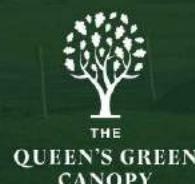


Dorney Parish News

February 2022



THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

**Planted for the Queen's Green Canopy
– a new tree proudly faces Dorney Common and Windsor Castle.**



Renaissance
**BATHROOMS
& KITCHENS**



BATHROOM & KITCHEN SHOWROOM
/ / / / /
DESIGN // SUPPLY // INSTALL

THE GREAT BARN | CIPPENHAM LANE | SL15AH
01753 530676

RENAISSANCEBATHROOMSHOWROOMS.CO.UK | RENAISSANCE-KITCHENS.CO.UK
SUPPLY ONLY OR FULL INSTALL SERVICE AVAILABLE

EDITORIAL

'I've started so I'll finish...' A letter writer in the *Maidenhead Advertiser* asserted that the bosses of National Highways had to be fans of 'Mastermind' as work presses on relentlessly to complete the not so smart M4 despite the government's insistence on a 'pause' in the rollout of the scheme. Overnight before this column was written, noise levels in Dorney Reach seemed as high as ever and more disruption faces Lake End Road. National Highways' appearance at the next Parish Council meeting is awaited with interest...

Other sagas seem equally to be never ending. It seems we are not too far away from a planning decision on the future of the Orchard Herbs site, but the very welcome enforcement process against all those trucks seems to be proceeding slowly with worrying reports of new vehicles appearing on the site. Those who remember the issues raised by the construction of Dorney Lake and the Jubilee River will shudder at the phrase '40 HGVs potentially travelling through Dorney per day' but that seems to be the threat posed by Thames Water's proposed pipeline construction on Dorney Common.

Also without end is the call by worthy bodies for volunteers to come forward. We urge readers to respond to any or all of the calls in this issue. 'Dorney Playground Needs You' it says, so please consider becoming a trustee of the Playground Management Group and help to ensure its future. In these challenging times being a councillor must be potentially rewarding, so surely there is a resident reading this willing to be co-opted to fill the one remaining slot on the Parish Council. Finally, we all have seen what an 'emergency' looks like over the past two years. Communities are now very much encouraged to have in place an Emergency Plan in the event of flood, extreme weather events, power cuts or those catastrophes we hardly dare contemplate. Knowing available skills and resources in our community is the foundation of such a plan, so please come forward all those (to name but a few) medics, first aiders, mechanics, electricians, plumbers and tree surgeons and those with potential rescue equipment from canoes to chain saws.

A little less momentous maybe, but the call is always there for new DDHS committee members, and, of course, writers (and advertisers) for this magazine. Talking of the 'Hort Soc' we hear there are definite plans to hold a Spring Buffet on March 18th in the Village Hall – more details in the next issue.

A new writer for this magazine in this issue is our MP, Joy Morrissey. Now, with articles from politicians, it's worth pointing out that old nostrum about editors not being responsible for the opinions of our contributors. But DPN will always seek to highlight the concerns and policies of those who shape our community (most obviously, parish councillors) – maybe now we should issue an invitation to county councillors to grace these pages!

Costs are increasing everywhere – for us, the cost we notice most acutely is that for printing. Not all costs are on the up, however. The precept – the charge we all pay alongside our Council Tax towards Parish Council expenditure – is not increasing this year. Another item of zero inflation is the subscription cost of 'Dorney Parish News', which remains at £5 for all ten issues to come in 2022. Make your distributor's task easy by paying for this bargain at the first opportunity.

Services in the Local Churches



St James the Less, Dorney

St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick
St. John the Evangelist, Eton

**Vicar: Revd. La Stacey, The Vicarage,
69a Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor,
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

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

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

Rev La Stacey writes: Something I read the other day made me sad. A student of philosophy was claiming Christianity taught that matter and spirit are split. As far as I know Christianity teaches no such thing. I thought it taught that the human who was Jesus lived out fully the divine calling of love in a totally integrated way. The material and the spiritual are never split in his life. Matter has spiritual significance.

We've just come through the season of Epiphany during which time we have a series of bible readings telling of various people experiencing revelation: when looking at Jesus, the human being, they see the deepest of spirituality. We hear about the Magi from the East who fall at the baby's feet in reverence; John the Baptist and all the folks with him in the desert experiencing the revelation like a voice from heaven telling that in Jesus human and divine are joined; Jesus himself standing up in the temple reading from Scripture and declaring to the people that in looking at him they are looking at God's revealed truth standing on legs; and the season ends with Candlemas on 2nd February when the elderly Simeon and Anna, who had waited their whole lives for the revelation, recognise that in Jesus they are meeting the one in whom divinity will be given its full bodily human expression.

Maybe what the philosophy student had picked up is that it is not an easy path to follow and much of what calls itself 'Christianity' gets somewhat skewed. Maybe we fail to notice that the first public miracle of Jesus is when he turns water into wine. This happened at an event celebrating marriage. In marriage we give ourselves in our totality to one another in full bodily expression, full trust and full commitment – surely one of the most sacred human experiences? We've heard a lot about the significance of wine at parties recently (!) and wine flows at this party too, in this instance as an expression of the flow of divine presence.

Rather than duality, what Christianity teaches is Trinity, which people the world over find hard to comprehend, even people who are philosophy students. The concept of Trinity leaves space for wonder: God is Mystery who can never be fully

comprehended with our rational minds. As a teacher of Christianity* has written: 'God is dynamic—a verb rather than a static name. God is Interbeing itself, and never an isolated deity that can be captured by our mind.' He goes on to say, 'Christians believe that God is formlessness (the Father), God is form (the Son), and God is the very living and loving energy between those two (the Holy Spirit).... the doctrine of the Trinity defeats the dualistic mind and invites us into nondual, holistic consciousness. It replaces the argumentative principle of two with the dynamic principle of three.' No dualistic split here. Welcome rather to the world of embodied self-giving which is found to be sacred, and where matter matters because it is found to be an expression of divine love outpoured.

*Richard Rohr. *Immortal Diamond: The Search for Our True Self* (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2013), 155–158.

Church Services in February 2022

Wednesday 2nd February

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 6th February

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Any Family Service

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 13th February

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 16th February

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 20th February

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 27th February

9.30 am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Help us to maintain and preserve Dorney church and churchyard



At the heart of Dorney, tucked safely between the Village and the Reach, linking the two in spirit, is the very ancient church of St James the Less.

It carries so much of the history of Dorney within its flint walls, from the Norman font, in which village babies have been baptised for 900 years, through 13th century retellings of the bible in wall-art, through traces of the tumultuous reformation years, through

evidence of local 19th century philanthropy, through the village history of the 2 world wars, up to the present day. The beauty and peace of the place continue to speak comfort to those who have laid their family members to rest in the graveyard. And it continues to be a place of worship and prayer for the life of our community.

All of this continues to require the support of those who live nearby and those who find a spiritual home here.

We have some fabulous gardeners who keep the grounds neat. That costs around £3000 per year.

Insurance, heating, printing, candles, staffing - all these costs, large and small, need to be met to the tune of about £20,000 per year in total.

And on top of that there are always repairs needed to the fabric.

If you would like to donate to these costs, here is some information about giving.

Do visit our website too, to see all that the benefice offers - <https://www.stjohnstjamesed.org.uk/>

Donate Online – via your mobile phone camera:
<http://easydonate.org/STJD>



Or by Text message

To donate £3, text STJD to 70331

To donate £5, text STJD to 70970

To donate £10, text STJD to 70191

Thank you!

Fundraising, payments and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see www.easydonate.org

Crafty Creations



St John the Baptist
church room,
Eton Wick
Wednesdays
2-4pm
Starting
January 5th 2022

Try out a new craft or show us your
favourite craft. Come and join us
for some fun for the afternoon
whether you are 18 or 80!



For more information call
Carole: 07792 346906
(Tues, Wed, Thurs or Sun)

DORNEY SCHOOL



RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW

News from Dorney School

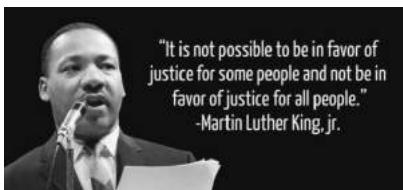
At the time of writing, this country faces another political turmoil as press exposure of Downing Street lockdown parties fills our timelines. My heart breaks yet again as our collective focus is on inconsistency, dishonesty and sleaze and we are diverted from what really matters – health, economy, and education. These sectors have been severely affected by the pandemic and there are some aspects that may never recover.

I have personally seen the impact of Covid on health as members of the community face serious illness and the loss of family and friends. I have cried along with parents who describe their loved ones on ventilators and uncertain about the outcome of treatment. I have helped families and friends who have lost their jobs, or are unable to work during these turbulent times and seen the impact of rising costs and low wages that are increasing even today as 1.8 million children are growing up in very deep poverty. That is equivalent to the population of Bahrain or Latvia!

I am personally experiencing the impact of the pandemic on education, the one sector where my role should make a difference. However, it is well documented that many more children are experiencing poor mental health. Lockdowns and isolation periods have impacted on their progress and our youngest children are struggling with transition into schools. These are only a few of the issues we know about and there are so many more that I have not mentioned or will only be noticed in the longer term as our children grow up into adulthood.

These are worrying times indeed, and there is a real need for strong, transparent, and ethical leadership to take us through and beyond these challenges. I believe in democracy and the democratic process, and I have hope that we will see an improvement in not only how our country is led and managed, but also that we have a long term plan whose main objective is a sustainable future for all.

I must keep believing that our children will be the improved leaders of tomorrow. I must believe in a future where everyone thrives. I must believe that we eradicate child poverty and seek to redistribute wealth and ensure equality. In this, I see the role of our school, and all schools, to equip our children with the values, the aptitude, the knowledge and the skills so that these beliefs become reality.



At Dorney School we marked Martin Luther King Day at school on 17th January 2022. It is a coincidence that this day is also the birthday of Muhammad Ali, formerly known as Cassius Clay; two significant members of the black civil rights movement. It was only a few weeks ago that we received the news of the passing of Sidney Poitier, a Hollywood legend who stood alongside Dr King and Muhammad Ali in dedicating their lives to activism. They used their popularity as a platform to

stand up, raise their voices and be the channel for other voices that demanded equality and equal rights.

Whilst learning about these historical figures, our children were passionate in identifying why we need to keep carrying this torch of righteousness. Our children talked about their commitment to create a moral platform where all voices are heard and included. They showed us their dedication to equality by working together and challenging inequity. I am so proud of our children because, even in these darker and uncertain times, their voices ring clear in the fresh spring air!

Come and visit us and see what we do and achieve every single day at the Little Village School with a Big Heart! Email the school to book an appointment for a personal tour around the school. Our pupils would be delighted to show you around.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Sharifah Lee, Headteacher

Dorney Parish Council



Dents Field - misty sunrise

Precept News

At the January 2022 meeting the Finance Committee's recommendation to keep the precept for the year to 31st March 2023 the same as last year was agreed. Due to a slight increase in the Band D tax base there will be a small decrease of 1.09% to residents.

EMERGENCY PLAN
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AND PROVIDE DETAILS OF
ANY EQUIPMENT OR
SPECIALIST SKILLS

CATTLE GRID NEWS

Planned improvement to the cattle grid on Village Road will hopefully make it quieter for residents close by.

RUTH SENIOR

Clerk at Dorney Parish Council
clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk



We welcome RJC Landscapes - our new maintenance company



DPC needs another Councillor to join our team.

Please contact our Clerk if you are interested in being co-opted.



Clearance continues on the Orchard Herbs site. DPC continues to monitor the site and press Highways for the much delayed planning decision

Planning Ahead – Bucks wants your views!

In July 2019 ‘Dorney Parish News’ produced a special edition because of the disquiet which was generated at a well-attended Parish Council meeting over news that Dorney Reach might lose its Green Belt status. The cause of all this was the *Draft Chiltern and South Bucks Local Plan, 2016-36*.

A year later this Plan was killed off by the new Bucks Unitary Authority. Unmourned, the Plan’s demise was caused by Covid, a damning report by the Planning Inspectorate and the new government white paper, *Planning for the Future*. Bucks has started work on a new Local Plan ‘which will set out the Council’s planning framework for years ahead...responding to the Government’s planning reforms, identifying areas for growth, renewal and protection across Bucks.’ How far have they got?

One fact leaps out. The population of Buckinghamshire is around 550,000 but by 2040 Bucks needs to build 55,000 new homes. On its website the County points out that 28,000 of these already have planning permission or are in existing Local Plans. Space for 27,000 still needs to be found.

A local plan is intended to show where such development can happen and those protected places where it needs to be carefully controlled. Such a Plan becomes the prime consideration when determining planning applications. Rules or ‘policies’ are drawn up on issues like the right number and size of homes, creating good places to live with shopping and leisure facilities, the necessary infrastructure and the protection of the environment.

Bucks claim that the Plan on which they are working will aim to deliver sustainable development, benefit people by such as getting the infrastructure in the right place at the right time and creating efficiencies through more prompt planning decisions and the need for fewer planning appeals.

The Bucks Unitary Authority came into being in April 2020. They say that this means they must produce a new Local Plan within five years – by April 2025. The ‘formal plan process’ runs from 2022 to 2024. Consultation with the public should take place in late 2024. The Local Plan will cover the whole of Buckinghamshire up to 2040.

Well, this is all a bit vague, but right now on the Bucks website is the message that ‘there are two ways in which you can get involved with the Local Plan’ – fill in a questionnaire and help in the identification of Brownfield sites. The closing date for the questionnaire is February 11th so this magazine may have barely arrived. The survey is to ‘help start early discussions’ and is about the issues residents ‘think are important in shaping the future of the area.’ I’ve completed it – it’s just that...where do you see yourselves living in future years, where should development be allowed, how do you define ‘good places to live’. Be a good citizen and fill it in...by the 11th.

In December 2021 Bucks launched their second call for brownfield sites in an attempt to identify new sites suitable for ‘redevelopment or regeneration’. Bucks are making a ‘brown before green’ pledge. Examples of suitable sites would be empty retail units or garage sites, or indeed any site previously used for employment which is now vacant or under used.

I trust Dorney residents will be asking themselves whether they really do use that helipad as much as they used to or whether their boats need quite such a big jetty. But, in all fairness, ‘brown before green’ sounds a pretty good mantra with which to start 2022.

Peter Bowman

Hair by Julie

- Friendly Top Stylist in your own home
- Women's cut and blow dry
- Hi lights
- Blow dry
- Wet Cut
- Perms

• Call Julie on 07721 410034

*The Most Personal Wall Art
You Will Ever Own!*



The Studio
9 Oak Stubbs Lane, Dorney Reach
Maidenhead, Buckinghamshire SL6 0DW

T. 07878162452

E. richard@shymansky.co.uk

[ShymanskyPortraitPhotographer](#)

CATWALK CAPTURE PICTURES ENCHANTED SWAGGER

Shymansky
PortraitPhotographer



British Institute of
Professional Photography



Nicky Hutchinson – ‘We have lost a truly unique individual, who touched so many lives. She will be much missed.’



us over the years.'

Nicky clearly was a remarkable lady. She engaged local audiences over the Playground's successes and challenges 'often in draughty village halls.' She insisted that supporters received individually worded letters. It probably helped that she was a 'guru on all questions of etiquette, spelling and grammar.' As Garry put it, she was 'old school in the very best sense.'

We'll be hearing more from TVAP in upcoming editions on plans for 2022, a year that sees the organisation's 40th anniversary. Upcoming events can also be found on the TVAP website.

News from the Thames Valley Adventure Playground has frequently featured in these pages. That interest and affection is reflected throughout Dorney. Local businesses, and groups like the Horticultural Society, have all helped raise funds. Therefore, many in these parts will be saddened to hear that Nicky Hutchinson has passed away.

Nicky had been TVAP's Donations Manager for over 25 years until ill health forced her to leave in 2017. After a lengthy struggle with cancer, Nicky died peacefully in the Thames Hospice on January 5th.

Garry Warrington, the Playground Manager said 'It is no understatement to say that the Playground wouldn't be where we are today if not for her. Her personable nature and incredible attention to detail together with her exhausting work ethic forged many of the community and business relationships that have sustained

Update on local Bird Flu outbreak

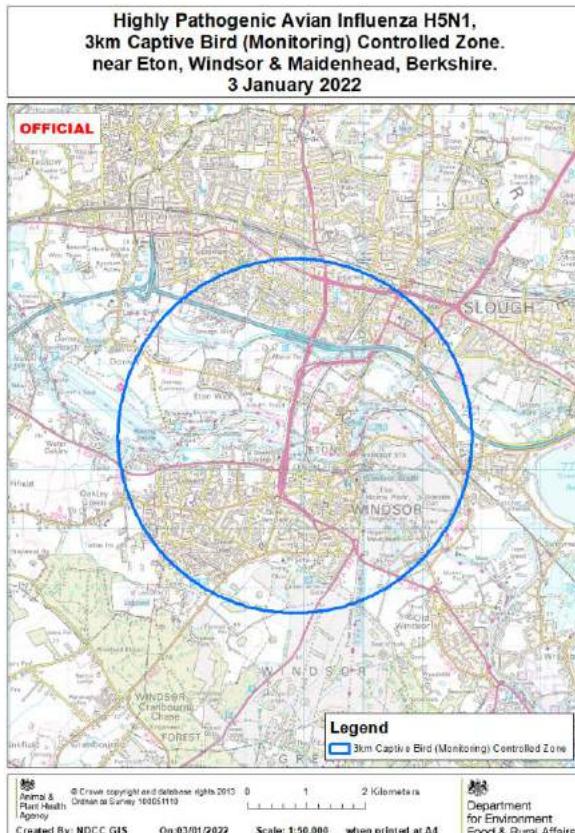
Bird flu cases have unfortunately been found locally and to help reduce spread Defra has established a temporary disease control zone covering 3km (1.86 mile) in all directions from the Thames at Eton, where infected swans were recently identified. See map below.

Dog owners must keep dogs on leads along the riverbanks. You are asked not to feed the swans near Dorney for the time being, in order to reduce public footfall at the riverside and discourage birds from congregating closely together to get food.

Meanwhile, Swan Support are feeding the swans from boats on the water. This wonderful local charity run by Wendy can receive donations which go directly to buy sacks of bird food.

Please do not touch dead or sick wild birds, just let Defra know on 03459 33 55 77

On 2 January 2022 avian influenza HPAI H5N1 was confirmed in captive birds at a premises near Eton, Windsor & Maidenhead, Berkshire. A 3km Captive Bird (Monitoring) Controlled Zone has been put in place around the premises (please see map below).





DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

Dorney Emergency Plan – Residents’ Skills and Resources



For the Dorney Emergency Plan that is in preparation, it is suggested by Bucks Council that we identify volunteers who may be able to help in an emergency / event. These may be individuals with specific skills or organisations or businesses who would be willing to support the community in some way.

Voluntary organisations / groups / clubs may also be willing to help.

Dorney Parish Council would like to maintain a confidential list of people with useful skills (with their consent).

Together with the skills and experience offered by the above, an equipment list, including who owns it, is key to the whole plan.

Dorney Parish Council would be most grateful if you would complete the form on our website – www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk - and send it to the Clerk.

Your information will be held confidentially and will only be passed to those people responsible for the Emergency Plan.

Relevant Skills that we are seeking (in alphabetical order) are:

Doctor, Electrician, First Aider (e.g. St John, Red Cross), Farmer, Fire Fighter, Mechanic, Nurse, Plumber, Radio amateur, Social Worker (qualified), Vet, Volunteer (e.g. Women’s Institute /WRVS)

If you tick any of the Relevant Skills on the form on the website, we will contact you to better understand your skills and how you might wish to be involved in an Emergency situation.

Relevant Resources that we are seeking (in alphabetical order) are:

4 x 4 Vehicles, Alternative Water Source or Operating Well, Boats (Rowing/Canoes/Ribs etc), Chain Saws, Heating & Fuel Stocks (Authorised Fuel/Logs/Red Diesel), Lighting (Free-standing), Portable Generators, Sandbags & Sand, Substantial Ropes (>10m), Tractors / Trailers, Water Pumps, Two – way Radios.

If you tick any of the Relevant Resources on the form on the website, we will contact you in order to ascertain the specifications of the item, whether you would prefer to operate it yourself or you would permit a skilled operator to use it and any other conditions.

We thank you, in advance, for your assistance on this important matter.

Ruth Senior, Parish Clerk

Really Lovely

PHOTOS

Local photographer in the Dorney, Eton and Windsor area.

Several years experience and happy to take on most photo challenges

**Family/Couples Portraits
Engagement Shoots**

**Social media content images
Fashion blog images
Food photography
and**

I have a passion for **wildlife photography**.

Check out my online shop and services at
www.reallylovelyphotos.com



I am Eton End

Co-educational Preparatory Day School for children aged rising 3 to 11

Personal tours are always welcome. For more information, or to arrange a visit, please contact our Registrar to make an appointment.

35 Eton Road Datchet Berkshire SL3 9AX
01753 541075 • admin@etonend.org

www.etonend.org
#WeAreEtonEnd

'First Wednesday' – it's back



Life is returning to Dorney. We're told that it just so happens that there are fresh faces in our community as new neighbours arrive. Landlord Chrys Fisher sounded a very cheerful chap as we talked about customers streaming through the door of *The Palmer Arms* and *The Pineapple*. Incidentally, members of my family who live elsewhere like to remind us how fortunate Dorney is in having two pubs when many villages have gone, perhaps mainly due to Covid, from one to zero.

All this means that now seems a good time to revive the tradition of 'First Wednesdays', and we're told that a goodly number of neighbours had a convivial evening in the 'Palmers' on, yes, the first Wednesday in January 2022.

Maybe many people no longer relish the idea of walking into a pub on the off chance of coming across company. Many may be living on their own. Of course, there will be those newcomers who wonder about the best way of meeting their neighbours. That's the idea behind First Wednesday - anyone who wanders into the Palmers from about 6.30 onwards on the first Wednesday of each month should be guaranteed to find kindred spirits. They should also find as the evening progresses that Chrys and his team rustle up some nibbles.

Let's hope lots of us give it a try to meet old friends, make new friends and make the acquaintance of all our neighbours.

Our smashing village pub is nearer to where some live than others, but First Wednesday is for those from all parts of our far-flung parish. We've even heard that those who have moved on to pastures new return on this day to re-live Dorney hospitality.

Cheers. It will be great to meet you.

JOY MORRISSEY MP

Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency



Strengthening our Magistrates to fight Crime and Antisocial Behaviour

This week saw announcements from the Government that I hope will greatly benefit the towns and villages of my constituency. Tackling crime and antisocial behaviour is a priority for me, and the courts have a vital role in this process. What are sometimes described as “low level offences” do in fact have a profound impact on many people’s ability to feel safe and secure in their homes.

The investment to support the recruitment of 4,000 new Magistrates may not have grabbed every headline, but it will make a difference to the everyday lives of many in our communities.

Magistrates are the backbone of our criminal justice system, often unsung but vital in ensuring that criminals are prosecuted. Handling around 95% of all criminal cases, our Magistrates need the support and the proper powers to dispense justice on behalf of all of us.

This is why I am so pleased that in addition to recruiting new Magistrates, we are doubling the maximum sentence that a Magistrates’ Court can hand down from 6 to 12 months. Allowing this greater power of sentencing will enable our Magistrates’ Courts to hear more serious cases and dispense justice more swiftly.

One of the most important aspects of this change is that it will free up more time in the Crown Court, which deals with the most serious cases. Nearly 2,000 additional days of Crown Court time will be made available by these measures, allowing us to resolve a great many more of the most severe cases, stopping people waiting significant periods for trial, and bringing much needed resolution to victims of crime.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, our courts have managed to keep going through incredibly difficult circumstances, and as we return to normal, we must do what is necessary to drive down the backlog.

Joy Morrissey MP

Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield

Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Justice

House of Commons | London | SW1A 0AA | 020 7219 8708

Disraeli House | 12 Aylesbury End | Beaconsfield | Buckinghamshire | HP9 1LW | 01494 977505

www.joymorrissey.uk | @JoyMorrissey | fb.com/joy4beaconsfield

Rewilding in Dorney Reach

Driving down Marsh Lane on December 3rd I noticed lots of busy activity in the Thames Water Boreholes field. A crowd of hi-vis jackets in a normally deserted wasteland. This was the first planting session in what will turn out to be a significant rewilding project that may well have a major impact on our community.

Just who was there? There was a team from Ecosulis, environmental consultants commissioned by Thames Water in 2020 to develop a ‘pocket rewilding vision’ for the Dorney site. Another company, Brown and Carroll, who will be supplying 12,000 trees to the project said that their visit that day ‘gave us a chance to grab a spade and get digging’. Also, there was Becky Elliott, Thames Water’s Biodiversity Manager who said ‘it was so exciting to be involved in the planting and I can’t wait to see how the site becomes wilder over the next decade.’ I rather hope Dorney will be hearing more from Becky about the project over the coming months.

Alongside the official party, and perhaps indicating one important factor going forward with the project, was a small band of intrepid local volunteers.

Initial activity seems to have been concentrated at the Marsh Lane perimeter with the planting of blackthorn whips but as work on the 22-hectare site continues Ecosulis promise oak, rowan, crab apple, lime, elder and dog rose. I’m told planting has continued through January.

What is Ecosulis’ ‘rewilding vision for Dorney boreholes’? Even though I’m told that a few decades back the field was used for arable farming, the new scheme places great emphasis on its recent heritage as a grazing area. Since grazing ended, ‘nature has started to go its own way...without intervention, the site will succeed to dense scrub in 10 to 15 years...this will be of limited biodiversity value...’ The vision can be studied in depth at www.ecosulis.co.uk The intention is to steer these natural processes to create ‘a rich and dynamic rewilding area’.



The process is intended to have three phases. Firstly, the boundary hedge along Marsh Lane will be widened using ‘natural regeneration techniques’ – hence the activity in December. The second phase involves working with existing patterns of vegetation pushing areas of sparse shrub back to meadow and steering developing scrub with that new planting towards ‘thickets, copse and oak groves.’ The third phase is to reintroduce natural grazing with small herds of ponies and cattle.

All this will create a ‘precious natural asset *for the community*’. This is where the future of this site becomes intriguing, uncertain and possibly controversial. There is talk of ‘informal wandering and relaxation...therapeutic activities.’ Foraging, nature photography and wild-life recording will be bonuses for those who live near to the site. There is likely to be three access points, a permanent surfaced perimeter path and an informal route diagonally across the site. Monitoring rewilding changes is important it seems, and this provides an opportunity to involve ‘local citizens and students.’ It seems we will be out there with our smart phones and apps like iNaturalist and eBird. Ecosulis talk of the prospect of ‘relaxed summer evenings moth trapping with friends in the Dorney rewilding area’.

The Thames Water Dorney Rewilding sounds exciting, progressive, inclusive and maybe even fun. But shouldn’t Thames Water be communicating directly with residents, especially Dorney Reach residents, about these significant plans for our neighbourhood?

Peter Bowman

“BEST DAY & BOARDING PREP SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN SOUTH EAST ENGLAND”



ST JOHN'S
BEAUMONT
Preparatory School
for boys 3-13

www.SJBWindsor.uk



Order our new prospectus via email to: sjb.admissions@sjb.email.

JANUARY SAILS ON DORNEY COMMON

Hard frost and icy winds whip across the common as January sails to an end, with most working days that start with frozen fingers scraping icy frost from the windscreen with a plastic discount card that only gets 20% off. As Omicron scuppered our festive activities once again, hordes of people caused traffic jams right up the A4 to Salt Hill Vax, with a perpetual line of eleventy-eight people in a snaking queue. The Team that quenched the stampede were rotating shifts of SJA vaccinators and local pharmacists on our PCN side, working alongside each other out of twelve hubs, to support and satisfy demand.

However, as 2022 arrived, these queues reduced almost overnight to a level of normality.

Meantime, an announcement from the Head Office of St John Ambulance states that we all must take a further swathe of NHS e-learning modules to prepare for the start of vaccinating our five-year-olds and up. This now means further learning and yet more certificates as we study the processes for paediatric vaccination delivery and care.



Back at the beginning of December, our Panto 'Treasure Island' was a sell out and thankfully a huge success, to help once again replenish the coffers of Maidenhead Drama Guild with some much-needed funds. The Dame in impossibly high red 9-inch heels won the hearts of many, as the fast-paced action, special lighting effects and stage extension created a new dimension to the Holyport Memorial Hall. No major hiccups, but the nightly flying underpants amused our younger viewers,

as they soared in many different directions with each show. The soiled crotch (acrylic paint) fabricated in our kitchen, looked too real!

After the Christmas wrap, it was time once again, to pack our props, costume, and technical equipment to vacate Waldeck House, (another demolition to make way for flats) our home for the last 7 years. Originally housing just costume and set build, when we had lost the other Waldeck space, all worldly goods were squeezed into this small Tardis with little room for cat swinging. Two weeks later, skips bursting, a mass of January sales on eBay and vehicles laden for the charity shops or Thames Hospice, the best of the rest was moved into a large dry storage container in Wargrave.

During the ruthless disposal of all goods that served no purpose other than nostalgic memories, I threw on the skip seven large acrylic paintings that appeared in the finals of the 2021 drama festival in Bridlington, as it was unlikely that they would be used again. The frame was made from spare wood in our workshop and the canvas recycled old backdrop fabric. I painted all seven huge canvases in one weekend, in our kitchen with LBC and many cups of coffee. Having never attempted that size before, it was fun to experiment with a palette knife including coating our kitchen surfaces and units with splat. Quick painting – good from a distance! Nevertheless, it was 'bye bye' time.

It was quite a surprise that our Chair, Samantha Partridge, announced a week later, that she had fished them out of the skip where they lay sleeping under the debris of cast-off theatrical items, and sold them all on Facebook for a fair sum. After laughing out loud, I was pleased that this further added to the guild's bank balance, as now, without a

rehearsal space, every penny would be needed to hire halls. My husband Dave suggested I start a conveyor belt of paintings to bolster their lean times, then quickly realised that Sam had probably labelled them with a 'MDG group hits hard times please help' heading.

Onwards and upwards, or rather backwards, but still heads above water, plans now forge ahead with a new production of 'Stags and Hens' written by Willie Russell. This Spring play will be opening at the end of March in a new venue for us, The Old Court (Windsor Arts Centre), a lovely 160-seater space but with limitations. The stage has virtually no wings, and only stage left exit and entrance, restricting the direction of play. Stepping back a bit on this one (fatigued by the toil of panto) I now look forward to attending the production in a comfy seat to enjoy our Team effort from that cushion for a change.

I saw a Facebook post this month about ants, which was intriguing. A drop of water on a tree leaf attracted twelve ants to gather round to drink and the ants divided themselves into four groups of three. This was to maintain the balance of the water drop from tilting and running to the ground. Known apparently as an ant circle, they have the ability to work together in unison, in this case to stabilise the droplet and divide the share of water equally amongst them. A Team that works together has strength in its cohesive thinking. *'No one can whistle a symphony.'*

It takes a whole orchestra to play it' Professor H.E. Luccock

I have always loved being part of a vibrant Team, where one supportive hand reaches out to another without the need to ask, very much like the tale of the geese by Dr Robert McNeish in 1972:

'This fall, when you see geese heading south for the winter, flying along in 'V' formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following.'

By flying in 'V' formation the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

When the Head Goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Finally, and this is important, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshots and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with that goose and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies. Only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.'



Dorney Folk - Home Working

The lights are on, and Dorney folk are home.

Commuting's out, Zoom calls in.

Suits are off, pyjamas on.

Kitchen table, study desk, coffee table, shed - we're all hard at it, working from home.

As many of us have been home working during the Covid pandemic, I thought it would be interesting to speak to Dorney folk, and share our experiences.

But first, the history.

It was the 16th of March 2020, when the PM said "now is the time for everyone to stop non-essential contact and travel".

On 23rd March, he announced the first lockdown in the UK, ordering people to "stay at home".

26th March 2020 saw the introduction of official lockdown measures.

And, after a few false starts, the start of 2022 saw the majority of us working from home again.

Many local people believe there are a lot of benefits:

It's an opportunity to connect with the community. Meet the neighbours, take more exercise, rediscover hobbies, and get more sleep. A chance to notice the changing seasons. Watch a leaf wither and fall, experience the icy grip of winter. Quite different from the narrow slant of sky many of us see from our workplace window - sometimes the only reminder of the natural world.

'It gives me time to daydream,' a Dorney Reach neighbour said. *'And dabble in painting.'* Another told me it gave him a chance to have a proper row with his wife, instead of snatching a few angry words before running for the train.

Working from home sparked a divorce for one of my friends after he and his wife battled their way through lockdown, the longest period of time they'd spent together since their honeymoon. *'And she expected me to take turns making lunch,'* he moaned. *'Me! A CEO!'*

Another close neighbour confided, *'I swapped my vendetta with a colleague, who kept leaving my office door open, for a vendetta with a local riding school for never shutting the gates. Drives me bonkers. Now, the mere mention of a latch makes my blood pressure rocket!'*

A particular joy of working from Dorney, has been discovering the local walks. I've hiked along the Thames and the Jubilee River, explored Burnham Beeches in autumn, and



been newt-spotting in Dorney Wetlands. I followed the Freedom Trail and The Flower Pot route (all three ways), developed blisters in Walton-on-Thames, and twisted my ankle in Wraysbury. And what a pleasure, when lockdown allowed, to end up in The Palmer Arms!

I've visited the Stanley Spencer Gallery in Cookham (in a mask), dug a vegetable patch, overthrown an army of slugs, and written much of my novel.

There are downsides to home working of course. Pet hates among my neighbours are:

- Friends who drop round for coffee because they assume that, like them, you're on holiday, or retired, or lonely
- The family crisis you're expected to deal with because you're at home, and
- Delivery drivers begging for help after their van's become stuck on Dorney Common.

Then there's the suspicious boss who assumes you're skiving, and the person who refuses to appear on Zoom unless you give them an hour's notice to 'fix their hair and make-up'. The broken internet. Rising fuel costs. And all the extra snacks (calories) lying in wait (weight) every time you pass the kitchen.

Everyone's got heavier, except for the neighbour who gave birth during the first lockdown. Loki, they called the baby.

Research from the CIPD (Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development) shows that homeworkers appear to be more or as productive as when they're in the workplace, but cite the need for employers to support their mental health. My experience, and that of my neighbours, support their findings. We all work longer hours at home, and the line between work and home has become blurred. Those of us with mobile devices tend to respond to work emails at all times, not just during core office hours. And mental health? Some people I know have developed a fear of returning to the office, while others have experienced depression linked to loneliness, alcohol problems, and eating disorders.

There's no doubt that the routine of getting up and on with the day, whether at work or at home, is good for mental and physical wellbeing, as is mixing with real people.

However, we've made the best of remote communications. And here I have to mention the ever-popular Zoom competitions: Who has the nicest house, the weirdest wallpaper, most badly behaved spouse/kids/pet seen on a Zoom call? Some of the best backgrounds are computer-generated of course - useful for hiding your location, messy rooms, or impressing others. With the click of a mouse, you can appear on a call flanked by Egyptian pyramids, or surrounded by sheep. On the surface of the moon, or perched atop the Empire State Building.



Then there are the disastrous Zoom calls reported on the internet: A naked husband stumbling into view, clutching a bottle of Scotch, during his wife's interview (via Zoom). A Jack Russell humping the hoover during a presentation to the company's board about the gender pay gap. And my favourite anecdote? The sound a couple 'making out' in the hotel room next door while a contrite Managing Director apologises to his shareholders for breaking lockdown rules.

And no one owns up to a wailing child, barking dog or mobile going off behind the scenes during an important call.

And yet, we're all looking forward to going back to the workplace. To those ghastly train journeys, rail strikes, and eye-watering ticket increases. Swapping the weekly fight with the local refuse collector for squabbles over desks, and the temperature of the office. Whether the window should be open or shut. Whose turn it is to descale the communal kettle. Or sit next to the colleague with B.O.

Because, basically, we like our colleagues (mostly). We like the routine. The feeling that Friday's special because we get to relax for two days. At home. With no work (if we're lucky).

We hope there will be more *balance* now. Hybrid working – pick 'n' mix - a few days in the office, a few at home, with flexibility on hours. And that lockdown walks won't be abandoned, because, one thing we've learnt is that Dorney (and the surrounding area) is a lovely place to live and work, and that there's much joy to be had in the simple things in life.

Yes, the lights are on and Dorney folk are home.

Mo Voaden

SUPPORT 4 PARENTS

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

Now you can help in a really practical way.

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

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

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

**Want to know more?
Telephone Barnardo's Support 4 Parents for an informal chat on 07715 428 690
Or email support4parents@barnardos.org.uk**

John Farrell – a warm ‘thank you’ from the residents of Dorney



Dorney's 'groundsman' has retired. The sight and sound of John's motorised mower will no longer be a feature of Dorney life.

The news has been discussed at the Parish Council and reported here in the minutes. The Chair has thanked John. New arrangements appear to have been seamlessly put into place.

Can 'Dorney Parish News' add to all that and thank John on behalf of the whole community?

John Farrell has been a long-time resident of the village and has served as Parish Groundsman since 2010. We can think of three qualities that residents mention in talking of John.

As was said at the Parish Council, John was always 'going above and beyond his duties' in Dorney.

Alongside mowing, strimming, weeding and litter picking, he fixed

things. Recently his efforts saw two smart benches back in the Memorial Garden with one having the Jubilee plaque expertly restored plus the renovation of the bench by the tennis court in Dorney Reach. We're told that wife Kathy played a part here!

As well as restoring the parish, he was a friendly chap. I can think of countless conversations with neighbours that started 'I had a chat with John about that...' Lastly, he was a reassuring presence...in this household the sound of John's tractor regularly brought forth the remark 'Ah, John's doing the verges...'

John, thank you. Your efforts will be missed.

Incidentally, an interesting successor has been rapidly lined up by the Parish Council. RJC Landscapes serve an extensive area surrounding its Slough base. Among its clients are local schools and Bray Parish Council.

Peter Bowman

DORNEY PLAYGROUND NEEDS

YOU!

After thousands of voluntary hours and having raised over £170,000 Dorney has a toddler and junior playground, a multi-use games area and a managed and maintained tennis court that Dorney can be proud of.

The hard work of fundraising and building is complete, and it is now time for the current committee to stand down and hand over the running and maintenance of this valuable community asset to a new team. We are looking for volunteers to step forwards to form a new committee thus ensuring the continuation of these facilities that so many parents, carers and children enjoy.



Please email Leanne (leanne@kittel.co.uk) to register your interest in ensuring that these facilities can continue to be enjoyed by so many. Thank you.

Past members: Leon Williams, Andrew Purdie, Zoe Brooker, Trudi Harwood, Kelly, Alison Michael, Jo Ellis
Current members: Leanne Kittel, Emma Stanton, Miranda Scott, Lyndsey Oliver, Jane Dawson, Kris Purdie, Mary Nelson, Adam Seels



FORM
PLANTS

More of the Same or Something New

The first warning was the red glow of brake lights and swerving vehicles seeking a way through whatever lay ahead on the M40.

I braked the ambulance, instinctively switched on the four-way flashers and peered through the heavy traffic. Two cars lay across the outer two lanes at crazy angles, severely damaged, one to the front, the other to the rear. The hard shoulder was some way off, blocked as it was by traffic pouring off the M25, and the central reservation was similarly blocked by speeding cars anxious not to be caught in the impending jam.

I stopped some way behind the scene, throwing on all the lights on the vehicle and braced for the impact I was sure was coming, but none did, and I ran to both vehicles as traffic streamed by, save for one brave soul in a van who tried to help.

None of the occupants were bleeding out and all were breathing, so I ran back and waved at two slowing large lorries and asked the drivers to close all the lanes with their vehicles.

“Sure Mate,” they both grinned as they swung the trucks across all three lanes. Now the only way through was the M25 upslip and I was staggered at the persistence, speed and recklessness of some drivers rushing past me.

“Police emergency,” my phone stated as I struggled to hear over the din. “Where are you?”

I shouted above the traffic the location as I knew it.

“You’ll have to slow down Sir. I can’t hear you,” said the male voice

I repeated the location more slowly as more lorries thundered past.

“I’m not sure you’re in my area!”

“Sorry?” I ventured.

“I’m not sure you’re in my area,” my guide to salvation said, almost bored.

“Look here. I’m standing on the M40 with lorries rushing past at grave risk. I don’t want to hear about which area I should be in...” and at that point a lady handed me her phone.

“I’ve got them on mine,” she said, and after a while all was well.

I am happy to report that injuries were not life threatening and all survived my NHS first aid, only one getting a ride in an ambulance.

You may wonder, dear reader, why I am telling you all this, particularly as the M40 is some distance from the lovely Dorney.

Well wonder no more. We lucky people in Dorney have a motorway nearby with no hard shoulder at all, let alone one that was inaccessible by virtue of traffic and upslips, and I have to tell you that for a few minutes I was absolutely terrified that I, together with the three casualties, would be flattened by my ambulance being thrust along by thirty two tons of articulated lorry; and I was protected by a high visibility vehicle in clear dry conditions in daylight!

Add a little fog, the dark, maybe a shower of rain, and the odds of calamity skyrocket.

Do what you can to bury this madness for good please.

It was quite a start for the new year as we bade a glad farewell to 2021, a year, I suspect, many of us will wish to forget. For me, the glass is usually half full and I hope for and expect an exciting year ahead with a gradual return to a new normality.

The greatest of these returns will be the continued kindness and joy that most of us lately show to others. Having been through hard times, sometimes in isolation, on furlough and with less or no pay, we are at what appears to be the beginning of the end, enjoying a new masked freedom. I do hope we don't lose that joy I see everywhere; or maybe it's too many beers!

Lots of the things we do so well will continue to return, indeed most have, including, I'm happy to say, the noble art of Church Bell ringing.

I'm still staggered that every village, every town, and every city has at least one church which houses a massive musical instrument, even the smallest the size and weight of a large car, installed high on a tower hundreds of years ago by wonderful builders who had no modern tools. Some were built by generations who would never see the finished building. They stand today without cracks or subsidence.

The wonder continues. Six, eight or ten, and sometimes even twelve bells are rung to music (called methods) devised by Monks and others to strict mathematical formulae in candlelight with a quill pen. Even the common methods baffle me now after a lifetime trying to understand them. Britain is the only country on the planet where one can hear bells rung in methods, save for our old Empire where churches were built and bells installed in places like Sydney, Australia.

Sadly, it appears to be a dying art. A dear friend Eileen Stephenson, a skilled and stalwart ringer in our area, died on 3rd January, and for those of us privileged to have known her, she is sadly missed; a good friend and another ringer lost.

Apart from World War Two, and Covid 19, church bells have called people to church for centuries, but it needs new blood to continue.

So, if you're looking for a new year's resolution where you will trim your figure, make new friends and be part of a century's old tradition, pop into Dorney Church on a Sunday or Monday evenings at 7.30.

Ringers are a friendly bunch and what have you to lose?

Have a brilliant New Year and continue to stay safe.

Mike Quincey



Set in the grounds of Dorney Court Estate, near Eton, visitors will find a unique and innovative garden destination offering a curated range of plants for all seasons, as well as inspired items for the home and garden.

Our shop blends practical and stylish products from around the world with plants that are often difficult to source, particularly from garden centres. With a full nursery of garden and indoor plants, eco-friendly growing supplies, home and garden décor, furniture, firepits, and gifts, Crocus at Dorney Court seamlessly offers something for every home and garden.

www.crocus.co.uk

MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 18th January 2022, 6.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL.

PRESENT: Finance Committee Members; Cllr. Euan MacLennan, Cllr. Robert Stopford and Cllr. Stephen Baker.
Cllr. Jill Dax and Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford.

- 1. Apologies for absence** - none
- 2. Declarations of interest** – none
- 3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2020** – A note was made on the minutes of the meeting as follows: These minutes produced by the previous Councillors have been viewed by the new Councillors appointed in May 2021. We note the contents and agree for them to be signed off for legal purposes. No responsibility is accepted for the contents. Jill Dax (Chair) 18/1/2022.
- 4. Matters arising from previous minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda** – none
- 5. To review revenue and expenditure for 2021/2022** – Councillor MacLennan presented an overview of last years budget (set by the previous Council) and the expenditure against the budgeted figures. This was a difficult year as there were changes in the Councillors, Clerk and Groundsman. There was also a budgeted spend of £5000 for the Village Hall grounds work overpayment, however this was only £2500. Overall the year will end with an estimated deficit of around £2700.
- 6. To consider the budget for 2022/23** – Councillor MacLennan presented the proposed budget for this year which he hopes will be more settled with the new Clerk and grounds work contracts in place. The new budget will leave an estimated surplus of around £4000 to cover any unexpected expenses/projects.
It was agreed for the Clerk to check with Buckinghamshire Council if the breakdown on the annual Council Tax statement includes anything specific on the Precept charge.
It was agreed that the Clerk will investigate the general insurance for the Parish Council to remove or add any assets on the schedule.
It was agreed that the Clerk will cancel the vehicle insurance.
- 7. To agree a precept for the year to 31st March 2023 to recommend to the Parish Council** – The Finance Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend a precept of £25000 which is the same as last year. Due to a slight increase in the Band D tax base, there will be a small decrease of 1.09% for residents.
- 8. Any other business** – none
- 9. Items for the next agenda** - none

Meeting ended at 19:16

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY 18th JANUARY 2022, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL**

Present: Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Anna Palmer
Cllr. Euan MacLennan Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford
Cllr. Robert Stopford Cllr. Stephen Baker

Ms Ruth Senior (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public (including 5 via zoom)

Open Forum

Dean Stacey asked for an update on the Boveney Court Farm plans, these will be discussed further under item 5.

Michelle Stacey raised concerns over parking issues on Marsh Lane and Boveney Road which is presumed to be walkers using Dorney Lake. This will be reported to Dorney Lake at the next meeting with them. This issue will hopefully soon be alleviated when Dorney Lake closes again for the summer (April to September).

PC/01/22 Apologies for absence

None

PC/02/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2021 and matters arising

These were **approved** with no amendments required and signed by the Chairman.
There were no matters arising.

PC/03/22 Co-option of councillor

No candidate has come forward. The available position will continue to be advertised in the Dorney Parish News.

PC/04/22 Items of business carried forward

04.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Cllr. Stopford updated on site activity. Highways are expected to respond this week to the proposed plans to enable a planning decision to be made. The enforcement notice is progressing slowly although a local resident has reported that some new vehicles have appeared on site. It was agreed that Cllr. Stopford will report this to Mitchell Pugh in advance of his site visit, scheduled for 24th Jan, where he will update Cllr. Stopford on the clearance progress and soil contamination.

04.2 M4 Smart Motorway

It was agreed that Nick Cooper and Jim Stacey will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to give an update.

It was agreed that the Clerk will ask for an update on the Lake End Road bridge closure dates.

04.3 The Emergency Plan

The Emergency Plan additional skills/volunteering form is live on the Dorney Parish Council website however to date only 2 people have completed the form to offer their services.

PC/05/22 Planning

Cllrs. Stopford and Baker spoke about the current planning applications for Dorney (listed below) and commented that although the proposal for 17 Harcourt Road is substantial, there appear to be no objections from residents of Harcourt Road and the Parish Council have no observations.

The plans for the Boveney Court Farm development are due to be submitted to council this month.

Reference: PL/21/4873/KA
Date valid: 22nd December 2021

App type: Works to trees in CA

Location: The Old School House, Village Road, Dorney, Buckinghamshire, SL4 6QW,

Proposal: T1 Hazel - Tip back lateral limbs by 1m. T2 Cherry - Tip back lateral limbs by 2m and crown lift to 5m. T3 Birch - Section fell., T4 Deodar - Remove the lowest lateral limb back to source (approx. 1m). T6 Blue Atlas Cedar - Tip back the longest lateral limb by 3m., T7 Hawthorn - Fell. T8 Robinia - Fell/remove. (Dorney Conservation Area).

Reference: PL/22/0086/TP

Application type: Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Location: The Old School House, Village Road, Dorney, Buckinghamshire, SL4 6QW,

Proposal: T6 Blue Atlas Cedar - Tip back the longest lateral limb by 3m. (TPO/SBDC/2008/38)

Reference: PL/21/4395/TP

Application type: Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

Location: The Old School House, Village Road, Dorney, Buckinghamshire, SL4 6QW,

Proposal: T4 Deodar Cedar - Remove the lowest lateral limb back to source (approx. 1m). (TPO/SBDC/2008/38),.

Reference: PL/22/0007/FA

Application type: Full Application

Location: 17 Harcourt Road Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DT

Proposal: Demolition of existing front and rear elevation and erection of front and rear elevations including garage conversion, part two storey / part first floor rear extension, first floor front/side extension, front porch, raising of roof ridge and changes to windows

PC/06/22 Finance - To agree/ratify expenditure and income to date

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

The Finance Committee Meeting took place prior to this meeting (18th Jan 2022), a Precept of £25000 was agreed, the same as last year. Due to a slight increase in the Band D tax base, there will be a small decrease of 1.09% for residents, this was agreed by the full Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk will notify Buckinghamshire Council.

PC/07/22 To discuss the upgrade of the Slough Treatment Works and the impact on Dorney

Cllrs. Dax and Stopford attended a tour of the Slough Treatment Works on 10th December. The question of why the planned works are not taking the seemingly easier route of diverting water to the Jubilee river was answered, the improvement works have to be completed by March 2024 to avoid financial penalties and if new planning/licence applications were to be made to use the Jubilee, the work would not be completed in time.

The details of how the works under Dorney Common will happen are yet to be confirmed.

It was agreed that Cllr. Stopford will raise our concerns with Thames Water regarding up to 40 HGVs potentially travelling through Dorney per day and particularly across the already damaged cattle grid. This will also be reported to Keith Dolan.

PC/08/22 To discuss and agree the new grounds work contract for RJC Landscapes

Cllr. Dax expressed her sadness over John Farrell's retirement after always going above and beyond his duties in the Dorney area however following the tender process we have good news, we have appointed a new local company RJC Landscapes for the work.

It was agreed that we will contract RJC Landscapes for 3 years to start in February 2022.

PC/09/22 To consider speeding issues around the village

It was confirmed that the locations of 2 new Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) have been agreed by the Local Area Technician (LAT), Chris Nash and a funding application has been made to the Community Board for the signs.

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the LAT with regards to moving the existing MVAS near the Court Lane junction and to discuss possible options for reducing speed down the Lake End

Road bridge hill towards the Pineapple pub.

It was agreed that Cllr. Westcott-Wreford will download and analyse the existing data.

PC/10/22 To consider parking issues around the village

There appears to be two main parking issues in the village, one connected to Dorney Lake users parking on Boveney Road/Marsh Lane and people blocking pavements in those areas and also outside the Pineapple pub.

It was agreed that Cllr. Dax will report the Dorney Lake issues back to the lake and speak with Chris Fisher and PCSO Angela O'Connell for some possible solution ideas for the pavement parking.

PC/11/22 To receive an update on issues relating to the cattle grid

Following Cllr. Westcott-Wreford's meeting on site with Transport for Bucks, it was agreed that there is indeed a problem with the performance of the cattle grid and it should not be making the noise it does when every vehicle passes over it. Transport for Bucks have agreed to improve the rubber padding under routine maintenance.

PC/12/22 To consider any complaints/comments from residents

The Clerk informed Councillors of contact from a resident regarding some streetlighting issues, these have been reported to the contractor.

PC/13/22 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 8th February 2022

Continuation of using ZOOM or changing to Teams for online meeting viewing.

Meeting ended at 8.25pm

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 PARISH COUNCIL

JOIN YOUR COUNCIL!

Dorney Parish Council is seeking a dedicated and motivated member of the community to join the Council, helping to shape local services and providing a voice for its residents on local and regional issues.

We'd like to hear from those who live or work in or around Dorney who feel they can bring skills and knowledge to support and strengthen the work of the Council.

What's involved?

The role of a councillor is voluntary. Dorney Parish Council has a complement of seven councillors and meets on the third Tuesday evening each month.

Prospective councillors will be expected to play an active role in the Council, participating in meetings, attending events and representing the Council on other bodies.

Am I eligible?

To be a member of the Council you must meet the following criteria:

- be at least 18 years old, **and**
- be a British citizen or an eligible Commonwealth citizen, **and**
- meet **at least one** of the following four qualifications:
 - a) You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector in Dorney from the day of your nomination onwards.
 - b) You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in Dorney during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.
 - c) Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in Dorney Parish.
 - d) You have lived in Dorney Parish or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination.

Where can I find out more information?

Visit www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact Ruth Senior, Parish Clerk: 07769 704010

Clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dorney Village Hall

www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk



Dorney Village Hall has a large main area with stage, a smaller annexed room, and kitchen. It has recently been redecorated throughout.

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

It is used by residents for a multitude of activities such as dancing classes, keep fit, yoga, badminton, horticultural and hired out for parties, dances and weddings.

The management committee welcomes non-residents, organisations, clubs, businesses, and societies to hire the halls.

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

Fixed stage with curtains: 4.5 x 6m

Annexe: 9.8 x 3.5m, ceiling height 2m

Licensed to seat 100 people

Children's tables and chairs available

Beechwood suspended dance floor

75 space free car park

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

Email: enquiries@dorneyvillagehall.com

Online on www.dorneyvillagehall.co.uk

Dorney History Group

The Dorney History Group has no meetings, currently, but it has a wealth of information about Dorney's past on its website: www.dorney-history-group.org.uk, with over 18,000 web visitors each year.

Eton Wick History Group

www.etonwickhistory.co.uk

The Eton Wick History Group has been meeting regularly since 1992. Eton Wick and the surrounding area is rich in history and the village has a heritage dating back to 1217.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in Eton Wick Hall, Eton Wick, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served, and there is a charge of £2.00 to cover costs.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

2021 Programme

8th December	'A Window on Windsor's Medieval Past' with Dr David Lewis
23th February	'The History of Natural History at Eton College' with George Fussey
13th April	'Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park' with Joshua Lovell

Further details from: Teresa Stanton teresams35@virginmedia.com

Hedgerley Historical Society

www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

Hedgerley Historical Society (HHS) was founded in 1976.

All evening meetings begin promptly at 8pm, unless otherwise stated. Arrival from 7.30pm is advised.

2022

February 16 th	History of the National Gardens Scheme Janice Cross
March 16 th	<u>The Harry Kirby Memorial Lecture</u> Harvey Watson The first Blitz – Zeppelin and Gotha raids in WW1
April 20 th	Widows of the Ice Anne Fletcher
May 4 th (Wednesday)	Outing to the Boxford Heritage Centre and Boxford Roman Mosaic talk 10.30am Joy Appleton <u>Booking required</u> Closing date 30 th April 2022 School Lane, Boxford RG20 8DX



Working in partnership
to make our community safer



Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Issue 2021/4

Neighbourhood Priorities

Priority – Speeding

The NH Teams have been out and about across the area carrying out speeding operations. In October we carried out checks on Marsh Lane, Taplow and Lake End Road Dorney after reports from local residents. In Marsh Lane 53 Vehicles passed the site within one hour between 8-9am and 1 vehicle was identified as driving over the speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 41mph. In Lake End Road, Dorney 10 vehicles passed the site within a one hour timeframe and no vehicles were exceeding the speed limit.

In addition we now have two very active Community Speed Watch teams. This is a great opportunity for residents who wish to volunteer their time to monitor speeding in areas highlighted for concern by fellow residents. If you are interested in helping out then please contact the team or your local Parish Council.

Priority – Burglary

This quarter we have seen a decrease in Burglary which has reduced from 27 to 1 compared to last year. Now that the darker nights are here please remember to stay vigilant.

Other News

The NHPT have been working alongside local shops at the Bishop Centre in Taplow to tackle shoplifting and there will be an event with the local Community Safety Team on 30th November from 10.30am to promote this.

Offenders Brought to Justice

A male received a caution for possession of drugs in Marsh Lane, Dorney

A male received a community resolution in relation to public order in Taplow

A male received a community resolution for criminal damage in Burnham

A male was issued a community resolution for assault in Burnham Beeches





- Carpentry
- Extensions
- Loft Conversions
- Roofing Specialist
- Bespoke Garden Rooms/Offices
- Renovations and Refurbishments

All aspects of building work undertaken – no job too big or too small

07876 275129

varneyandson@gmail.com

www.varneyandson.co.uk

G & J Decorating

Local decorators with 20 years' experience.

All aspects of decorating undertaken to the highest standard.

Free estimates and references available.

Gav 07795 081141

James 07813 289468 or 01628 655658

Cleaning & Ironing by Flori

Your cleaning & ironing my mission!

Ironing: £2.20 per 1lb. Minimum 10lbs.
Collection and delivery free.

Cleaning:

- 1 bedroom house is £30 (inc. 1 kitchen, 1 Bedroom, 1 Living Room and 1 bathroom. Any other rooms are £10 extra)
- 2 bedroom house is £40
- 3 bedroom house is £50
- 4 bedroom house is £60

Please contact Flori on 07879626434

Florentinateisanu@yahoo.co.uk

Or on Facebook: Ironing & Cleaning by Flori
I have more than 14 years of experience



TYRE FIT

**NEXEN
DEALER**

TAPLOW

We fit tyres at a price that fits you

Need new tyres? At home or work, **we will come to you**
Plus:

**TYRES & EXHAUSTS. BATTERIES.
STEERING. SUSPENSION. SERVICING.
CATALYTIC CONVERTORS. MOTs. TRACKING.
ALLOY WHEEL REFURBISHMENT.**

Old Station Yard,
Station Road,
Taplow, Bucks SL6 0NU

Tel: **01628 665778**
Mobile: **07884 111500**
www.tyredelermaidenhead.co.uk

E Sargeant & Son

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Serving families in Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead
since 1712

01753 520081

40 Church Street, Slough SL1 1PJ

01753 865982

61 St Leonards Road, Windsor SL4 3BX

01628 783738

118 High Street, Maidenhead SL6 1PT

Call us for immediate support, advice or a home visit.
We are here to help 24 hours a day

Funeral Partners

esargeant.co.uk



Dorney Parish News

Published monthly (except January and August)

Editors:

Peter Bowman, Tumbleweeds, 12, Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach, Maidenhead. SL6
ODU
peter.bowman@talktalk.net Tel: 07889 912714

Jean Spencer, Dorincourt, 45, Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach, Maidenhead. SL6 ODT
Tel: 01628 624213

Editorial Board:

The Editors, Bill Dax, Thea Pine

Production:

Bill Dax Tel: 07802 365448

Distributors:

Mr Cobb, Mrs Cox, Mrs Leishman, Mrs McCabe,
Mr McGuinness, Mrs Oxладе, Mr Penfold, Mrs Stockwood, Mr Temple
Miss Snook, Mrs Tuddenham, Mrs Tyler, Mrs Wood-Dow

RATE OF SUBSCRIPTION: £5 per annum for 10 issues

**The Editors are not responsible for the opinions of correspondents
expressed in letters or articles published in this magazine.**

Advertising in Dorney Parish News

Dorney Parish News is an A5 newsletter that is circulated monthly (except January and August) to residents and businesses in Dorney Village, Dorney Reach, Boveney and Lake End.

Our current print run is 250. Estimated readership is around 400 people. There are approximately 300 residential properties in Dorney Parish.

Rate Card:

Advertising Rates	Height mm	Width mm	10 issues	1 issue
Full Page	190	130	£90	£12
Half Page	90	130	£50	£7
Third of a page (Horizontal)	60	130	£45	£6
Quarter Page (Horizontal)	45	130	£40	£5

Contact: Peter Bowman, Editor
peter.bowman@talktalk.net
07889 912714

Emergency Contact Details

Dorney Reach (Village Hall) Defibrillator Code	C123X
Fire, Police & Ambulance	999
Thames Valley Police	101
National Health Service	111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Water Leaks	0845 9200 800
Sewage Problems	0845 9200 800
Power Cuts	0800 072 7282
Gas Leaks	0800 111 999
Reporting Pot Holes	www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk
Reporting Fly-tipping	www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk
Reporting Footpath Problems	www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx
South Bucks District Council	www.southbucks.gov.uk
Swan Support	24/7 local swan rescue and rehabilitation 07968 868172

Electrical Services (Burnham)

Napit Part "P" Approved Installer

- Additional Sockets - Lights
- New Fuse Boards - Updates
- Security - Attic Lighting
- Home - Landlords Certificates
- Portable Appliance Testing

Free advice and estimates
All work guaranteed
No job too small



Contact Rob on
07801 832792 or 01628 603063
electricalservicesburnham@gmail.com



**THE TRADITIONAL RESTORATION
COMPANY LTD**

The Coach House, Dorney Court
01628 660708

www.TraditionalRestoration.co.uk
enquiries@TraditionalRestoration.co.uk

Restorers of Fine Antique Furniture

SUSAN HANDY DANCE

FROM BABIES TO ADULTS

A COMPLETE DANCE TRAINING

FREE
TRIAL
CLASS

BABY BALLET 18 MONTH+
PRIMARY BALLET
PRIMARY MODERN
PRIMARY TAP

ACROBATIC ARTS

BALLET

BODY CONDITIONING

CONTEMPORARY

CREATIVE DANCE

GCSE DANCE

MODERN JAZZ

TAP

ADULT BALLET STRETCH
ADULT BALLET
ADULT CONTEMPORARY
ADULT BEGINNERS TAP
ADULT INTERMEDIATE TAP

BOYS CLASSES



ETON WINDSOR DATCHEL OLD WINDSOR ETON WICK ICKENHAM
WOKING RICHMOND

WWW.SUSANHANDYDANCE.CO.UK

OFFICE@SUSANHANDYDANCE.CO.UK / 07515 270432

BHS & ABRS Approved Riding School and Pony Club Centre



**Elm Farm, Boveney Road, Dorney Common
Nr Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 6QD**

**We are a family run Riding School based on
Dorney Common established for over 40 years!**

- *Qualified Instructors*
- *Lessons available from 7 years upwards*
- *Pony Rides available for children as young as 4.*
- *We offer very popular Birthday parties*
- *Large Indoor and Outdoor schools*
- *Pony Club and Own a Pony activity days*
- *Open 6 days a week, Tuesday-Sunday*

Gift Vouchers available through the website

For bookings and enquiries please call us on

01628 661275

www.spanishbit.co.uk