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EDITORIAL

After reading the June issue of 'Dorney Parish News', one of our parish councillors expressed the hope that future issues of this magazine would be more 'positive'. Well, the mood around here in May was pretty fretful, it was a very long issue, and most articles were somewhat serious. Of our wonderful contributors, Mike Quincey went out of his way to make us chuckle. In this issue, Mike does not seek to be humorous. If you read nothing else in this issue, read Mike's piece. I imagine it's as significant as anything this magazine has ever published.

OK, so a positive issue for July 2020...well, the weather has by and large been very pleasant. Not that you can enjoy it much in Dorney Reach, what with the sheet piling on the Marsh Lane bridge....whoops, sorry, forgot, this is the positive July issue. Let's see, Chelsea defeated Manchester City to hand the Premier League title, won by a record margin, to Liverpool. That ticked all the boxes on both sides of my extended family.

Talking of the good weather, everybody I chat with in Dorney seems to be revelling in daily exercise routines, bike rides, and familiar walks. Trouble is so many are disappointed to be blocked from familiar walks around Dorney Lake and wondering when, and if, footpaths will be accessible...sorry, I do keep forgetting...positive, positive...

Now for some really good news – Chrys Fisher intends to open up the Palmer Arms around the time this magazine reaches you. The new Pineapple should follow not long behind. Congratulations to the team at the 'Palmer's' who sound as if they're raring to go. Indeed, this issue is produced against a backdrop of re-opening. We've just heard that the café at Crocus at Dorney Court will open on July 6th. St James the Less, Dorney Church, is opening next week in the afternoons for 'private prayer and meditation'. Actually, perhaps 'Dorney Parish News' when considering those last items should reverse the order of priority....

The June issue went to press before the summit conference at Dorney Lake. It was very positive that all sides did get together so speedily and, while closure is unfortunate, we have not seen a repeat of the invasions and blocked roads, and the closure seems to be holding. In reality, it is doubtful that Eton College will attempt to permanently close ancient paths or that Bucks Council would agree to such a request.

It is frustrating that Balfour Beatty insist that vibrations monitored at the Marsh Lane bridge are 'well below levels that are likely to cause any cosmetic or structural damage' (our county councillor who is quoted in the Parish Pump as saying that Dorney Reach residents should be 'patient' should have been standing in our rattling greenhouse last week), but it is true that we are probably a week or two away from the end of the worst excesses of the Marsh Lane bridgeworks and that traffic will be running over the bridge by mid-October. Residents of Dorney Reach will now send their sympathy to those in Lake End and hope that disruption there is rather more bearable...

However positive we seek to be about Dorney, it is clear that our community faces a host of issues. Dorney was ill-prepared for the problems caused by the Covid-19 lockdown. There is work required on an Emergency Plan and a Parish Plan. The sort of problems coming down the track are illustrated by the Crown Farm disaster at the same time as the reaction of the Eton Wick community indicates a way forward. Almost certainly the time has come for this village to form a community association. An article on the next page sets out the thoughts that several in the village are having. 'Dorney Parish News' wants to hear its readers' opinions and reaction to the idea of such an association. Please respond – positively.

Does Our Village Need A ‘Dorney Community Association’?

More and more discussions seem to be taking place about a ‘community association’ for Dorney. Is now the time for such a group to emerge? What might such a body set out to achieve? Could we follow examples from other neighbouring communities? What might such a ‘Community Association’ look like? Most importantly, what do Dorney residents think of such a plan?

Why a Community Association? – Issues and Threats

Read through any issue of ‘Dorney Parish News’ and particularly the Parish Pump and the full range of issues confronting the Parish Council and the community at large becomes apparent. Over time, issues are turning into threats. Issues of parking and vandalism around Dorney Lake plus the mayhem brought to Dorney Reach by Highways England’s Smart Motorway have made the early summer traumatic. The South Bucks Local Plan is seen as posing a threat to the Green Belt while the call is growing for Dorney to have its own Parish Plan. Multiple highways issues and suspicion of the new Unitary Authority muddy the relations with the new Bucks Council. Above all, a dark shadow over us all has been the Covid-19 lockdown.

These problems are of growing complexity. They are long running – just think of the Orchard Herbs Farm saga. Pandemics demand wide community involvement as we all adopt new behaviours, and many are eager to assist their neighbours. The Lake and the M4 create a different kind of involvement as we have seen an outpouring of outrage and anxiety on social media. In the last year or so attendance by residents at Parish Council meetings, now successfully migrated online, has shot up.

New technology would in fact give a cutting edge to a community group set up in the 2020s. Email makes communication easier, Nextdoor usage became widespread this summer and we’ve been informed of several WhatsApp groups flourishing in different parts of our village.

What would a Community Association set out to achieve?

If the aim were to improve Dorney as a place to live in, work in and to visit, this aim could be fulfilled in a number of ways. A sense of community could be developed by the organisation of events and public meetings. Such an association would ensure that residents are kept abreast of current and future news, events and developments in the local community, alongside ‘Dorney Parish News’ and a dedicated website. Local people would be involved in the improvement and maintenance of the environment of Dorney. Funds could be raised as appropriate to achieve these objectives. A CA could liaise with statutory and non-statutory agencies and wider organisations as appropriate.

A group like this should find an organised, positive and constructive way to work alongside the Parish Council. At present, bearing in mind all those issues, it could be said that around 700 residents are leaving 7 volunteers on Dorney Parish Council to do all the heavy lifting. The community working together should come up with

sensible suggestions and the willingness (and maybe, in some cases, the skills and experience) to do something about each complex issue which arises.

How do other communities set about this 'heavy lifting'?

It would be a reasonable argument that as so many of our neighbours have such groups, Dorney should simply not be left behind. But those who come late to the game can choose from a wider range of approaches.

The Hitcham and Taplow Society has long flourished (and, incidentally, produces a superb newsletter) but the home page of its website indicates a slightly narrower focus – 'Conservation, Heritage, Community'. The HTS has aimed to protect Taplow from 'overdevelopment and neglect' for some 60 years.

The emphasis can be on 'protest'. The Beaconsfield Society under the banner of its Beaconsfield Now website and newsletter has been bitterly opposed to the South Bucks Local Plan and hence the ex-South Bucks District Council. Visit the site now and you are greeted by jubilation... 'there is a strong likelihood that the only option will be for the Council to withdraw the Plan'. Dorney did have its own protest group in the 1990s, DROPET, which aimed to prevent, or at least mitigate, what it saw as a decade of disruption during the construction of the Lake. This group was notable for an exceptional level of support among residents, a flair for publicity and harnessing expert allies and, most relevant today, a close relationship with the Parish Council. But Eton College won their appeal, so the group came to an end.

The best models for Dorney today are probably two mainstream organisations across the Common, the Eton Wick Village Association (EWVA) and the Eton Community Association (ECA). They both have close relations with local councillors – according to a committee member of one of the groups, Ron Lewandowski was instrumental in the establishment of both groups. Ron is Eton's current mayor and the Chair of Eton Town Council. The ECA may appear the better established with a fine website, a flourishing publication 'Eton Matters' and objectives very close to those outlined above. But the EWVA is more likely to have caught the attention of Dorney residents recently – the association raised pledges of around £111,000 to allow residents to (unsuccessfully) bid in the recent Crown Farm auction and organised a team of volunteers to deliver food and medicines at the start of the lockdown. Several households in Dorney benefitted from such deliveries from the EWVA and Nisa cooperation.

EWVA got going around 2014 and developed out of residents' participation in the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. A committee of some 8-9 members was formed and, initially, monthly meetings were held. A quarterly email newsletter is still circulated, and the main flagship of the Association is its Facebook pages.

What might be the structure of a Community Association in Dorney?

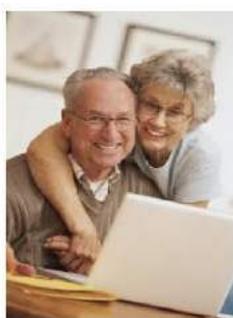
No constitution has been drafted because the body as yet does not exist. Membership would be open to all residents. All members might have a vote at open public meetings. A committee might have a minimum of five members. County Councillors would be invited to report on council matters. The committee may well set up sub-groups and working parties. We might have around four open meetings a year plus an AGM.

How can Dorney residents help?

Should Dorney be like other local communities and set up a community group? Does the model followed in Eton Town and Eton Wick find favour? Do you think such an organisation would be of aid to the Parish Council in charting a way through the rough waters awaiting us?

The easiest route is to make your opinions known on social media. You can register your interest either on Facebook (search Dorney Community) or on Nextdoor by searching under Groups for Dorney Community or let us know if you'd like to be added to a WhatsApp group. Alternatively contact 'Dorney Parish News' by email (peter.bowman@talktalk.net) or phone (07889912714). This magazine would be very happy to publish any viewpoints, favourable or otherwise.

We probably all have similar, positive feelings about this great place in which we live. Maybe that positivity can be channelled and nurtured by a future 'Dorney Community'. Do let us know, please.



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For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site:
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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 Jesus said 'aren't 2 sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground apart from the will of the Father.' In my weekly email I asked folks to make a list of the birds they saw in their gardens - lock-down bird-spotting. Someone replied with a list of 22 they saw in the garden that day and 6 flying above!

Jesus talks about this in the context of telling his apprentices not to be afraid as they venture out in imitation of him into the big wide world. It can be scary speaking up for something that is against a general trend or demonstrating love in a context of antagonism. Standing up and saying something can feel like launching yourself off into the open air with nothing below you. In our thespian days, we used to do a sketch about a baby bird learning to fly and being told by the adult bird 'you have to jump off the edge'. The baby bird is in utter disbelief that anyone could be asked to do something so stupid in order to learn to fly.

Yikes! Do you mean I can't just rely on the status quo, nor rely on others to make my mind up for me, nor rely on the courage and wisdom of others to get me through? You mean I have to launch out myself and speak up for the disadvantaged? You mean I have to oppose those with financial and reputational clout sometimes in order to make a stand for what is right and good? Let me back into the nest please!

Jesus' wisdom teaches going back into the nest isn't an option. Following him feels initially like a sort of jumping-off, like a death. But no student is above his master, he says. He went through it in the trust that God was at the bottom of it. And we are called to do likewise. So, gulp, what am I being called to speak up for or stand up for today? God give me the courage to do it.

Check out our website at <http://www.stjohnstjamesed.org.uk/> for church information.

We are live-streaming our Sunday Service at 10 am on <https://www.facebook.com/647610252009554/live/>

We even have a Youtube channel where the services are posted afterwards: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrxTZavr1JAHQxVE10YIgtA>

Do email me at revlastacey@gmail.com if you would like to receive updates.



St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

This beautiful church will reopen in July.

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

Jubilee River Volunteers

Are you one of our community's 'silent' volunteers - helping to keep the Jubilee River rubbish free?



"John Halsey and his daughter Imogen with the first of many black sacks of rubbish picked up near the Jubilee River. Thanks to Dorney Parish Council for providing litter pickers and heavy-duty bags."

Following a request from a resident, Dorney Parish Council has sourced a number of grabbers and heavy-duty bags which are available to those who would like them.

It is a great sadness that so many who enjoy this wonderful environment don't take their rubbish home.

We have made a request to the Environment Agency to place signage reminding people to do this.

If you would like to volunteer for clearing the leftovers of others' pleasure along stretches of the Jubilee River, please contact me (jill@daxfamily.com)

If you would like me to drop you a grabber and some heavy-duty bags, let me know.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Jill Dax

The Palmer Arms, and soon The Pineapple, reopen

The Palmer Arms will re-open on July 4th. The normal opening times of midday to 11.00 pm apply. Tables will be available inside and outside the pub. People need to book their table for inside or outside as they will only be able to let people in that there is table space for - there will be no standing at the bar, just table service.



The pub does have a new outside bar for people that do not want to have to venture inside. A wide range of drinks will be available from here.

Work is proceeding on a new play area which children will be able to use from the re-opening.

Tables are a maximum of 6 people, and where possible, if you have a larger group they will aim to have your tables adjacent to each other. If you

book an outside table please understand that no one can control the weather – alas, if the heavens open, you are unable to all run undercover into the pub.

Please be patient as, in common with other venues, details about guests need to be recorded. You will need to specify a length of time you require a table for, but Chrys does not intend, at present, to limit this time.

Chrys and Hanna say ‘we really appreciate your understanding at this tricky time and please be assured we will do our best to accommodate everyone’s requests within the guidelines as best we can’.

Work has just started again on the refurbished ‘Pineapple’. Everybody hopes that The Pineapple will re-open in mid to late July, most probably around the 17th.

Chrys has told us that he wishes it were possible to throw a full-scale welcoming party for residents, but that’s not really possible at present. I’m sure Chrys will reveal lots of attractions to tempt us to visit the new premises, as if we needed them!

‘Dorney Parish News’ wishes every success to the re-opened Palmer Arms and Pineapple, as we do to all local catering businesses currently gearing up to welcome us all back.

Please call for booking a table at The Palmer Arms (inside & outside) **on 01628 666612**

The Price

Retirement evades me. I admire enormously friends who have activities, be they marriages, grandchildren through to golf and fishing, so all absorbing that they need little else.

Sadly, that's not me. After retiring from 28 years of front-line Met policing, and mercifully with most bits still working, such was the regular adrenaline rush, there was no way I was going to stop.

After various law enforcement related jobs, I found myself in a smart green uniform, a new boy at seventy, in Wexham Ambulance Station, slightly lost and disorientated as all newbies are.

Very soon, I was deemed sufficiently trained to be let loose alone, unglamorously ferrying patients of varying capacity to their clinics all over the area. I loved the challenge and admired remarkable people whose problems made mine pale into insignificance as they smilingly battled on, their courage inspiring. Some became regular professional friends. I had heard of a 'Hospital Liaison Officer'.

"What do they do?" I asked a colleague.

"Oh, it's a bit of a handful that job," he grimaced. "Going round the hospital arranging discharges and taking a lot of flak when things don't go according to plan. Stick to the ambulance mate. I'd advise that."

A few days later, I met Paul in the office at the station, pounding away on a computer, phone in hand, clearly busy, under pressure and coping well. He appeared to be a man who fought his corner, but with great compassion and honesty. He looked up at the 'Newbie'.

"Hallo," smiled the harassed Paul. "Welcome to Wexham."

His phone kept ringing as he dealt with various issues, all the time gesticulating that I should hang on for a moment.

"Right," he smiled again. "Time for a coffee?" as he strutted to the nearby kitchen, putting on two kettles to boil. "Why two kettles?" I asked.

"The crews will be in shortly looking for a drink. Nothing worse than having to wait when you're busy. Well, nice to meet you. How are you getting on?"

I was amazed that this very busy man had time for me, and we chatted as he took calls and made arrangements. He seemed genuinely interested; it seemed we had been neighbours years earlier and enjoyed recalling people we both knew; all this while he made me coffee and kept the discharges running.

Our paths crossed occasionally, and months later, Paul decided for whatever reason, to return to the vehicles, and I was delighted when we were posted together.

As I arrived about fifteen minutes before our first shift commenced at eight am, Paul was bustling around the vehicle, carefully checking everything (a formidable task at 7.30 on a cold winter morning, one which I hated), while I hadn't even got my coat off.

"Coffee's on," he grinned, keys in hand. "It's all checked. You want to drive, or shall I?" "I prefer to drive if you don't mind," I said, hurriedly trying to catch up. He threw me the keys.

"Relax Mike," he soothed. "It's all done. Our first job's in half an hour. Take your time. Do you take sugar?" he enquired, spoon hovering over freshly made coffee.

Once 'on the job' it was clear that Paul was the consummate professional, who had done it for years. Nothing phased him as he calmed the occasional frightened aggressive patient, encouraged busy hospital ward staff, gently advised this newbie and chatted amiably with hospital staff, from cleaners to doctors, who clearly knew and admired him as much as I was growing to.

Later we drove down a dismal cul-de-sac in the shadow of a road bridge running over the adjacent Great Western Railway in a less desirable part of Slough, parked next to an abandoned wrecked Ford, picked our way through broken shopping trollies, beer cans and needles and knocked on the peeling front door. Mary (not her real name) tripped out; late forties in the latter stages of some cancers, skilful makeup applied, carefully and cleverly dressed, cancer slim with a colourful scarf around her head.

"Hello Mike," she smiled. "How are you keeping?"

She was one of the aforementioned professional friends.

"I'm fine thanks Mary. And you? How's it all going?"

"Well, it is what it is."

"Yes," I pondered. "Meet Paul."

"Very nice to meet you Paul," she grinned, and as I drove, she and I chatted about her Mum, Partner, and children amiably, and my children and grandchildren. It was a lovely chat between old acquaintances on her way to her chemotherapy. We took her into the clinic, said goodbye and returned to the ambulance. Paul had been unusually quiet.

"Do you know," he grinned, "that was quite remarkable."

"Really?" I said.

"She has gone in there knowing she is not just a number. That was beautifully done. I've learned a lot about you. Well done."

Modesty prevents me from going further, but praise from this hugely experienced, very talented likeable man was as welcome as it was unexpected.

We were running late. "Should we work through lunch?" I suggested without any real enthusiasm. "Definitely not," he replied. "We do that, we'll end up doing it all too often, get sick, and what use would we be? We take our half hour break," which we did, endlessly chatting as we munched sandwiches in a hospital canteen.

The more I worked with him, the greater grew my admiration, as he always thought of others, with that rare gift given to very few of giving his absolute personal attention, diverted by nothing. A stickler for doing the job 'right' he stuck to his guns no matter how difficult 'doing it right' became.

On 24th March, I was sent home for twelve weeks to isolate from Covid 19.

A week or so later, Paul isolated, and three weeks later, he was dead.

For me, and many others, that has been the real price of Covid 19 and when I return, as I most certainly will, the absence of his care for us, boiling kettles, checked vehicles, wise counsel and putting us first will leave a chasm that will never be filled.

Rest in Peace my good friend.

Mike

Mike Quincey

South Bucks Local Plan: Slough Borough to expand into Dorney and Taplow?

During the discussions last year as to whether Dorney should remain in Bucks or move into The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, an email dropped into my Inbox from a long-standing local resident that made me undertake some careful research.

His comment was along the lines of – watch out for Slough Borough, who are attempting to expand into South Bucks!

He was 100% correct. Slough Borough have been running short of land on which to build houses for some years. Slough is a rapidly expanding town, driven mainly through the development of the Slough Trading Estate and the Town Centre.

The much-debated Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan (2016/2036) has become seriously bogged down during the Inspectors Examination process primarily due to the Slough anticipated housing shortage over the next 20 years and Slough's desire to expand into South Bucks.

The Slough Borough "adventure" into "acquiring" South Bucks land for expansion started seriously in September 2017 with the publication of the Slough Northern Extension Consultation document:

http://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/171004_AtkinsSlough_NorthernExn_Report.pdf

This Consultation document recognised that even if all the identified spatial options within Slough Borough were implemented, it would not be possible to accommodate all of Slough's housing and employment needs within the Borough.

As a result, a number of options were proposed which involved meeting this need elsewhere.

One of these, Option J1, involved the northern expansion of Slough into South Bucks in the form of a "garden suburb" [*involving Green Belt land*]. A broad area of search was identified from Burnham [*including Dorney and Taplow, we believe*] to Richings Park but no further details were included in the Consultation.

This proposal is not supported by South Bucks. However, where there are overlapping proposals between authorities a Duty to Cooperate requirement kicks in. Not surprisingly, this is proving a vexed process and has come to the fore during the Examination of the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan by the Planning Inspectorate. In fact, it is currently blocking the completion of the Examination. The details of the ongoing debate between Bucks Council and the Inspectors may be found here:

<https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/article/10406/Local-Plan-Examination>

As a result of the Duty to Co-operate work and a successful bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Joint Working Fund, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, in conjunction with Slough Borough Council and South Bucks District Council, commissioned a joint study to address issues arising from future growth that is anticipated from the Slough, Maidenhead and Windsor urban area.

RBWM and Slough Borough were awarded £947,000 from the Working Fund for "increased capacity in joint planning" between 2017 and 2019. This funding is being invested in a Wider Area Growth Study into housing needs, which is comprised of 2 parts:

Wider Area Growth Study Part 1 – Defining the area of search

The first part was commissioned in 2018 and explored the functional geographies associated with the Slough/Maidenhead/Windsor urban cluster.

The Part 1 Study was completed in 2019 and identified a geographic area of search for potentially accommodating the future growth needs of the Slough/Maidenhead and Windsor urban cluster.

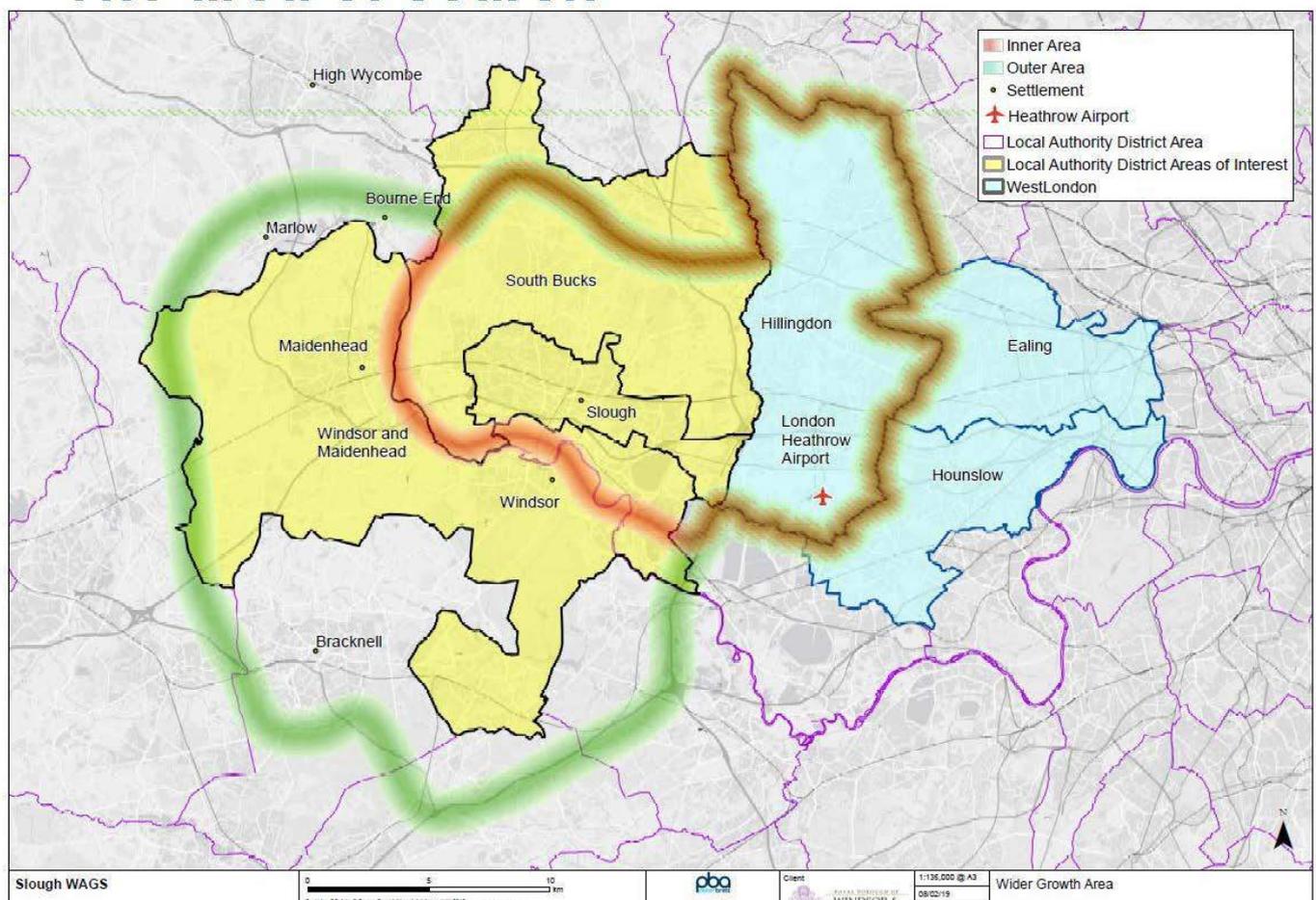
The identified geographic area of search includes the following local authorities:

- All of Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead [**inc. Dorney, Taplow and Burnham**] and Hillingdon
- Parts of Buckinghamshire, Bracknell Forest, Surrey Heath, Runnymede

The full Part 1 report can be found here:

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/WiderAreaGrowthStudy-Part1Report.pdf>

The area of search



The recommendations are as follows:

In summary, we recommend two areas of search, as shown in the map above.

The narrow area [including Dorney and Taplow] has the best chance of meeting the needs of Slough. In addition to Slough borough, it includes the London Borough of Hillingdon and sections of RBWM and South Bucks district.

The above areas should be the starting point when looking for housing land to help meet the needs of our core area.

It almost goes without saying that new areas identified for housing development should be served by transport infrastructure that connects them to the main towns and employment areas in the core districts, as appropriate. In relation to Slough's need specifically, homes would also need to be delivered at a price point prospective new residents could afford which may suggest some critical mass is needed as opposed to smaller schemes that take their values from existing settlements.

Local Housing Needs Assessment. To inform the emerging Local Plans and to help support Part 2 of the Wider Area Growth Study, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead in conjunction with Slough Borough Council and Chiltern/South Bucks District Councils commissioned a study to carry out a Local Housing Needs Assessment (LHNA) .

The study, which was completed in October 2019, looked at the amount and nature of housing need within the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, Slough **and the southern part of South Bucks [south of the M40].**

This study determined that the area had a total housing requirement of 1,454 dwellings per annum (14,540 dwellings over the 10 years). It is not clear whether these dwellings are included in the current Slough Borough Local Plan 2019/2039 or Chiltern & South Bucks Local Plan for 2016/2036.

The full Local Housing Needs Assessment report can be found here:

<http://www.slough.gov.uk/downloads/RBWM-Slough-SBucks-LHNA.pdf>

The Wider Area Growth Study Part 2, which started work in May 2020, will identify potential strategic spatial options for accommodating future development needs of the Slough/Maidenhead and Windsor urban area, test these options and make recommendations for consideration in relevant Local Plans and for use in Duty to Co-operate discussions.

It is expected to be completed in October 2020.

It may not be a pleasant read for Dorney and Taplow residents.

Bill Dax

Prior to publication, I asked Roger Worthington, Secretary, Hitcham and Taplow Society, for his views on my article. I thank him for his extremely helpful comments, which were as follows:

I have no edits / corrections for your article which sets the situation out very clearly.

My thoughts:

- *I think the government assumed that the Duty to Cooperate would lead to agreements although there is no such legal requirement. But the total (government defined) housing needs across this area cannot be met without further wholesale destruction of the Green Belt or a major revision of housing strategies and*

calculations. Inspectors are rejecting a number of Local Plans on Duty to Cooperate grounds, looking rather like a delaying tactic.

- The various reports you cite are presumably a necessary background to arm the districts in preparation for a big row with each other and the government. Whether, as you query, the demographic housing calculation is in addition to the government standard calculations will be a major argument.
- It is rather unclear as to what will happen next. If the Inspectors win the Hearing (whenever) the SBDC/CDC plan will have to be resubmitted and re-consulted. This outcome opens the door to wholesale revisions to include Slough plans and the outcomes of the current set of reports etc. If SBDC/CDC wins, then Slough has to say it cannot meet its government mandated numbers. In any event a new SBDC/CDC Local Plan must be some way off, leaving us formally exposed as not having an up-to-date Plan, giving much greater scope to developers. The RBWM Local Plan is still bogged down also so might get caught up in the arrangements.
- My understanding within SBDC was that the Slough approach would be centred around Stoke Poges rather than Taplow/Dorney but that was before the current set of reports.
- A worry is that Taplow station is seriously under-used and has land around it. The demographic report identified the importance of developing close to stations.
- Not sure there is much we can do other than wait and keep informed. We (the Taplow Neighbourhood Plan Working Group) put our plan on hold to assess the impact of the current SBDC/CDC draft. The impact of the plan as written, and the current uncertainties make it rather unrealistic to proceed much further right now.
- There is in fact a Planning White paper in preparation which we should track if possible and consider submissions to (perhaps via Bucks councillors or our MP)?

Planning Applications (Validated and Decided) during June 2020

Dorney Parish

From South Bucks District Council Planning website:
pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/

Validated:

The Lodge Boveney Court Boveney Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QD

Full restoration to the entrance gates and existing piers and installation of new automation including erection of posts with sensors

Ref. No: PL/20/1796/FA | Validated: Mon 22 Jun 2020 | Status: Registered

Decided:

None

WARTIME REFUGEES IN DORNEY

When I was looking at the 1939 Register, recording all those living in Dorney on 29 September 1939, I was intrigued to see two women servants with German names living in Dorney Reach. This seemed odd, as we were by that time at war with Germany, and I wanted to find out more.

The two women were working as servants for Victor Lefebure, who was living in the house called Longwaters in Dorney Reach with his wife and three children. Victor was a chemical engineer of some renown. As a young captain in the Royal Engineers during the First World War, he carried out one of the most successful gas attacks of the war for the French at Nieuport in 1916. Subsequently his expert field knowledge of chemical warfare and his fluency in French saw him promoted to be British Chemical Warfare Liaison Officer with the French. For his services he was awarded the OBE and received honours from the French and Italian governments. After the war he became an industrial chemist but retained an interest in chemical warfare. He published two books which increasingly focussed on the importance of disarming the capability to produce chemical weapons and became an advocate for world peace.

Dorney was not the main home for Victor and his family; their permanent residence was in Golders Green in north London. Maybe the house on the banks of the river Thames offered a tranquil retreat, a place of safety for them in the early days of the war. Longwaters had an acre of grounds and a separate boathouse, which by 1951 had been converted to residential use and was still occupied by the Lefebure family. In September 1939, the household included a governess for the two younger children, and two domestic servants, housemaid Otilie Muller and cook Olga Kalb. Otilie was divorced and Olga was single; both women had been born on 10 August 1895.

A couple of months later, the two women were granted exemption from internment by the British Government as aliens. Tribunals had been set up to determine if an enemy alien should be interned or exempt from internment. Their record cards at the National Archives confirm their dates of birth and state that they were born in Vienna and were of German nationality. They were refugees and did not wish to be repatriated. Otilie's normal occupation was a music teacher while Olga had been an assistant in a jeweller's shop. Both were now domestic servants employed by Mrs Lefebure at Longwaters.

Keen to discover more of their backstory, I guessed that they were probably Jewish and turned to a website specialising in Jewish genealogy. This showed me that Otilie and Olga were indeed Jewish. They were twin sisters and had two older brothers. Their parents had both died before the tumultuous events which hit Viennese Jews in 1938.

At the beginning of 1938 there was a thriving Jewish community in Vienna, numbering 175,000 or nearly 10% of the population. Although a few of them had already left, mainly for Palestine, the majority were carrying on their lives as normal.

This all changed in March 1938 when German Nazi troops occupied Austria and annexed it to Germany – the *Anschluss*. There was an outburst of anti-Semitism in Vienna and Jewish people were attacked and humiliated. In May 1938, the German racial laws were applied in Austria which rendered Austrian Jews stateless with no rights. Those who could sought to leave. Others were arrested and sent to Dachau concentration camp in Bavaria. This is what happened to Oskar Kalb, brother of Otilie and Olga. He arrived in Dachau by train on 24 June 1938 and was transferred to Buchenwald on 23 September.

In Vienna conditions for the Jewish population deteriorated. Kristallnacht in November 1938 saw synagogues burned down and Jewish businesses vandalized and ransacked. More Austrian Jews were arrested and sent to Dachau and Buchenwald. By mid-May 1939, nearly half of Austria's entire Jewish population had emigrated. In May 1938, the British Government had introduced visas for Austrian refugees to restrict numbers; their consulate in Vienna was besieged by Jews anxious to escape, there were queues and backlogs, and many applicants were unsuccessful. But a more lenient approach was taken towards Jewish women entering Britain to work as domestic servants resident in private households. This must have been the route taken by Otilie and Olga.

The process of selecting Jewish women in Vienna for entry as domestic servants was supported there by a Jewish communal organisation and by the Society of Friends. Either might have been the means by which the Kalb sisters found refuge in the Lefebure household. Living in Golders Green, the Lefebure family would have been aware of the plight of European Jews through their neighbours. They also had some connection to the Society of Friends; Victor and his wife Mary had married in a Friends' Meeting House.

Otilie and Olga probably did not spend many years working for Mrs Lefebure. Certainly by 1945 they were living in Luton, and then moved to Islington. They were living in Camden by the time Olga died in 1979, followed by Otilie in 1985.

I feared what might have been the fate of their brother Oskar, incarcerated in Buchenwald. However, I was pleased to discover that he and his wife had obtained immigration papers for the US in Marseille in July 1942, and they had sailed from Lisbon three months later, arriving safely in Baltimore to start a new life.

At a time when there were quite a few strangers living in Dorney, not least children evacuated from London, I wonder what the locals made of the two middle-aged refugees from Vienna. I hope they were made to feel welcome, and that the peacefulness of the Thames Valley was some comfort to them at a time of great upheaval in their lives.

Virginia Silvester

Thames Valley Police and Dorney Lake

For many years, the community of Dorney has enjoyed the privilege of a scenic Olympic Rowing Lake, on their doorstep. Yet, along with these advantages, have come unforeseen drawbacks, as its reputation has spread, and it has attracted visitors from across the whole county, and even further afield.

With ever-increasing numbers attending the venue, so have incidents of anti-social behaviour and inconsiderate parking increased. To address this, Thames Valley Police have been working in partnership with Eton College and Buckinghamshire Council, seeking the best means to manage how Dorney Lake can be peacefully enjoyed by all.

This is no easy feat, as problems often only become evident once many hundreds of attendees are already present, and modest numbers of the local officers and site security are then faced with an unenviable challenge when attempting to resolve pockets of disorder spread across hundreds of acres, and dozens of cars choking nearby roads.

Similarly, local residents firmly held expectations of those not always best-placed to help: the police hold only a limited role in delivering parking enforcement (yellow line markings are the responsibility of Transport for Bucks, whilst police powers are restricted to obvious and dangerous obstructions of the highway).

The identified solution was to seek additional powers, in the form of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which allowed us to address the early indicators of potential problems - before they got out of hand.

Through collaboration with Buckinghamshire Council, an application for such an order was granted, and we have since generated service level agreements, by which Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire Council and Eton College all know what part they play in tackling the overall problem.

Whilst these arrangements were still being put in place, the need for them was brought into stark focus with the events of early June 2020.

With unprecedented numbers descending upon the Lake, it was clear that only by greater control over entry could we stand a realistic chance of the PSPO proving effective.

As such, we support the site's decision to install robust fencing, securing their perimeter from those who might otherwise gain unmonitored access.

Once these provisions are in-place, we are optimistic that the law-abiding majority will once again be able to enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Dorney Lake.

Police Sergeant 6792 Rachel Dale

Neighbourhood Sergeant, Chiltern and South Bucks LPA Beaconsfield, Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Common, Farnham Royal and Taplow



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Memories of Phyllis Wallbank from some of her Neighbours – The Hodges

As you will have seen from the May edition of DPN, Phyllis Wallbank sadly passed away on the 9th April at the age of 101. We first met Phyllis 23 years ago when we first moved to Boveney Road, on the common and we: Jess, Neil and our children have very fond memories, some of which we would like to share.

Our children used to like to visit the 'Pink House' where Phyllis lived. She always had lots of time for them and as they grew up, she gave them lots of wise advice and anecdotes that we, and they, still quote to this day. Phyllis always had plenty of encouragement for them which has helped them through their schooling, university and careers.

We used to visit Phyllis on a regular basis. One day we turned up at her house with our new Golden Retriever puppy, which Phyllis immediately fell in love with. She had recently lost her little dog and was desperate to have another dog. All of you who knew Phyllis would be aware that she could be very persuasive. We remember her appeals of "Please get me another dog, I desperately need another dog, just like yours, a big dog that I won't trip over." Well, we weren't sure that we would be able to find what she was looking for, but got back home and opened the local newspaper and started at the section marked 'Animals for sale' and there right at the top was an ad saying: "Two year old Golden retriever - free to a good home, we can no longer care for our lovely dog and wish him to go to a good owner."

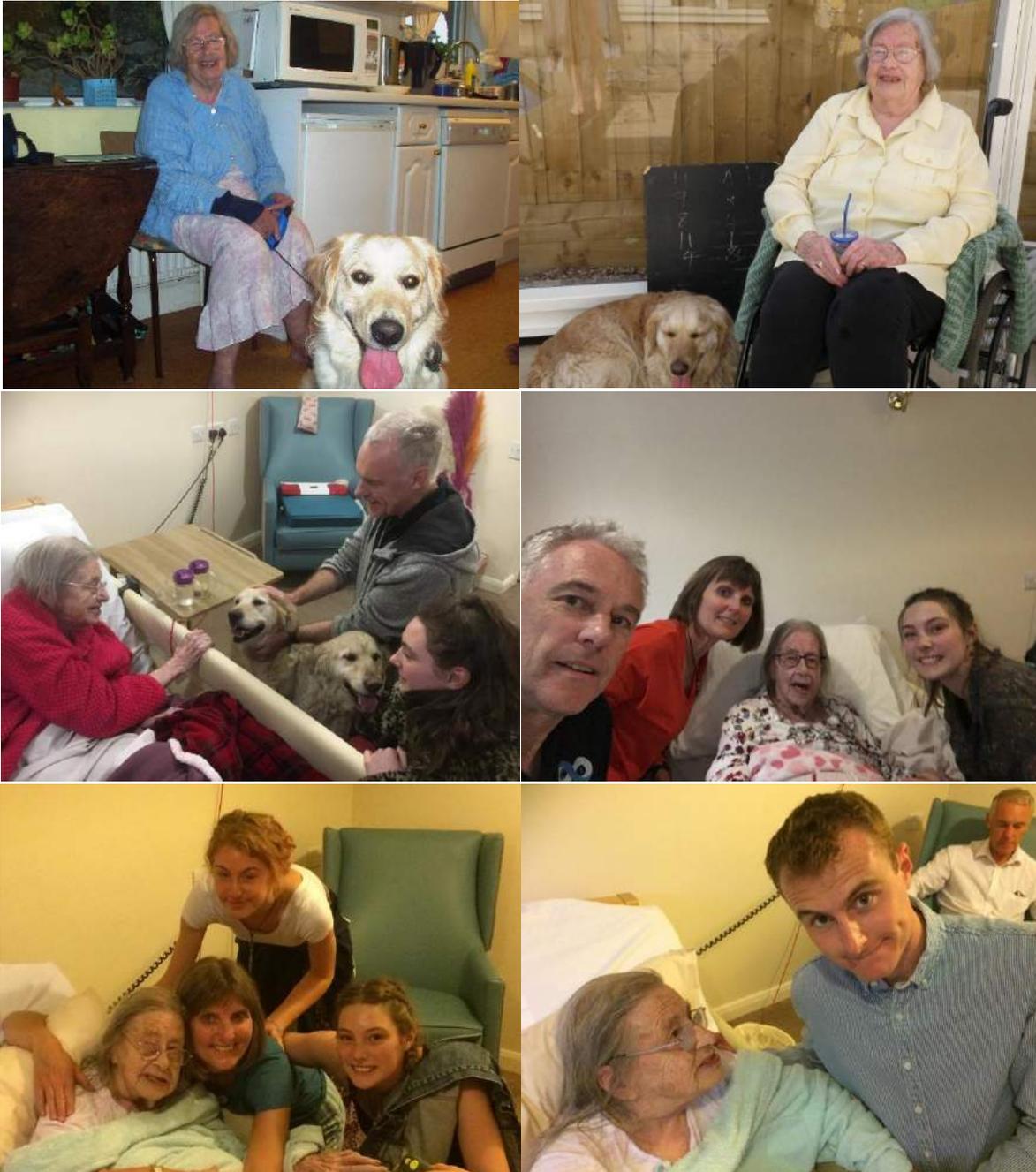
The ad was from Langley. We immediately got on the phone and found that he was still available and agreed to go straight there. On arriving we found Ollie the dog in amongst ten or so cats and having explained our circumstances, came away with him. Phyllis was so pleased, but we then had a bit of a dilemma, as our son is called Ollie and our dog is called Molly. Phyllis thought that would be confusing to have 2 Ollies and a Molly, so Ollie became 'Ollie Good Boy', which was quickly shortened to just 'Boy'. Boy is a fantastic dog, very placid and was a great companion to Phyllis in her final years at *Meldrum*. From the time Phyllis took on Boy, we visited every day to take Molly and Boy for a walk, (albeit Boy flatly refused to ever be walked on a lead).

When Phyllis finally moved to a nursing home in Slough, we agreed to look after Boy and used to take him to see her regularly. When her Slough nursing home shut down, she was moved further away to West Drayton, then our visits with Boy became regular, but less frequent. Always though, the impact of Boy on Phyllis was quite remarkable. The moment she saw him, her face would light up and all the stories, anecdotes and advice would start tumbling out. Boy himself, is now getting quite old, but is still in pretty good health. He will have his 15th birthday in August, so I guess he has reached an age in dog years, even greater than his owner as he would be about 104 now!

There are other memories of Phyllis, for example: the time when she was at a party we were hosting, she got tired and asked Neil to take her home in her wheelchair. When

they got outside, she realised that she didn't have a thick enough cardigan on and that she was cold, "Please get me home quickly," she implored. Well it was dark and at the time Boveney road had a lot of potholes, but she was begging Neil to get her home fast. He set off at a sprint down Boveney road, hoping and praying that the wheels of the chair wouldn't drop into a pothole and catapult Phyllis onto the common.

These are just a few of our many memories of Phyllis. We will all miss her very much.



Neil, Jess, Oliver, Hannah, Alice, Molly & Boy

How Moogbrew has adapted to survive lockdown.

"...the species that survives is the one that is able to adapt to and to adjust best to the changing environment in which it finds itself..." - Charles Darwin, The Origin Of Species



It goes without saying that this has been a difficult year for small independent businesses. This is especially so for those in the

hospitality sector. However, the generous support received from our local community has been vital and is hugely appreciated.

Ordinarily we would transform our garden into a beer garden on alternate weekends, with a small taproom bar, serving 6 lines of beer, all brewed in our own garage. We consider this more than just a point of sale for beer though, it has become something of a community hub, particularly for those who live a walk or cycle ride away.

The last time we opened the taproom and beer garden was on 1st March. We closed two weeks before the Government announced lockdown. It seemed fairly obvious to us that it would be unsafe and unwise to continue while a silent, invisible and deadly virus was circulating freely. We immediately started packaging any unsold beer into bottles and offered them for sale on a collection only basis, but this was nothing more than a pragmatic measure to avoid waste. Or so we thought ...

Prior to Covid-19, we'd pondered how we might cope this summer, given the rising number of visitors on our 'open days'. How, we wondered, could we limit numbers while ensuring that those local people, who have so generously supported our artisan business for over four years, could continue to enjoy a local gathering point with brewery fresh beer?

We settled on a membership scheme, backed with an on-line shop and initially offering free home delivery. Starting in the middle of May with an invited cohort of about a dozen of our most regular local customers, the offer was soon extended to all living in the SL6 0** postcode area.

As we have gradually returned towards full brewing capacity, the scheme has been further extended to residents of Dorney, Eton Wick, Burnham and Maidenhead. In just six weeks, sales are already close to pre-Covid levels. Indeed, we foresee the need soon to close the membership scheme to new applicants. There is a limit to how much beer we can brew!

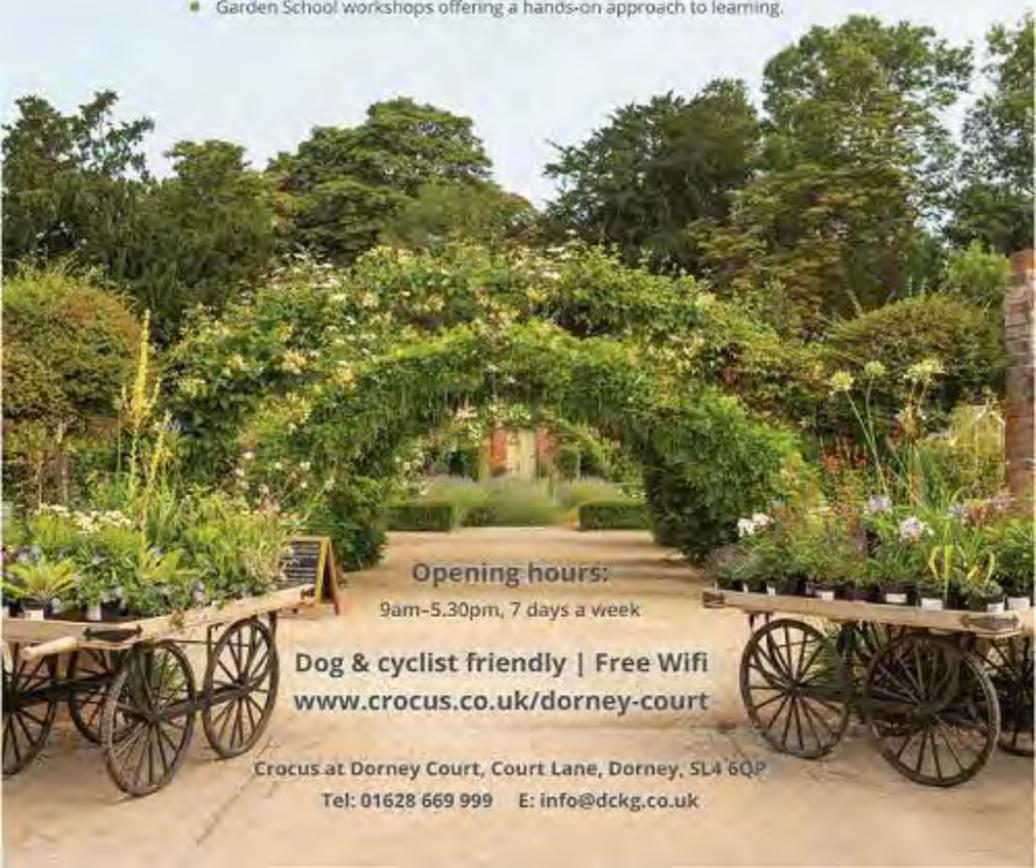
Which brings us to the most frequently asked question: "when will you be re-opening the taproom & beer garden?". Well, not yet! Not until we are satisfied that it would be entirely safe for our customers and ourselves. Indeed, we do not envisage ever returning to an 'open-gate' approach. When we do decide to reopen it will be on a prior registration basis. This way we can strictly control numbers and ensure first priority is given to the local community whose vital support has kept our fragile business afloat.

For more information about the Moogbrew membership scheme, please send an email to moogbrew@gmail.com



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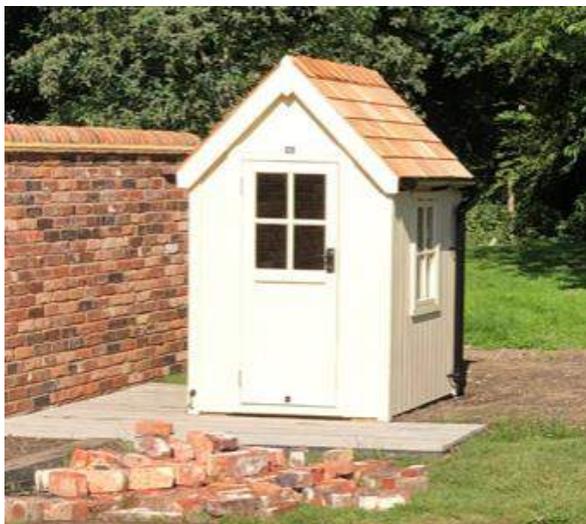
As the digital social gatherings online start to wane, a hint of hope unfurls, as each day our lockdown petals gradually open. The battle may be slowly retreating, but the war is not won just yet, as we continue to lather our liquid soap and put on our protective face coverings.

This long stony road to recovery is finally smoother but still fails to have an end in sight.

Finally returning to the proper grownup office was a big step, feeling quite odd amongst the empty desks and silent phones, an eerie feel, but the ample parking a treat. The caretaker who had remained throughout to take care of the emptiness, told me about his friend Henry, who he looked forward to seeing each day for a chat - only towards the end of that conversation did I realise he meant the little round red vacuum cleaner. I think we have all dealt with the solitude in different ways. The property, an old Victorian mansion house in the centre of Ascot, is one that has been divided up into many different spaces for businesses to occupy, but it looks like most have opted to continue working from home, in the comfort of having their family and fridge close to hand.

Meantime, work in our garden continues, with many days of sun beating down on our backs or of late, the odd heavy deluge of lashing rain which the plants quickly blot up. With the extraordinary weather it feels like time flies, as if summertime has been here and now nearly gone, when in reality summer has only officially started. We are almost touching the finishing tape with our garden renovation, as I design, and my husband Dave engineers. This in lay terms means I jot down some ideas on paper, whilst he sharpens his spade. His motto when working, is, measure twice and cut once, but of course my little design was not to scale and also a mix of imperial and metric, which caused a little hiccup as you will soon hear.

So, last month, having started creating the 'Garden of Tranquillity', our little project is now well underway, materials arriving, and elbows greased as we plough on with great enthusiasm and aching backs. A small hitch struck the other week, as having altered the plans slightly to squeeze all the desires in, it occurred to me to check the dimensions of the new greenhouse cement foundation, only to find that quite a bloop had been made as it was short by 8 inches. My husband Dave, always the optimist, unfazed, said that it was such a small amount it would not make any significant difference. In a very small voice,



almost inaudible, *'the henge gate won't open'*, a single sentence which meant a deadly end, he had to lift the concrete and redo. Fury in face but not by word, but nothing a hot cuppa tea in a pint pot with a slice of fruit cake could not put right.

On the other side of the Tranquillity garden I had planned a 'sentry' Tool Tidy, but when it turned up it was the cutest dolls house you could imagine, small but perfectly formed, and furnished over the next few days to include more than my gardening tools, quite a place for relaxation, book reading and wine sipping, a glorious She-shed. See photos.

Meanwhile, whilst waiting for the Tranquillity plot to conclude, my vegetables grew in terracotta pots at the top of the garden. For a change, and since discovering this variety in my online vegetable box, I decided to try to include Sweetheart cabbages, carefully nurturing their thirsty mouths and repotting every third week so they could stretch their growing legs. A month later, I observed some changes - what are all those little dark dots? Deep shock as unwelcome visitors could be seen amongst the leaves, the deadly white fly had landed, at least eleventy-eight tiny grey flies had made their way to the hearts of my cabbages!

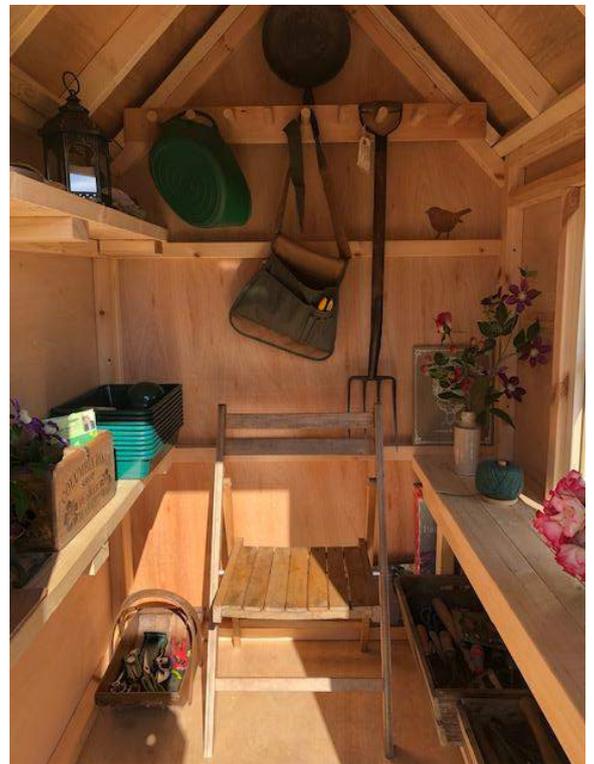
Keep calm amongst your Brassicas! A dozen baby cabbages were under attack, crawling with little flies amid many clusters of white eggs. After running up and down the lawn flapping my arms a few times, thinking what to do, I consulted my allotment book. It says in the book only natural

deterrents or cast your damaged stock away. Thinking a little clearer, now the glass of cider had cleared the fog of panic, I thought about how SAGE had advised the government that washing hands with soapy water was the best deterrent. The soap broke down the structure of the virus and so it disintegrated.

Finding a plastic spray canister in my art cupboard, I mixed up a solution of Rose Geranium liquid soap and warm water and marched onto the battlefield with my finger on the trigger. An hour later, each cabbage had had a decent bed bath, and smelt divine. This was followed by a shower of fresh water which rinsed out most of the debris, but was it enough? In the morning, creeping out at 6am, when the sun was up and the air was fresh, I could see that the Covid advice had in fact worked here too; not a fly in sight and not an egg remained.

At the beginning of this year, I applied to the Light Cavalry at Flemish Farm in Windsor Great Park, to ride their troop horses as a support rider, not on parade but exercising them out in the Park amongst the deer and wonderful sandy bridleways. The ability assessment was delayed because of Covid isolation, but finally as the restrictions on outdoor sports lifted, I was finally able to go, and was very thankful and relieved that I managed to pass. This meant I could ride these beautiful military horses in my most favourite pastoral park and life could not be better. Having not ridden regularly for a while, my first solo outing the next week was on a very lovely black mare, and despite the drizzle, felt cleansed with the uplifting experience. Feeling so fortunate, out of challenging times come special moments, and hope that for us all the second half of this year provides positivity, and cherished reunions.

Kristina Perkins
Dells Cottage



Message from Thames Valley Police Cyber Crime Team:

Here is a short summary from our colleagues at Action Fraud / NFIB.

“Test and Trace - Guidance from Action Fraud (Guidance for the general public dated 5/6/2020)

"Unfortunately, criminals will exploit every opportunity they can to defraud innocent people of their money, or steal their personal details. This could include impersonating public sector officials and taking advantage of the NHS Test and Trace system.

This service is extremely important in the fight against coronavirus and it's vital the public get on board with it. However, we understand the concerns people have about the opportunity for criminals to commit scams.

Please see the below guidance for more information on the NHS Test and Trace service and what to expect if the service contacts you:

Contact tracers will only call you from the number 0300 013 5000. Anyone who does not wish to talk over the phone can request the NHS Test and Trace service to send an email or text instead, inviting them to log into the web-based service.

All text or emails sent by NHS Test and Trace will ask people to sign into the contact tracing website and will provide you with a unique reference number. We would advise people to type the web address <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk> directly into their browser, followed by the unique reference number given to you, rather than clicking on any link provided in the message.

The NHS Test and Trace service will never:

ask you to dial a premium rate number to speak to them (for example, those starting 09 or 087)

ask you to make any form of payment or purchase a product or any kind

ask for any details about your bank account

ask for your social media identities or login details, or those of your contacts

ask you for any passwords or PINs, or ask you to set up any passwords or PINs over the phone

ask you to download any software to your PC or ask you to hand over control of your PC, smartphone or tablet to anyone else

ask you to access any website that does not belong to the government or NHS

If you think you have been a victim of fraud, please report it to Action Fraud at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk> or by calling 0300 123 2040"

If you have any questions on the "Track and Trace" process please google: [NHS Test and Trace: How it works](#)

DORNEY SCHOOL



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News from Dorney School

It has certainly been an interesting year at Dorney School, as we have continued to work and serve our community in a different way throughout the spring and summer.

Our team of fantastic staff have worked throughout the crisis, to ensure that online learning is set, feedback is given and that there is regular communication between school and home.

Our Dorney community has been fantastic throughout this difficult time, as parents have found new and innovative ways to help their children learn. The memories of this period will stay with our children for a long time and the Dorney community has provided some remarkable experiences during this time.

We have had children learning to ride bicycles, building bug hotels, using materials found on woodland walks to make characters from books and even children who caught their first fish!

The last few weeks have been great, as more children have returned to study in school. We now have a large group of key worker children attending, as well as some pupils from Y1 & Y6.

Our planning now moves to how we can welcome back more pupils, creating a safe and positive environment in September.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Highways England, who have loaned us barriers to help provide safe zones on the playground for our different groups and paint to mark out the required social distancing measures at the entrances to the school.

I have been delighted and inspired by one of our youngest pupils over the last month. Henry, from our Reception class, set himself the challenge of walking, running, cycling or scooting for 100km during June.

Henry has just completed his challenge, raising over £1000 for our school in the process, which will go towards helping the school fund new and improved flooring for our Reception classroom. Well done Henry!

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well,

Mr. Lloyd
Headteacher

Using Nextdoor Dorney.

In my first piece – that was actually published on Nextdoor itself - I explained how to answer a post privately so that you didn't let everyone who could see the post know any of your private details.

Here is Part 2 on the same issue:-

Sending Private Messages on Nextdoor - Part 2

When you wish to just send someone a private message as in an e-mail but Nextdoor is your only means of communicating with them:

You can do this easily if you live in the same area (though there is a way of doing it if you don't). This method can also be used if you wish to send a new message (new subject) to someone in your area even if you have messaged them before.

On the 'Home' page use the link called 'Neighbours' under 'Directories' on the left hand side of the page. Clicking on this brings up a list of all the local people in alphabetical order of their first name (at the top -click on the letter of the alphabet to jump to the correct page).

If however, you only know their surname or the road they live in these options for sorting the list can be found by dropping down the box (clicking on the v) at the top right of the page.

Having found the name of the person you wish to contact the procedure is the same as before – so 'Click on the Person's name'. 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 tick the Email me a copy of this message box if you want to keep an email record of what you have written)

Another item that might be of interest:-

Blocking the people you don't want to see.

If you find one person who particularly annoys you, you can click on their name – go to their personal profile page and using the 'v' arrow to the top right you can 'mute' that person so that unless they send an urgent message you won't see anything they have written. (I've not really tried it for long but it may look a bit strange if you have muted someone and someone else is replying to them!)

This 'v' is also a route you can use if you want to report someone for an 'account issue' or for what they are 'contributing' to Nextdoor. The reporting option is also found beside each post - using the 'v' in the top right corner of the post.

There are a couple of issues that I am aware are still troubling people and that makes them reluctant to use Nextdoor.

Advertising.

Firstly, there is the issue of possible targeted adverts - some of these are 'Sponsored Posts' and are marked as such. These adverts do not have access to any personal information and are not targeted to any one person.

Other adverts are actually personal but even these have to adhere to Nextdoor guidelines and you can '**mute**' them or report them.

All sorts of information about these can be found by using the **Help** function that can be found by clicking on the 'v' at the top right hand side of the home page next to your Profile



Picture →

Inviting others to join Nextdoor.

At the top of your home page you will see an outline of a person with a + and a **red** number on top – this is the number of free letters that you can have delivered to your local friends to invite them to join Nextdoor Dorney.

I understand that some people might be reluctant to invite their neighbours to sign up to Nextdoor by post but isn't having a postcard dropped through your door a kinder way of introducing you to a new online form of communication; nicer than having someone try and coerce you into being their 'friend' or being told that the only way you can communicate with someone is if you 'follow them on twitter'?

You also have an option here to invite others if you know their e-mail address.

And Finally – Nextdoor has a Privacy Statement which starts with this

Nextdoor is committed to earning trust every day. Since day one, Nextdoor has required people to use their real name and verified address, so members can trust that their Nextdoor neighbourhood is made up of real people at real addresses. This creates the trust and accountability that cultivates kindness online and into the real world.

You are the person who can make Nextdoor grow – you have the options and tools to make it a personal and useful site for all your neighbours to get together and share, help and support each other – please use it and promote it to others.

As this magazine goes to press, the value of Nextdoor to our community has been demonstrated as many neighbours reacted to a major incursion of travellers in Dorney Reach. With amazing speed, residents have been warned, updated, swapped stories, been reassured and discussed the next steps to take. One resident of Meadow Way was moved to exclaim *can I just say I love our community? Thank you so much for coming to help us.*

Thea Pine

Dorney Village Hall

www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk



Coronavirus – COVID19

Dorney Village Hall is closed until further notice.

Please contact us by email: 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

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THE GREAT MULLEIN MOTH

This is an interesting tale to share, about a caterpillar and its related moth(er) which are to be found in the Parish and where they are identified by the same name. They are not a new arrival to me because I first encountered them some twenty-five years ago in the Amerden area. Since then they appear to have spread to the margins of the Thames, to farm tracks and to other sites, including the Dorney Court Garden Centre.

The insect in question is the adult Great Mullein Moth. The adult moth is not confined to the Great Mullein plant. It may lay its eggs on some additional hedgerow flowers of striking significance especially Verbascum, Buddleia (the butterfly bush), Aaron's Rod and Figwort.

The eggs hatch and tiny larvae emerge to discover their good fortune in landing on an abundance of food.



The caterpillars display a striking pattern of bright yellow and black and they can be picked off the leaves despite their vigorous wiggles of objection. They pass through several stages of development when they shed their skins, and which result in the fairly rapid destruction of the host plant. The hungry offspring rapidly defoliate the fluffy green leaves. When ready, the caterpillar prepares for pupation. Expertly, it constructs an outer pupal case of fine soil and cast skins.



By July, the larvae will have finished their feeding and growth.

Uninfested plants grow up to six feet in height with a rosette of leaves supporting the developing flower head whereas the infested plants will find their leaves stripped back to a bare skeleton by hungry larvae, now much increased in size.

The flowers on the Mullein plant grow in size and complexity. During the second year of growth the plant develops large spikes containing

the small pale-yellow flowers. They are bee-friendly and fade before producing their many thousands of very tiny black seeds in autumn. Seeds may be slow to germinate. This spring I planted some seeds. Germination was good.

Buckinghamshire Unitary Authority – the Community Boards Arrive

In an article in the online April issue of this magazine we referred to the new Unitary Authority as a 'project in limbo'. But even with lockdowns, events eventually unfold. Referring to the proposed 16 Community Boards and Council Access Points we thought 'there has been precious little flesh put on these administrative bones'. Now, we hear, matters directly relating to Dorney will be the agenda of one of those Boards at its first meeting.

At the June meeting of the Parish Council, residents again raised the issue of reviewing speed limits in Marsh Lane, Court Lane and Lake End Road. Cllr Dev Dhillon said he would raise this and other highway matters at an impending Community Board meeting. Thanks to Dev for keeping us informed.

Bucks Council ran a consultation on the Community Boards last Autumn. Bucks claims that this process 'showed strong support for the aims and objectives for community boards' and their proposed number has been increased as has funding for them. The main objective is that they 'will bring together Buckinghamshire councillors with local communities to help solve local issues' and 'provide a vital link between the council, elected councillors and communities'. Those living in the south of the county who fear a gulf of distance and indifference between our communities and the Council will need to watch these claims with great interest.

According to the Bucks Council website, the 'first events and meetings' are planned for June and July 2020. Of the 16 boards, Dorney falls within the 'Beeches Community Board' embracing Dorney, Taplow, Burnham, Farnham and Stoke Poges. The 12 councillors listed as members include familiar names to those who follow the actions of local councils and include Cllrs Dhillon and Pepler who attend our council meetings and Cllrs Sandy and Hazell from Taplow and Burnham. County councillors like these are 'automatically expected to attend' but in addition there are 'standing invitations' to 'town and parish councils, the police and Primary Networks.' The hope seems to be that 'all residents, local businesses and community groups get involved.' All meetings are open to the public. Boards will meet five times a year.

Community boards will help the new unitary council 'understand and respond to local needs more effectively'. The boards are seen as a key part of the benefits brought by a single unitary authority. The partnership with community organisations inherent in these boards will enable county councillors make recommendations on local issues, influence service design and delivery and facilitate communities coming together. We shall see. It is all very aspirational and vague.

Each board will receive a proportionate share of a £3.9 million funding. The boards will work 'by consensus'. When decisions need to be taken, county councillors will take a formal vote. Organisational representatives might be given a vote by the Chairman (for the Beeches, that is Cllr David Anthony of Farnham Royal) but it will only be indicative. In fact, the Boards are 'informal bodies' and legally non-decision taking. Parish councils are expected to gain, like all the stakeholders from these vague virtues, but given how hard it appears to the outsider for local councils to be heard, some points sound encouraging – access to council grant funding, opportunities to pool resources in support of local projects, and a 'dedicated community co-ordinator to liaise with parish councils'.

Opposition councillors have expressed concern. Without being partisan, you can see their point. One Liberal Democrat summed up the argument as 'if the only ones that can vote are the unitary councillors, then what's the point of anyone being there? It's just hot air. It's not very democratic. It's the council telling the community what's going to happen. They've missed a golden opportunity to really engage and empower communities.' A former mayor of Aylesbury said that 'to not allow parish and town councils to have their full voice and to demonstrate their opinion with a vote is missing a huge opportunity and it devalues the partnership I was hoping we were going to have between us and the unitary'.

We will watch the progress of Community Boards with a degree of support, some scepticism, and much interest.

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The Parish Pump

A summary of the June 2020 Dorney Parish Council Virtual Meeting

This meeting was held as an online event on June 9th.

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

- **Public Participation** Cllr Harris made a statement about the Rowing Lake. Alongside the easing of the Covid-19 lockdown the number of visitors to the Lake and their anti-social behaviour had caused a disaster for Dorney. At a meeting held at the Lake with Eton College, Bucks Council, Thames Valley Police and the Parish Council the matter had been resolved by a decision to close the Lake. Dorney could get back to normal. A further meeting between the Lake and the Parish Council was scheduled for w/c June 15th. A question was asked as to when residents could again use the footpaths now that the Lake was closed, and Cllr Harris replied that the Lake would not be open until September 2020 now that the site had been secured. The Parish Council recognised the inconvenience to local residents, but closure was necessary to ensure accessibility to Dorney Reach during the closure of the Marsh Lane bridge. There were other footpaths to the Thames and the Jubilee River. A compromise was suggested whereby the footpaths would be open to residents for certain times of the day. Cllr Harris said this was not feasible. Cllrs Harris, Purdie and Foxley would look after the interests of Dorney residents at these upcoming meetings. The type of temporary fencing needed to secure the Lake was not known, but permanent fencing would be subject to the planning process, so Dorney PC would be consulted. Cllr Dev Dhillon (Bucks County Councillor) was pleased that the Lake was now closed and that regular follow up meetings were planned. He had no further updates on the resurfacing of Village Road. In answer to questions, Cllr Dhillon said he would raise the issue of reducing speed limits from 40mph to 30mph in Marsh Lane, Court Lane and Lake End Road with the Bucks Traffic Manager once business returns to normal.
- **Cllr Dev Dhillon's Report** The Planning Inspectorate have raised issues over the Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan 2036. There were concerns over the lack of co-operation with Slough Borough Council. Cllr Dhillon said that Dorney having a Parish Plan would offer protection from the proposals that Dorney Reach would be taken out of the Green Belt. Cllr Smith said he would consider this. Concern was raised over the destruction to the environment caused by the Marsh Lane bridge renewal and all the smart motorway works. Cllr Dhillon claimed that Highways England will reinstate areas affected in Dorney and in other villages. Cllr Foxley confirmed that Highways England have promised a higher noise barrier, noise reduction surface and full planting.
- **Cllr David Pepler's Report** Work in Local Government does move slowly, particularly now that Covid-19 needed to be coped with. We must be patient. The smart motorway works would not go on for ever and Dorney will be restored. Burnham tip has now been re-opened since the Covid-19 closure. Some steps will be taken regarding the breach of planning rules at Orchard Herbs Farm.
- **M4 Smartmotorway Updates** Cllr Harris asked for Highways England to sweep Lake End Road right up to Court Lane. An inquiry was made at the meeting about the monitoring of noise, dust and vibration levels during the works which the Clerk will investigate.

- **Response to the Emergency Plan** Bucks CC had issued guidance to parish councils over the preparation of Emergency Plans. Cllr Smith had circulated a synopsis of his proposals to be discussed at the next PC meeting.
- **Double Yellow Lines** The consideration of installing double yellow lines along the left-hand side of Court Lane going towards the Rowing Lake has been deferred until the Clearway has been lifted.
- **Installation of a Roundabout at the Junction of Lake End Road/Village Road/Court Lane** It was agreed that Dorney PC should pursue this proposal. Cllr Dhillon will take this proposal together with the Speed Limits review to Cllr Antony, Chairman of the Community Board as soon as meetings of that body commence.
- **Harcourt Road Red Telephone Box** It was agreed to pay £120 to have this box repainted.
- **Finance** Cllr Ormond reported that this year there will be a deficit of £3k. The budget does include £2k for a planning consultant which may not be needed if the Local Plan is withdrawn and £933 for election expenses which will now not be spent. £275 will be saved by no longer hiring the Village Hall this year. These savings will transfer to next year and there will be an estimated shortfall of £4k. Deficits over the last few years had mainly been caused by the reduction in Devolved Highways income from the previous £8k plus the repayment of the grant for Dorney Village Hall. Over the last 7 years the precept has only been increased at inflation levels but there may need to be a larger increase in the future to ensure there is no shortfall. There is still the £5k donation to be paid to Bucks Council for the double yellow lines.
- **Litter Pickers** There was discussion over the purchase of litter pickers to be made available to volunteers. Cllr Foxley has these available from the Village Clean Up which can be borrowed. Cllr Dax will write to the Environment Agency for signs advising people to take their rubbish home with them. Cllr Harris will ask Cllr Dhillon for rubbish bags and let him know if more litter pickers are required.
- **Grounds Maintenance** Cllr Foxley thanked the groundsman for the good job getting rid of all the litter caused by visitors to the Rowing Lake.
- **Next Meeting** A VIRTUAL ZOOM meeting at 8pm on Tuesday July 9th

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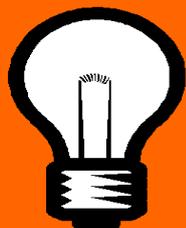
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