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EDITORIAL

The past fortnight or so has, very probably, been the worst ever experienced by Dorney residents. Sheet piling and 'earthwork activities' around the Marsh Lane bridge has led to utterly intolerable levels of noise and vibration. As I write, on a sunny Spring morning, the noise has been deafening. Hundreds of unwanted visitors, who now regard Dorney Lake as their lido or beach, have blocked Marsh Lane and Court Lane against a background of abuse, desecration and even, it's reported, open exchange of drugs in Dorney Reach.

The situation has been turning into a tragedy. Firstly, there has been growing despair, expressed in conversation and on Nextdoor that our beautiful Dorney is being destroyed in front of our eyes by outside forces who care nothing for us. Secondly, the destruction seems so unnecessary. Highways England was accused by no less than a former transport minister of 'killing motorists by casually ignoring their commitments' and there is widespread unease over the safety of 'Smart Motorways'. Once upon a time, we were united in opposing the construction of the Lake. Now we seem as one in fervently wanting to preserve it. Thirdly, there was a feeling that we were alone. When the Lake problem erupted with the arrival of warm weather, residents asked (some knocked on my door) who was supporting them and who did they complain to – a local council, but which one, Eton College or Dorney Lake, the Police, our MP?

But here is where there is cause for optimism. At last, there is a coming together. Right now, on Nextdoor, I'm seeing reports of a meeting at the Lake involving our Parish Council and all the stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police and Bucks Council. But not us, the residents. We need liaison groups to engage day by day with the M4 contractors or the Lake authorities. The presence of a 'Village Association' in Eton Wick has surely made their response to the Covid-19 lock down better co-ordinated and effective. Nearly 30 years ago, 636 Dorney residents signed a petition against the plans for the Lake. 177 crowded into the Village Hall for a joint meeting of the Parish Council and the residents' group, DROPET. We need that unity again, this time not to oppose developments but to preserve what we love.

Life goes on. Happy 80th Birthday to Joy Richmond, a leading light in local government and church matters in these parts. Her late husband, Ken, was Chair of the Parish Council, and his regular pithy reports on what the Council was up to inspired this writer to start contributing to this magazine. More sadly, we hear of the passing of Wendy Price. Her husband, John, was Headmaster of Dorney School, and Wendy taught alongside him generations of Dorney children, including our own two sons, who fondly remember her.

It is time for 'Dorney Parish News' to return to normal distribution of our traditional magazine. It is most unfortunate that many loyal readers may well have not had sight of either of the April or May issues. Obviously, those most deprived have been those without online access. So, their situation is not solved by me saying that if anybody has not seen the online issues, or didn't realise the issues had been posted on Nextdoor, and would like the issues emailed to them, I will be happy and relieved to do that. I must admit that I was surprised and disappointed that many of those who were listed as 'on Nextdoor', over 60% of Dorney households, do not seem to have accessed the issues for whatever reason. Do subscribers think we should 'make it up' to readers for two 'lost' issues? Under consideration is publishing issues during the magazine's traditional breaks in August and January. Or amending subscriptions to allow for two 'free' issues in 2021.

I don't think we ever went away. Even so, I hope Dorney will welcome us back!

Peter Bowman

Orchard Herbs site: Enforcement Notice to be issued shortly

Dorney Parish News has been advised that, in January, a Dorney resident made a formal planning enforcement complaint regarding this site, specifically:

- *Since a date after 23 June 2018, the owners or tenants have been parking commercial/non-agricultural vehicles and containers over the majority of the complete 9 acres of land. This has created a highly visible, unauthorised “dump” of unsightly commercial vehicles and containers on Green Belt land.*
- *In 2008 the High Court quashed a South Bucks Enforcement Notice in favour of the owners/tenants. This appears to have made it lawful to park non-agricultural vehicles in a designated area of the land, nearest to Lake End Road, totalling 1.75 acres. Part of this land is now subject to a Highways England Compulsory Purchase Order relating to the new Lake End Road bridge.*
- *There appears to be no recorded Planning Permission to park commercial vehicles on the 7.25 acres of land outside of the 1.75 acres.*
- *If that is the case, it appears that the owners are in breach of Policies GB1, GB3 and LS3 of the adopted Buckinghamshire County Structure Plan 1991-2011, and of policies GB1, GB4 and L2 of the South Bucks District Local Plan (adopted March 1999).*
- *It appears that aggregates, possibly containing asbestos, has been placed over the 7.5 acres of Green Belt land.*
- *Residents are seeking to remove the unsightly commercial vehicles and containers from the unauthorised storage area.*

A rapid (!) response came back from what is now Bucks Planning Enforcement allocating a reference number and, most importantly, designating Kirstie Elliot, Principal Planning Enforcement Officer, Planning, Growth and Sustainability Directorate, as the officer responsible.

Further to recent correspondence between residents and county councillors regarding Roundmoor Ditch possibly being blocked by the owners/tenants of the Orchard Herbs site, Kirstie Elliot confirmed the following regarding the planning enforcement:

“I am dealing with this site and we will be issuing an enforcement notice as soon as we can in respect of the unauthorised use of the land for the storage of vehicles. There is quite a long history in respect of this site and the unauthorised uses have fluctuated between county and district planning matters (not that that is an issue now that we are a unitary authority).

I will start drafting the necessary report and enforcement notice and will need to get another site inspection as soon as we can as it sounds...that the situation on site may have changed. However, this could be connected with the M4 widening (Smart Motorway) as part of the site was due to be compulsory purchased by Highways England as part of this project, and part temporarily ‘purchased’ for 5 years. We will need to confirm this.”

Dorney Parish News has also been advised that the problems with Roundmoor Ditch, which have led to part flooding of Lake End Common, have been reported to the Environment Agency and they have inspected the problem.

A study of the planning history of this site does indicate that, whilst the owners/tenants may strongly contest planning directives, they do apply the law.

Let us hope that Ms Kirstie Elliot moves this issue along quickly and effectively.

Bill Dax

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www.stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Methodist Church, Eton Wick Alma Road, Eton Wick, SL4 6JZ

Minister: Rev Margaret Dudley, 01753 867117

Sunday 6.30pm Evening Service

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

Rev La Stacey writes: - It is a well-known fact that when you go on an expedition up a mountain, you go at the speed of the slowest. When I was 19 or so - Colonie de Vacances in the French Alps. That was back in the days before health and safety had been heard of. There's no way that I was qualified enough to have taken children on an expedition into the mountains for three nights camping, carrying everything we needed from food to tents to sleeping bags. We were two leaders and nine or ten children aged 13 and 14. The teenagers would charge up the mountain, and then get out of breath and some of them were at the front and some of them were slow and straggling - and I just plodded on. The other leader said, 'just follow La and go at her pace and you'll get on better.' So, we all went at the pace of the slowest and made good progress. Astonishingly, we found our way through the mountains and got safely back to our rendezvous. I even taught them how to make scrambled eggs so that 9 eggs fed all of us on our last supper as we were running out of food. We were very glad when the camp director, in his grey Citroen van, came to rescue us.

We did it for the glory of the mountains. Those beautiful scenes of the moon rising over the ridges of the mountains, and wild goats outlined against the moon, remain with me.

At his last supper, Jesus said a long prayer. He thanked God that he hadn't lost anyone along the way (except the one doomed to destruction, he said - but that's another story). He'd been carefully trying to school his particular followers in the ways of true wisdom, and most of them were hanging on in there. He'd had to go at the pace of the slowest to keep them on board – the gospels are full of incidents when the disciples have got the wrong end of the stick completely, and Jesus is seen correcting them and trying to guide them along. They don't completely get it, even after 3 years of teaching, but they're still hovering in the background when he's killed and buried. Enlightenment only dawns after 3 days of deepest darkness and separation. Even the slowest, Thomas, gets it in the end.

The way of wisdom that Jesus taught is the way of the cross. It means taking the hit for others; forgiving others even when they haven't realised the error of their ways; organising society so that the most helpless and vulnerable are looked after the most carefully; continuing to give of ourselves even when no-one is aware of the giving... Coming out of lock-down, I wonder what that has to say to the ways we organise society and how we protect and care for those most at risk?



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

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals are, regrettably, not permitted at the Church; however, the Renewal of Vows and Blessings following a Civil Ceremony are very much encouraged.

We also make the church available as a venue for concerts, readings etc. Seating for 100.

For further information please contact bill@daxfamily.com

A Statement from Dorney Lake, May 22, 2020

We are very conscious that in the last few days, with good weather and the relaxation of lockdown, there have been increased visitor numbers with a lot of anti-social behaviour and extremely inconsiderate parking.

As you can imagine, these issues are not easy to resolve. You probably know that Dorney Rowing Lake is privately owned by Eton College and hence is private land. This has meant that it has been difficult for the police to take effective action; private security guards have limited powers too. We have been working collaboratively with Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Council to try to rectify this. As a result, a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) has been granted effective from the 11th March 2020. The Order was granted in recognition of the fact that persistent incidents of an array of aggressive, unreasonable/anti-social behaviour including alcohol and drug abuse, littering, vandalism and bridge jumping has had a significant negative impact on the local environment, our events and the quality of life in the locality. The powers given to Thames Valley Police under the PSPO should help us with the control of the unacceptable behaviour.

We have considered closing our site again, as we did recently. This would stop vehicles entering and parking on site, but we cannot physically close the site to pedestrians and cyclists. We also have the Sustrans path running around the perimeter of site which we cannot close without a temporary footpath closure order. Therefore, visitors would still walk onto site having parked outside the lake, further exacerbating the problems caused by parking on Court Lane and the surrounding roads. The parking congestion in Lake End Road, by the way, may also be partly attributable to people visiting the Jubilee River and the Thames.

To summarise, here are the measures that we have put in place. These will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis:

- The Public Space Protection Order, covering the whole of our site, is being communicated by way of signage on site, the Police, and our Security team.
- The Police are fully supporting us by carrying out regular patrols of the lake, including dog handlers and mounted officers, at the peak times when anti-social behaviour occurs.
- We have two security guards on our main gates and internal barrier throughout the day every day of the week. They are assisting with parking cars on site or turning cars away once the car parks are full. We are increasing this security resources for the coming weekend.
- Our site is being monitored regularly by Security CCTV cameras and Security are carrying out regular patrols at the lake.
- The Dorney Lake Team are tirelessly clearing litter, taking two people taking all day to tidy up, assisted by helpful members of the public. The constant littering fills 3 x 1100 litre wheelie bins each day.

We hope that these measures will start to have an impact on the issues. In the meantime, we would kindly ask for your support in reporting any breaches of the PSPO or Covid-19 breaches. Any non-emergency issues like this need to be reported to the Police Service through 101 along with any parking issues including obstruction of the highway and anti-social behaviour. Any emergency situations should be reported to 999.

The link to the Buckinghamshire Council website where the Public Space Protection Order can be viewed: - <https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/pspo>

Dorney Lake – a check list for residents

Cllr Alice Foxley posted this list of contact details on Nextdoor. We share it here with Dorney Parish News readers -

Please find below a list of contact details to use should there be further issues at the lake.

1. Police If the problem is a parking obstruction or persistent anti-social behaviour, please call 101. If the road is blocked and an emergency vehicle would be unable to get through call 999. If possible make a note of the time of your call and send a note to the Dorney Parish Clerk to allow us to keep a record: clerk@dorney.org.uk

2. Dorney Lake The email address of the lake is info@dorneylake.co.uk. If you copy Chairman@dorney.org.uk Keith Harris will also send the messages directly to Adam Clift, the manager of the site. The phone number is 01753 832756, however the website indicates this is not currently operating.

3. Eton College It may be helpful to keep Eton College up to speed with issues. Again, send the note to Chairman@dorney.org.uk and Keith will send the messages to the Bursar, Miss Janet Walker.

4. Buckinghamshire Council Highways Buckinghamshire Council are responsible for ensuring the yellow lines are adhered to and any parking infringements. Councillor Nick Naylor is the Cabinet Member for Transport. His email address is Nick.Naylor@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

5. Buckinghamshire Council Members The following email addresses are for the Council Members who have been involved in finding a resolution or have responsibility in some relevant areas. Please note that at the moment, our two current representatives Dev Dhillon and David Pepler were in place prior to the Unitary Council coming into force. Both will be leaving the council. The new Unitary Council have not yet informed Dorney Parish Council who will be our ongoing representative (s), despite requests. We therefore have no choice but to include multiple council members: Martin.tett@buckinghamshire.gov.uk – Leader of Buckinghamshire Unitary Council. Dev.Dhillon@buckinghamshire.gov.uk – current representative - leaving David.Pepler@buckinghamshire.gov.uk – current representative - leaving George.sandy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk – Beeches community board Gareth.williams@buckinghamshire.gov.uk – Cabinet member for Communities and Public Health

6. MP's Finally, the two local MP's, Joy Morrissey and Adam Afriyie are aware of the issues. Dev Dhillon has been meeting Joy Morrissey on this issue. joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk – MP for Beaconsfield, our own MP. adam.afriyie.mp@parliament.uk – MP for Windsor which covers Eton. Please copy the Dorney Parish Clerk to allow us to keep a record: clerk@dorney.org.uk

Dorney Traffic Working Group (DTWG): A solution to the Dorney Lake problems

The recent “incursions” of Dorney Lake are not new, they started in 2018 and, without significant action, will continue for many more years, ad infinitum.

There are several problems that such “incursions” bring to Dorney residents. The three major ones are:

1. Parking chaos both around the entrance to Dorney Lake and at Boveney.
2. The result of this chaos includes rubbish and human excrement being deposited into horses’ fields and considerable danger to road users, pedestrians and horse-riders/leaders.
3. Some of the people involved do travel around the village, especially Dorney Reach, with possible malevolent intent, which is very frightening to residents.

Two questions arise from these incursions:

1. How to stop cars being parked on Dorney’s narrow roads?
2. How to deter the people involved in the “incursions” coming to Dorney Lake – to use it as their “beach/lido” on warm days?

In summary, the actions that we believe should be taken are as follows:

Stop the Daily Parking Charge, immediately and permanently.

Stop event organisers charging a separate parking charge, permanently.

Significantly improve and increase the capacity of the main car park.

Build a 6.5km security fence, 3m high, around the whole site (or part of it), within the footpaths and bridleways.

Install two entrance ways, secured by technology, managed from the Boathouse, one beyond the main car park and the second at Ramblers car park. Probably manned on warm days in the summer.

The rationale behind these actions is as follows:

Before we address the “incursions”, there is another longer-term problem that has existed since 2013, when Dorney Lake introduced the Daily Parking Charge. This immediately resulted in cars being parked outside the Lake entrance, mainly along Court Lane, to avoid the daily charge. It is exacerbated by seven regattas at the Lake charging a separate parking fee – with the same result, in spades, on these event days.

DTWG has written two papers – in 2018 and 2019 – with proposals on how to manage the parking problems in Court Lane and Marsh Lane, both regarding the parking charges and the “incursions”. These are available on the Home page of our website:

www.dorneyvillagetraffic.uk.

The reaction from Eton College to date has been to reject our proposals.

Firstly, let us address the first question: “How to stop cars being parked on Dorney’s narrow roads?”

The overarching principle behind the DTWG proposals is: **Dorney Lake will ensure that there will never be any need for any users of [or visitors to] Dorney Lake to park their cars either outside the entrance to Dorney Lake or in Boveney outside Ramblers Car Park.**

The proposals are:

1. **Stop the daily parking charge.** This was established in 2013 and is the basis of the past and current problems. This simply leads to visitors parking outside of the venue.

2. **Stop event (regatta) organisers making a separate charge for spectators' cars.**
This simply leads to spectators parking outside of the venue on the ten or more days involved.
3. **Provide significantly more public parking spaces in and around the main car park, ensuring that no cars park outside the venue.**
 - a. The current capacity of the unlined, unmanaged main car park is around 80. With professionally organised white lines, this could be increased to 120+.
 - b. An additional 400 car parking spaces, at least, are required, in the summer, to cater for visitors' cars (including the incursionists') and thus taking them off Dorney's roads. An additional seasonal car park for these cars could easily be created alongside the current main car park – to the north and west of it. This could be accomplished by the use of grasscrete or similar surfaces to avoid tarmacking over the entire area.

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As DTWG stated in our November 2018 report, double yellow lines would not be effective as there are not sufficient council resources available to enforce them, and the company they outsource it to is, at present, on furlough! They are clearly not effective – at a cost of £15,000! If there is free parking available within the venue, there is no need for double yellow lines. The same logic applies to temporary Clearways etc.

A careful assessment of the original planning permissions for Dorney Lake alongside the current Local Plan indicates that Dorney Lake is, through the imposition of the November 2013 Daily Parking Charge, in breach of Policies EP3, R6, TR5 and TR7 of the South Bucks District Local Plan 1999. No planning permission was sought.

Similarly, the annual imposition of the spectator daily car parking charge (most recently in 2019), by the organisers of seven annual rowing regattas, appears to be in breach of Policies EP3, R6, TR5 and TR7 of the South Bucks District Local Plan 1999. No planning permission was sought.

If Dorney Lake is in breach of planning regulations by charging for parking, thus forcing those who are unable or unwilling to pay to park on Dorney's roads, then they will have to take the necessary steps to deal with these breaches – stopping all parking charges forthwith.

Let us now address the second question “ How to deter the people involved in the “incursions” coming to Dorney Lake – to use it as their “beach/lido” on warm days?”, which is considerably more difficult, but not impossible.

There is a precedent which must be examined. During the 2012 Olympics at Dorney Lake, the whole site was fenced in. To protect the whole site requires about 6.5km (4 miles) of fencing. The cost, today, of 3m high green security fencing would be around £250,000 (excluding labour). Suitable high-tech entry points would be required. Whilst this may not be aesthetic, it would provide a significant barrier to casual “incursions” by a large number of people in swimwear. The public footpaths and Sustrans path would be outside such a fence, as would the 500-car capacity main car park. The fence would soon be hidden amongst the hedging around the site. It is possible that such a fence would only be required for a proportion of the boundary (excluding the towpath side, for example).

The natural question from residents is – what are Dorney Lake, the Unitary Authority and the Police doing to prevent such “incursions”?

The primary responsibility is, clearly, Dorney Lake's as the owner of the property. If there is no boundary security fence, the problem then becomes managing a group of 500 to 1,000 young people within the 400 acres of the property. A few security guards won't be of any use. But how many police/security guards would be required? 250? 500? And what is the legal position?

Following the Jul 2019 incursions, Dorney Lake, the Police and the County Council instigated the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This was launched on 11th March 2020. It is important to note that the activity restricted by such an Order must be carried out **in a public place**, which is defined in the legislation as ‘any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission’. Other options are available, such as a Community Protection Notice (CPN) or Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions (ASBI).

However, a PSPO (or a CPN or an ASBI) appears to be very difficult, if not impossible, to enforce (500+ people on 400 acres) and the eventual penalty is a £100 fine – which almost certainly is not a deterrent to many of the “incursionists”. So that is not the solution.

Given the magnitude of the problem, it appears that, regrettably, the only solution – as at the Channel Tunnel terminal in France – is to build a suitable fence, with high security, that ensures that malevolent people are kept out of the property. It won’t be beautiful, but with the right manned security/processes for lawful users (local residents/dog-walkers/joggers etc), a system could be made to work.

The issue of cost is, clearly, important. Between January 1999 and July 2019 (20 years) Dorney Lake has recorded total revenues of approx. £20.5 million and total operating costs of approx. £17 million, resulting in a total operating profit of around £3.5 million. Parking income since 2014 appears to have been approx. £20k p.a. – about 1.5% of annual revenues, a relatively insignificant amount. This is despite Eton College’s statement at the 1993 Public Enquiry that *“It is not the intention to treat the lake as a profit-making venture”*.

It appears that the required capital investment for a fence, whilst not insignificant, together with the annual additional operating costs, would be more than manageable for Dorney Lake – possibly with some assistance from Eton College.

Any implication from Eton College that, as they are only a charity, they aren’t able to afford such costs is simply risible.

Their latest set of accounts, for the year ending 31st August 2019, confirm they have £145 million in available Funds carried forward.

In addition, their Endowment Fund, according to their website, *“is fundamental to the long-term future of the school, providing funds for Eton’s substantial and growing Financial Aid Programme and increased capital expenditure on both existing and new buildings infrastructure. [my emphasis] Since 2009 the value of Eton’s investments in financial assets and property has more than doubled to £475 million as at 31st August 2019.”*

So – funds are available! Immediate action to secure the site could be effected within days through professional contractors. All other options do not work. Fence the Lake immediately.

I don’t write this article as an armchair expert. I was - as Deputy Managing Director of Eurotunnel - one of those responsible in the 1990s for the security of the French Terminal of the Channel Tunnel in Sangatte. It was the time when we, as a private company, were literally fighting off nightly incursions from desperate, violent, potential illegal immigrants to the UK for many months. Some, tragically, perished in the attempt – accidentally killed by trains driven by my very traumatised, young, male and female train drivers. I therefore do understand managing private infrastructure under significant pressure and do feel qualified to comment on the Dorney Lake situation.

Bill Dax

Dorney Traffic Working Group (DTWG)

The DTWG is a virtual group of residents and other interested parties who have collaborated and contributed to the various traffic matters that affect Dorney. We have 183 local supporters.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners of Dorney, Dorney Reach and Boveney,

Thank you for your efforts over the past few weeks to follow the government guidelines on social distancing due to Covid-19. Our local community has pulled together to help our neighbours and those more vulnerable; something we should all be proud of, and another example of why our small parish is unique. The Parish Council would like to recognise the efforts of those individuals who have and are continuing to help, as well as tireless local businesses, such as the local Nisa and The Village Pharmacy in Eton Wick, The Palmer Arms, with their takeaways and introduction of Friday and Saturday night Tuck Trucks, which have all helped many in the Parish. Neighbours and WhatsApp groups have strove to help many in our community by assisting with shopping and collection of prescriptions, plus checking in on their general health and mental wellbeing.

The older and less able have been particularly affected, especially as we do not have a local shop in the Parish. The situation for many in our community has also been made more difficult by the removal of the Marsh Lane bridge, the effects of visitors trying to visit Dorney Lake and the Jubilee River, and some have suffered a breakdown in their internet access.

We expect that the recent government announcement will likely create greater traffic to Dorney Lake and Jubilee River, but the Parish will continue to work with the Lake, Eton College, Police, Environment Agency and others to try and reduce the effects to residents. Likewise, our discussions on Smart Motorway Bridges, roads and planning have all been continuing despite lockdown. I'd like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors for their vigilance in following up on correspondence in these challenging times, as their roles are voluntary and unpaid.

In the next year, we will also have to contend with the amalgamation of our District and County Councillors, which will undoubtedly throw up a whole new series of challenges to go along with continued Covid-19 difficulties. Let's hope we are through the worst of the storm, and by working together we can have a successful rest of the year.

Cllr Keith Harris, Chairman of Dorney Parish Council

Open letter to Dorney Parish Council

Dear Dorney Parish Council,

I am writing this as a long term resident of Dorney Reach to say how disappointed I am by the response of the Dorney Parish Council to the Covid-19 crisis. I feel that you have not taken your obligations seriously enough in ensuring the mental and physical safety of the people within the district that you serve.

With regard to the Dorney Parish Council website, I have failed to find information of anyone to help or co-ordinate help on here, other than the e-mail address and phone number of the Parish Clerk who does not actually live in Dorney and has no access to our only other means of local communication, Nextdoor Dorney. Unlike other Parish Council websites there are no contact details for the Chairman or any other Council members and no named co-ordinator to the Covid-19 crisis. In fact, the website is neither user friendly nor particularly helpful and is not updated frequently enough. (Also, it needs to be optimised for every platform.)

Other councils around the UK have made a wide variety of provision for those within their Parishes and through my own observation and through talking to many people within the community I can find no evidence of any of these things being done here.

- At the start of the outbreak no leaflet drops/phone calls, or any form of communication, were made to each household asking if they wanted help.
- No central organiser or phone number was established for everyone to call if they needed help
- The people that have volunteered were never contacted or provided with a central co-ordinator from the council.
- There are no provisions to check up regularly on every single-person household.
- There has been no offer of regular contact – phone messages etc. to help those who might feel isolated or overwhelmed by the current situation.
- No central co-ordinator is arranged to fetch medicines for those that are shielding .
- Each household has been left to make their own provisions for vital food supplies.
- Since I am informed that the Dorney Parish Council “do not use Nextdoor as a contact” it would be useful to know what means of communication there is between residents so that they can be helped by the Parish Council and/or can help each other.
- The Dorney Parish Council website is just a series of links to other websites and places to get help rather than a central resource for the whole parish to connect to.

I understand that “all/most councillors are working” but am at a loss to understand why, as an elected council you have done so little for those households within your jurisdiction.

I note that in the minutes of the Council meeting of **Tuesday 14th April 2020**

To respond to the Emergency Plan – Cllr Smith emphasised it was important to have local needs of the Community addressed in such a plan.

Corvid 19 – There is a volunteer scheme in place to help the elderly and vulnerable and most roads are now covered by local volunteers.

I would like to know more about this, one and only, reference that was made to the current situation at this meeting and why I can find no evidence for any of this provision.

As I have said in each of my previous attempts to communicate with the chair and clerk of the council, I am very disappointed by the response of the Parish Council at this particularly difficult time for us all.

Yours sincerely,
Thea Pine



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Dear all,

Last week I posted on Nextdoor a short post titled *'Isn't it just lovely living here now'*. In truth I did it out of pure frustration as the noise at the time was pretty horrendous and it isn't much better as I am sitting writing this.

I have lived in Dorney Reach for over 20 years and in general have loved living here. We all choose where we are going to live for different reasons and we chose to live here because it is close to the bigger towns of Windsor and Maidenhead and also close to the rail and road transport infrastructure which make London accessible in half an hour. Very importantly for us it still had a rural feel. At the time it was also close to our children's schools.

Over recent months I have found it quite an unpleasant place to live and I am sure many people feel the same, hence my post on Nextdoor. The biggest, but not only, frustration is the work being carried out due to the M4 Smart Motorway project and in particular the demolition and replacement of the Marsh Lane Bridge. We live in the middle of Oak Stubbs Lane and are therefore more affected than just about anyone else.

In my post I listed the things I find the most frustrating, which I still stand by, and they are:

I used to love living here in Dorney Reach but it has changed out of all proportion. Dorney Reach doesn't even resemble the village I moved to 20 years ago and I'm not talking about progression. I'm talking about the fact of how unpleasant it has become to live here.

We are living with the horrendous noise night and day and just have to put up with it. I don't even know how many sleepless nights I have had. We have spotlights pointing into our bedroom windows all night (Oak Stubbs Lane). Over recent days it seems to have improved, but for months, even when there was no night work going on, we had security lights lighting up our bedrooms like it was daytime. Just pure inconsideration.

You clean your car or windows one day (in fact the inside of your house as well) and its filthy the next day. That just seems to be how it is and something we must accept. It is lovely weather at the moment so you open your windows (if you can tolerate the noise) and within a day your house is filthy inside. I can rarely use my garden furniture without having to hose it down first. As I say I live in Oak Stubbs Lane so can see the dust coming up every time a vehicle comes in or off the site.

Our local roads are constantly covered in filth and mud from the trucks going on and off the site. When I say mud, I know it is dry at the moment but dirt all the same. The contractors do occasionally go out with a road sweeper but it's nothing more than a token effort. I walked down Marsh Lane yesterday morning and the gutters are thick in dirt that has come from vehicles leaving the site. In fact, you can see where the dirt stops, and they have cleaned. It's about 100 yards from the site entrance. If they are sending out a road sweeper, why stop at 100 yards? I am not even sure who is responsible for the road sweeper, but I assume Balfour Beatty.

Our roads are being damaged by the constant heavy equipment that is in and out of the site. Will this get fixed when the work stops, and who pays for it?

I don't know about others, but the plaster in my house is suffering from more cracks than it ever has, and Balfour Beatty will just deny it is anything to do with them. Last week I have had a piece of plaster fall from the ceiling when piling work was at its worst.

When they do write and tell us what they are doing the letters are awful and just make me more angry. A Balfour Beatty letter - We are going to be doing XYZ on the following dates..... A reasonable letter - We need to do XYZ and this work will be carried out on ABC. Unfortunately, this is likely to be noisy and we apologise for the inconvenience. This absolutely incenses me, and I don't understand it, but by the tone of the letters feel it is deliberate. We had another letter last week after my post. The letter detailed why they were doing the work, what they were doing and when they were doing it. Would it really have hurt them to include a few words 'we apologise for any inconvenience this will cause', would it really hurt them?

Heavy traffic goes constantly up and down Marsh Lane and Oak Stubbs Lane, which simply aren't suitable for it. On a number of occasions, I have been going down Marsh Lane into Court Lane and had to reverse because of trucks coming towards the site that are simply too big for that road.

And now we have crowds and traffic jams from people pouring into the Rowing Lake. They park illegally and no one cares, or should I say the people that matter don't care. Obviously, nothing to do with Balfour Beatty or the M4 site but this is getting worse and nothing is being done. Just yesterday morning I walked from the rowing lake home and in the lake area there was a huge amount of rubbish, a large number of glass bottles smashed in the road (not just thrown away to one side), deliberately smashed in the road, and dozens and dozens of empty gas canisters also in the road. I don't know what the answer is here, but something has to be done. The parking can't go on like this and the anti-social behaviour has to be stopped.

When this (the M4 works) is all over and Balfour Beatty will have made goodness knows how many millions, what will we get for our trouble and inconvenience? Jack Squat. In truth I feel that we (those most affected) should be compensated for putting up with this for so long but can't see that happening.

I apologise if this just sounds like a rant, but I can't be the only one feeling like this. I suppose it's a little like Covid 19. Will Dorney Reach ever go back to normality or is this the new normality?

Yours sincerely

Darryl Sheldon

I'm Picking Up Bad Vibrations

'Sheet piling will require metal sheets to be driven into the soil with vibratory or impact hammers...we are aware that piling work can sometimes cause disturbance to residents near the work...we've checked our vibration monitor and the levels recorded are well below levels that are likely to cause any cosmetic or structural damage...' **Letter from Balfour Beatty to Dorney Reach residents, May 2020**

About a fortnight before this issue went to press, our village was hit by a double nightmare. We in Dorney Reach do sometimes wonder whether everyone throughout our widely dispersed community appreciate what is going on in the eye of the storm. By now, everyone is aware of what is happening around Dorney Lake. As for the M4 Smart Motorway repercussions, I'm writing this, as a resident of the Marsh Lane end of Harcourt Road, to assure all our readers, and especially those in authority, that noise and, yes, vibration on most recent days, has been unbearable – and we are shielded somewhat by the houses in front of us. Because of that, I'm pleased that Darryl Sheldon has shared with us the true depths of the Oak Stubbs Lane experience.

What lies behind this surge of unwelcome activity? Now, I'm no engineer, but it is intriguing just how many Dorney residents do seem to be, judging by the concerns expressed by the growing number attending meetings of the Parish Council. They could explain the technical background better than me. It seems that some sort of milestone was reached when over the weekend closure of the M4 at the end of April, the new bridge beams were successfully installed. Now Balfour Beatty can press on with 'associated works to rebuild the new bridge'. Sheet piling commenced on the Dorney Reach side of the bridge on May 18. The quote at the start of this piece gives some indication that even the contractors can see that this can be 'disturbing'.



I believe the bridge project is still on course for re-opening in the Autumn. So, there is obviously more to come. The last weekend in May (and probably the first weekend in June) will have seen the focus shift to the New Thames Bridge over the Thames. The current three lanes on either side over the bridge are not adequate for the new four lane running smart motorway and the bridge has had to be widened on the north side. To be honest, this weekend as I write has been largely blissfully quiet with the motorway closed and work not centred on Marsh Lane. Was this how it was in Dorney Reach before the 1960s? Others may not have been so fortunate. The dreaded sheet piling works were scheduled for three locations between the Marsh Lane and Lake End Road bridges.

Most coverage of the Smart Motorway project in this magazine has come from the proceedings of Parish Council meetings or the newsletters put out by Balfour Beatty on behalf of Highways England. Now we have it in the raw. It's been unbearable in our garden. We have testimonies like Darryl's. We have a host of posts on Nextdoor – and I hope that the likes of councillors and Balfour Beatty and especially Highways England are paying attention. There is the 'incredibly loud noise'. There are houses, and the contents of houses, shaking. There is the dust on cars and, far worse, dust inside houses. As one anguished grandmother asked me recently, what can that be doing to her grandchildren's respiration?

Is any project worth comments like 'at my wits end' or 'end of my tether' being posted on social media? Well, maybe a real 'critical infrastructure project' which Highways England claims is how the government views this M4 project, hence the callous continuation of it during the depths of the Covid-19 lock down, but surely not a project that even inspires doubt in the Department of Transport. According to letters from the contractor and comments from the site manager, sheet piling still has some three weeks or so to run.

One resident commented, perfectly reasonably, that while feeling empathy for those like Darryl in the front line, 'not a lot can be done'. But *should* something be done? After all, even if we have 'only' five months left of the Marsh Lane shenanigans, there is still the construction of a new Lake End Road bridge to come, albeit with probably less disruption, and the whole project is still not scheduled to finish for another two years.

No, not a lot can be done – as the contractors point out in their infuriating letters (Darryl is quite right here – they are 'awful' in their lack of empathy and contrition), the project works are being carried out under the Development Consent Order granted by the Secretary of State for Transport. We can't reverse such decisions.

But the state we have landed up in over the last fortnight indicates that what oversight there is of the day to day project is not functioning properly. The twin crises facing Dorney has had the effect of residents calling for collective action towards the outside forces that disrupt our lives. It would probably have little or no legal standing but is a 'liaison group' representing the wider community, bolstered by some of the local engineering experience I referred to earlier, the route to a better working relationship with the contractors and their masters, Highways England?

Yes, at present the smart motorway, is an ever present and indeed, headline, fixture on the Parish Council meetings' agendas, and two gentlemen come along to report on progress and hear complaints. But it seems for those complaints to be aired, a specific approach has to be made to the council. Alternatively, off the cuff complaints lead to bickering. If no one turns up from the project, as at the first open virtual meeting, nothing is discussed – and that meeting took place less than a week before the insufferable piling began. Darryl complains about road sweeping and the heavy site traffic on unsuitable local roads. I've heard promises made on those issues before, but still my neighbours see the daily reality. Would a group that met regularly with the project, with at least one councillor who became our local M4 'czar', with minuted conclusions and agreed time frames for action, offset some of the angst so obvious over recent times?

Is it too late for our relations with the Smart Motorway project to become, well, just a little bit smarter?

Tranquillity on Dorney Common

As Spring draws towards the end, the Covid curve slides slowly downwards shrinking the fear that has stayed with us for many weeks. Here on the Common, the cows graze peacefully, chewing the cud and swishing their tails, oblivious to the turmoil that has shattered commerce and burnt a scorch in our hearts for the many lives that have been lost worldwide.

The airspace around us remains tranquil, sweet with birdsong, and fresh from the lack of flights. We now know that this fragment of serenity is short-lived. Already, as boredom sets in, some unable to bear the incarceration, put their foot down to race across the Common in their belching souped up motor vehicles. One late afternoon, a terrible bang was followed by a boompity boom, as a car spun out of control to roll a few times off the road into a hollow. As most neighbours ran out, it was obvious that the race had ended badly. Quite why this road between two cattle grids attracts Stirling Moss moments is beyond belief when we have bovine friends wandering nearby.

The garden at the cottage is nearing completion, finally after many months like a puddle drying up, we are reduced to the area that once housed those ugly yellow skips for over five years. What to do? Could I make an organic veggie plot, or a place to sit and contemplate the hard lessons of life, and the lives that have lessened this year. So, waiting for my husband Dave to be in an attentive mood, cautiously suggested a Garden of Tranquillity, a place of contemplation with raised beds for organically grown vegetables.

This particular patch of ground had an undulating surface with concrete density, years of storing builders' materials and heavy skips, and now required ironing out (Dave's spade) to transform this plot. This I was told, translates to eleventy-hours of heaving elbow grease, and a LOT OF WORK! It was best to keep a low profile at this stage, just meekly submit my two feeble hands and two clumsy feet as a peace offering. However, once embraced and warming to the idea, along with the ongoing heat of extraordinary weather, we both set to eagerly.

The raised beds to knee height would be made from reclaimed sleepers for regular kitchen garden produce, along a large elevated platform in the same material, for boisterous courgettes and other such Triffids that require strict restraint. My lovely animal loving friend in Eton Wick, agreed with me that courgettes did try and take over, and often squashed tomatoes were all that was left after their zucchini party. Huge all-encompassing thick leaves and unruly growth can stifle other occupants. She recommended planting them in old reclaimed wooden half barrels to control their unsocial habits, and to place them in the naughty corner. This led me to think about a platform, which would mean easy access to pick the young tender vegetables, to prevent an influx of woody marrows.

Towards the back of The Garden of Tranquillity, an oak bench, a place to sit and contemplate the meaning of life, and to consider a life with meaning. One good thing that has come out of our short isolation, has been the chance to consider how fragile we are, and how good tranquillity felt. Like stepping off a roundabout, initially giddy, it was a chance for our feet to stay firmly in one place, and as the earth gradually stopped spinning, we could see what lay before us.

The little two-seater artisan bench arrived extremely quickly. My husband Dave, looked at the rustic construction, read the mantra engraved on the back, then discretely hid his



chuckle. I wanted to have an engraving to encourage peacefulness, reflection and creativity of thought, but there was a restriction to a mere 30 characters, which meant that the phrase had to be cut hard to fit the shoe. Originally around some idea like *'You use a glass mirror to see your face; you use works of art to see your soul'* or some such profound observation, was much too long, so cutting to the chase whilst trying hard not to lose the meaning meant my phrase was a great deal shorter... see photo.

The Maidenhead Drama Guild having been mothballed for three months, now considers whether our annual Panto may happen. Unless the gears start to move soon, this sprawling production will have no hope of a tight performance mid-December if allowed to go ahead. This year, Aladdin, set in Arabia, is a funny light script that sees magic carpets float and jolly washing suds rinse away the winter blues. So, without expense made, we outline the designs, reserve our back cloths, and line up a management team with sharpened pencils. Time will tell.

Dave's birthday also fell this month, although not allowed to mention his age (soixante-cinq), we decided to extend our celebratory walk to a 10 mile jaunt along the pleasant footpaths of Waltham St Lawrence, packing our rucksack in the style of Enid Blyton with cheese rolls and Ginger Pop. The heat hit late 20's by lunchtime, as we flopped beside a hawthorn bush to lean against a stout 5-bar gate. Song Thrush as our entertainment, the simple pleasures of the day made his celebration one to remember. We reflect how these few months has encouraged a simpler life, one that necessitated consideration of others, of condolences for many, and created a need for tranquillity and thoughtfulness. Now, soon, it must change again as we think forward to how to reengage in our communities.

The trickle of cars outside our door now steadily builds, indicating the return to new normal. New normal? This is a phrase bandied about, and it must mean, we are not sure what is going to happen, but whatever happens will be unknown, so this is new and you must think it normal... or something like that. This puts the onus back on us, as the daily bulletins imply, the people of the land, it is up to us to be vigilant, *'It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves'* (*Will the Bard*). I think the government also ran out of characters on their new slogan as I did on my bench, as they trimmed their slogan to 'Stay Alert'!

Kristina Perkins
Dell's Cottage



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The Town Cat and the Country Mouse

In these troubled times when gloomy predictions are followed by statistics announcing the end of civilisation, here's a story of treachery and cruelty overcome by bravery beyond belief, courage in the face of overwhelming adversity, and finally love, peace and a return home. It will, I hope, lift your soul.

Our story started in my toilet! Yes, an unlikely setting for a tale of love, lust, and final redemption I grant you, but true, nevertheless. As I sat on the throne at three o'clock in the middle of the night, darkness maintained in order that sleep would not completely abandon me, I became spookily aware that I was not alone!

I have a very upmarket wet room. (Stay with me – I haven't lost the plot, we know how to live in Dorney!), and at one end by the throne there is an equally posh wash basin on top of a cabinet. The person who put it there clearly had a sense of humour in that the gap between the cabinet and the wall is such that it is impossible to clean effectively, there being a three-inch space between the two. In the gloom I perceived the motionless form of my cat Katie, ears pricked up, statuesque, gazing at this gap.

"What are you doing there Cat?" I asked quite reasonably. "I'm on the loo and would appreciate a little privacy."

"Shh!" whispered Katie. "Can't you see I'm busy?"

"Frankly, I don't give a" and at that moment a tiny terrified bundle of fur dashed from cover in a hopelessly frantic search for alternative sanctuary. The cat leapt into action at astonishing speed, and

I leaped off the throne almost as quickly, grabbing for the light switch as I did so.

The two creatures and I dashed around the bathroom, Katie finally winning the unequal contest as I grabbed the cat, which, scared witless at the apparition that had grabbed her (it was a hot night, sultry, oppressive; pyjamas were inappropriate – you get the idea), let go of the tiny mouse which bolted to the safety of the cabinet in double quick time. I opened the bathroom door and the cat hurtled out. So would you have done I suspect, and I returned to my new furry mate I named 'Lucky' now safely under the aforementioned cabinet. Sleep a distant memory, I explained that the cat had gone, and if Lucky cared to break cover, I would be happy to return her (or him – we never got that close) to her Mummy and Daddy who by now, would be pacing the nest. She seemed unimpressed and refused to budge. I shut the bathroom door to keep Katie and her sister Emily away from Lucky and returned to bed.

Next morning, the usual greeting by the sisters; a thrusting of silky-smooth fur smelling of Kit e Kat accompanied by much purring, was absent. Instead, a furious Katie sat at the end of the bed out of reach.

"Where's my mouse?" her accusing look asked angrily. "I went to a lot of trouble to get that."

"I won't have you bringing animals into the house," I replied sternly.

"That's what cats do, you stupid man, especially young hunters like us, and we work as a pair, so we're good at it. Best you get used to it. Oh, and please," she added spitefully, "wear something at night. It's not a pretty sight."

"I'm the boss around here. I make the rules. And stay away from the bathroom." Who was I kidding?

They both shrugged their immaculate shoulders and walked arrogantly away, unconcerned.

Meanwhile, Lucky could not be tempted from cover and my Partner Cheryl and I became increasingly worried for her safety. Cowering under a bathroom cabinet starving to death was an awful fate. There was no sign of her (Lucky that is) for two long days.

Finally, Cheryl asked, "What do mice eat?" and she picked two grapes (Sainsburys finest no less) and placed them lovingly on the bathroom floor near the cabinet. Both cats stared intently at the gap under the closed bathroom door all day, even venturing a paw under it in a fruitless search for Lucky. Both grapes remained untouched and we worried some more.

My three a.m. visit to the bathroom next night (dear reader, it comes with age) was careful in that I ensured neither Katie nor Emily were anywhere near, and I did not want Lucky to escape from the bathroom into the house, a certain death sentence; but as I lowered myself onto the throne, I noted with satisfaction that one of the grapes had gone!

I reported this stop press news to my sleepy Cheryl who seemed less impressed than me. I didn't understand why!

Next morning I sat quietly in the closed bathroom, pint glass and card in hand, hoping that Lucky would retrieve the other untouched grape, and sure enough, a tiny whiskery snout poked out of the rear of the cabinet, upturned pint glass hovering above. Just an inch more, and Lucky was captured, staring apprehensively from her glass prison. Exultantly, Cheryl and I carefully ferried Lucky across the busy road where the cats fear to venture, and released from her glasshouse, where with a wave of her tiny paw, she was gone, buried in the sanctuary of a thick hedge. Cheryl and I felt like proud if worried parents sending their offspring out into the cruel world, glad of a life saved, but the saga was not over.

Lucky, it seemed, had a friend, and on a daytime visit to the bathroom, there was Katie once more staring at the same spot.

Having 'done the course' I collected a pint glass, removed the furious Katie, and Plucky made her appearance moments later, trapped in the glass with well-practiced efficiency, photographed and released as before.

Emily and Katie, now banished to the outer world at night, had one more surprise. "Thought you'd stopped us, did you? Well have this on us," they stated by leaving an early morning present lying on the kitchen floor in the form of a pathetic little still bundle of fur. I was sad as I scooped up the tiny form carefully with a dustpan and brush and laid her to rest reverently in the kitchen bin.

Cheryl and I were sad as we potted that morning, and as she opened the bin to deposit something, a pair of tiny eyes gazed back at her. Jumping for joy (many girls wouldn't!) she lovingly picked up Frisky and we took her to the growing mouse community in the nearby hedge.

I've had stern words with Emily and Katie, and explained that, if they wish their cossetted lifestyle to continue, there will be no more Lucky, Plucky or Frisky.

"Sorry Dad," they mumbled.

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey

On Yer Bike 4 Burnham Beeches/Taplow/Dorney Loop

Burnham Beeches covers 220 hectares (540 acres) and the area was inhabited as early as the Iron Age. Originally for sale as “land suitable for the erection of superior residences”, the Beeches was bought by the City of London Corporation in 1880 to protect it as a public open space and wildlife reserve because of its natural aspect. Unfortunately, it’s not easy to cycle through, as off roaders are not allowed (see below). Bike route 4, therefore, cycles around with the opportunity to access at many points and see some of the ancient woodland including Druids Oak, which is one of the County’s oldest recorded, being more than 800 years old.

Courtesy of Strava cycle app., I have included both the map and the route below to save me boring you with detailed directions. To assist however, the route starts in Dorney Village Road and heads to Burnham village via Huntercombe Lane and Stomp Road towards Burnham Beeches Golf Club (there is a “Beeches Cycleway” sign to assist). When on Green Lane, take a right down a narrow track which starts opposite the 2nd Fairways road where you will see a red Post Box. This takes you to Grove Road. From there it should be self-explanatory.

It is mainly on lovely country roads, including coming back past Cliveden and eventually down Berry Hill, Taplow where you can blow away the Toupee. A right and left near Taplow village brings you onto a path through the new Berkeley Homes development, over the Jubilee river and then past Roux at Skindles and finishes down the Thames Tow path from Maidenhead Bridge to Dorney Lake (even with a slight pontoon diversion over the Thames near Monkey Island before Dorney Reach). A hybrid or mountain bike would be advisable but if on a road bike this last route home could be switched by staying on the road from Taplow back to Dorney.





One of the signs on Bedford Drive, coming onto Stewarts Drive, across Lord Mayors Drive. Egypt Wood is probably named after the large number of Romany Gypsy camps located there rather than the North African Country. The tarmac roads can be used by cyclists into the ancient woodland. Only a few roads and horse bridledways are open to cyclists to protect the sensitive habitats and rare endangered species.

Here is a link to another map with some useful tracks and guidance - <https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/green-spaces/burnham-beeches-and-stoke-common/Documents/burnham-beeches-map.pdf>

NB While in continued lockdown, only two cyclist friends/family allowed, subject to social distancing guidelines.

Paul Temple, May 2010 with thanks to free spirit runner, cyclist, drummer and artist, Jeff Day.

Segments

	Name	Time	Speed
☆	Jubilee to the top of the m4 bridge 0.55mi 34ft 1%	3:20	9.9mi/h
☆	Lake End Road Bridge Dash 0.21mi 20ft 2%	1:29	8.6mi/h
☆	🏅 Huntercombe Road 0.57mi 16ft 0%	2:45	12.6mi/h
☆	🏅 Huntercome Junction to Train Bridge 0.18mi 20ft 2%	1:09	9.6mi/h
☆	🏅 Train bridge to Priory Rd 0.20mi 23ft 2%	1:19	9.3mi/h
☆	🏅 Stomp Rd rise 0.27mi 22ft 1%	2:04	8.0mi/h
☆	🏅 Lincoln Hatch Sprint 0.14mi 4ft 0%	48s	10.6mi/h
☆	🏅 Grove Road (Short Climb) 0.25mi 27ft 2%	1:51	8.3mi/h
☆	🏅 Hawthorn Ln E (Grove Rd to Bedford Dr) 0.96mi 82ft 1%	6:18	9.2mi/h
☆	🏅 Burnham Beeches 0.45mi 67ft 3%	3:13	8.5mi/h

☆		Bedford Drive N 0.20mi 15ft -1%	1:42	7.3mi/h
☆		Egypt :) 1.11mi 77ft 1%	6:48	9.8mi/h
☆		Stewarts drive up 0.39mi 35ft 1%	2:17	10.4mi/h
☆		Egypt Sprint North 0.25mi 10ft 1%	1:24	10.7mi/h
☆		Harehatch Lane - East 0.80mi 8ft 0%	4:17	11.3mi/h
☆		Ship Hill to Wooburn Common Rd 0.94mi 14ft 0%	4:50	11.7mi/h
☆		Heathfield road sprint 0.96mi 33ft -1%	4:30	12.9mi/h
☆		Hidden Dip 0.28mi 9ft -1%	1:23	12.3mi/h
☆		Clivedon blast 1.45mi 86ft -1%	6:18	13.8mi/h
☆		Cliveden to top of Berry Hill 1.75mi 61ft -1%	8:24	12.5mi/h
☆		Mill Lane Jubilee Descent 0.34mi 60ft -3%	1:43	12.2mi/h
☆		Race from Rolf! 0.81mi 11ft 0%	6:22	7.7mi/h
☆		bray lock to rowing lake 0.82mi 20ft 0%	7:45	6.4mi/h
☆		Thames to Dorney Lake road, W to E 0.42mi 6ft 0%	2:43	9.3mi/h
☆		Dorney Path to Marsh 0.38mi 2ft 0%	2:34	8.9mi/h

NATURE NOTES



Whilst driving along the Bath Road at Taplow one evening a few years ago, I spotted a fox lying on the grass verge at the side of the road. As the animal might well have been injured by a vehicle, I stopped to look at it. It appeared to be completely undamaged but there was no sign of life. However, feeling that it should not be left at the roadside I put it in the back of the car and drove home. The next morning, I examined my dead quarry, It was a male or dog-fox, probably in its second year. His fur which was a rich, reddish brown colour intermixed with black, white and grey. The tail or brush was remarkably bushy, little wonder that in the past this animal was so prized by huntsmen. From nose to tail he measured over three feet and would probably have stood some twelve inches high. Being such a fine specimen and encouraged by my son, I thought it worthwhile getting his pelt preserved.

Foxes are by no means uncommon in the Parish, the small thickets and copses affording them good cover. They reside in burrows called 'earths', which are tunnelled into the soil, usually under the roots of a tree or beneath a thick bramble patch. Unlike most British mammals, the fox does not hibernate but remains fairly active during the winter months (especially near poultry). During snowy weather his footprints can betray his movements. In shape they are similar to those of a small dog although in patten there is an important difference. A dog invariably trots, whilst a fox walks stealthily. The fox, therefore, leaves clear footprints in a single row, whilst the dog's tracks are in a double line.

More important in betraying his whereabouts is the powerful scent he emits. It was certainly most noticeable on the specimen which I had found. Traditionally some country folk insisted that it was so strong that they, like the hounds, could follow a fox across the fields by his scent. Indeed, this odour was a great embarrassment to a hunted fox who performed the most extraordinary leaps and detours to throw the hounds off his scent. His great skill at evasive tactics more than justified the saying 'cunning as a fox'.

WAYFARER



Using nextdoor.co.uk

In Dorney another 10 people have signed up to Nextdoor bringing the current total to 313.

I started last month with an item about how to be sure that you could keep your information private and not give out your addresses and phone numbers to everyone when responding to messages on Nextdoor, i.e. how to write a Private Message.

Another issue that has been bothering the users of Nextdoor Dorney are concerns about local posts being seen and commented upon by others who have nothing constructive to add to the issue, or who are not directly impacted by it. Also, as I think some people would rather not see posts from outside Dorney, I have added this also.

Posting to Dorney or Dorney and other places.

This is written for those who are using a PC or Laptop using Internet Explorer, Edge or Google Chrome. For those people who are using iPads or iPhones the places to 'click' may be labelled differently or you may find that you 'swipe' rather than click and open further menus that way.

When posting on Nextdoor you first need to decide where to 'post' – ask yourself these questions:-

- Who might be affected by this information?
- Who do I want to reply or comment on this?
- So, who needs to see what I am writing?

This will help you to decide if you post (A) only to Dorney or (B) to Dorney and to a select few local areas or (C) to every one of the local neighbourhoods.

Be aware that at the moment some local areas (such as Burnham) are not available for us to include but other posters on Nextdoor can do so to them.

When you are ready to post a message:-

- a) On the **Home page** click on "Post a message, event, poll or urgent alert."

Box opens

- b) Message (+ other options also)

- c) Choose Category - use select appropriate button, for example – General

- d) Dorney + Nearby – use select either

(A) Dorney or

(B) Dorney + Nearby

If you choose Dorney + Nearby you can then choose the exact areas you wish to limit your post to, by clicking on the [customise](#) hyperlink.

If you do not wish to post to any of these areas then click on the 'tick' to delete it. To help you choose which areas there is an expandable (+ or -) map to the right side showing the different surrounding neighbourhoods.

(C) If you do not make a choice here you post to all 4501 or more people in all the local neighbourhoods.

When done click **Next**

- e) On the message page fill in the 'Subject' – this becomes the Title of your post
- f) Then type your 'Message'
- g) Finally click **Post**

JOB DONE!

Seeing only Dorney news on Nextdoor.

Seeing only Dorney posts is possible but seeing only Dorney replies is not possible – each post is dependent on whoever posted it and who they posted it to.

Quite simply, on the Home page on the list on the left-hand side click on the word Dorney (with the 4 little house shapes beside it) and then your page is limited. You will then **only** see posts made by Dorney residents. However, you will see all comments that are posted on them if the originator of the post allowed more areas to see their post and didn't limit it to Dorney only.

Just to clarify and connect to the posting information above:- If for example a person posts to (A) 'Dorney in General' then no one from outside Dorney can see it and no one outside Dorney will be able to comment.

If however they posted to (B) '7 neighbourhoods in General' the people in those areas outside Dorney will be able to see it and comment and you will see their comments.

And if they haven't bothered to limit their neighbourhoods when posting they may have posted to (C) 17 neighbourhoods – so anyone in all these areas (and possibly beyond) can see their post and reply.

A great source of help and support is the 'Lead' for Nextdoor in Dorney, Mark Final-Austin, who had the foresight to set up this useful resource as the 'founder member'. Mark can act as a link between users and Nextdoor and responds to the requests of local users – he is currently seeking to arrange for us to see posts from, and post to, Burnham.

Thea Pine

Dorney Horticultural Society

Dear Members and Friends of the Horticultural Society,

We hope you are all keeping well and safe.

We have been looking at our options for this year's programme and we are coming to the inevitable conclusion that it will not be possible to hold an Annual Show safely this year. It would be our 67th annual show and we know that right now many of you will already have some impressive entries in progress in the garden and elsewhere.

Hopefully we can get back to normal sometime soon and in the meantime, we will be posting pictures of some of our members' prize exhibits on our Facebook page for all to enjoy, so please feel free to share your comments or photos on the 'Dorney & District Horticultural Society' page.

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and very much look forward to seeing you before too long at one of our events.

Ron Alsworth (Chair) and the DDHS Committee.



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Dorney Village Hall Management Committee

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

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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.

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Dorney Parish

From South Bucks District Council Planning website:
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Decided:

Piemans Way 4 Old Marsh Lane Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DZ

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed: Erection of a single storey outbuilding

Ref. No: PL/20/0750/SA | Validated: Wed 11 Mar 2020 | Status: Decided

Boveney Court Farm Boveney Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QG

Certificate of Lawfulness for existing: storage use (Use Class B8) of outbuildings and barns at Boveney Court Farm

Ref. No: PL/19/4124/EU | Validated: Thu 28 Nov 2019 | Status: Decided

Dorney Court Court Lane Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QP

First floor link extension and internal refurbishment

Ref. No: PL/19/2907/FA | Validated: Mon 16 Sep 2019 | Status: Decided

Dear Editor

It is now nearly three years since we took the bold move to “downsize” and move from Dorney to be closer to various amenities in Burnham Village. It was a tough decision which we took plenty of time over. We had lived in Village Road for thirty-five years, made many friends and loved our house and garden. But the latter became too large, particularly after our sons moved out. It took increasing amounts of our time to keep under control so we finally convinced ourselves it was better to move while we were still able, rather than wait until we couldn't.

Here in The Fairway it is quieter than the busy road that Village Road had become, prior to lockdown. We have many friends within walking distance, several of whom we have known since their children were at Dorney School. We are pleased not to be affected by the upheavals being imposed on Dorney residents due to motorway widening and bridge reconstruction.

This year was to have been the 29th happening of the Donkey Derby in Burnham Park, organised by the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches, to which I have belonged since 2000. We had the programme ready to print and distribute via the schools but realised we could no longer go ahead with the worsening situation of Covid 19. The month of May would have been a busy time collecting advertising money and organising the event itself. The cancellation means not only a loss to the community of the largest and most popular event, but also a huge void in the income to the Club, which is usually re-distributed to many worthy local charities. So, it's lose/lose all round!

We still keep in touch with Dorney friends and regularly receive Dorney Parish News, which keeps us informed. The new colour publication with contributors and excellent editorial material make it a welcome read. Dorney has been mentioned in the national press recently. Firstly, with an excellent obituary of the late Phyllis Wallbank in *The Times* on May 1st and then again with a photo of The Palmer Arms to head up an article on the difficulties facing the catering industry in *The Guardian*.

Now that is one thing we really miss after having moved: being able to pop over the road to the pub! And we remember the “good old days” when you could walk to Dorney Court and buy beautiful asparagus. What a treat that was.

Hope to see you at DDHS when things get as close as possible back to normal!

Nick Teale

Wendy Dian Price

(1942 – 2020)

Wendy was born in Stoke on June 2nd, 1942. An only child, Wendy was clearly very intelligent, with a quirky sense of humour. She had a close relationship with her parents, especially her father, who taught her many practical skills. She would often be found stripping down the lawn mower or turning her hand to almost any DIY task that needed doing.

When young she decided on education as a career and while working as a teaching assistant, she met her husband John.

She married John in 1970 in Newcastle under Lyme and came to Dorney that same year, both of them taking up teaching positions at Dorney School – John as Headmaster and later Wendy as form teacher. Several generations of Dorney school children, many still residents in the neighbourhood, fondly remember being taught by her.

John and Wendy settled for a while in Harcourt Road, but eventually moved to the slightly run down property that would become their 'forever home' in Dorney Reach Road, where they spent their retirement years renovating the house and living by the Thames. They even had a boat at one point and if you were lucky enough to be invited for a quick trip to Bray Lock you were expected to crew along with Bruce the Alsatian.

Family friends recall enjoying working holidays with cement mixers making concrete sacks to shore up the riverbank and on other occasions removing the kitchen ceiling in return for being fed and watered.

They also had a caravan, enjoying many touring holidays until a nasty motor accident flipped the caravan over on to its roof – luckily, no one was injured.

Although a quiet private person, Wendy always kept up with the local news and events and along with old friend Pat Oxlade would often be found manning the refreshment stall at fetes and bazaars.

Wendy was widowed in the early 2000s but continued to maintain the house and garden single handed. Her motto was always 'Why get a man in when you can do a better job yourself?'

In later years, her passion was tending her beautiful garden and walking her beloved dog Taz.

Wendy sadly passed away in April after a short illness and, complying with her last wishes, a private fuss free funeral was held on May 27th. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Jean Oxlade



The Parish Pump

A summary of the May 2020 Dorney Parish Council Virtual Meeting

This meeting was held as an online event on May 12th.

Full Minutes of this meeting plus the full Minutes of past Parish Council meetings can be found on www.dorney.org.uk

- **Public Participation** Martyn Westcott-Wreford was concerned the current pothole repairs were just an interim measure because he had understood that the entire Village Road was to be resurfaced. Cllr Dhillon said he was disappointed with the repair work and had emailed his concerns to the Head of Highways. John Maynard said Dorney was turning into a Scalextric set with all the orange and yellow plastic cones and barriers making the village unsightly. Cllr Harris said that nothing could be done at present due to the Smart Motorway works with the Marsh Lane bridge closed and the need to ensure access to Dorney Reach. Cllr Foxley said that the road layout at the corner of Village Road and Court Lane is similar to that used during the 2012 Olympics to improve access to Court Lane. It had been hoped that a roundabout could be installed – this did not happen for safety reasons, but it remained a hope that one would be installed in the future.
Cllr Dhillon reported that the senior Principle Enforcement Officer had been told about activity at Orchard Herbs Farm. The Local Community Manager will carry out a public consultation once normal work resumes after Covid-19 after complaints about Lake End Road speeding. He has asked the Head of Highways that road surfaces along Marsh Lane and Court Lane to Lake End Bridge are improved as soon as the Smart M4 works are finished. Cllr Foxley said that although five recycling centres have re-opened, the closest of these to Dorney is at Beaconsfield. There was much fly tipping in Dorney, including around the Village Hall, so is there a timetable for opening Burnham? Cllr Dhillon will raise the issue with the Leader of the Council. (1) He did not believe that liaising with Berkshire to use their tips would be possible. Cllr Purdie pointed out that when searching maps on the South Bucks Planning Portal, the search stops at the M4 and does not include Dorney Reach. Martin Westcott-Wreford pointed out that the road surface from Crocus to the Rowing Lake was dangerous to cyclists. He thanked South Bucks Council for restarting the collection of green bins.
Cllr Pepler reported that the problem with opening Burnham Tip was social distancing. The road was very narrow so parked cars using the tip would make it impassable. The pothole repairs over the Jubilee River section of Lake End Road were well done.
The Clerk said that the Locality Officers had informed her that the Councillors from the new Buckinghamshire Council representing Dorney until the next elections in May 2021 were Cllrs Dhillon and Pepler.
- **Clerk's Report** Updates made on April 14th 2020 were ratified. Under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 Dorney Parish Council can hold remote meetings until 7/5/21 or until circumstances change and these include video and telephone conferencing. The Annual Parish Meeting is 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. 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.
- **Chairman's Report** Cllr Harris presented the draft Parishioners Statement that would have been presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2020 which was cancelled. The draft was agreed. **The statement is published elsewhere in this issue of Dorney Parish News.** The management of Dorney Lake reported that the facility will be closed due to a threat of a planned rave taking place (2). The Groundsman will return to work once a H&S RA is in place. There was a car accident on Boveney Common on May 8

caused by car racers. No one was hurt. The agenda for next month should include 'To consider installing double yellow lines along the left hand side of Court Lane going towards the Rowing Lake' and also to make a decision about installing a roundabout at the junction of Village Road/Lake End Road/Court Lane.

- **Defibrillator Update** Cllr Foxley said that the defibrillator is installed. The code has been circulated and online training is available.
- **M4 Smartmotorway Updates** Cllr Purdie reported that Matt Orchard of Balfour Beatty had organised for the straightening of the post at the entrance to the Village Hall and a padlock has been installed to keep the gate locked during the Covid-19 crisis.
- **Response to the Emergency Plan** Cllr Smith reported that Bucks Council have now published a new Emergency Plan. It was necessary to look at a much simpler plan to cover the practicalities of having a plan in place for the small community of Dorney. He will take the principles of the Bucks Plan and apply them to a Dorney Community Plan to present at the next meeting.
- **Finance** A response has been received from the Dorney Village Hall Management Committee (DVHMC). They have taken legal advice regarding payment to Dorney Parish Council as recompense for the expense incurred by Dorney ratepayers in taking out the loan for the hall refurbishment. The answer was no. The lawyer considers that DPC obtained the approval of parish residents to the increase in the precept required to fund the loan, and that DVHMC's reserves are correctly intended to avoid the need to ask DPC for financial help in the future. DVHMC have also concluded they should not pay more than £250 for ground maintenance during this current year and will seek quotes for contracting out the ground maintenance work in the future. Lastly, DVHMC will consider the proposal to waive the room hire fee charged to DPC as part of a wider review at a meeting (date not known). Dorney Parish Council has never asked DVHMC to do anything illegal or unconstitutional and we are disappointed with this response as it is factually incorrect. The contribution DVHMC made towards the upkeep of the village was not to do with the loan but a contribution towards the Village maintenance work after devolved highways funding was cut. Also, it is disappointing that DVHMC no longer wish to use DPC's Village maintenance staff. It is sad that DVHMC no longer want to collaborate with DPC after the support DPC gave the Village Hall during its major refurbishment works and there now appears to be a lack of willingness to help the community. This will mean that the precept will need to be increased significantly next year to compensate for this. DPC will wait for further communication once DVHMC have convened their next meeting.
- **Grounds Maintenance Work** This will re-commence w/c May 18th.
- **Correspondence/Complaints** A resident was unhappy about contacting the Clerk to the Council as a means of contacting councillors. The response is that this is the normal point of contact for parish councils and the Clerk then passes on any correspondence to ensure it is actioned. There have been complaints about cyclists not following 'No cycling' rules in various village locations and not following the two metre rules. Cllr Foxley suggested it was time to ask the Bucks CC Highways Department for pedestrian barriers outside the Rowing Lake. Complaints about the usage of Trumpers Field should be resolved by the gate being locked to prevent vehicular access. Cllr Purdie had spoken to the maintenance worker painting the red telephone box in Taplow who could do the same for the Harcourt Road box for £120 including rub down and painting. There was a need here, and this is to be added to the next agenda.
- **Next Meeting** A VIRTUAL ZOOM meeting at 8pm on Tuesday June 9th
 - (1) It was confirmed later that the Burnham tip would re-open on May 29th
 - (2) Dorney Lake was re-opened later in the week of the PC meeting.

Village Hall update

This is the time of year when we would have been expecting to hold our Annual General Meeting. Indeed, we had a provisional date in the diary, for 11 June, and I would now have been encouraging you to attend. But these are not normal times. The hall is currently closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, and at the present time we do not know when we will be able to reopen, nor when we can hold our AGM. When we do have dates, we will publicise as widely as possible, including in DPN and on Nextdoor Dorney. We are checking the hall regularly to make sure it's OK, but please keep an eye open for anything untoward when you happen to be passing.

Readers may recall that, over recent months, the reports of parish council meetings have mentioned an issue over the money which the village hall pays to the council for ground maintenance. The report of their May meeting in this DPN includes a further update. I want to take this opportunity to explain our position.

When Bucks County Council reduced the Devolved Highways subsidy to the parish council in 2015, the village hall agreed to pay the council £1,250 annually as a contribution to the cost of keeping the village grass cut. This year, the council asked if we would consider increasing our contribution towards ground maintenance to £1,500. We had already taken the view that the cost of cutting the grass on the hall's land (the small area enclosed within the post and rail fences) would be much less than the £1,250 we were paying – say, £250.

However, when the hall had needed to be renovated back in 2014, the council took out a loan, funded by an increase in the parish rates precept, to make a grant to the hall. We recognise the significant support that Dorney ratepayers and the council have provided to the hall, and we charge Dorney residents only half the normal fee for private hire of the hall and Dorney organisations, such as the Playground's tuck shop and youth club, are charged nothing. We will look sympathetically at the council's request for their hire charge also to be waived when we review our pricing policy.

We wanted to explore if there was something more we could do. The village hall is a charity and the trustees concluded that we needed to seek legal advice on this increasingly complicated issue to determine exactly what we could and couldn't pay for. The lawyer, who incidentally volunteered his services free of charge, has made clear to us that we are not permitted to make payments for anything outside our charitable aims, which are to look after the village hall as a facility for the community. This means we cannot pay towards the general upkeep of the village, nor can we make any kind of special payment to the council in recompense for their loan costs or for ratepayers' contributions towards the hall. Put simply, our hands are tied. The other thing we are doing, and must continue to do, is to build up reserve funds in order to avoid having to ask the parish for financial support in the future.

It would not be right to change our payment to the parish council for cutting our grass at this point in the year, but we have given notice that we intend to seek quotes for ground maintenance work for next year. This will give us the opportunity to specify the service we want to keep the area around the hall looking well maintained - for example, not just grass cutting but also keeping the paths weed free. The council will certainly be invited to bid for this if they wish.

I hope this makes things clearer.

Virginia Silvester
Secretary, Dorney Village Hall Management Committee

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