an average cost of about £8 a visit, so only a small extra charge on your DIY type jobs. '

The charges, introduced at HRC's from Monday 1st April 2019, haven't led to an increase in fly tipping despite concerns from the public, although this is something the County Council will continue to keep a very close eye on going forward.

Bill added: 'People don't just become fly tippers because of a small charge. In our experience most fly tipping relates to commercial and criminal activity where there was no intention to take into a recycling centre in the first place. That's why we will continue our zero-tolerance approach to prosecuting anyone who dares fly tip in Buckinghamshire. '

Dorney Diary

Day	Date	Activity	Venue	Time
OCT				
Tue	1	The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Badminton Club	Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	12.00 noon 8 to 10 pm
Wed	2	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	3	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	4			
Sat	5			
Sun	6	Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Village Hall	7 to 10 pm
Mon	7			
Tue	8	Dorney Badminton Club The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Parish Council Meeting	Dorney Village Hall Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	8 to 10 pm 12.00 noon 8 p.m.
Wed	9	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	10	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	11			
Sat	12			
Sun	13	Private Run – car park and footpaths closed until 2.00pm Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Lake Dorney Village Hall	 7 to 10 pm
Mon	14			
Tue	15	The Charteris Club: Lunch Dorney Badminton Club Something New	Eton Wick Village Hall Dorney Village Hall Dorney Village Hall	12.00 noon 8 to 10 pm 10.30 to 12.30

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Julie Chappell, Manager

07598 565091

Dorney Diary

Day Date Activity Venue Time
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Wed	16	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	10 am
		Yoga Class - Chair Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	11.45 am
		The Charteris Club: Lunch	Eton Wick Village Hall	12.00 noon
Thu	17	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	18			
Sat	19			
Sun	20	Private Duathlon & Run - car park and footpaths closed until 2.00 pm	Dorney Lake	
		Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Village Hall	7 to 10 pm
Mon	21			
Tue	22	The Charteris Club: Lunch	Eton Wick Village Hall	12.00 noon
		Dorney Badminton Club	Dorney Village Hall	8 to 10 pm
Wed	23	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	10 am
		Yoga Class - Chair Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	11.45 am
		The Charteris Club: Lunch	Eton Wick Village Hall	12.00 noon
Thu	24	Dorney Youth Club (during term time) For Children of the Parish.	Dorney Village Hall	6 to 7.30 pm
Fri	25			
Sat	26			
Sun	27	Dorney Short Mat Bowls Club	Dorney Village Hall	7 to 10 pm
Mon	28			
Tue	29	The Charteris Club: Lunch	Eton Wick Village Hall	12.00 noon
		Dorney Badminton Club	Dorney Village Hall	8 to 10 pm
Wed	30	Yoga Class - Gentle Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	10 am
		Yoga Class - Chair Yoga	Dorney Village Hall	11.45 am
		The Charteris Club: Lunch	Eton Wick Village Hall	12.00 noon
Thu	31			

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BROCK BOTTOM ON DORNEY COMMON

Along with the chill that now falls each evening, the wildlife that lives on the common in the thicket of bracken and vegetation makes habitual changes at this time of year. Families of fox, badger, muntjac and many other smaller animals, pad along their routes to rut around and leave their mark after midnight sorties. In the morning, looking closely, subtle signs reveal the footprint of this nocturnal activity.

In our garden, earlier this year, we created a large brick-walled, raised herbaceous border in the shape of an island (hence nicknamed 'The Island'), then planted out a profusion of structural plants and seasonal flowers. Throughout the long drought of summer our large water bill provided evidence of our hard work. It was early one morning, just before heading off to work, that my husband Dave came up with my coffee, to inform me that there were several large holes on the island, and signs of rutting that had caused the upturn of some plants. As each night passed the intensity of the brutality increased, with soil cast asunder, trampled flowers and further damage to plants.

It seemed likely that we had a family of badgers visiting our island Deli, rooting for grubs and earthworms and causing great havoc with their long claws. To add insult to injury, they also dug large holes to make brown deposits, rather like Toad in the Hole, and the internet provided conclusion that this was in fact a brock attack. My heart torn, as an animal enthusiast, part of the joy of living on the common is to settle in with the wildlife and adjust accordingly, but it was very distressing to see such a mess each morning. What to do?

Now, amid this my brother came to stay again, and along with many other bad ones, retained his habit of leaving a radio on all night, which fortuitously caused me to hatch a cunning plan as I lay unable to sleep. As the clock chimed 2am, I stole out into the midnight air, so fresh and lovely, and not cold at all. The garden was silent, lit only by the moon, as I set about staging my props and spotlight, feeling certain that this gentle resolution would be appropriate for the brocks. Returning to bed, leaving the yard light gently illuminating the grounds, the dulcet tones of radio talk babbled into the night. Maybe they just prefer Radio Gaga, but to date the earth remains untouched, and the airwave voices seem to have been an effective deterrent.

With the end of the summer in sight came our village annual Horticultural Show, achieving its highest ever level of entries for some years. As the doors opened, a flood of veg, fruit and floral delights arrived with their owners in tow. Many varieties of everything, from small but perfectly formed to overwhelmingly huge, and in the odd shape categories some X-rated growth! Entries by young and old filled our tables, home-grown by our villagers, home-cooked culinary delights, along with a section of home-made art and craft items that were truly astonishingly wonderful. The children's section was also spectacular, many fantastic efforts, and for the first time ever, a winning painting headlining our village mag last month. However, the biggest kid of the day was my husband Dave, when he heard that he had gathered a well-deserved First for his courgettes! (Do not mention the carrots, not quite there yet).

Next on the busy DDHS event schedule is our pre-Christmas Supper, on Friday 22nd November, at our village hall. There will be another wonderful festive meal supplied by Chrys our favourite local publican, along with live music, quizzes, raffles, banter, warmth

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Meantime, here at the cottage, the Panto madness has taken over as rehearsals gear up with choreographers correcting two left feet and vocal tutors tuning up harmonies, to finally sync the two to make the most perfect footchord. With the set design in place, the Game of Thrones throne just requires a final detail of paint, with just the next smaller challenge of assembling the props and other minor set requirements. This year, for a change, but maybe not a brilliant idea, I wear two hats, one of Set Designer and the other Deputy Stage Manager. Two fancy titles for a worn-out person behind the scenes doing an awful lot of unpaid work with a cheerful face. These roles include spinning eleventy-eight plates through eight live performances, and if the china is dropped, well hey it's Panto!

Maidenhead Drama Guild this year presents Dick Whittington and his Cat, which promises an extra special delivery of Damemania and cheesy jokes to make your mother blush. Animals always feature in Pantos and this year is no exception, as along with the dancing cat we also have some evil singing rats, and a Queen Rat with little or no decorum. However, sadly no badgers, they are too blind to see their way here, and too busy finding another lawn or border to dig up on our Dorney turf!

Kristina Perkins
Dells Cottage



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Nature Notes - Fungi

When out for a stroll at this time of year one may encounter examples of those curious plants, the fungi. As a group they show enormous variation, embracing not only Mushrooms and Toadstools but also microscopic forms such as Moulds, Mildews, Yeasts and Rusts. Unlike the green plants, fungi have no means of manufacturing their own food. They obtain it from living or dead organic material. It is this which makes some fungi so important economically, not only because they cause disease in plants and animals but also because they damage and destroy stored foods, timber and other materials. Other organic types can be harnessed to bring about fermentations beneficial to man.

The familiar 'toadstool' growths we see are but a small part of the plant. The rest lies beneath, hidden from view and consists of a mass of thin strands which spread like roots. Throughout the summer these roots absorb and store nutrients ready for production of the autumn 'fruiting body.' In function this is perhaps best described as the flower, fruit and seed of the fungus.

The field mushroom (which has a much richer flavour than that of the cultivated variety) can sometimes be found in great profusion on rich pasture or grassland. Its growth often produces a pattern of circles in the grass which are well known as Fairy rings and therefore are a popular source for imagination and myth. They consist of concentric rings of different shades of grass around the growing fungus. There may even be a clear ring of dead grass if all the goodness has been exhausted. (This is not, sad to say, a result of the pattering of fairy feet). It is quite remarkable that some fairy rings are known to be over four centuries old.

The association with fairies is but one example of the linking of fungi with the mystic and supernatural. Such names as Devil's Boletus, Destroying Angel, Fool's Mushroom and Death Cap go further, especially as these four toadstools are extremely poisonous.

Our largest fungus is aptly named the Giant Puffball and is said to be safe to eat and best to taste. I have seen examples growing in the Parish. One grew to the size of an Ostrich egg in a couple of weeks before a passer-by, who could not resist the temptation, gave the giant a hefty kick.



In addition to the field and cultivated mushrooms there are several British species said to be quite agreeably edible. The names Oyster Mushroom, Beef-steak Fungus and Horn of Plenty, certainly sound attractive but great care should be taken to determine the correct identity of any fungus intended for consumption. General appearance and odour are an insufficient guide.



Our picture is of a bracket fungus known as 'chicken of the woods'. Why? Because it is said to taste like chicken! This specimen measures some 40cm across and has appeared growing on the roots of a dead sycamore tree close to our front hedge.

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Sleepless in Dorney.

Regular readers of my musings may recall my belated interest in the noble art of drumming: rock style. Having been raised on Elgar and Wagner, the widening of musical styles has been interesting.

The culmination of three years of lonely practice, harsh critical rehearsals and sleepless nights occurred in, of all places, Eton Wick Football Club, as a terrified part of the advertised 'live music' in a Beer Festival.



Two weeks before, I had invested in a beautiful shiny drum kit (I've spent less on a second-hand car) and warned my understanding neighbours that practice at reasonable hours might occur and "please let me know if it's obtrusive."

One side was understanding. The other said, "Ooh! Can you teach me?"

I didn't sleep much the night before, got up far too early, and, breakfast-less, loaded the car with a proper drum kit for the first time. It filled my cavernous Mondeo Estate even with the back seats down, so should we play the Royal Albert Hall, our groupies will have to make their own way to our sell-outs.

I arrived at the club very early to meet our keyboard player and fellow nervous newbie, struggling with huge amplifiers and keyboards out of a horse box, of all things. Very 'up market'!

We struggled in with my kit, I assembled it and, having practised at home, was pleased with the time it took and the result.

By this time, our singer and mentor Colin arrived with the strong silent Pete while Tony, our lead guitar and the person most responsible for my current nervous stomach with his boundless encouragement over years, brought up the rear. We all potted into the glorious sunshine as a large crowd continued to grow, drawn in, I suspected, not by the band, but more probably the range of beers.

Colin wandered into the bar as we briefly played a few notes, and satisfied that the sound levels were correct, he declared us ready!

My nerves had by now reached the shredded stage as I sat nursing a Coca Cola between frequent visits to the loo, waiting to go on for the very first time in my ***** years. Why had I set myself up for this? What madness! It proved a good cure for constipation!

"You'll be fine," the unflappable old stager Tony reassured me, while Pete and Colin, both hugely experienced, looked professionally bored.

I had told everyone in my acquaintance that there was to be an opportunity to see our new band (and me, to fall flat), and bless them, many turned up, adding to my apprehension.

Passing the bar back from another visit to the loo an organiser said,

“I think it’s time you went on.”

Now was the moment, and I shuffled to the stage as if to the gallows and sat behind the kit, checking and re-checking.

The highlight for the drummer in any gig is the start, I’m told. He or she sits behind the kit while other members only have a single guitar or a microphone and all eyes are on the drummer as they wait.



I raised my drumsticks slowly above my head, too late to quit now!

I cracked them rhythmically together.

“One, two, three, four!”

The others came in bang on cue and we were away. The euphoria was almost overwhelming, and we bounced, ground, or rattled through our first half. Some was brilliant, some mistakes were obvious to all, others only to us, but the feeling was like nothing I had ever experienced before, terror and elation in equal parts, the terror diminishing as the hours of practice paid off. Now I understood why people do this.

We finished the first half. The post-mortem began. The keyboard player and I were bouncing on air, the others less so having trodden this path many times before. It could have been better. It will be better. We had done it!

Less nervously, we played the second half with much the same sentiments. Keyboard player and I grinned at each other from time to time, and, I was glad to see, some of the audience and I traded grins between the three gyrating backsides in front of me blocking the view, as I happily tapped out the music.

Sadly, it came to the end. I was relieved and could have done it all again there and then, but that was not to be. It is rumoured that we will be asked back. I have been told that the day was the most successful they’ve ever had, and I’m pleased we had a part in that.

One of the band said afterwards, “We got that gig because it was a Bank holiday and everyone else had been booked. We were the last resort.”

What a name for the band!

Whatever the reason, I loved it. Thank you EWFC.

Mike Quincey

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The Parish Pump

A summary of the September 2019 Dorney Parish Council Meeting

The full Minutes can be found on www.dorney.org.uk

- **M4 Smartmotorway** Matt Orchard of Balfour Beatty reported that Marsh Lane will be closed from October 31st, 2019 to November 15th, 2020 whilst the replacement bridge is built. He will contact Dorney and Burnham schools. The M4 will be closed on September 27th from Junction 5 to Junction 6. Highways England has presented data regarding traffic on Saturday August 17th. Cllr Harris has been asked to download data from the new VAS signs to verify that the data reflect term-time rush hour. The locations of the dog bins will be reviewed in the light of the M4 fencing. Biffa is having problems accessing the bins at Dorney Village Hall and Matt assured Dorney PC that he will make the road accessible for the refuse lorry. Oak Stubbs Lane will be closed on September 16th. The Landscape Plan for the motorway embankment will include semi-mature trees and native species of shrubs.
- **SBDC Report** Cllr Pepler reported applications were being sought for grant funding up to £250 for play areas. Burnham PC won the Best Kept Village competition. SBDC will submit Dorney Parish Council's comments on the Emerging Local Plan to Government but there was no time scale for a response.
- **Bucks CC** Cllr Dev Dhillon reported:-(i) Bucks CC will provide free transport to Burnham School if under 3 miles only if it can be proven that it is an unsafe route to walk to school. Cllr Dhillon believes this will be proven in the case for school children living in Dorney. Details should be sent to him of any children who require school transport to Burnham; (ii) He has been pressing for the double yellow lines to be installed in Court Lane. He will know the outcome in 2 weeks' time and then they will hopefully be installed as soon as possible. The Police are also very aware of the problem and want the yellow lines installed. However, the double yellow lines may push the problem further down the road. This problem had only occurred when Eton Rowing Lake introduced car park fees and Eton College should be urged to be involved in resolving this problem which has affected the local community – it was noted that Eton College have part funded the yellow lines; (iii) The Community Board consultation ends on 30th September.
- **Residents** Could the Parish Council bring pressure to get the autumn cut of Trumpers Field completed? Is it possible to recalibrate the 40mph sign in Dorney Reach?
- **Cllr Chris Stoughton** Chris Stoughton to be co-opted on to Dorney Parish Council. Cllr Stoughton duly signed the Acceptance of Office.
- **Update on defibrillators** Cllr Pepler suggested there could be match funding available from the SBDC's Chairman's Fund.
- **Update on the parking situation in Court Lane** Cllr Purdie said that there will be a problem with children crossing in front of the School Bus now that the bus can no longer turn around with the bus stop closed in Marsh Lane. He will email Matt Orchard about this problem.
- **Change of Boundary** It was noted that there could be a Boundary Review as part of the change to a Unitary Council.
- **Community Speedwatch Scheme** Cllr Dax is happy to organise the use of the speedwatch camera together with the volunteers to help. £8.69 would be paid for a SD card. The existing VAS signs need to be turned off when the speed camera is being used in the vicinity.

- **Response to the Chilterns and South Bucks Local Plan and Community Infrastructure draft charging levee (CIL)** Dorney PC had employed a Consultant to assist and has now submitted a response to the Local Plan Consultation. Concern was raised as to how long it will take for SBDC to resolve this with Government and the costs involved. Cllr Pepler will pass these comments on to SBDC.
 - **Other complaints/comments from residents** (i) A complaint about bins not being emptied in Trumpers Field; (ii) Eton Dorney Specialist School have been leaving their bins on the road for collection some days before the collection is due; (iii) Overgrown hedges in Marsh Lane – the clerk will again write to the landowner as this will impede the installation of yellow lines; (iv) Traffic lights not working in Marsh Lane have been reported to Highways England; (v) There was a vote of thanks to the organisers of the Dorney Horticultural Society Annual Show which had been highly successful.
 - **Next Meeting** October 9th, 2019 at 8pm in Dorney Village Hall.
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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.

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Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

2019 Programme

30th October 2019	'Eton Town: Past and Present', with Mr and Mrs Peter Tarrant
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.

2019 Programme

September 18th	'The Rothschilds and Tring' Tim Amsden
October 16 th	'Portrait of a Village: West Wycombe', Oonagh Kennedy
November 20 th	'Royal Collection Trust', Nicola Turner Inman
December 4 th	'Railway Pubs and Refreshment Rooms', Bob Barton

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

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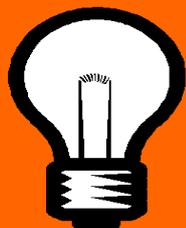
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