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December 2020/ January 2021



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EDITORIAL

I wonder what it is that readers best remember about 2020. Well, there is a big assumption in that thought – does *anyone* want to remember *anything* about this troubled year? I wasn't thinking about the serious issues which take up far too many pages in this publication like traffic, planning, green belts, deliberations of various local councils. I was thinking about people and neighbourhoods.

Elsewhere in this issue, we do review the issues and events which have challenged Dorney. Perhaps the most vivid recollection isn't included in those pages. That is all those Thursday evenings at 8pm when virtually everyone came out into their streets or roads or lanes or cul de sacs to applaud the key workers in the NHS. Cynics have said that what the people of Britain were doing was clapping themselves for getting through another week. If that was the case, maybe that was no bad thing. The passage of weeks did seem remarkably fast. For five minutes or so, there was an interaction (socially distanced, of course) with their neighbours that the British do not normally go in for.

People have been saying that Dorney is not what it once was. Maybe they think the same goes for the parish magazine. That might not be the case, because people are generally enormously kind and supportive. If you do look at long past issues of 'DPN' you do pick up a more human dimension. There was the WI, Dorney Players, a model railway club and a cricket team. In this issue, we note the discovery that a neighbour in Dorney Reach is a very accomplished trumpeter. We'd like more writers to join in to bring more of those insights and discoveries.

I hope you've enjoyed Kristina Perkins' despatches from life on Dorney Common. In some issues Mike Quincey brings us face to face with the realities of life as seen as a frontline worker. Quite often, he makes us laugh as well. Virginia Silvester, as a result of painstaking research, draws intriguing parallels between Dorney Past and Dorney Present. Wayfarer, our veteran columnist, guides us as to what to look out for on those walks or in the garden.

Experts are flocking to help. Thea Pine has brought expertise in online matters as well as keeping a watchful eye on footpaths and cycleways. Under my predecessor, 'Dorney Parish News' was a one-man operation. That I can no longer claim or want to claim. The magazine is indebted to Bill Dax, who brings a wealth of technical wizardry, business acumen and, increasingly, editorial wisdom. We have relied in the past on the proof-reading skills of Jean Spencer and thank her for that, but the need for social distancing has made such contact difficult, and the production process is now very much an online undertaking.

Readers have this year shared opinions with us on Nextdoor. Many urge that this magazine be circulated to every local household. No one could argue with that. How to marry that up with the other widely expressed wish to produce a quality, and now colourful, print vehicle, which therefore has printing costs, we may be grappling with in the future. So, as every year, I should sign off before wishing everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas, by thanking our dedicated and tireless distributors.

Season's Greetings.

2020 - That Was the Year That Was...

It's over, let it go. Good riddance. We're conscious that everybody's life, nationally and locally, has been dominated by the ebbs and flows of an awful pandemic. Our Dorney issues, covered in 'Dorney Parish News' can seem quite, well, 'parochial'. In the knowledge that some of us might have experienced real personal loss or maybe economic hardship, we can still list what our community has 'lost', if only temporarily.

At the start of the year, this magazine was urging residents to stand in the upcoming local elections scheduled for May. They were lost, postponed for a year, alongside the Annual Parish Meeting and live meetings of the Parish Council. Opportunities for normal public worship with 'live' congregations have been very limited since March. The last meeting of the Dorney Horticultural Society was in February and this year there was no Annual Show after an unbroken run of six decades. Delicious curries were off the menu last month as the Village Hall Diwali celebrations were cancelled. Indeed, a staple part of the magazine this year has been regular updates from the Village Hall committee on just what can be done by hirers of their facilities. The Badminton Club's shuttlecocks have been back in their box most of the year. The cessation of Something New and the Charteris Lunch Club highlights the threat of isolation among older residents. Earlier in the year, we highlighted plans to mark VE Day, which, alas, were also largely abandoned.

In a way, we 'lost' two issues, because April and May DPN, in line with most village publications, were only made available online.

Talking of loss, this magazine has been proud to publish touching tributes written by family members and readers to several who have passed – Stancia Akerman, Geoffrey Atkinson, Wendy Price and Phyllis Wallbank. More happily, we saluted Joy Richmond on her 80th birthday and now mark John Barker's 90th birthday in November, which was probably a quieter event than he deserved!

But this has hardly been an uneventful year. Alongside the wider crisis, a read through our issues in 2020 indicates a number of trends that should be noted by those who guide our destinies. Firstly, there arose a very acute feeling that a beautiful neighbourhood was under threat, and that incursions like the Smart M4 (which made life a misery for many in Dorney Reach, alongside the general inconvenience of the Marsh Lane bridge closure) had led to an irreversible decline. In June, we described the fortnight just past as the worst in Dorney's recent history. An Oak Stubbs Lane resident declared that Dorney was not now the village his family had settled in. Secondly, you could detect a feeling that residents wanted to be consulted more and that events were out of control. Raising issues with representatives of Highways England at monthly Parish Council meetings just wasn't dealing with unexpected sleepless nights with glaring lights and filthy dust. At the very least, a sizable minority, and perhaps a majority in Dorney Reach, feel under-consulted over the issue of a mini roundabout at the junction of Court Lane and Lake End Road. It's not enough to say that the issue has figured in minutes over the years and we would urge the Parish Council to consider the Local Government Associations guidelines for undertaking consultation with communities.

Another, third, trend is the desire for a greater feeling of 'community'. There is no doubt that there will have been many acts of kindness towards more vulnerable residents, but the first lockdown revealed that Dorney is strangely lacking in an infrastructure that allowed organised help for residents to swing into action – a quick look at websites serving say Taplow or Eton Wick revealed the contrast. This magazine hopes to help to redress this by highlighting the concept of 'Dorney Community' with its concentration on volunteering. Fourthly, local social media platform Nextdoor became an integral part of village life this year. 'DPN' will continue to urge our Parish Council to embrace modern communication

tools, be they social media, a functioning website and email. It's been inspiring, on the other hand, to see the 'church community' in Dorney and Eton, led by La Stacey, maintain a constant, and probably reassuring, presence online, particularly via Facebook.

One councillor maintained that this magazine should be more positive, so let's seek 'reasons to be cheerful'. Chrys Fisher persevered through the dark times to open a splendidly refurbished 'Pineapple' pub in July. Takeaways from here and the Palmer Arms, plus deliveries from local craft brewery 'Moog' provided tasty sustenance. A second defibrillator, part funded by Dorney School (which also did a great job for key workers' children during the schools' closure) was attached to the Village Hall from May, thanks to the efforts of Councillor Alice Foxley. The ZOOM meetings of the Parish Council have run smoothly, and a decision has been taken to make recordings available on the council website, which hopefully will build on the growing attendance at meetings before the lockdown. Volunteers organised by the Parish Council have begun to relieve a growing litter problem on the Jubilee River. Our footpaths are even more highly valued now (which probably explains the dismay, which was mixed with relief, at the necessary closure of Dorney Lake over the summer) and we may be a fitter community, as residents seem to have taken their permitted 'daily exercise' very seriously.

But, at year end, the big issues remain, even if they embody a core of optimism. We await with some trepidation the outcome of the outline planning application to build a 'renewable energy park' and 416-bedroom hotel on the Orchard Herbs site. But a highlight of 2020 was a letter to our MP, Joy Morrissey, from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement at Bucks Council declaring that a 2007 Enforcement Notice would indeed be enforced by ending 'unauthorised activity...and removing vehicles'. Work on the M4 is largely ending (at least in Dorney Reach) and Highways England, encouraged by the lobbying of local resident Joanie Wraight, appears to recognise that some recompense is owed to those who have been in the front line. There has been talk of extended tree planting.

At the start of this year, alarm was expressed at the apparently sudden switch to a new, very unfamiliar and, many feared, highly dangerous new road layout at the junction of Court Lane and Lake End Road. At the same time, the road surface near the 'Pineapple' was broken up for several months. 2021 can only be better in this respect and if Bucks Council agrees to a roundabout funded by Highways England, many, including parish and county councillors plus the residents of Dorney Village will be relieved. In passing, one other trend seems to be that, though we are one parish, a growing number of residents perceive there to be different priorities, and even unequal representation between Dorney Village, Dorney Reach, Boveney and Lake End. In May and June, the incursion of literally thousands of visitors besieging the lido that Dorney Lake represented during lockdown was a dreadful threat to peace, safety and access to Dorney Reach. A solution was found in a summer long lockdown, initiated by the Lake management. Re-opened in the Autumn, I think residents have accepted the protective fencing, reminiscent of the Olympics, and are less fearful of a threat to footpath access. This magazine, in the summer, advocated as the best long-term solution to the problems posed by visitors' parking outside the site the dropping of parking charges and the extension of parking areas inside the site.

After a year like this, on several local fronts, maybe a break is needed for a rather different Christmas. 'Dorney Parish News' will be back to reflect these events and trends from the February 2021 issue. See you then.

Dorney Community

www.dorneycommunity.org.uk

November 2020 Update

Project	Update	See Page
Planning	Orchard Herbs site: Hotel Planning Decision due 16th November 2020. Need update from County Councillors re status of Enforcement Notice to remove trucks/containers.	42
Roundmoor Ditch	Lake End community researching current flooding problems and considering next steps.	N/A
Traffic Calming	Roundabout (DPC) Bucks Council are carrying out a road safety audit and design. Funding secured. MVAS signs (DPC) Replacement due for the one destroyed on the Cattle Grid. One to be moved to the new Lake End Road bridge when completed. Speed Limits (DPC) Requested speed limit reductions to Cllr Dhillon - Marsh Lane/Court Lane, Lake End Road approaching Dorney from Sainsbury's and Common Road/Boveney Road. 20 mph signs around the school - two metal road signs and one electronic flashing sign managed by the School. Locations suggested were Harcourt Lane and Oak Stubbs Lane but will first consult with residents and the School.	41
Footpaths, Cycleways and Bridleways	Recent articles in Dorney Parish News indicate a strong interest in addressing this issue. Possible survey to be conducted of all footpaths, cycleways and bridleways to determine a suitable action plan.	N/A
Marsh Lane M4 Bridge	Highways England is willing to support the avenue of trees (or an alternative) on Dorney Reach. They feel that this is an excellent opportunity to further engage with the local school as part of their outreach activities and their Environment and Communications team will be in contact with [Joanie Wraight] and the school to discuss and agree what can be provided.	41

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St. John the Evangelist, Eton

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SL4 6NE**

**Tel: 01753 852268 email:
revlastacey@gmail.com**

For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site:
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

Revd. La Stacey writes: So you've got all your ducks in a row, done all the risk assessments, lined up the readers, and the stewards and the music for all three Remembrance services in the benefice, and then – everything is stopped. All stand down! Think again! Change all your arrangements! And then – no, it's OK, it'll all on again. How many times have we all had to do that over the past months? All those running businesses who've made the premises safe for employees and punters to return, all those who had hoped to be going to university, all those trying to organise their weddings: you get all your ducks in a row only to be told, 'Stand down. Think again! Change all your arrangements!'

Spare a thought for a young girl told she was going to marry. All the usual arrangements were being made. There was plenty of time to get things sorted and let all the relatives know. And then someone from on high – well, not just someone, but an angel – interrupts all this. 'Mary, you're going to have a baby.' Hang on a minute! I'm not married yet, I haven't slept with anyone yet, this isn't quite the moment!

That's the beginning of our Christmas story. It begins as a very inconvenient and potentially life-threatening disruption in someone's life. The one who is the embodiment of peace, 'walking love' as a child recently called him, was born in the midst of disruption and turmoil.

I wonder what enduring peace, love, compassion, community spirit will be birthed out of this disrupted year? Will we be stronger as a community, kinder as a society, more aware of the service given by others and valuing it more?

It is great to see the community spirit growing in this place with Joanie's tree project and Jan's bread baskets and Thea offering Christmas card kits. Is anyone up for doing Advent Windows? Contact me for a date and decorate a window on that date. Put the number on it. That way by Christmas there will be a whole Advent Calendar of windows in Dorney. Post a picture on Next Door and on Dorney Community's Facebook page!

Or how about 'Carols in the Car Park'? Does anyone have a robust sound system? We could plug it at the Village Hall and all sit in our cars and sing to our heart's content and no-one need hear that we sing out of tune!!

If we are allowed to meet in church again for worship, we are planning services as below. Look out, some of them are by booking only. And Christingle will be online, but with kits for you to collect from the church porch. See elsewhere in this publication for the dates.

I also have a list of people waiting on the end of a phone to chat with you and pass the time of day if you are finding that time drags, or if you just need someone other than the cat to talk to! Just contact me for the list.

In the midst of all the turmoil and disruption, have a peaceful and blessed Christmas, and spare a thought, and maybe a knock on the door, for those around you.

Church Services in December 2020 and January 2021

Sunday 6th December

9.30 am	Holy Communion	St James the Less, Dorney
11.00 am	Any Age Church	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 13th December

9.30 am	Holy Communion	St James the Less, Dorney
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
3.00 pm	Advent Carol Service (bookings only)	St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

Wednesday 16th December

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 20th December

11.00 am	Holy Communion	St John the Evangelist, Eton
4.00 pm	Storytime Christmas	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
6.30 pm	Nine lessons & Music (bookings and online)	St James the Less, Dorney

Thursday 24th December: Christmas Eve

4.30 pm	Online Christingle Service	
11.30 pm	Midnight Communion	St James the Less, Dorney

Friday 25th December: Christmas Day

10.15 am	Family Service (bookings and online)	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick
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Sunday 27th December

11.00 am	Family Eucharist	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 3rd January

9.30 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St James the Less, Dorney
11.00 am	Any Age Church	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 6th January

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 10th January

9.30am	Holy Communion	St James the Less, Dorney
11.00am	Family Communion	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 17th January

9.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Morning Worship

Wednesday 20th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

Sunday 24th January

9.30 am Morning Worship
11.00 am Family Communion

Sunday 31st January

9.30am Holy Communion
11.00am Family Communion

St James the Less, Dorney
St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St John the Evangelist, Eton

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20th December

11.00 am St John's, Eton and Online
Holy Communion

4.00 pm St John's, Eton Wick
Storytime Christmas

6.30 pm St James', Dorney and Online
Nine Lessons and Music (*to book a place, see below*)

24th December - Christmas Eve

4.30 pm Online
Christingle Service

11.30 pm St James', Dorney
Midnight Communion

25th December - Christmas Day

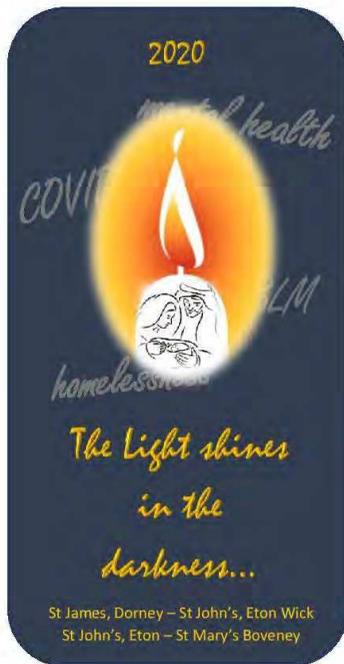
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Christingle service

4.30pm on-line
24th December
on Church
Community of
Eton and Dorney
Facebook page



Collect your Christingle-making Kit

from St James' Porch between 10am and 2pm
on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd Dec.

Thank you...

...to all who donated to the Thames Valley Adventure Playground Bread Baskets Appeal launched in last month's 'Dorney Parish News'.

£315 was collected!

This was delivered to Reama Shearman, Engagement Manager at TVAP. Reama thanked all those who had donated and said 'it's donations like this from local communities which really help us to keep offering our services'.

Jan Bowman

DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB

Unfortunately, we have been unable to play Badminton in the Village Hall due to the Coronavirus, but we have all kept in touch and are all looking forward to returning as soon as possible.

Last December, we decided not to send each other Christmas Cards but to donate to charity so we all donated bags of toiletries to the Slough Food Bank.

This year the Food Bank said they were low on bars of chocolate so that is what we donated.

It's nice to be able to help people in these unusual times and I thank all of those who donated.

Looking forward to getting back to the game.

Teresa McGuinness

The Dorney Reach defibrillator – don't forget the keycode!



The Community Access Defibrillator is installed on the side of the Village Hall near the Playground Tuck Shop.

Should you need to use it, the defibrillator will lead you through the necessary steps.

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

The information has been added to the Local Issues page on the Parish Council website so that it is always available.

Dorney Parish News will continue to provide Keycode details.

The Defibrillator in the old phone box on Village Road does not require a Keycode.

Dorney and Dorney Reach

Follow the Christmas Star!

Enjoy a walk
around the
villages
looking for and
following the
Christmas Star
in its many
forms!



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Facebook page (QR code here)

Remembrance in Dorney Reach

11.00am on Remembrance Sunday is a quiet time. Lock down remembrance has been even quieter. Many folks must have felt that something has been lacking in 2020 with public ceremonies drastically curtailed.

But unexpectedly, some residents of Dorney Reach heard the Last Post played from Harcourt Road. Many would have been like me – at home, by their TVs. A few minutes later a post appeared on Nextdoor. 'A big thank you to the lady at the end of Harcourt Road who played the Last Post on her trumpet at 11am'. I like many wished I'd heard it. As the post said 'a true reminder of our past and present heroes'.

Step forward Alison Bell, who said 'it was an honour to play'.

Alison plays trumpet with the Slough Philharmonic. Sadly, says Alison, they are unable to rehearse or perform concerts at present. Alison tells me that she's played the Last Post for a number of years on Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's in Farnham Royal.

If things carry on as at present, she says she may feel the need to play Christmas carols at her front gate. 'Maybe there are others who might like to join in...' she says. I think there very well might be!



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Remembrance Day in Dorney 2020



Remembering, from World War I, the five men on the kneeler memorial in St James the Less, Dorney: James ("Jack") Henry Moriarty, Percy Charles Poolman, Albert Poolman, Bertie Belcher and Robert James Eustace.

There is one other war grave listed in St James the Less, Dorney's Graveyard. That of Lieutenant Courtenay Traice Lindsay. His name is not included in the Church's WW I Memorial but his grave is recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

From World War II, the twelve men on the Memorial Ground plaque:

2nd Lieutenant Richard Vernon Cholmondeley, Colonel Andrew D. Clinch, Lance Corporal Percy Thomas Robert Evins, Sergeant Peter Arthur Ingram, Wing Commander Reginald Frederick Stuart Leslie, Lieutenant John Pendennis Dunning McCartney, Private William George Poole, Gunner Benjamin Rolfe, Lance Corporal Edwin Alan Sprackling, Sergeant Harold Stevens, Harold Tudor Thomas and Captain Alan Douglas.

Full details of all of these brave men is on the Dorney History Group website





St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

**The remaining 2020 Service is the
Christmas Advent Service by Candlelight at 1500hrs on
Sunday, 13th December 2020, but please do not attend in person.
Due to COVID restrictions only the people involved in reading the
lessons and singing will be there.**

**We are so sorry that, this year, more people can't attend this
extremely popular Advent Service.**

**We are hoping to livestream the service at 3pm
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Auricula articulation on Dorney Common

Warning: Contents contain mostly gardening failures and successes; however, failure is not the opposite of success, it is simply the path to success.

The lead time up to Christmas has remained glum, continuing the battle with renewed hope as we hear that several vaccines are nearing the regulatory review and approval phase, with syringes poised to prick the Covid bubble. Confident that some may produce immunisation, it is hard to avoid negative comments in the media, but remaining optimistic is the only option if we want to bounce back from the 'annus horribilis' 2020 year that we have loaned out. This long, wet winter of ploughed mud must surely turn by Spring into fresh growth for our economy and for our hearts.



A few years ago, maybe four or five, we were given free day passes to the Chelsea Flower Show, so with my husband Dave, we spent a wonderful day admiring amazing gardens and decadent displays of flowers. Amid all this was a large tiered catwalk stand, constructed from wood, upon which stood many little terracotta Long Tom flowerpots, each housing a species of 'show' Primula Auricula. Every plant sported a colourful designer hat (bloom), sprinkled with a fine floury sprinkle (known as farina), standing erect and poised to be admired.

Utterly transfixed by the sight of their jewel-like flowers on long stalks, emerging from a bed of thick green fat leaves, a show offer was twelve for the price of ten. Well, the truth was that it was my fixation whilst Dave waited patiently without passing comment, quietly sipping his tea from a paper cup, without doubt thinking to himself 'must we carry this fragile cargo for the rest of the day through heaving crowds?' Where there is a will there is a way, and where there is a way, I will. We made the day without a squish, all the way home in rush hour on a packed train clutching the plugs in a paper bag.

The name Primula Auricula, often known as Mountain Cowslip, or the most common name Bear's Ear (*auricula ursi*), is thought to be due to the shape and downy texture of the leaf. That day in Chelsea started a personal fascination with these plants, making my own very small version of an Auricula Theatre, a pastime that the Victorians took great pleasure in creating to present their prime specimens.

Sadly, not all twelve survived my inexperienced faded green thumb, losing seven of the Auriculas over the years. However, gradually, I learnt that they loved the shade, but need shelter, not too wet, not too dry, no watering between November and February, to pinch off yellowing leaves, and to divide the clump in Autumn. Over time, with best efforts, beautiful little flowers arrived in abundance each Spring, a delight to behold and cherish.

Now, into our second lockdown, as the veggie plot lies mostly dormant, I decided to replace the Auricula that I had managed to exterminate. However, due to indecision and greed, an assortment of 15 arrived (it might have been more actually but who's counting), in a variety of types but mostly Doubles, Sells, Edges and Fancies, to make their entrance to the Auricula theatre with hopefully, this time, no early exit. The plants will be settled into individual terracotta Long Toms to be arranged on wooden or metal shelving which become the staging of the theatre. So, unable to reconnect with the Drama Guild for some time, our next production, auditioned, cast and into rehearsals, opens here in the Spring. Well, let's hope they all manage to endure my best efforts, and Dave can bring his wood working skills to good use.

Meantime, I learnt another bit of gardening advice from a Facebook gardening forum, a horticultural technique which I had never heard of before. The chat revolved around 'green manure' which I initially presumed was grass fed horse droppings, but turned out to be a process of sowing fast growing plants on bare soil that had worked hard over the summer. Sowing specific seeds that grow quickly to smother weeds and then to be finally dug over into the soil two or three weeks before planting out new vegetable plugs. This process returns valuable nutrients and apparently improves the structure of the soil, using for example varieties of Clover which give a fantastic yield of nitrogen but not as much as a Hairy Vetch!

I hope to receive another visit from our expert John Barker, with corrections and tips to achieve better outcomes from my Auriculas, and good advice on green manure. He will be pleased to see that I have eleveny-eight common Cowslip plugs tenderly cared for in the greenhouse, along with a tray of Marsh Marigolds. Sunny wildflowers for a brighter new year, the one where we can climb out of our hidey holes to embrace a new near normal life.

A valuable lesson I have learnt over the years is that ever since I have been gardening, I have made mistakes, but each mistake has helped cure me of my horticultural shortcomings. Eventually, by listening, reading, trial and error, the garden becomes, hopefully, more beautiful. It is a blank canvas that mutates through the seasons, maturing each year to give back the devotions we lavish on it.

'A life spent making mistakes is not only honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing' George Bernard Shaw

From our bubble here in the cottage, we raise our glasses to your bubble!
Happy Christmas!

Kristina Perkins

DORNEY SCHOOL



RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW

News from Dorney School

I am always so pleased to be invited to write for this publication and now as Acting Headteacher of Dorney School. As I sit here, reflecting on the news in the last few weeks and the impact on our school community, I smile with hope and a sense that the world is heading in the right direction. What we need is to ensure that we keep lighting the way and together, keep up the effort for peace and justice; just like the fireworks and the Diya lamps that light the skies for Diwali.

We now know that the new US President-elect hopes to unite a country that has so far been divided and severely affected by Covid. We also have the first female US Vice President-elect of African-Asian heritage. We hear so much that these are unprecedented times and my goodness, they are indeed. This fills me with optimism for all our children especially our girls, who are now able to see and know that anything is possible. Yes, both elected roles are yet to be realised and both candidates have much work to do to heal their own communities, but they have some good foundations.

Closer to home, a twenty-three-year-old footballer, Marcus Rashford, through his persistence and resilience, has managed to convince our government in ensuring all pupils from low income families are fed during the school holidays. This is not virtue signalling; this is using your privilege to ensure that we work together towards a common goal and ensure that no child goes hungry, especially this Christmas.

I am humbled and filled with joy that we have such real models for our children, helping them understand their own future role in our society. At Dorney school we believe this is important as you cannot be what you cannot see. Our aim is for each child and their family to be able to see themselves reflected in our provision and our curriculum and that our lessons help us learn to accept everyone, including the ones we do not get to see. We are also determined that our pupils will be the role models, just like Marcus Rashford, that our world needs every day.

On Remembrance Day, we held a whole school virtual assembly led by our Year 6 pupils in which parents and grandparents were also invited to attend. We remembered the Fallen who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms today and we reflect that not everyone in the world is free, from war, from strife, poverty, and from fear. It was an amazing experience as families from as far as away as Scotland and Australia joined us 'live' in the classroom. The power of connection was so strong, and it has taken a pandemic to offer us creative possibilities.





On the 13th of November, we celebrated BBC Children in Need and World Kindness Day where each pupil brought in a small donation for Children's charities in the UK and a book to gift to a Children's Charity in Sierra Leone. Part of our school ethos is 'Service above Self'. I am proud of our pupils and their families for their generosity and their curiosity in the work to address inequity. "There can be no

keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children." **Nelson Mandela**

As we countdown to a very unusual Christmas experience, the aim of Dorney School is to ensure that everyone in our community receives the love, the care and the hope that this season usually brings. No one must miss out if we can help it and I invite you to join us in this aim. Check in on a neighbour, donate to the foodbank, send round some treats, or mince pies to local organisations and charities, donate a warm blanket to the homeless. Everyone is entitled to kindness and it starts with a smile. Sending you the biggest smiles from the children and staff at Dorney School and our warmest Season's Greetings. As we remember the story of the humble birth of Jesus, may you find peace and joy in the company of your families and community.



Merry Christmas

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Sharifah Lee
Acting Headteacher

Covid put in its Place, by Mike Quincey

Oh No!!! not the 'V' word again!

Well, the proverbial has hit the fan once more, and by the time you read this, we'll be well into the second national lockdown, Trump will refuse to leave, MP's will have their undeserved pay increase, winter will be established and Santa will stop feeding Rudolph and his chums as they will be redundant in 2020. I do hope Santa puts his feet up with a half decent red and enjoys his lockdown, getting in touch with old friends and discovering what really matters.

"Told you so, but would you listen?"

I can hear my overdeveloped conscience berating me for worrying about the rattle in my posh car; the niggling disputes at work, and sometimes at home; should I get new carpets? (have to admit, criticism of them is well founded) and other minutiae of day to day living. I'd had a lousy day at work. I won't bore you with the details dear reader. I'm sure you have your own, just take it from me it was a b*****.

"What's up Honey?" my partner's pretty face is creased with concern on my return home.

I explain, and at her behest, we drive to the Jubilee River and stroll contentedly, exchanging smiles with each other, dog walkers, parents with pushchairs and seniors like me relaxing in the late evening sunshine, watching the wind ripple the water while stately swans usher their cygnets into the safety of the reeds for the night. She hugs me tight. The pettiness of the trials and tribulations fall away as my tension dissipates.

"This is lovely. This is what it's all about," I mutter contentedly as we watch the sun set over the water.

As we gaze, a lady with a dog approaches. She smiles as she passes, and after pleasantries, we fall into easy conversation over swans, and dogs, particularly the missing Lola who stares at us all from social media and a hundred posters. Life is good for us, and worth the fight.

Which brings me to 11th of this month when we recalled men and women who, between 1914 and 1918, and again 1939 to 1945 had far greater concerns than a virus; many would not see another day, or perhaps worse, survive burned and broken physically and mentally. I wrote about this in November last year, shortly after the late PC Andrew Harper's funeral and the Ride of Respect, something I will never forget. Unless the editor sees the light, I will probably write about it next November too.

In 2020, everything has changed. We are encouraged to stay at home and to privately salute those remarkable people, but it's not the same. Would we do it again, faced with another lunatic dictator hell bent on conquering the world and murdering entire races as an industrial process?

Damn right we would! Please God we never have to, but it is relevant in these difficult times to reflect on what those lives were sacrificed for.

The obvious reasons are set out in the Human Rights Act, which came about as a direct result of World War Two, but on a more local level, say in Dorney, what does it all mean?

I, and you, have the freedom to do what we want, when we want and, Covid permitting, with whom we want. No young man in jeans, dark glasses and denim with a badge and a gun is going to tell us not to. We don't fear Police officers who (save exceptional

circumstances) don't hide behind masks and large riot helmets, but rather police by consent.

It is with gratitude to those remarkable people all those years ago and now that I am able to watch the swans after a bad day.

Which brings me to the nonsense I started with. Why do we, especially in times of stress, sometimes turn against each other, whether they be partners, friends, neighbours, work colleagues or relatives. Now surely is the time to put petty jealousies and other such nonsense aside and get through this together, hopefully to emerge the other side of the pandemic better than we entered it.

On a completely different note, one goes through life, and very, very occasionally, you meet someone so inspiring that they become unforgettable. I met such a man, perhaps one of five in my entire life, quite recently.

In my role, I unglamorously collect and return remarkable patients to and from clinics and hospitals, and I am supplied with necessarily scant medical details sufficient to make this run smoothly. I was called to a Hospice to collect 'Joe' (not his real name) to take him to chemotherapy, and noted that he was quite young and required a wheel chair through lack of ability to move and breathe, had depression etc etc and he weighed about six stones. I was directed to his room, steeling myself for what was to come.

"Hallo, I'm Mike," I said to the back of a mop of back hair sitting in an easy chair. The frail body started an apparently difficult process of getting to his feet.

"Please, don't get up. I'll help you into this wheelchair," I quickly advised.

He rose to his feet and turned round, smiling. "I won't need that, but thanks anyway. I'm Joe; but then you know that!" he smirked. "I'm OK to walk," which he did at a reasonable pace.

We arrived at the ambulance and he climbed the three steps, fixing his seat belt; something I would have expected to do for him.

I drove and we chatted like instant friends. He was more interested in me, but finally, I confronted the 'elephant in the room'. I explained what the notes indicated, stating he and his spirit looked remarkably well.

"Ha! If you want a good figure, you can't beat be the cancer weight loss programme," he grinned. "Works every time!"

"Why the notes?" I asked. "They're not accurate."

"Oh, but they were," said Joe. "I had my second brain tumour and I thought, 'I can't go through all that again,' so I gave up; my Mum tried and tried to make me eat, but I wasn't interested. I couldn't get up and didn't want to. I just wanted to go. Eventually I was taken to the Hospice, and I found they were wonderful. A Hospice is not always the end, and within days I was eating a full English, and now..... Well, I'm ready for the fight. I want to get back to work!"

I found driving difficult.

Joe had shown us what is important and shown me what is not.

Thanks Joe.

Happy Christmas. Stay safe.

Mr Brightside moves northwards



Over the last month or so, Mr Brightside's coffee van has moved from its former parking spot by the boat house to a berth near the car park close to the Dorney Lake entrance. I imagine this is a move welcomed by the many walkers, runners and cyclists enjoying that end of the site.

Mark and Ann serve hot and cold drinks and a range of snacks from their vintage Citroën H van. The van dates from 1973 and was sourced in Bahrain. Like much else to do with these two, you feel there must be a considerable back story lurking there. My household would recommend Mark's super flat whites, while others, I'm told come from far and wide for the Hot Chocolate Specials, a concoction that involves marshmallows, fudge and flakes. A couple of conversations have taught me that Mark is a great one for catchphrases – one such is that 'life is better with a flake'.

Making 'life better' seems to be a main concern of Mr Brightside – Mark and Ann, who commute daily from a boat berthed in Boveney, have particular warmth for two groups. One is the Dorney Lake authorities who over the last three years or so 'have really looked after us.' The other are those elderly lake users who have particularly missed socialising over cuppas. There are stories of easy chairs being brought out for regular coffee times and the space adjacent to the car park has the feeling of a socially distanced village square.

Mr Brightside is currently serving refreshments seven days a week from 9am to 'until it gets dark'. Mark says that they are likely to remain near the main entrance for the foreseeable future and certainly through the gloomy days after Christmas.



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Visiting Dorney Lake

Dorney Lake is a privately owned site, and access to members of the public is welcome unless we are hosting a sporting event or private event.

When site is open, access to the lake is via the main entrance only. However Footpath No. 8 and the Sustrans path around the site perimeter will remain accessible at all times even when we are closed.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Dorney Lake will be open every day throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

Our gates will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm,

but please do exit by 5.30pm to ensure that the gates do not close on you.

SPORTING EVENT DAYS

Please call us on 01753 832756 or check our website for the most up to date information.

Additional event days may be added at any time.

In light of Covid-19, sporting events are due to recommence from 2nd December 2020, but spectators are not permitted. Members of the general public will not be permitted, and access to site on event days will not be possible.



From the Dorney Lake Team

Dorney Horticultural Society

Dear Members and Friends,

At the time of writing we would normally have recently enjoyed our very popular end of year pre-Christmas supper evening which always has a record turnout, enjoying a jolly good evening of light entertainment, good food and friendly chat and banter. Let us hope that it won't be long before we can resume some sort of normality.

The committee has discussed our future and agreed that until we can look back on the Covid pandemic as a distant bad memory, we cannot envisage any of our traditional indoor group functions for the foreseeable future until it is totally safe for everyone.

Naturally, we will not be asking for any subscriptions and your 2020 membership will roll over to cover 2021. We are hoping to plan some outdoor events in the warmer weather, like nature walks and our popular garden visits, subject to government advice at the time, and to review our annual show and Christmas Supper later. We will communicate any updates through our mailing list, telephone and Dorney Parish News.

If anyone wishes to communicate with the society please email our secretary Peter Bowman at ddhs@btinternet.com. Very best wishes to all for Christmas and 2021 on behalf of the Horticultural Society committee.

Ron Alsworth - Chairman

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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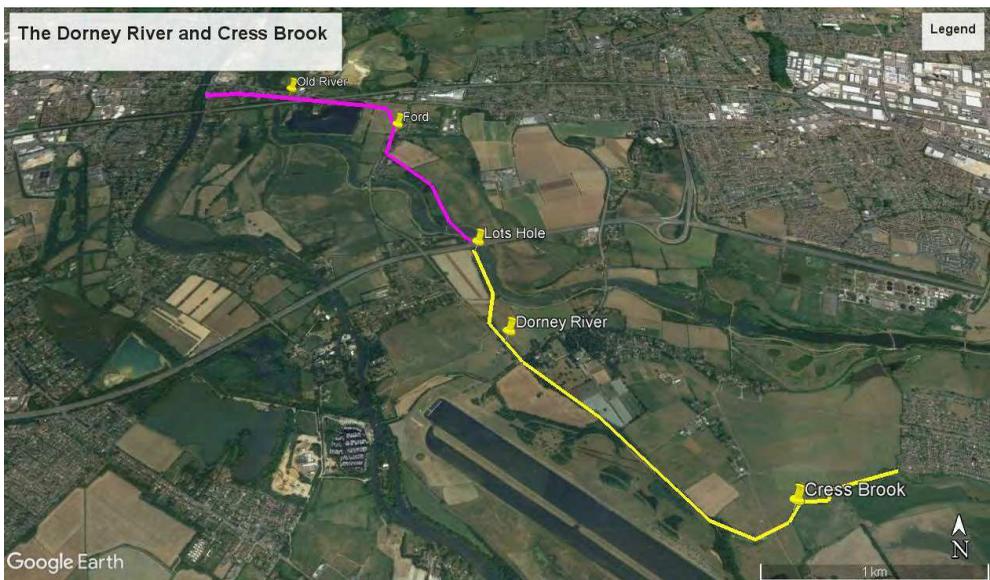
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Dorney's Waterways – The Dorney River and Cress Brook

“The Dorney River” may come as a bit of a surprise to residents! What is it? Where is it?

A very well-respected local historian of these parts, the late Michael Bayley, whom I was in contact with during the last few years of his life, wrote a number of fascinating books on this area. The main one, which documents the Dorney River, is called “Unwritten History” and was privately published by him on 8th March 2001. It runs to 181 pages. Peter and Jean Tyler have a copy of it and kindly lent it to me. It provides a wonderfully detailed history of the area, from Cookham to Datchet.

According to Michael Bayley, *“the Dorney River was the local name for the navigation channel, alongside The Thames, in the Dorney - Boveney area. It left the eastern course of the river Thames between Maidenhead Bridge and Bray Lock, crossing Marsh Lane at a ford which used to be where the road zigzags between the Jubilee River and the Bath Road.*



From here it flowed over Lots Hole Spring and originally followed the line of the existing stream just west of Dorney Court and St James' Church and down to Boveney and back into the Thames near where the Dorney Lake Boathouse now sits. It appears that the now closed Footpath 17, from near the entrance to Boveney Court to the Thames may have run alongside this waterway.

The archaeologists who worked on Dorney Lake and Lots Hole tell us that this swift stream went out of use just before the Roman invasions two thousand years ago – but it was still being pointed out as the old course of Dorney River by local yeoman families in the 1920s!

A diversion to the Dorney River appears to have been made via Cress Brook, round the north side of Boveney [Lock] Island, to join up with the Roundmoor Ditch. The small bridge on the Boveney Road that crosses Cress Brook was originally a ford called Stam Ford.

Cress Brook was swift flowing, shallow and clean in the 1930s and was then well stocked with watercress, but the name may date back to when it was dug to connect two navigation channels, the one by Dorney Court (the Dorney River) and the one that went north of Dorney Common – Round Moor Ditch.

In the day when salmon were a common fish in the Thames, brooks were swift streams with clean gravel bottoms where salmon spawned.

Old men still remembered tales of [boats] navigating the ditch up on the Dorney Boveney boundary and along Dowmans Meadow [now part of Dorney Lake] past Dorney Church to the wharf in Long Meadow [now the narrow field grazed by horses across the road from the Dorney Lake entrance] by the market field called Dents, when my father was a boy.”

Today, the Dorney River is, essentially, a ditch which can be seen, briefly, on the bridge over it in Court Lane, between Dorney Court/St James’ Church and the entrance to Dorney Lake.

Cress Brook, seen at Stam Ford on the Boveney Road, also appears to be relatively shallow, but further along, towards Eton Wick and its confluence with Roundmoor Ditch, it becomes deeper and flows well.

**Bill Dax
Dorney History Group**

Access to Dorney Lake

When site is open (please check the Dorney Lake website for events when it is closed - <https://www.dorneylake.co.uk/sports-events.aspx>), access is only possible via the main entrance by car or foot, and via Footpath 8 or the Sustrans path on foot or cycle.

The pedestrian gate by Andrews Boathouse is now closed permanently.

Footpath No. 8 around part of the site perimeter will remain accessible at all times even when we’re closed.

Nextdoor – the Neighbourhood Hub

The logo for Nextdoor, featuring the word "nextdoor" in a lowercase, rounded, green sans-serif font.

A few weeks ago I was set a challenge – to find out how the local social network platform Nextdoor is funded, what they do with the Data they collect and is it really a dangerous

form of social media? Here are the results of my research.

Nextdoor is a privately held company based in San Francisco with backing from prominent investors. It has a managing board who collectively have a vast amount of experience and expertise in the use of social media and the internet. They have variously worked for LinkedIn, Google Maps, Yahoo, Expedia and Goldman Sachs amongst other well know companies.

It was started in the US and has been accepted into a number of other countries including The Netherlands, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Australia, Sweden, Denmark and Canada. They promote themselves as “The neighbourhood hub for trusted connections and the exchange of helpful information, goods, and services; we hope that neighbours everywhere will use Nextdoor to build stronger and safer neighbourhoods around the world.”

When you join Nextdoor you are asked to give minimal information – this is to verify that you are living within the neighbourhood that you are joining. What is required is your full name (none of the made up names that you can hide behind) your address and an e-mail address that is connected to your address. Everything else that you want to add, including a photo of yourself and information about your hobbies, family etc., are a matter for you to put up on your own profile. You join a private community made up of just your neighbours with only those people able to see the street that you live in. All other information is restricted to what you wish to add and what you allow others to see.

Each area of Nextdoor is initially introduced by a ‘Lead’. Leads are neighbours who take responsibility for their neighbourhood and wish to help cultivate a strong and healthy community on Nextdoor. They are neighbours like other members, except they have been granted additional capabilities to help their neighbourhood run more smoothly.

According to a variety of sources Nextdoor is as safe as you make it. As with every type of social media you need to guard against posting too much information or doing anything which will compromise your own security. The fact is that you have a local Lead who is able to assist with monitoring and moderating neighbourhood activity. The Leads can vote to remove posts that they think have violated Nextdoor’s guidelines, including guarding against anything that might be called ‘trolling’.

The platform is securely encrypted using the HTTPS Internet protocol, the data that it collects from you, your browser or your mobile device is no different from any other site on, or connection to the internet.

Nextdoor assures you that “Your privacy is our priority — We do not share your name, address or email with advertisers, and your conversations will not be indexed by search engines. We are committed to building trust with neighbours every day.”

As for funding Nextdoor, the use of advertising in this country is only really in its infancy – it is obviously just being developed as a funding source. Those who do advertise on Nextdoor have to adhere to a strict code of what is and is not allowed – all adverts have to be relevant to the local neighbourhood but also adhere to local laws. Sponsored adverts only seem to appear on the Home page – presumably they will become more prominent if you click on them. These often seem personal because they include the name of your area. Nextdoor displays sponsored content from large regional and national businesses who they ‘believe have valuable products and services to share with Nextdoor’s members.’

Adverts on the Dorney section have been put on by individuals whose registered address is in Dorney – either under General or perhaps Recommendations – they will also often appear on your Home page if they have been posted to Dorney + Nearby but none of these are targeted at you directly.

I have read extensively many of the pros and cons – the majority of the problems are related not to Nextdoor itself but to how it is used by individuals. As I have said before, you have a vast degree of autonomy – you can erase the whole of a conversation that you have started by simply deleting your original post, you can report inappropriate information and comments and you can regulate who sees what you post. I’ve looked at a certain number of negative comments but none are directly related to the set-up of Nextdoor. These are often the result of misuse by users and mostly in America – just as all information on the internet can be.

In conclusion – Nextdoor does do ‘what it says on the tin’! – it is designed for neighbours to connect and communicate with each other in local neighbourhoods, it connects those that are neighbours in a small group, it allows them to communicate useful information and help each other with local issues and even personal ones. The more people there are using it to help others and share useful local information the better it will become – this is a social media tool that is very much driven by those who use it.

This has been a difficult assignment as there are so many pages to be found on the internet about how Nextdoor operates, uses what little data you are asked to give to them and how it protects your data and adheres to its guiding principles. If you want all the small details you can read it all online as I did, but here I have given you just the gist of it.

And no, there is no sinister plot by a nameless group of people in the USA to collect (and sell) data on the people of Dorney and neither is any of the funding/advertising tracking your every computer click!

And yes, Nextdoor themselves do think they are useful with helping to find lost dogs!

Thea Pine



Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards from the whole of Chiltern & South Bucks. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. This allows us to speak to a wide cross-section of the community, find out what you most want improved in the area and consider how we and others can accomplish these aims. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every three months and are then assumed by your Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Priority – Speeding

Speeding has been an area concern to many residents within the community, especially this year when we saw the roads becoming less congested with traffic, due to more people working from home. Understandably, we have not been able to complete any Community Speed Watch Events during the pandemic. To address this, hopefully you would have seen from our social media pages, and we have increased speed enforcement. Over this period, we completed numerous events in Lent Rise Road, Hill Farm Road, Marsh Lane, Lake End Road, Dropmore Road, Templewood Lane and the A355 Beaconsfield Rd. 1722 vehicles passed our cameras, 26 of those exceeding the speed limit.

To support this, we are training more officers to conduct speed measurement; using enforcement devices. We are reviewing the information we are getting from these operations and using this data to guide future deployments. We work very closely with our Roads Policing Dept. and work with them when operational demand allows.

More of this work will continue over the festive period; including our annual Drink Drive Campaign.

Priority – Burglary

From September to November 2020 burglaries have seen a reduction of 70% with 7 this quarter compared to 23 this time last year. We have responded to this with intensive police operations, in areas of high burglary rates.

October saw the start of our Winter Burglary Campaign, which utilised crime analysis to predict where future offending may occur. We have targeted these areas; providing crime prevent advice, high visibility, deter & deter patrols, and general target-hardening of the wider environment.

Beyond local Neighbourhood and Response officers, recent police operations have also included colleagues from Metropolitan Police, Hertfordshire and British Transport Police; tackling cross-border offending. As a universal priority for respective communities, our collective resources have proven a highly effective means apprehending those suspected of being responsible.

The Neighbourhood team have been out and about carrying out targeted patrols and leaflet drops reminding residents that with the dark night's drawing in.



Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

We have seen a different trend in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) this year, the community have been utilising open spaces where restrictions have limited their normal activities. Unfortunately, this has attracted those who have tried to disrupt communities. Over the Summer months, we identified areas that were becoming of a concern to us. We monitored reports for time parameters, completed Hi-Vis Patrols, took action against those causing most harm. Working in partnership with Buckinghamshire Council, dispersal orders were also occasionally utilised to support our joint aims.

Dorney Lake had authority to close its gates over the summer, whilst essential work carried out, to protect the area and the community. The Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to thank the community personally for their ongoing support and patience whilst we worked towards a solution to prevent any harm.

This did bring us concerns that we may displace Anti-Social Behaviour during the current climate. Unfortunately, Taplow was one of those areas to which we were required to utilise dispersal powers. We will continue to work with Buckinghamshire Council to monitor to the situation over the coming months, to ensure we are tackling the issues at hand and consideration for longer term solutions.

With reports of ASB this also gave us the opportunity to identify four drug misuse offences, issuing the most appropriate positive outcomes. Never taking our foot off the accelerator, the Neighbourhood Policing Team worked hard to gather information, on three suspects for possession with the intent to supply, cannabis, after we executed a warrant at their address, this investigation is ongoing.

Recently, our attention has been directed towards open spaces and parks, as these areas seem to be attracting undesirable elements. You can help us by reporting issues to us on web forms, or via 101.

We are seeing more and more E-Scooters being ridden around the area and to date we have issued three section 59 warnings. Please remember these can only be ridden on private land with the owner's permission.

Other News

After reports of tents being pitched on the Jubilee River the neighbourhood team carried out joint patrols with the Environment Agency. The two sites located around the Dorney Wetlands have now been removed by the Environment Agency.

A female has been arrested for possession with intent to supply and a warrant was also carried out on an address in Burnham and cannabis plants were located.

COVID Compliance

Over many months, our Neighbourhood teams have worked closely with colleagues in Buckinghamshire Council. You may have seen us out and about in various locations with the Environmental Health officers from the Council; challenging apparent non-compliance with COVID restrictions. Most locations across our neighbourhood have been supportive of the Government's guidelines, and those where the public have voiced concerns have greatly improved safe business practice, with the right advice.

Recently we have visited Tesco, Sainsbury's and Taplow Railway Station amongst other small or independent shops, restaurants and Public Houses to reinforce Government guidelines.

PETTICOAT POWER

There's a tendency, I find, for historical research to lead from one thing to another. You start off by delving into one aspect of the past, and then you come across another interesting subject. Readers of this column may recall, a couple of months ago, a brief mention of a lady with the unusual name of Mrs Parker Sedding. A little bit of digging revealed that she was worthy of a longer look.

We're perhaps inclined to think that female emancipation began with women's lib in the 1960s, or maybe with the suffragette movement. But throughout history there have been strong women prepared to buck the stereotypes. Parker Sedding was one of these.

She was born Parker Thomson in Lincoln in 1742. We know little about her early life, but in 1786 she was married in London to Dorney farmer Edmund Sedding. The Sedding family were long established in Dorney and presumably Edmund brought his new wife back there to live. There is no indication that Parker had much previous experience of farming, but when her husband died only three years later, she took over the running of the farm.

Parker was still living in Dorney in 1799, but before 1803 she had moved to Baylis Farm in Stoke Poges. This was a substantial rented farm generating income of over £400 a year and she was described as one of the best farmers in the neighbourhood. At this time, parish affairs were run by worthy locals who took turns to hold the unpaid positions of churchwarden, overseer of the poor and surveyor of highways. Almost always these functions were carried out by men, but as a widow Parker was eligible for election, and so she became overseer of the poor for Stoke Poges, with the support of former Lord Chancellor the Earl of Rosslyn who was living at Baylis House and the vicar George Bold.

It was unusual enough for a woman to fill the role of overseer, but Parker brought her own unique approach to the job. Energetic and compassionate and surely ahead of her time, she decided the best way to find out what was going on in the workhouse was to live there herself for a month. She found *"the interior of the workhouse was irregular and dirty, and the poor inhabitants of it filthy and idle"*. So, she got the inmates to clean the building and themselves, and then organised for them proper clothing, bedding and nutrition. She left the workhouse in the care of a couple she had hired as managers who could also give lessons to the children, hold prayer and bible readings, and teach spinning. Parker was keen to set up a small factory producing worsted cloth where the inmates could work, partly to pay for their keep but also so that they could earn some money for themselves. When the parish vestry refused to pay for this, Parker organised and paid for it herself. Not only did she transform conditions in the workhouse, she managed to pay off the arrears of debt owed by the parish and reduce the rates paid by parishioners to support the poor.

This remarkable performance was held up as a shining example, both at the time and afterwards, most recently in publications about "petticoat politicians" – women involved in politics in the nineteenth century. Nor did Parker forget the poor of her late husband's parish. She left £200 to add to a charity established by an earlier Sedding widow, to help poor people in Dorney, especially widows. Her gift to provide food and clothes for deserving poor widows in Stoke Poges still, today, forms part of the Stoke Poges United Charity helping people in need, and she also gave funds for education there. Like many modern-day philanthropists, Parker made these charitable donations during her lifetime.

Sometime between 1817 and 1825, Parker moved again, to live with her nephew Richard Thompson at Farnham Court farm in Farnham Royal and she remained there till her death in 1827. Richard and his wife Susanna had one daughter, Caroline, born in 1815. Here I found another connection with Dorney. In 1849, Caroline married the widowed Philip Palmer, youngest son of Charles Palmer of Dorney Court and 15 years her senior. They

lived at Oakley Place in Bray with Philip's son John, but sadly Caroline died in 1854. Parker had left most of her estate to Richard, but it appears he had failed to administer her will before his death in 1848. It was left to Philip Palmer's son John in 1887 to administer the wills of both his stepmother Caroline Palmer and her great aunt Parker Sedding.

Parker Sedding also left money to her niece Parker Thompson, Richard's sister. Born in Ely in 1776, Parker Thompson too had migrated to the area near Dorney. I discovered that by 1810 she was working in the household of Caroline Lockman, the spinster daughter of John Lockman, who had been a Canon of Windsor from 1759 to 1807 when he died. Caroline Lockman was still living in Windsor Castle in 1814, but by 1828 had moved into a house on what is now St Leonard's Road. She had a small close-knit staff of women (and a footman) who regarded her as their "dear mistress" for whom they held "great respect and regard". When they died in her service, they were buried in St George's chapel or in a vault at the parish church, and when Caroline Lockman died in June 1828 she left her servants a year's wages, on top of other bequests which for those who had been with her for many years were very generous. Parker Thompson was given an annuity of £100, a lump sum of £200, and much of the furniture and household items. Parker must have been a senior servant, perhaps the housekeeper or ladies' maid, because she was also entrusted with the care of Caroline Lockman's young protegee, a teenage girl in delicate health, who lived with them. Caroline left funds for her upkeep and education, envisaging a career as a governess or teacher. Strangely, the girl's parents were alive and not poor, so it is unclear why Caroline felt it important that the girl should be allowed to live where she chose and to exclude the parents from decisions about their daughter's future. One elderly servant who had worked for the Lockman family for 57 years described herself as being under Caroline's "protection", so perhaps Caroline provided an element of refuge from domestic abuse.

In fact, Parker Thompson died less than a month after her mistress. She had kept in contact with her Sedding relations, and she left money and religious books to her niece Caroline Thompson.

In the days before the NHS, social security and state schools, provision of welfare, health and education was supported by charities. Caroline Lockman was a benefactor to several of these in Windsor, including charities to help the poor working classes and poor women in childbirth. She was a "valuable friend" to the organisation which had set up and was running the first schools to provide systematic teaching for the children of the poor, and she left money to that "excellent institution" the Windsor General Dispensary. Forerunner of the King Edward VII hospital, this offered medical treatment to the sick of Windsor, Eton and the vicinity who could not afford to pay for care. During the current pandemic, we can appreciate that the dispensary offered smallpox vaccination free to everyone and in the 1820s even encouraged uptake by the offer of a shilling to each person vaccinated – an idea for our times perhaps? Following in her spirit of philanthropy, Caroline's servants also left money to charities, including poor widows and widowers in the almshouses.

These women may not have exercised power in the way they might have been able to today, but they used what means they had to influence and to improve the lives of other women.

Virginia Silvester

**Planning Applications (Validated, Decided & Updated) during
November 2020**

Dorney Parish

From South Bucks District Council Planning website:

pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/

PL/19/4434/FA Status: Refused (Wed 25 Mar 2020)

First floor extension over and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation (retrospective) and ground floor link extension to main dwelling

Appeal Decision: Dismissed (Thu 05 Nov 2020)

***Conclusion.** The proposal would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt and further harm to the Green Belt would be caused as a result of loss of openness. These matters carry substantial weight. I afford, at most, limited weight to the material considerations cited in support of the proposed development and I find that they do not clearly outweigh the harm that I have identified.*

Consequently, the very special circumstances necessary to justify the proposal do not exist. The proposal conflicts with Policies GB1, GB2 and GB10 of the LP [Local Plan], which collectively seek to protect the Green Belt from inappropriate development. There would also be conflict with the Green Belt aims of the Framework. There are no other considerations which outweigh this finding.

Elm Farm Boveney Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QD

PL/20/3554/SA | Validated: Thu 05 Nov 2020

Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed: Vehicular access

54 Meadow Way Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DS

PL/20/3505/FA | Validated: Tue 10 Nov 2020

Rear first floor extension and amendment to roof of the single storey section remaining

6 Harcourt Close Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DY

PL/20/2636/SA | Decided: Cert of law proposed dev or use issued: Tue 17 Nov 2020

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed outbuilding

Two Gates Village Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QW

PL/20/3718/FA | Validated: Thu 19 Nov 2020

Erection of new pedestrian access with black painted cast iron gate and railings adjacent to existing entrance gates

New Dimmings Village Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QW

Burnham Parish (adjoining Dorney Parish)

From South Bucks District Council Planning website:

pa.chilternandsouthbucks.gov.uk/online-applications/

Validated: 17th August 2020

Orchard Herbs Lake End Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QS

PL/20/2020/OA

Status: as at 23rd November 2020

Determination Deadline: 16th November 2020

No further information available to date (26th November 2020)

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Coronavirus – COVID19

Unfortunately, social gatherings like the popular children's parties are ruled out for the moment.

The good news is that exercise classes, which avoid socialising and maintain two metre distancing in a safe environment, are currently able to continue, just like they would in a gym.

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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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DIWALI CELEBRATIONS 2020



Diwali is a great festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and Jain communities. It is also New Year for Hindus and Jains. Diwali symbolises the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Houses are thoroughly cleaned before the festival. Every household decorates their homes with Rangolis - brightly coloured and intricate floor patterns. Diyas – ghee candles - are lit and prayers are offered to Laxmi, the Goddess of wealth, knowledge and prosperity. Lots of different food dishes are prepared, mainly various

kinds of sweets, like ladoos and barfis. Family and friends are visited, and dry fruits, sweets and presents are exchanged.

And let's not forget the lovely fireworks that light up the skies!

Moni Hunjan, Anila Davdra and Manjit Sahota started this Diwali charity event 9 years ago. Normally around this time of the year, Dorney Residents – Indians and Non-Indians - would have celebrated the Indian Festival of Lights at our Diwali Charity Dinner in the Village Hall. We normally use this opportunity to raise money for various charities both local as well as Indian charities. We have supported the Thames Valley Adventure Playground, Macmillan Cancer Support, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Mother Teresa's Orphanage in Goa, and last but not least, we have sponsored 2 children for education in India and are pleased to say that one has graduated as an Aerospace Engineer and the other one is doing their final year in Computer Science. Our whole community has been very supportive and generous, as without their help we would have not achieved all of this.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, our Dorney Diwali Celebrations, like all other social gatherings, have been postponed to next year. However, we have still collected money for fees for one student and also helped local families who have been affected by Covid. We have also donated to local Gurudwaras who have played a large part in delivering food to the homeless and vulnerable.

We shall endeavour to keep up this good work of bringing the community together and raising as much money as we can for charity. It would have not been possible without the help of all our friends and family. A special thanks to Mr Vinod Davdra for acting as MC, Sunny Hunjan, for overseeing and ensuring that all the preparations for the event go smoothly, Raya Rawlings, Ravinder Hunjan and Joy Richmond for helping with setting up and kitchen duties and Liz Stockwood for managing the ticket sales.

A big thank you and hope you will all join us to celebrate Diwali in 2021!

Moni Hunjan, Anila Davdra

Autumn Birds on Dorney Common

Autumn is one of the two seasons of the year when untold millions of birds are migrating from one part of the globe to another. Some locations seem to attract more than their fair share of these wanderers and Dorney Common fits that bill. There are often many Canada and Greylag Geese on the Common, interspersed with the bespectacled Egyptian Geese, but this November a rare Barnacle Goose arrived, and increasingly the dainty white Little Egret has been making appearances.



Some 150 tiny, striking Teal, having bred in Euro Siberia, turned up and were joined by good numbers of whistling Wigeon, all the way from Iceland. Among the hundreds of seabirds, a Black-headed Gull, ringed as a 3-year old in Essex in 2016, has been seen but that journey pales into insignificance compared to those of many other visitors here.

Other notable sojourners recently include Yellow Wagtail, Wheatear and even Short-eared Owl. An early morning walk, taking care not to cause disturbance, will witness dozens of Pied Wagtails, numerous Lapwings, a chance glimpse of passage waders such as Snipe or Dunlin, all accompanied by screeching Ring-necked Parakeets vacating their nearby roost, where about 2,000 sleep over.

Dorney Common is a wonderful place for wildlife, but always at its most spectacular in autumn.

Brian Clews.

This month Wayfarer invited Brian Clews to contribute a column. Brian, a local ornithologist, published author and expert on wildlife, was scheduled to be the speaker at the April 2020 meeting of Dorney Horticultural Society. DDHS hopes this event can be re-arranged in 2021.

Barclays to close the Eton branch



On Wednesday 6th January 2021, Barclays intend to close the branch at 8 High Street, Eton.

A letter from Barclays to the Eton Community Association states:

"I would like to give you notice of a change Barclays is making locally. On Wednesday 6th January 2021, we intend to close our branch at 8 High Street, Eton.

The decision to close a branch is never an easy one, however, the way we bank today is unrecognisable from 50 years ago when almost every banking transaction took place in a branch. Now, that number is only 10 per cent, and we

need to make sure that we are providing our services in ways that best reflect customers' needs today and into the future. As part of these changes, the role of the physical branch itself is evolving, from somewhere where large numbers of transactions happen behind a counter to a space where specialist financial conversations can take place comfortably.

This ongoing change in behaviour means we are seeing a sustained fall in customer transactions across our network and this is reflected at the Eton branch where there has been a 31 per cent reduction in counter transactions in the two years to March 2020. In addition, we can identify that 90 per cent of our customers at the branch are using alternative ways in which to undertake their banking, including via the telephone, online and mobile app.

Despite this change, we are confident that access to banking remains sufficient in the local community. There are three Barclays branches within 3.5 miles including Windsor High Street and Slough Town Centre; two free-to-use ATMs, the nearest at Nat West and Eton Railway Station, while everyday transactions can also be completed at any Post Office, with the closest located at 124 High Street, Eton."

The Eton Community Association are working hard to achieve retention of the ATM.

**Minutes of the Dorney Parish VIRTUAL Meeting of the Council
on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 8 pm**

Present:- Councillors K Harris (Chairman), A Purdie, P Smith, A Foxley, J Dax, R Ormond and C Stoughton.

In Attendance:- Buckinghamshire Council Cllrs Dev Dhillon, D Pepler and G Sandy, Matt Orchard (Balfour Beatty), Mr Bowman (Dorney Village Pump), 9 Members of the Public and Sue Moffat (Clerk).

92 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Dev Dhillon reported:- (i) No further updates on the second lockdown of Covid-19 except there is funding available for those that need help; (ii) The Chairman of Beeches has been contacted by a Dorney resident who has raised concerns about the proposal for the Court Lane/Village Rd/Lake End Rd roundabout stating there has been no local consultation with residents and that they believe a majority of local residents are against it. They also cited a local poll of 108 people where 67% voted for a T junction rather than a roundabout. Cllr Harris, supported by Cllr Purdie, responded that the roundabout has been under discussion for about 27 years, since the time when Ken Richmond was Chairman and again at the 2012 Olympics. Each time there was lack of funding to install a roundabout. The poll cited above conflicts with the poll carried out by the Parish Council where 500 residents were in favour of the roundabout. In 2017 there was a serious vehicle collision and emails were sent to the local MP and Cabinet Member at Bucks CC highlighting this dangerous junction. Cllr Dax also pointed out that national statistics show a T-junction is more dangerous than roundabout. Furthermore In 2017, a survey by DTWP showed approximately 173 people in Dorney were in favour of a roundabout and she has information available to this effect. Also, Cllr Foxley pointed out that Minutes have been posted on Nextdoor as far back as December 18 and November 19 when the roundabout has been discussed so it is general knowledge. Cllr Sandy and Cllr Pepler were in full support of a roundabout. MoP, Stephen Baker, also supported the roundabout and being a governor at Dorney Combined School he confirmed that the School is in support as well. Highways England has offered to fund a roundabout as a gesture of goodwill after the disruption of the M4Smartmotorway works but have limited availability to construct it so a decision must be made soon. After much discussion, it was agreed that Dorney Parish Council is fully supportive of a roundabout and such a proposal has been discussed by the community for many years where there has been good support for this proposal. Cllr Dev Dhillon, also in favour of the roundabout, will take back this information to Beeches Community Board in support for funding for the Design and Safety Audit. Matt Orchard will check with Highways England the amount of funding available to install the roundabout.

M4 Smartmotorway – Matt Orchard reported that Lake End Road works have not gone so well as expected and they 6/7 days behind schedule. Cllr Harris asked if local businesses such as the pubs and Garden Centre had been consulted about the road closure as he had found out from Eton Wick. Matt Orchard reported that businesses had not been consulted but had been notified. Regards the sound barrier this will be one of the last operations to complete. A query was raised about access to the M4 from Marsh Lane. Matt did not know the answer at the meeting but has since checked it out *and the only access point from Marsh Lane to the south east of the bridge is the reinstatement of the original field access*. When the bridge is opened the temporary footpath will be removed and the road swept so it will be in the same condition as before the works. Tree planting will take place, if not this Spring, next Autumn.

Speeding Review – Complaints continue about speeding in Marsh Lane. Cllr Dev Dhillon will schedule a speeding review once the M4Smartmotorway works are completed.

8.45pm Cllr Dev Dhillon left the meeting.

93 Apologies- None.

94 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – None.

95 Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting held on the 13th October 2020.

96 Clerk's Report – Highways funding applications have been submitted to the Beeches Community Board for:-
(i) Design and Safety Audit to install a roundabout at the junction of Village Rd/Court Lane/ Lake End Rd and;
(ii) 2 x flashing 20mph School warning signs.

97 Chairman's Report – Covered under Public Participation.

98 To respond to the Emergency Plan – Cllr Smith reported that one local resident has offered to be a co-ordinator (and more came forward at this meeting). It was agreed for Cllr Smith to set up a Zoom meeting with potential

volunteers. The Emergency Plan at parish level is very much community led so hopefully more people will come forward as it progresses.

- 99 Website Accessibility** – It was agreed that Cllr Foxley needs more resources to improve electronic communications and this will be discussed at the Finance meeting when considering next year’s budget. The son of the late Cllr Eddie Nelson has offered some help in this matter and Cllr Foxley will contact him.
- 100 To adopt a Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy** – Deferred.
- 101 Further consideration on filming Council meetings which are open to the public and the press and make these recordings available on the web site** – Time limit to be decided by the Parish Council.
- 102 To respond to the Refurbishment work by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) – Planned power cut at Dorney PC** – It was agreed to ask a representative to attend a meeting to explain the request made about resilience planning.
- 103 Planning**
- (a) Planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council were noted.
 - (b) Planning applications - Agreed.
 - (c) To note the Orchard Herbs Farm outline application has not yet been decided. Cllr Pepler added that it is on the agenda at Burnham PC all the time as Orchard Herb Farm is within the boundary of Burnham.
- 104 Finance**
- a) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for November 2020 – Agreed.
 - b) Resolved to receive list of income for November 2020 - Noted.
 - c) Resolved to receive the budget for 2020/21. Noted.
- 105 Member’s Reports** – Cllr Harris attempted to join the Beeches Community Board Virtual meeting but was unable to join. Cllr Dax attended the Roads and Infrastructure sub-committee where it would appear that the Community Board is the correct way forward to discuss problems such as parking outside the Pineapple PH and exiting Ashford Lane.
- 106 Correspondence** – (i) Buckinghamshire Council Budget Consultation 2021/22; (ii) Dorney Village Hall Management Committee- regards payment of ground maintenance; (iii) Full closure of the M4 this weekend between Junctions 8/9 and 7; (iv) Planning White Paper response - Buckinghamshire Council; (v) Parish liaison Meeting - Wednesday 14 October 2020
- 107 Resolve any complaints/comments received from residents:-** (i) Parking outside Pineapple Pub Taplow - case 40144248; (ii) Reducing speed in Marsh Lane. Cllr Dax responded that she has undertaken the training to use the Community Speed Watch camera and happy to assist any volunteer wishing to use it. First need to check if the camera is safe to use in Marsh Lane.
- 108 Grounds maintenance-** Nothing to report.

Meeting ended 9.35pm.

The next VIRTUAL meeting of Dorney Parish Council is 8pm on Tuesday 8th December, 2020.

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