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The Queen Shows Her Support for NHS at Windsor Castle

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**EDITORIAL**

When we all face the same threat, we tend to come together. Those things we can agree on seem to loom larger. After five weeks of lock down, we probably do all agree that we are getting a little tired of this ‘mugger’ who has assaulted us. I thought a new correspondent could best express this. Our granddaughter, Melody (aged 7), after a few weeks away from school, sat down to write a letter to the Corona Virus (see page 8). We can all agree that *‘everyone has had enough of you and your germs’*. But we are defiant. As Melody says, *‘we get the point!’*

Again, there is probably agreement that the Thursday evening applause for NHS and care workers has been an inspiring experience. We can only imagine how other neighbourhoods are reacting - after all, we can’t join them - but I can report that our part of Harcourt Road has heard the banging of pots and pans and even a football rattle, and, of course, seen warm camaraderie. Maybe we’ve got too much space in our village and we’re too far from our neighbours. One son (sorry, the family again) reported on the awesome impact of the clapping within a street of terraced houses in Liverpool. The other son, freshly moved into a (very) new build estate in Northants, remarked that many neighbours had their first conversations in the context of the new Thursday normal. There are upsides...

But you can’t guarantee agreement. For example, I was incensed when we received a letter from Highways England telling us, with virtually no prior notice, that intrusive night-time workings would continue at the end of April for the smart M4 project. How could they make no concessions to, not even a mention of, the current lock down? How many NHS workers would lose sleep, I wondered? But then I heard the sensible view...the contractors are just doing their job, meeting the timing requirements of their contract. Keep calm and see it through...I even heard stories that last weekend chairs came out on a fine evening so as to watch the spans put into place. One lady said it was her first interesting sight in a whole month.

Not everybody agreed that producing an online-only magazine was our best course of action. I remain convinced that circulating any number of hard copy magazines would have breached the government’s protocols and would have been the very definition of ‘unnecessary journeys’. The concern was for the subscribers as much as the deliverers. I probably overestimated readers’ familiarity with Nextdoor. I certainly didn’t expect there to be problems with opening attachments on the platform. We will endeavour to make sure that more copies this month are emailed directly. I remain sorry that some will, again, not be able to read us at all. I certainly thought it better to circulate a high proportion of our circulation than none at all. Can I just say, very guardedly, that the trend to opening up from the lock down, writing now at the beginning of May, should allow us more flexibility with the June issue.

With that thought in mind, I think Dorney residents now want to look forward to forging whatever is their ‘new normal’. But I would have liked, and still would like, to hear about Dorney’s recent experiences and villagers’ views on how we can move forward and what we can learn from this unprecedented time. But the milestones and anniversaries still give shape to life. This particular month, ‘DPN’ would like to wish our community ‘Ramadan Mubarak’. Many perhaps did not celebrate St George’s Day with the normal gusto in 2020. There is always next year...Unique to this year, of course, are, or would have been the VE75 events, alas cancelled, in Dorney at least.

Cherish this thought – VJ Day in August might, just might, see us in a whole lot better place.

**Peter Bowman**

# Help is on Hand locally during “Lockdown”



If you need help with shopping Caitlyn Maynard from Dorney Reach, who is working for Tesco, has very kindly offered help in obtaining and delivering your shopping from Tesco. She can be contacted through the Nextdoor Dorney website.

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Minister: Rev Margaret Dudley, 01753 867117

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Service

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

Parish Priest: Fr. Joseph Udoh, M.S.P. 01628 605764

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9.30am Mass

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**Rev La Stacey writes:** There was a phrase that kept going through my mind: "Jesus has left the building!" I checked it out to see where it came from – I had forgotten it was originally "Elvis has left the building". It used to be announced at the end of Elvis concerts to stop the fans clamouring for yet another encore. It struck me because the media were obviously quite amused by the antics of vicars trying to do Sunday services without a church building. [There was one shown going round the streets of his parish with a mobile sound system singing a hymn and doing some prayers.](#)

Well, actually in one sense, Jesus was never in the building. There was never any building that could contain him. He started off in a borrowed bedroom. There was a saying about him: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head". He used to sofa-surf didn't he? Even the tomb they laid his body in, couldn't keep him in.

Maybe it feels safer when we think of Jesus in a building. As long as we don't go near the church, we can keep Jesus at a distance. Or, maybe those of us who are churchgoers, can keep him confined to Sundays and don't have to think about him too much through the rest of the week.

The truth is Jesus is forever popping up in ways you never thought of before, that you would never have dreamed nor imagined, but which make perfect sense and ring true when you encounter him. And here's the thing. Actually, we will never

encounter Jesus in precisely the same way as someone else. He doesn't do encores 'cos each of us is unique.

Remember Thomas the disciple? He found himself unable to accept the revelation the others had been given. He needed his own encounter. Maybe in this time that we are all locked out of church, we will notice, like Thomas, that locked doors are no barrier to Jesus. Let me know if you have some revelation of your own.

And just for info, we have our very own musician playing in the vicarage front garden at 10 am on a Sunday, live-streamed on Facebook! Check out the page ['Church Community of Eton with Eton Wick, Dorney and Boveney'](#).

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**St Mary Magdalene, Boveney**

**This beautiful church is currently closed until further notice.**

**The 2020 Services are:**

**St Mary Magdalene Patronal Festival Service - 1600hrs on Wednesday, 22nd July 2020**

**Christmas Advent Service by Candlelight - 1500hrs on Sunday, 13th December 2020**

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 this virus you have made.  
 Everyone has had enough of  
 you and your germs. We are  
 literally sick of it! We understand  
 you want us to stop polluting  
 the seas and the atmosphere  
 but this is not how to deal  
 with it at all. I'm not happy one  
 little bit!

I'm complaining about this virus because

We can't go to school so  
 we're not learning as much.  
 We can't see our friends  
 so we're not having as much  
 as we usually would.  
 We can't go out much so  
 we can get bored more  
 easily.

OK there are a few good  
 things about this like:

The earth is a lot healthier.  
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 the point!

Yours sincerely Melody Bowman



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**3pm**

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**4pm**

Tea & scones (or coffee & cake)

**6pm**

Dinner and raise your glass to your neighbours

**9pm**

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Salt & Pepper Squid with lemon mayonnaise £6.95 (GFA)

Grilled Goats' Cheese with roasted pepper & hazelnut salad £6.75 (GF)

Breaded Mushrooms with garlic mayo dip £5.25

Lamb Koftas with a mint yoghurt dip £6.75

Garlic Bread £2.95

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- Cherry Bakewell with honeycomb ice cream £6.50
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## Only Connect

One lesson of the past few weeks has been that's it good to be connected. This can be online connection or those traditional social networks of friends and family.

If, like me, you think this village would benefit from the kind of connection that comes with a village website, then the rising profile of our Parish Council's site – [www.dorney.org.uk](http://www.dorney.org.uk) must be encouraging. My household has had a couple of interactions with the site recently which, while unremarkable, highlight the unusual times we live in. Cllr Foxley has been posting interesting points on Nextdoor which then find a lasting home on the website under the tab 'Covid-19 updates'.

A couple of weeks back, the campaign to involve the public in the struggle to secure PPE for health workers and carers was moving up a gear as the *For the Love of Scrubs* social media campaign got underway. At the same time, many were frustrated that getting hold of patterns and fabric was not always a straightforward business. Frustrated helpers, or specifically, frustrated sewers were keen to contribute to the cause. Then the headline 'Wash bags for scrubs for Wexham Park Hospital' appeared on the council site.

Lucy Barrett from Burnham was co-ordinating a 'pillow slips into scrubs bags' project. The aim was to make wash bags with drawstrings into which nursing staff could put their used scrubs at the end of their day, take them home, and put the bags unopened into a hot hygienic wash.



Jan got started (see picture) and in no time it seemed we were taking the longest car journey we'd made for over a month so as to drop a package off in a lady's driveway – a lady we felt a strong bond with, even though we'd never met before and we 'connected' with by calling from the roadway, to be told that Wexham Park were delighted with the local response and were well on the way to having sufficient bags.

By now, I was wondering what contribution I could make. Well, I'm now a statistic, and, it seems, an important one. A post on

the website urged me to download an app. That seemed an easy enough task. A few weeks back, one and a half million people had downloaded the COVID-19 Symptom Tracker App developed by King's College London, along with partners including Guy's and St Thomas'. It's nearer 3 million now. After an initial registration involving reporting existing conditions, if any, my daily task, taking about 20 seconds, has been to report that I feel 'normal'.

Online updates tell me that much invaluable data are being discovered as a result of this study, especially about the regional distribution (cities suffer comparatively worse) and the contribution of genetic makeup to the severity of cases. Best of all, right now, the number and severity of cases is declining.

Yesterday, the project sent me an email. They need more volunteers. Spread the word, they said, 'we're enabling research that helps us beat COVID-19 for all'. The Dorney.org site brought the app to me. I hope this magazine brings it to you.

**Peter Bowman**

## OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ON DORNEY COMMON

*Both optimists and pessimists contribute to society. The optimist invents the aeroplane and the pessimist invents the parachute – George Bernard Shaw*

As we face the worse international disaster that we in our lifetimes can recall, here at the cottage, as lockdown was imposed for us all, a routine is established that mirrors many others across our country. Fortunately, working from home was easily established keeping my day job intact, whilst my husband Dave, although now classified as an essential worker, lowered his call out hours to keep himself safer. Feeling safe at home but feeling unsafe at the food store, with an invisible stranger with homicidal breath. Do not inhale, do not touch your face, observe two metres to protect others, and if this visitor touches you, keep it to yourself, but reserve Thursday at 8pm to applaud those that fight our battle in the NHS.

At the cottage, claustrophobic between piles of office files and papers in our tiny office, the radio interrupts my train of thought with constant Covid updates. Uncomfortable, confusing and overwhelmingly sad, across our community, we listen, digest and hope. Always the optimist, Dave brings light into my life with his light-hearted humour, whilst I, the constant cynic, need relentless comforting and distraction. To brighten our lives, and dampen my anxiety, we made a list of all the little 'just' jobs to delegate between us. Don't give yourself any time to think, my husband recommends, and with this we planned to face all the awkward house and garden challenges that we had been avoiding for some time.



Whilst Dave gradually dismantled our old carport, I took on the challenge of moving over 3000 heavy clay roof tiles from the back of the garden to the front. This meant eleventy-eight mini tractor runs filling its little black trailer with 150 tiles each time. The weighty pieces were slow to stack, then a cautious bumpy-bump ride across the rough paddock terrain, over the skiddy shingle to the boiler room, to undertake the unload process. I quite enjoyed riding on the tractor, its deep padded seat just the right height to massage my back where it felt strained from the lifting!

I was about halfway through, maybe around the third day, when Dave came to inspect my efforts and casually remarked that I had stored them all the wrong way. Not in piles he declared, they should be in stacked runs, otherwise they could crack! Ah well, a life making mistakes is more honourable than a life doing nothing! Without expletives this was corrected, and another four hours occupied with manual labour. Included in

this daunting task was a headcount of each tile, potentially ready for an eBay advert at some point in the future. This sounds quite an easy thing to do, but only if it is void of interruption. One, two, three... phone rings (work issue), five, six, seven... Amazon delivery man arrives (cider consignment or some such), nine, ten, eleven... is it lunchtime? (Dave's tummy).

Mostly our supplies for repairs and our odd jobs, come from online companies, who deliver our goods diligently on time. The lovely delivery guys cheerfully bringing boxes that contain ultra-useful items like grout, outdoor lights, garden tools, potting compost, or various other valuable items that enable work to continue, and of course the odd crate of Old Mout Cider which quenches the thirst after a heavy day of lifting clay tiles.

It was one sunny afternoon that my next task required the use of our Karcher pressure washer. Our Yorkstones were thick with dried green algae and moss, quite a hazard when rain drops, as the slip threat is reignited. The poor machine, inherited from my parents some 15 years ago, refused to start and then when it did (after extreme coaxing from Dave) spouted out a jet of water from one side. A little round rubber seal had perished! For the want of the seal, the day was lost.

Not to be beaten, using hot buckets of water, a secret additive (no not the cider), armed with a stiff scrubbing brush and grim determination, I set to. Painfully slow, horrendously mucky and hideously hard graft, I am one of those daft people who will not give up until keeling over. Many hours later, as the sun turned red to set, most of the green was finally removed, with the two terraces now presenting shiny clean faces. The satisfaction was entirely my own. That night I consumed two bottles of cider to turn my pale face rouge, the physical workout followed by cider combo inducing the most wonderful uninterrupted sleep.

Now, as many know, I am not known for my culinary skills, and with very limited food available (especially during the supermarket wipe-out phase) it was with great care that the very little we had, was given the very best inducement to taste good. Failure to stockpile meant that certain foods that I usually used were no longer available, and, mealtimes became a very important milestone in our day. We use our meals to regulate the time of day, and to savour the increasingly improving culinary creations that transpired. If necessity is the mother of invention, then perseverance is the father of achievement.

Tomatoes were particularly scarce in the tin format, until I discovered a caterer's website and ordered a couple of tins that would see me well for a nice spicy salsa. To my astonishment the tins not only arrived very quickly, but they were absolutely gigantic, taking me a whole day of cooking to turn the contents into a delicious accompaniment.

I also ordered online (desperate for more fresh vegetables) a large box of fruit and veg from a wholesaler the other side of Guildford. Our consignment arrived the very next day, bursting with numerous vegetables, a bunch of 20 bananas and eleventy-eight oranges. Towards the end of the forage into this supply, there remained one wilted cabbage, which of course must also be consumed. To my great surprise, after chopping, boiling and dousing it in a knob of butter, the discovery of this 'Sweetheart' variety (found it in Sainsbury's afterwards) has ignited a partiality that knows no bounds!

After some weeks, Dave's hair was approaching that of a beatnik, so despite offering several times to give him a trim, he dug his heels in. Finally, as the weight of his Steptoe silver hair grew to meet his eyelashes, he agreed that he needed a snip. Using a pair of my long-nosed embroidery scissors, it wasn't until halfway through his cut that I let slip that the last head of hair trimmed was my son's, when he was a boy, some twenty-odd years ago. At this point there was a resigned sigh from the chair, but fortuitously, after a quick gel and finger comb, and a close inspection in the mirror, he divulged 'I don't think I'll bother with the proper barber again!' Phew!

Each morning, before the day starts, I take an early morning dressing gown walk around our garden, to admire the growth of nature in the fresh scented air. Is it my imagination, is the birdsong now louder and longer? This imparts Hope, Joy and Gratitude in bundles - Hope that we can all soon resume our lives outside our gates, Joy that we have such a beautiful world to live in (but we mustn't pollute it), and Gratitude that we have now the time and opportunity to reflect. I have always been a big fan of Shaw, so as I started with him so I will finish, and this sums up the opportunities that knock for us all.

*If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples, then you and I will still each have an apple. But if you have an idea and I have an idea, and we exchange ideas, then each of us will have two ideas – George Bernard Shaw*

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## Planning Applications (Validated and Decided) during April 2020

### Dorney Parish

From South Bucks District Council Planning website:  
[pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/)

#### **Validated:**

None

#### **Decided:**

**Middle Lodge Village Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QJ**

**Two storey rear and first floor side extensions. Erection of rear dormer to facilitate habitable accommodation to second floor. Single storey rear extension to garage to provide habitable accommodation. Provision of roof lights to side elevations and changes to windows and doors.**

**Ref. No: PL/19/3724/FA | Status: Withdrawn**



**Buckinghamshire  
Council**

## Garden waste

Buckinghamshire Council will be starting garden waste collections again from Monday 11th May. Residents should put their garden bins out on their normal collection days from Monday 11th May onwards but are encouraged to check the Council website before putting the bins out.

All waste services remain stretched as more waste is produced at home. As the garden waste service resumes residents are asked not to leave any garden waste next to the bins as it will not be collected. If garden waste has been stored in bags, please remove them before putting in the bin.

Residents who pay for their garden waste service will receive an extension to their current contract or a reduced price renewal equal to the length of the disruption, [more information here](#)

If you have garden waste to get rid of, you can always try home composting. It's a great alternative and there are [many ways to get started.](#)



## News from Dorney School

We hope that this message finds you healthy and safe. It's a challenging time for everybody, but at Dorney School we are really seeing the strength of our community in action.

Over the Easter period, the school was lucky enough to be given a selection of Easter activities and goodies from Odds Farm Park. Several of our teachers worked together to deliver these to families from the school in our local area. The children loved making the Easter crafts and enjoying some of the chocolates inside. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Odds Farm Park for their support with this!

In school, we have had some of our key workers' children who have been working very hard! They are completing the online work set by our teachers in the morning, followed up with some creative activities later in the day. So far, they have made samosas, created willow patterns and designed sun catchers amongst many other creative activities. Some of our paintings have even made it to Wexham Park Hospital, as we were asked to draw rainbows and messages of support to brighten the days of the health workers who are working so hard in our local hospitals.



*Key workers' children at Dorney School paint pictures for Wexham Park Hospital ICU*



*The pictures up on the wall at Wexham Park Hospital*

The teachers have been trying to keep everyone's spirits up and worked together to produce a fun video for the children. You can see our attempt at the "loo roll challenge" by visiting our website: <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/news-and-events/>  
We hope that it puts a smile on people's faces at this time!

Our days have also been brightened by many photos and examples of children's home learning that has been sent to us. We've been impressed with the hard work that our parents have been doing, with lots of baking, gardening and DIY going on around Dorney! Everyone wants school to return as soon as it is safe for us all to be together again, as we really miss working with the children. As I am sat here at the reception desk, the school is a very quiet and strange place to be at the moment!

Best wishes to everyone,

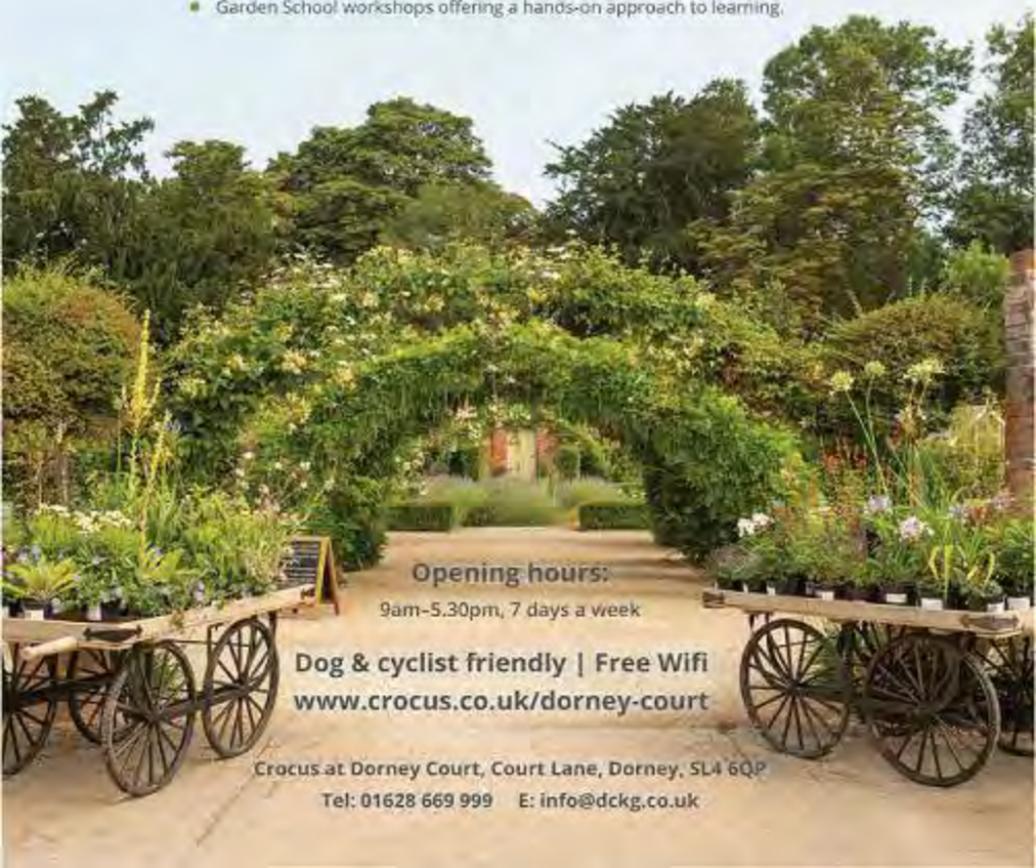
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## They Also Serve

I drive an ambulance; not a blue lights siren and drama type ambulance, no, more a "Come along Doris, it's time for your hospital appointment," type ambulance, not so 'Freeview channels box office' but just as vital in its own way. The Metropolitan Police had been kind enough to supply me with a never-ending stream of fast cars, lights and sirens for chasing and apprehending nare-do-wells for a glorious 28 years, but now in my dotage, the 'whoop whoops' are gone.

Thus it was that a month ago I drove into Wexham Ambulance Station at the end of a fairly quiet shift to be greeted in the busy crew room with a babble of excitement mixed with anxiety as the Covid 19 was proving to be rather more serious than I had predicted in my previous piece for this august journal.

The babbling stopped as I entered the room. Half a dozen heads turned my way.

"You OK Quince?" enquired John. "You look bloody rough!"

"Well I was until a minute ago," I replied sagely.

I walked to the kitchen, and over a coffee phoned my youngest son.

"Dad, you've got a croaky voice. What are you doing at work?" he sounded anxious and mildly irritated with my refusal to stop working.

"Doing my bit," I said piously. "I want to be part of the solution, not part of the problem."

"You'll be part of the problem alright if you catch this virus, that's for sure," he replied with a logic that was hard to challenge.

I wandered into my line manager's office. Two old friends from Bracknell were there.

"Mike! How nice to see you," smiled one but added, "You OK? You look rough."

In my line manager's usual friendly warm smile, I detected a note of apprehension indicating, "what the Hell are you doing in my office looking like that?"

Instead she sweetly suggested I go home and not return until I felt better.

By now, hypochondria set in and during the drive home I was running over the points in my last will and testament, to be greeted on my early arrival by my alarmed partner with a nice cuppa and an early night.

The world was coming apart as I retired to bed and I phoned in sick for one day.

Next morning.... "Ring ring, ring ring..."

"Hallo?" thought it may be the man with the cloak and scythe.

"Hi Mike. Office here. Don't come back for twelve weeks. Stay in isolation till then. I'll call weekly for a welfare check. Bye!"

I was stunned. How could the NHS possibly run without my input? To be cast aside by reason of age alone seemed arbitrary and unfair.

I fought against it over the next few days and weeks, longing to help, offering to do anything but politely got told to clear off four times, as news came to me of colleagues falling sick and isolating. Within two weeks, a quarter had gone sick including me, although I was fit; the lurgy I had presented seemingly gone too.

I was lucky in that I have a wonderful loving family, a pleasant bungalow with superb neighbours, a large garden crying out for attention, a lovely partner and two well behaved adoring (who am I kidding!) cats, with enough cash to get by in comfort. I thank God daily that my children now have children of their own and are settled. No one actually has to rely on me. Contrast that to living in a tower block with small children worrying about your job, perhaps in a less than satisfactory relationship, and my enforced limitations pale into insignificance. For them, lockdown is likely to be more taxing to say the least.

So, to the point of these ramblings.

Daily, even hourly, I see well founded and thoroughly deserved praise and thanks heaped upon those brave souls who risk their lives walking into the cauldron day after day after day. My admiration is, like yours I suspect, boundless.

I see ladies and gentlemen working on services that, without their commitment, I would have to sit in the dark, hungry and waterless. I take for granted that my phone will work; that the internet I use to send this to the editor will work, that my rubbish will be collected, that the ever brave souls of front line Police, Fire, Ambulance and Patient Transport Services will be there when I need them.

But lastly, and by no means least, I come to that great army of us who do our bit and observe lockdown, some more comfortably than others; but nevertheless, don't underestimate our valuable and vital contribution, without which I have little doubt, CV 19 would be a whole lot worse.

I miss my family and all those I care about most. I miss my work colleagues, the chats and silly giggles with patients, I miss being a part of something really important, but to repeat my relatively easy lockdown would border on smug. Many suffer a great deal more than me.

Many of us, too many, are seriously ill, and some have died, on some horrible days by multiple bus loads, and our hearts go out to them and those they leave behind, but without our collective contribution, it would have been so much worse.

We are all heroes. Some more so than others, but still heroes, and I salute us.

They also serve who only stand and wait.

Stay safe.

**Mike Quincey**

# ***Dorney Horticultural Society***

Dear members and friends,

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well during this difficult time. I'm sure by the time you read this the situation will have changed again. However, as you can imagine, the programme of events we put together for 2020 is unlikely to resume for some time to come and we will need to think about how we go forward from this.

Located on the southern tip of South Bucks we have the wonderful situation of living in a rural setting but close to all major amenities and many of us have the benefit of beautiful gardens to help occupy our time during the current government measures.

Perhaps we can keep in touch via our new Facebook page

['Dorney & District Horticultural Society'](#)

and share a few gardening or wildlife photos, pass on a few gardening tips or even ask questions, because some of our members are quite the experts.

Here's looking forward to the time that we can resume our normal lives and pick up where we left off.

**Ron Alsworth - Chairman**



## Using Nextdoor.co.uk

*In Dorney, 303 adult residents are signed up to Nextdoor. Over two thirds of households, or 67%, contain at least one Nextdoor member. That's why Nextdoor was the starting point for distributing an online 'Dorney Parish News'.*

*Globally, it is estimated that the total numbers on Nextdoor increased by 80% in March. The app serves 260,000 communities like Dorney in 11 countries.*

*In many communities, the app has played a key role in co-ordinating the response to the Corvid-19 lock down. Many parish councils are urging residents to join Nextdoor. One council recently said on their website 'we hope it will allow us to further increase community cohesion, improve communication and provide a useful service for all parish residents.'*

*But we know there have been issues. Some couldn't open the DPN attachment. Some are concerned about their posts being seen in many locations beyond Dorney's boundaries. This magazine will return regularly to such issues in future because online communication has kept us working at home and in touch with families in recent times, and that is not going to end. **Thea Pine** became concerned about some particular issues with using Nextdoor -*

## Using Nextdoor

At a time when we feel that being at home makes us safe, it is well to think about all aspects of safety – even when using such friendly platforms as Nextdoor. This is why I made the offer a few days ago to help people to use this online platform better and more safely.

Perhaps you have noticed that Nextdoor has recently deleted all the addresses of those that use it. You can no longer see the actual address of anyone who lives in Dorney – even if they had originally allowed local people to see it. (Many of you hadn't allowed this anyway.) But why then are there so many people posting their addresses or phone numbers directly to Nextdoor discussions? Mobile phone numbers are comparatively safe, and if you actually are used to running a business from your home that is one thing, but an address posted on the forum that in some cases reaches people as far away as High Wycombe can seem to be a little foolhardy. What you need to do is send the person who you wish to contact a PM (Private Message) or DM (Direct Message) – same thing – so that only they can see it.

**How to message someone privately on Nextdoor - so that you don't tell everyone where you live or what your phone number is (or when you will be in or out) – when answering a post.**

It is actually quite simple to send them a message – simply click on the name of the person you wish to message. This will bring you to their profile page and just under their name you will find a green box which says 'Message'.

Clicking on this brings you to a page that looks very like a page to send an e-mail.

So, enter a subject, then enter your message below and finally click the green 'send' box at the bottom (you can also click the email me a copy of this message box if you want to keep an email record of what you have written).

## **A couple of interesting things you will notice on the profile pages**

If it is a local resident, i.e. someone in your Nextdoor area – there will be a little map in the right hand corner and it will have the name of the road in which they live.

There is also a section on their profile page called 'About me' where they may have written a little extra information about themselves – this section tends to be smaller if they don't live within the immediate vicinity. It can also (locally) sometimes include any other member of their family that also has an account on Nextdoor – thus you can click on their picture square and access their profile page and message them direct.

Also to be found on the profile page (again depending on how 'close' you are to them) is a section called 'Recent activity'. Here you have the posts they have created and the replies they have written. As with most items on the Internet – those sections that are in blue are hyperlinks and will take you directly to the posts created – or if you click and open the replies section, you can access the replies they have made to both their own posts and the posts of others.

More suggestions in future issues of Dorney Parish News!

**Thea Pine**

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# **SUPPORT 4 PARENTS**

**Have you ever thought...  
If only I knew then what I know now..?**

**Now you can help in a really practical way.**

**We're looking for volunteers to work in a structured way with families in your area who are struggling to parent children under 8.**

**If you are interested in working with families and have experience in looking after children, you can make a difference.**

**If you can spare about 3 hours a week, we'll train you in how to pass on your precious skills and knowledge and we'll support you in doing a really worthwhile job.**

**Want to know more?**

**Telephone Barnardo's Support 4 Parents for an informal chat on 07715 428 690**

**Or email [support4parents@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:support4parents@barnardos.org.uk)**



**Phyllis Wallbank MBE**  
**(1/9/1918 – 9/4/2020)**



Phyllis Wallbank, one of Dorney's most distinguished, most respected and most loved residents died in April at the age of 101. She and her late husband, the Rev Newell Wallbank (who died in 1996), had lived at *Meldrum*, the 'pink house on Dorney Common' since 1979. More recently, she had moved to a nearby care home. In her later years, she was renowned for her work with the homeless in Slough and London. She also wrote regularly for 'Dorney Parish News'.

*Phyllis with her medals*

We can just report the facts of her passing and an outline of her life. For future issues, we would welcome more reminiscences from those who knew Phyllis personally.

The 'Slough Express' wrote that 'she will leave behind a legacy of love and tireless work for those going through hard times'. In 1984 Phyllis was inspired to start providing food and drink for the homeless community in London when, following a trip to the theatre, she saw a man lying in a cardboard box for the night. She enlisted the help of fellow members of the Catholic Parish of Our Lady Peace in Burnham to support the capital's homeless community, with a service later being established in Slough. This became The London and Slough Run.

In 2014, the charity fulfilled a long-term ambition of Phyllis' by launching a winter night shelter for the homeless community which saw rough sleepers given a roof over their heads at seven different churches in the area. One volunteer said she had a 'fantastic love for the homeless community...I remember when I first started I got the trays of sandwiches out of my car and waited for people to queue up but she came over and said "that's not how you treat these people, they don't come to you, you go to them"".

Before this work with the disadvantaged, Phyllis had a long and unique involvement in education. As a girl in London she won a scholarship to Lady Margaret's School, a progressive establishment where she excelled in communicating her ideas. During the war, at the age of 21 she was running a rest centre in the East End providing food and shelter to those who had lost their homes in the bombing. She became a child probation officer for Bucks County Council, while studying child psychology in the evenings at London University.



Phyllis at her Gatehouse School, London

Frustrated at seeing how disturbed children failed to flourish in the school system, she attended lectures by Maria Montessori, known for her belief in individualised studies, becoming friends with Montessori and opening her own Montessori school. Phyllis eventually became chairman of the Montessori Association in England and Vice-President of the International Montessori Association.

Newell was Rector of St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield, where he spent his entire ministry. Phyllis and Newell had three children, Judith, Mark and Benedict. When Judith was two and a half, Phyllis opened The Gatehouse School attached to St Bartholomew's, and later set up The Gateway School, a small Montessori boarding school in Great Missenden. In 1964, the Phyllis Wallbank Educational Trust was formed to ensure her schools and educational philosophy continued in perpetuity.

Phyllis and Newell (who had a PhD in music and philosophy) went in new directions after 'retiring' to Dorney. She became an expert in dyslexia and taught parents how to teach their own children. She paid twice weekly visits to Eton College to give individual help to selected children. Ask people in these parts for their memories of her and it's remembered that she embarked on a 'world tour' in her late eighties to lecture on Montessori in many countries, including China and the US. It is said her fees were paid not to her, but to poor children in each country she visited.

It's little wonder the Queen awarded our distinguished neighbour the MBE and the Pope gave her the Benemerenti medal and named her 'Catholic Woman of the Year'.

Nick Teale, who lived in Village Road until recently, remembers Phyllis Wallbank -

*She lived on Boveney Road and when we moved to Dorney from Deutschland in 1982, when Dan was seven, she gave invaluable tuition to him to catch up on English education. After his first day at Dorney school he came home and asked me "Dad, what's a wally". We realised he needed help after German kindergarten and one year of school there. The top floor, under the eaves, was a classroom with a huge dormer window the width of the building. That is where she taught mainly boys struggling to get into Eton, and where we took Daniel to improve his English skills.*

*She was a remarkable woman and her husband, Newell, used to drive past our house on his way to Dorney Church in a small white bullet shaped electric car designed by the computer entrepreneur Sir Clive Sinclair. It was so low on the ground it looked terrifying. He always gave a wave. There is a bench and grove named after him on the path from Court Lane skirting the end of the lake to the river.*

# Dorney Village Hall

[www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk)



## **Coronavirus – COVID19**

**Dorney Village Hall is closed until further notice, at least until 31st May 2020. Please contact us by email: [enquiries@dorneyvillagehall.com](mailto:enquiries@dorneyvillagehall.com) if you need any further information**

**Dorney Village Hall Management Committee**

Dorney Village Hall has a large main area with stage, a smaller annexed room, and kitchen.

It is served by a large private car park and adjacent there is a tennis court, a multi activity games area (MUGA), playground and a playing field.

It is used by residents for a multitude of activities such as dancing classes, keep fit, yoga, 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.

Main hall: 15 x 7.4m, ceiling height 7m

Fixed stage with curtains: 4.5 x 6m

Annexe: 9.8 x 3.5m, ceiling height 2m

Licensed to seat 100 people

Children's tables and chairs available

Beechwood suspended dance floor

75 space free car park

**From £13 per hour (minimum of 3 hours) for Dorney Parish Residents**

**Bookings:**

**01628 200900**

**Email: [enquiries@dorneyvillagehall.com](mailto:enquiries@dorneyvillagehall.com)**

**Online on [www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk)**

## A defibrillator for Dorney Reach – don't forget the keycode!

Here's some good news, courtesy of Dorney Parish Council and Dorney School. A Community Access Defibrillator has now been installed on the side of the Village Hall near the Playground Tuck Shop.



Since the first defibrillator was purchased and installed in the Village Road telephone box in 2018 (which does not have a code), the Parish Council, in particular Alice Foxley, have sought ways to enable a similar installation in Dorney Reach. A partnership with Dorney School has finally brought this about. At the March meeting of the Parish Council, it was minuted that the School had offered to contribute £1400, half the cost of purchase.

The defibrillator is now housed in a locked cabinet by the side of the Village Hall. The Hall committee are supplying electricity free of charge.

Should you need to use it, the defibrillator will lead you through the necessary steps. A couple of years ago, Cllr Foxley arranged very comprehensive (and entertaining) training sessions with health professionals upstairs at the Palmer Arms. Hopefully, circumstances will allow such sessions to be repeated. It's certainly the intention that there will be training arranged. In the meantime, see below for a link to a training video, which the Council urges everyone to view.

<https://aerohealthcare-aed.wistia.com/medias/bxarga1c10>



The defibrillator case is locked. The keycode is **C123X**

When everybody becomes more accessible, the Parish Council will take steps to inform all residents of the keycode and will probably distribute some reminder of it. A fridge magnet has been suggested.

The PC would be happy for us all to inform our neighbours about the installation, the training and the keycode. The information has been added to the Local Issues page on the PC website so that it is always available.

<https://www.dorney.org.uk/local-issues>

The Parish Council would like to thank the school for providing 50% of the money and the Village Hall committee for providing the electricity.

# The Dorney History Group

[www.dorney-history-group.org.uk](http://www.dorney-history-group.org.uk)

*Our purpose is to conserve and preserve the history of Dorney*

During these uncertain times, there has been a resurgence of people researching their family's past and the cities, towns and villages where they live or lived.

The Dorney History Group website has over 18,000 visitors a year, and the most recent months have seen an increase in visitors of over 50% compared to last year. People from around the world come to seek long lost family. Some may have lived here for a part of their lives – or their family did.

Thelma Dufton, who lives in Australia, wrote a series of articles for Dorney Parish News about her life in Dorney during World War II as a child, having been encouraged to do so by the Dorney History Group website.

Another Australian, Barbara Powell, is preparing a study of the Dorney Children's Home, which was based in Dorney House during the 1920s. Her father, an orphan who did not know his parents' names, was sent to Australia from the Home in one of the forced child migration schemes – as portrayed vividly in the 2010 film "Oranges and Sunshine".

## **Recent Updates to the website:**

**April 2020: Thelma Dufton, who lives in Australia, wrote a series of articles for Dorney Parish News about her life in Dorney during World War II as a child, having been encouraged to do so by the Dorney History Group website.**

**April 2020: The Buckinghamshire Posse Comitatus 1798 with Dorney extracts.** The Posse Comitatus, or civil power, was a survey of all men capable of acting in a military capacity who were neither Quakers, nor clergymen nor already serving in a military unit. Men between the ages of 15 and 60 were included. In addition, the number of horses, wagons and carts available were surveyed. It was prepared to assess the potential availability of military preparedness in the event of invasion by France.

**April 2020: Burials in the churchyard of St Mary Magdalene, Boveney?** An attempt to answer this beguiling question via the Pope in 1511 and an entry in an 1859 book about the Thames.

**April 2020: Listing of Dorney Parish Registers - Baptisms, Banns, Marriages and Burials 1538 - 1984** (Not all years available).

**April 2020: Digitised transcription of Dorney Burials Register 1726 - 1900**, with some individuals' information available

**April 2020: Nine more interesting, historical articles about Dorney from Virginia Silvester, previously published in Dorney Parish News.**

**Bill Dax**

## **M4 Junction 3 to 12 Smart Motorway - Frequently Asked Questions for Dorney Parish Council April 2020**

*At the March meeting of Dorney Parish Council, reported in the 'Parish Pump' in April's issue of 'Dorney Parish News', residents present fired a number of questions at the representatives of Balfour Beatty and Highways England. It was decided that a 45-minute slot should be dedicated to the Smart Motorway at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parish Meeting. Discussion would be aided by the issue of a set of FAQs about the project. The APM had to be cancelled, but here are the FAQs, kindly supplied by Matt Orchard of Balfour Beatty.*

### **Will Marsh Lane re-open on time and will the wider scheme finish on time?**

We currently expect the new Marsh Lane bridge to be open in Autumn 2020, but we will keep the parish council informed of any changes.

These are exceptional circumstances and the industry must comply with the latest Government advice on Coronavirus at all times. Roadworks affect all journeys which is why it is important they are completed as quickly as possible. Our roads remain open and we will continue to maintain the network. The M4 Junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway project has been designated a critical infrastructure project by the government and therefore work is continuing.

All our sites have strict safeguarding measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and none of our sites are open to the public. The M4 project has implemented new site operating procedures including social distancing in order to protect our workforce and their families. Highways England, its partners and contractors are following general advice from Government on COVID-19 (which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>) and also specific advice regarding construction work on our highways projects. The situation is constantly under review and the M4 project will continue to follow the advice from Government.

### **Closure of Marsh Lane and Lake End Road**

While Marsh Lane is closed, Lake End Road will remain open to traffic, although there may be very short-term overnight restrictions such as traffic lights on Lake End Road. If such restrictions are necessary, priority will be given to emergency service vehicles and they will be waived through without delay.

The bridge at Lake End Road will remain in service while the new bridge is built alongside it. Lake End Road will need to be closed, probably over a weekend to re-align the road over the new bridge but Marsh Lane will be re-opened before this happens.

### **Why was the new Marsh Lane bridge not built alongside the existing bridge?**

To build a new bridge alongside the existing bridge would require the compulsory purchase and demolition of people's homes.

### **Will the new Marsh Lane bridge have guard rails suitable for horses?**

Marsh Lane is not a bridle way and will not be built with equestrian guard rails. No representations from interested parties requesting equestrian guard rails were received during the consultation period for the Development Consent Order. After the Development

Consent Order was drafted, interest in equestrian guard rails was expressed by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead as part of their future planning for a possible Jubilee River bridleway scheme. It was too late to include equestrian guard rails in the Development Consent Order for the M4 junction 3 to 12 smart motorway works. To facilitate any future changes, the M4 scheme has included anchorages that are suitable for equestrian guard rails. The installation of equestrian guard rails in the future will require a new planning application.

The guard rails to be fitted to the new Marsh Lane bridge are 1.4 metres high with four rails and mesh panelling.

### **Why has the junction of Court Lane and Lake End Road been altered?**

This junction was altered at the request of and to the design of South Bucks District Council following representations from Dorney Parish Council.

### **Noise Barrier**

The existing, 2.0 metres high, noise barrier near to Dorney Reach currently extends both north and south of the motorway from a point 200 metres east of the New Thames bridge to the location of Marsh Lane bridge. On the north side of the motorway the noise barrier continues from the edge of Marsh Lane for 250 metres towards Lake End Road. These old barriers will be replaced with reflective type barriers 3 metres in height.

New lengths of 3 metres noise barrier will be installed both north and south of the motorway between the New Thames bridge and the end of the barriers above, some 200 metres east of the bridge.

The noise barrier work will be one of the last operations in the area. Unfortunately, there will be times when there will be gaps in the noise barrier while we remove the old barrier and build the new barrier. We will use temporary barriers as much as is practicable.

East of the River Thames the existing noise barrier starts approximately 1.2 kilometres west of the river. On the north of the motorway, the existing 2 metres high noise barrier remains unchanged. On the south of the motorway the existing 2 metres high barrier is replaced with 3.5 metres high barrier except where it crosses the Windsor Road bridge where it will only be 2 metres in height.

### **Replanting where vegetation has been cleared (See map two pages on – rotate the page and increase size on your device to read details)**

As the work nears completion there will be replanting of native species of trees and shrubs. Near to Dorney Reach the planting will be of two types, open grassland or belts of trees and shrubs.

**EE-L1.5 Open grassland:** Sweet Vernal Grass, Crested Dogs' tail, Red Fescue, Timothy, Yarrow, Common Knapweed, Autumn Hawkbit, Selfheal, Meadow Buttercup, Red Clover, Yellow Rattle.

**EE-L2.3 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: 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.

## Can I claim Compensation for the impact of the motorway upon my home?

This is a complicated issue, please visit Highways England's webpage for the current information and guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-part-i-claims>

## How do I contact Highways England and the M4?

If you have any questions about the M4 junctions 3 to 12 smart motorway project, please contact Highways England by email, phone or letter:

[M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:M4J3to12smartmotorways@highwaysengland.co.uk) 0300 123 5000

Please let the call handlers know that Dorney Reach is between Junction 8/9 and Junction 7 of the M4

If you would prefer to write to Highways England their address is

M4 J3 – 12 Smart Motorway, Highways England, 2 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6BN.

You can also find out more about the plans at: <http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk/m4j3to12>

or register for updates and comments at : <http://m4j3to12smartmotorway.commonplace.is>



Please feed our swans! Wendy from Swan Support ([www.swansupport.org.uk](http://www.swansupport.org.uk)) has been spreading the word that it's OK to feed bread to our swans.... and lots of other food too.

Our swan numbers are down as sadly some have flown elsewhere and permanently moved, searching for food.

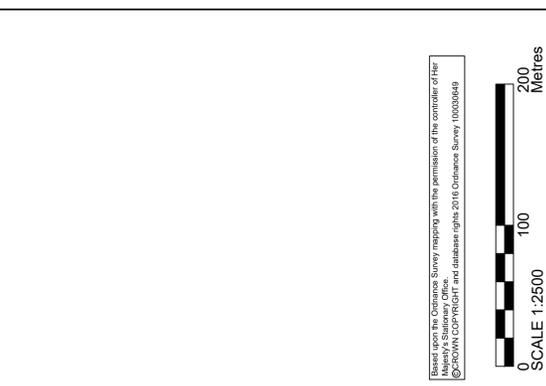
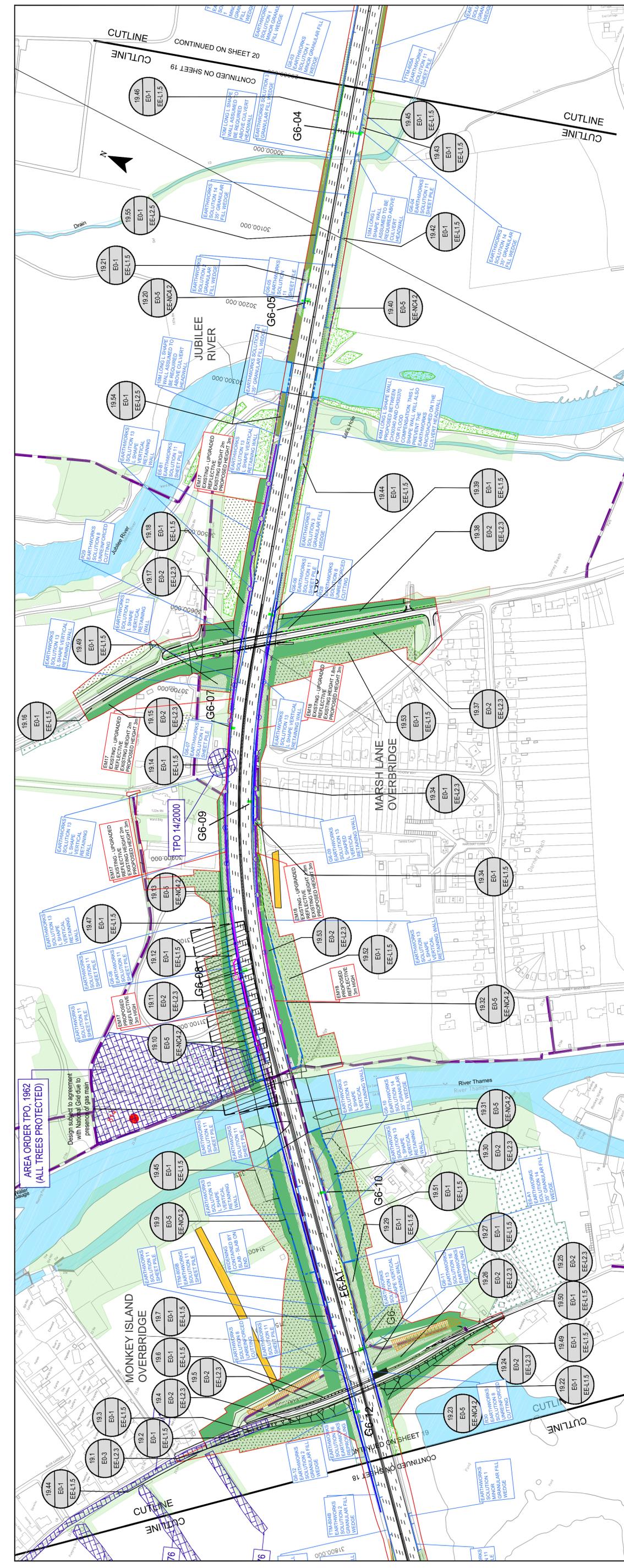
### **Swans, ducks and geese need a variety of foods to keep them fit and healthy.**



- Bread
- Wheat
- Leafy Greens
- Dried Grass
- Grains and Cereals
- Swan food or pellets

### **Swan Feeding Tips**

- Feed small amounts at a time, making sure all food has been eaten before giving more.
- Always feed on water.
- Never feed them anything that has gone mouldy.
- Please remember to feed responsibly and follow any guidelines in your area



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NOTES

- Landscape mitigation proposals are based on the design available in January 2018. Amended Vegetation Clearance drawing (Revision 16F) 514451-MUH-ML-ZZ-DR-SC-301224 to 514451-MUH-ML-ZZ-DR-SC-301225 and are based on the design available in January 2018. These drawings have been prepared in support of Designing DCO Requirement 9, and are not to be used for construction.
- All existing vegetation identified within the Order limits shall be retained where reasonably practicable. Prior to any vegetation clearance all areas of existing vegetation are to be assessed by a qualified Landscape Architect and ecologist. Further landscape and/or ecological measures may apply.
- The vegetation clearance for the layout of ERNs, gully bays (including gully, cabinets and associated equipment) has been based on the design available in January 2018.
- The locations of nature conservation fencing are indicative. The precise alignment of fencing is to be finalised at the local level.
- Areas of existing woodlands and scattered trees are indicated and show the extent of tree canopies based on preliminary site information received. The exact areas shown may be subject to change on receipt of detailed topographic surveys.
- Landscape mitigation proposals do not include mitigation surrounding proposed communications or drainage interventions. Areas affected by the construction and installation of these interventions are to be made good with Environmental Element EEL1.5 Open Grassland.
- 514451-MUH-ML-ZZ-DR-SC-301224 to 514451-MUH-ML-ZZ-DR-SC-301225 are temporary measures for the duration of the construction phase. The locations of the barrier information at the specific locations.
- Refer to EMF Cover Sheet for information on draft planting schedules and specification notes.

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Existing Landscape Element	Environmental Objectives	Environmental Elements - Landscape	Environmental Barriers	Structures	Planning Features
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## NATURE NOTES

I have been asked to write a few paragraphs from the Nature Notes desk, expanding on some of the current environmental issues competing for our attention and stimulating interest within the Parish. Firstly, perhaps I should declare my interest.

As a small boy I was fascinated by tiny black ants nesting in my parents' garden in Slough.



How could such small creatures live under concrete paving slabs? But they do! Next, to caterpillars, especially on cabbages where the leaves were rapidly chewed to pieces. (They are still welcome to eat my portion). A birthday gift of a bicycle gave me flexibility and freedom. I discovered and explored Stoke Poges Church meadow and counted over one hundred wonderful butterflies. On nearby Stoke Common I found lizards, slow worms and snakes. In Burnham Beeches with its wonderful ancient trees there were fiery red ants and wood-boring beetles.

Summer holidays staying on a Norfolk farm provided an opportunity for me to expand my personal interest in natural history and the environment. I was introduced to honeybees and to beekeeping methods. I managed my own hives successfully for many years encouraged by nice reliable summers and good crops of honey.

Starting with the disastrous floods of last year, the pattern of weather has been generally forecast for us quite accurately. In 2019 we enjoyed an overall rise in temperature, with very few light frosts. So far for this year, 2020, local rainfall has been below average.

The specific effects of climate so far this spring have been quite profound, marked by generous blossom in the hedgerows and orchards. The range of wild flowers has been true to form; with bulbs, daffodils, dandelions, daisies and red nettles to name but a few.



Bird life announced its presence with abundant early morning and evening song, whilst actively searching for their prey, for nest sites and for scraps of food. Most striking is the Red Kite. This relatively recent newcomer is a dramatic flier given to soaring and who will turn over in flight as it chases much smaller birds whilst emitting its 'shrill mew'. The contrast between the Kite and our ever-present Pigeons is striking. They never 'sing' their song, preferring their soulful dirge '*poor poor pigeon*'. Why has nobody taught them to sing?

Finally, friends have commented on a remarkable combination of experiences which, together, led to nothing at all. It was the weekend that the M4 was closed, Traffic was minimal, few cars were on our local roads, no flights were using Heathrow airport, most M4 engineering work was switched off, two pubs and the Garden Centre were closed, The silence was quite remarkable. One more item - the air outdoors was warm, tasted sweet and clean. Enjoy.

**Wayfarer**



## The Parish Pump

### A summary of the April 2020 Dorney Parish Council 'trial remote' Meeting

This meeting was held as a trial online event on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Full Notes of this meeting plus the full Minutes of past Parish Council meetings can be found on [www.dorney.org.uk](http://www.dorney.org.uk)**

- Public Participation No contributions from the public were received prior to the meeting.
- The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 Legislation is now in place to all allow remote council meetings. Advice has been taken from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). Parish Councils can hold remote meetings until 7/5/21 and these include video and telephone conferencing. There is no requirement for a parish council to hold an Annual Parish Meeting, so this is likely to be postponed until next year. The current chairman can remain in place until the next APM in May 2021. ZOOM was agreed as the platform for Dorney Parish Council meetings and the Council has signed up to ZOOM Pro. It was established that all councillors could have access to electronic meetings. Voting will take place by show of hands or by speech. The remote platform must allow members of the public to be present if requested. Notice of the meetings will be advertised on the Parish Council website along with the agenda and associated documents.
- Annual Parish Meeting Scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, this has been postponed until April 2021.
- Defibrillator Update The defibrillator was waiting for electrics to be installed. Training would be organised, but this was likely to be online due the present lockdown.
- VE Day events These were cancelled in Dorney due to Corvid-19
- M4 Smartmotorway Updates Matt Orchard of Balfour Beatty had sent a report including Frequently Asked Questions. These are set out in detail elsewhere in this issue.
- Response to the Emergency Plan Cllr Smith emphasised that it was important to have local needs of the Community addressed in such a plan. For Corvid-19 there is a volunteer scheme in place to help the elderly and vulnerable and most roads are now covered by local volunteers.
- Finance Council Meetings at Dorney Village Hall will be cancelled as there will now be remote meetings.
- Correspondence The need for a speed review in Court Lane had been mentioned again.
- Next Meeting A remote meeting at 8pm on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed.

## Dorney Parish Council Website

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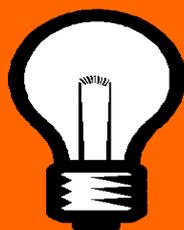
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