



Picture courtesy of British History Online

The Old Vicarage is a Grade II listed building. The building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) act 1900 for its special architectural or historic interest.

Dorney Parish Eton College Project.

Started in 1972 to provide holidays for underprivileged children run by Dorney Parish, Eton College and The Diocese of Oxford.



The Centre closed in 2016.



Local newspapers report on the closure.



- Used as a place for various church youth groups who came from around the country for respite stays and holidays.
- In 1990's four groups of children who were affected by the Chernobyl disaster were guests at the centre.
- For many years groups from Hackney stayed a week at a time during the summer holidays..
- Children from Oxford came to stay during the Easter and Summer holidays organised and staffed by Oxford University Students.
- The Centre staff also entertained local Senior Citizens by providing lunches and outings.



• [Click above for more photos of 'The Happening'.](#)

the **EtonDorney**
centre



This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.



Click above for photos of the Centre.

Welcome to The Eton Dorney Centre

We are a residential youth centre situated in the immediate vicinity of Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.





•

Ex-Chairman Mr. John Wood-Dow of the Project

“It was a hard decision to come to, to wind down operations but we could no longer justify the upkeep of the building, especially as the primary purpose it was set up for is no longer as relevant. It has done some fantastic work over the last 40 years and everyone who has been involved should be really proud.”

Let us know your memories

[Contact Us](#)

Did we make a difference?



So many children stayed at the Centre over the years. Nine individual or couples became wardens during that time. Each brought something new and provided a place where children could feel relaxed and safe. All helped by willing assistants along with boys from Eton College who assisted with holidays for children from Hackney, East London. We also catered for adults including Australian rowers competing in the Olympics. Groups that came to the Centre included children from Oxford organised by Exeter and Lincoln Colleges. Church Youth Groups, Schools and Social Service training courses. Each month we also provided a meal and outings for the local senior citizens.

More recently the Wisdom Project has been hosted at the centre, a scheme set up by the trustees to bring together young people of different faiths and backgrounds to foster inter-faith understanding.

