

# Dorney Parish News

July/August 2022



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**EDITORIAL**

Dorney faces lots of issues, but how important are they, really? People are suffering horribly in Ukraine and Afghanistan. Closer to home food banks proliferate. As we lobbied Bucks Council through June about our unemptied green bins, I half expected a harassed help desk employee to point out the trivial nature of our complaints. But a parish magazine can only deal with little local inequities and inefficiencies that affect us day to day. Let us just hope that the efforts of lots of people will sort out the bins and report that the Harcourt Road resurfacing we expressed doubts about appears to have been carried out by a diligent and painstaking team. Let us know if you disagree.

Maybe we might have benefitted from a traditional 'street party' on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the many locals who attended a very happy and sociable afternoon at the Palmer Arms will thank Chrys Fisher for providing a memorable Platinum Jubilee celebration. Crocus at Dorney Court described on social media their events twenty-four hours before as a 'fabulous day'. Over the winter, considerable concerns were expressed about the future of the Playground, but now we hear that a new team of trustees has been installed as one generation of Dorney School parents makes way for another – and they have their End of Term Summer Party to look forward to in July.

Talking of events which it's good to welcome back, this magazine unreservedly urges all residents to exhibit at, or at least come along to, the Dorney Annual Show returning on August 27<sup>th</sup> after those two lost years. Let's hope the revamped Village Hall is full to the brim.

Many will believe that another cause for celebration is the refusal of the application to build a 416-bedroom hotel on the infamous Orchard Herbs Farm site in Lake End. Local councils and many residents should be proud of the cogent arguments they put forward against this absurd proposal.

Alas, not everything is celebratory. We have talked about the DNA of Dorney. Part of that might have traditionally been the good works centred on the Vicarage or Eton-Dorney centre. Media as mainstream as the BBC and the Mail have recently carried disturbing reports summed up by the headline 'Abuse, assaults and big profits' about an investigation of serious shortcomings at special educational establishments run by Calcot Services. Some of the more extreme cases concerned Eton Dorney School. Calcot are adamant that the stories have no foundation, and I imagine residents will hope that they are correct.

It is hard to believe that those Olympic Games which for a few days focused the world's attention on Dorney, or more precisely 'Eton-Dorney Lake', took place almost a decade ago. In fact, on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Olympic Torch was carried aloft by the intrepid Mary Baker around the Lake shores. It seems that the events of 2012 should be celebrated in our next issue. Please share your memories, and your photographs with 'Dorney Parish News'.

Alas, that will have to wait until the first week of September. This magazine takes a break in August. In the meantime, let us wish all our readers a truly memorable summer. See you again with the September issue.

# Services in the Local Churches



## **St James the Less, Dorney**

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**Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham**

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

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**Rev La Stacey writes:** This is baptism time of year. People like to have their babies and children baptised in the summer so that they can have a party in the garden afterwards – weather permitting. Of course, baptism is a naming ceremony amongst other things. We're given our Christian name. Have you ever watched the film Toy Story? The little boy Andy has written his name on the foot of his favourite toy, Woody. It's a sort of leitmotif that runs through the Toy Story films that comes up from time to time when there is a threat of Woody's position as favourite toy being usurped, or when there is a threat of abandonment. It's written in permanent marker so that it can never wash off and there can be no doubt who Woody belongs to. The special relationship cannot be effaced.

There's a similarly poignant verse in the prophecies of Isaiah that says, "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands". Reading the ancient text of Isaiah with hindsight, we can't help but see in our mind's eye the marks Jesus' special relationship with us has left on his hands. Not so much that Jesus has written his name on the soles of our feet, as that he has our name engraved on the palms of his hands. Nothing can ever rub that out.

Baptism is a sacrament, an enactment of a spiritual reality. Whilst we may not always be consciously aware of it, the love of God is indelibly present with us and, at certain moments, might come to the fore, when challenges to our ego present themselves for example, or when despair threatens to engulf us. If you're interested in cultivating a deeper understanding of what it may mean to have an identity in Christ, there's a Spiritual Journey series of videos by Fr Thomas Keating you can find on the merry internet which are worth watching in your quiet moments this summer.

And when you're splashing in your paddling pool or watering the garden, remember your baptism!

**With blessings**

**La**

## Church Services in July and August 2022

### Sunday 3rd July

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

### Wednesday 7th July

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

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

### Sunday 17th July

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

### Wednesday 21st July

10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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### Monday 22nd July

4.00pm	Patronal Festival Service	St Mary Magdalene, Boveney
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### Sunday 24th July

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

### Sunday 31st July

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

### Wednesday 3rd August

10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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### Sunday 7th August

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

### Sunday 14th August

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

### Wednesday 17th August

10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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### Sunday 21st August

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

### Sunday 28th August

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

## Rubbish Collection? Well, it hasn't been very good....

Green garden waste bins went unemptied in these parts from late April to mid-June and the many local subscribers to this paid for service have let Bucks Council know they are livid. In our May issue, DPN pointed out light-heartedly that another refuse innovation was coming ('that Friday feeling') as Dorney's collection day switched to Friday from May 9<sup>th</sup>. Little did we expect that what happened next, or didn't happen, would lead to so much online comment focused on the Council's defects. Indeed, the hitherto becalmed Nextdoor enjoyed something of a comeback as updates were shared.

To bridge the gap between old and new schedules, an interim recycling collection was scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, but despite assurances from the refuse helpdesk, green bins went unemptied. The first scheduled day for recycling, May 20<sup>th</sup>, was the same, and the fun started. Dubious that online reporting of this omission was working, various help desk numbers were rung by many residents. There were two problems here – harassed staff could only give uncertain or conflicting advice and the 'wait times' were enormous. I was patient when 27<sup>th</sup> in the call queue but gave up when a second attempt put me on 39<sup>th</sup>. Problems were reported throughout the old South Bucks district, but here and in Burnham the main issue was the sudden cessation of the paid for service. To cut a tedious story very much shorter, several dates were promised, especially *Sunday* June 12<sup>th</sup>, and this household's bin was finally cleared on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

In all fairness, the Leader of Bucks Council, Martin Tett, now seems determined to solve all the new contract's problems and has been communicating with those who complain. I think those in Dorney who subscribe to the garden waste service would remind Mr. Tett that we have not been getting what we pay for – subscribers have notionally lost about £10, and we'd like to be kept honestly informed. The *Bucks Free Press* even reported that the Council were contemplating breaking the ten-year contract awarded to Veolia in 2020 in competition with South Bucks' previous contractor, Biffa. The official line seems to be that Veolia have not managed the transition well. But, we wonder...

Dorney Parish Council has been informed that correct addresses in South Bucks are not being regularly passed to Veolia (and parish councils are offering help). This backs up what Bucks helpdesk staff have been saying to callers. Either the county website has not been allowing the recording of missed collections, or information thus collected cannot be shared with Veolia. Could this issue be part of the difficult transition from separate districts to the Unitary Council? It has been impossible for some months to renew subscriptions for the gardening service, yet I was asked how I could expect to have my garden waste collected when I hadn't subscribed. Furthermore, one of the collection crew removing regular refuse told me that green bins had been taken away from South Bucks and handed to Wycombe – his expression implied that was enough to explain our difficulties. It is only with this new contract that those in Wycombe and Chiltern districts are paying for garden waste as South Bucks has for almost a decade.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, a further update was issued in the name of Martin Tett. Call centre staffing needs had been underestimated (all this coincided with many calls about the government's £150 support grant) and 17 staff had just been added. Garden waste now is recognised as a specific problem. They were working to ensure that 'those with a chargeable Garden Waste collection service can be compensated by extending the subscription without further charges if the collection is reported missed', and this was to be done via the 'missing bins' section of the Bucks website or by calling 01494 586550. Had the 'FAQs' now on the Bucks site been there a month or so ago, Dorney residents contemplating the long lines of full up bins on their verges might have felt a little less in the dark.

**Peter Bowman**





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## Refused!

**Outline permission for re-development of existing partial brownfield site into renewable energy park with high capacity battery storage, 416 bedroom hotel (Use Class C1), two office units (Use Class A2), biogas waste digester energy unit, advanced educational facility, two-storey car park and associated landscaping | Orchard Herbs Lake End Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QS**



Nearly two years ago, in August 2020, an outline planning application was made for an extraordinary development at the Orchard Herbs site just outside the Dorney Parish boundary in Lake End Road.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022, this outline application was refused by Bucks Council. An appeal is possible, but the Case Officer's report and the

Decision are pretty damning. These may be read in detail on the Bucks Council website for South Bucks applications. Reference PL/20/2020/OA.

The following is a precis of the reasons for this refusal from the Case Officer's report.

Approximately 60 representations in objection to the application were received from Dorney Parish Council, Burnham Parish Council, Eton Town Council and a large number of Dorney residents.

Comments from Dorney Parish Council were received in September 2020, January 2021 and July 2021. In summary, the Parish Council objects to the application as the site lies within the Green Belt and is not a brownfield site. Also concerns expressed in relation to contamination which may exist on the site; the precedent the development may set; the applicant has failed to assess the impact of the proposal on designated heritage assets, the Dorney Conservation Area, flood risk, transport and traffic and the openness of the Green Belt; and there is no demand for a hotel in this area.

Permission was refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute inappropriate development and will result in spatial and visual harm to the openness of the Green Belt and will lead to conflict with one of the purposes of including land in the Green Belt, namely safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. The benefits of the scheme taken together do not clearly outweigh the harm and the other harm identified. 'Very special circumstances' have not been demonstrated to justify this inappropriate development in the Green Belt.
2. The proposed development, by reason of its scale and height would be out of keeping with and harmful to the character of the site, adjoining development and the locality in general and would fail to make a positive contribution to the character of the surrounding area.
3. Insufficient information has been submitted with the planning application to enable the highways, traffic and transportation implications of the proposed development to be fully



assessed. The site has only limited access by non-car modes of travel and given the absence of adequate infrastructure it is likely to be reliant on the use of the private car.

4. Insufficient information has been submitted with the planning application to enable the impact of the proposed development on the significance of designated heritage assets to be fully assessed.

5. Insufficient information has been submitted with the planning application to enable the impact of the proposed development on flood risk, surface water drainage and the existing water and foul water network infrastructure to be fully assessed.

6. Insufficient information has been submitted with the planning application to enable the Council to conclude that there are no suitable and available sites within a town centre or edge of centre location, which would be sequentially preferable, to accommodate the proposed development which includes uses defined as main town centre uses.

The report also notes that “there is also ongoing enforcement action being taken in respect of some of the current operations on the site.”

This enforcement action relates to the illegal truck and container storage together with the relatively recent ready mixed concrete operation and even more recent airport car parking operation (<https://www.free2move.com/en-GB/parking-lots/ub-corporation>).

As can be seen from the minutes of Dorney Parish Council, the Council continues to address all of these issues with determination.

## Bill Dax



The advertisement for Eton End School features two children in school uniforms. The boy on the left is wearing a blue and white shirt, a dark blue tie, and a dark blue skirt with red and white stripes at the bottom. He is holding a yellow and blue soccer ball. The girl on the right is wearing a white shirt, a dark blue tie, and a dark blue skirt. She is holding a wooden stick. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo with a bird and the text "I am • I can • I ought • I will". The main text reads "I am Eton End" in a large, stylized font. Below this, it says "Co-educational Preparatory Day School for children aged rising 3 to 11". Further down, it states "Personal tours are always welcome. For more information, or to arrange a visit, please contact our Registrar to make an appointment." At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the address "35 Eton Road Datchet Berkshire SL3 9AX", the phone number "01753 541075", the email "admin@etonend.org", the website "www.etonend.org", and the hashtag "#WeAreEtonEnd".

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## THE NAME OF THE ROSE

When we moved into our house in Dorney Reach some 40 odd years ago, we inherited a mature garden. Yes, it needed plenty of TLC, but it had a strong structure, divided into sections with paths and beds. Towards the end stood a sturdy shed, beyond which we discovered the bases of a greenhouse and a cold frame. Some previous resident had clearly been a keen gardener.

Among the established plants were several rambling roses. Trained over an archway at the end of the lawn were two pink roses. These were quickly identified as American Pillar and Dorothy Perkins, both popular varieties well before the house was built in 1924. To the left of the lawn two large and vigorous specimens of another rose clambered up free standing trelliswork. This rose bore large creamy yellow flowers once a year, flowering early in the season. I could not work out what variety this rose was.



Fast forward to 2022, and the roses have given us many years of pleasure. The yellow ramblers have had some hard pruning from time to time, and are now beginning to show their age, but remained nameless. Then this summer I visited a garden open for Uppingham in Bloom, and for the first time saw our yellow rose growing somewhere else. The 92-year-old owner retrieved her

planting plan from 25 years ago and revealed its name – Easlea's Golden Rambler. I was unreasonably delighted with this information!

Searching online, I learned that Easlea's Golden Rambler had been bred by Essex nurseryman and rose expert Walter Easlea and came to the market around 1932. Then I remembered that one of the old books found in the shed was the 1936 Rose Annual of the National Rose Society. Opening it up, I discovered that this edition included a list of the twelve best wichuriana ramblers recommended by the society. I should have looked at this earlier, for there in the list was Easlea's Golden Rambler, along with American Pillar and Dorothy Perkins. Easlea's Golden Rambler had also



received a first-class certificate from the society's trial ground in 1935. The report on the 1935 trials commented that it was the King's Silver Jubilee year. This was King George V, the present Queen's grandfather. How fitting to discover the name of the rose in another royal jubilee year!

It does not seem too much stretch of the imagination to suppose that some earlier resident of our house planted these three roses based on the recommendations in the Rose Annual. Indeed, I have long suspected that another rambler on the list, Albertine, is the rose I found in another bed.

In 1936, our house was unoccupied. It was sold in 1939 to a retired banker who had spent most of his working life abroad. He and his wife and teenaged daughter were living there in September 1939. Did they decide to plant the roses? If so, they did not remain long to enjoy them, as the house was sold again in 1942, and rented out.

Each of us leaves an imprint on the gardens we occupy. We have rebuilt the greenhouse and the cold frame, and the rose trellises and arches have been renewed. I planted a new bed with old rose varieties that would have been available when the house was built. The garden is full of plants given by other people, filling it with memories. It continues to evolve. But I remain grateful to that long gone person who left us with Easlea's Golden Rambler.

**Virginia Silvester**

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## Neighbourhood Priorities

### Priority – Speeding

This quarter we had a slight delay in doing monthly speed enforcement as we were awaiting our new Bushnell speed guns. These have now arrived which meant that the team were able to carry out speeding operations at the following locations during June:

- Lake End Road, Dorney – 120 vehicles passed the check site and 6 vehicles were identified as driving over the speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 40.MPH.
- Marsh Lane, Taplow – 39 vehicles passed the check site and six vehicles were recorded as driving over the speed limit. The Highest speed recorded was 53 MPH.

### Priority – Burglary

This quarter we have seen a reduction in burglaries with only 20 so far this year. However, this is a slight increase from last quarter, as the community returns to normality, in a post-pandemic phase. This has seen fewer residents working from home, and so increased opportunities for burglars. .

In addition we also run a proactive operation which specifically floods rural and cross border areas of the LPA with proactive patrols during peak offending times. This has helped us to detect crime and apprehend cross border offenders who use arterial routes to enter our policing area and to protect residents living within South Buckinghamshire.

This quarter we have seen some amazing results with

- 5 Arrests
- 7 Vehicles seized
- 2 Stolen Vehicles recovered

### Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

This quarter we have had reports of increased antisocial behaviour around the Stomping Ground in Burnham where we have received reports of vehicles parking up and being a nuisance to local neighbours by playing music from their vehicles and littering. In addition we have had reports of motorbikes riding around footpaths in Marsh Lane and around the common in Dorney.

To combat this the team are doing increased patrols at peak times and working closely with the local parish councils to look at other ways to prevent ASB such as gating. In addition our designated Antisocial Behaviour Team also meet on a monthly basis with partner agencies to jointly tackle the most entrenched cases of ASB. This group is led by Buckinghamshire Council, and in which we are a key contributor.

### Other News

In April PC Trevor Walker retired after serving the Burnham, Farnham, Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood for 16 years. He is soon to be replaced by PC Dan Terry in September this year who is joining us from Maidenhead.



Jubilee River Marsh Orchid display

**Dorney Parish Council continues to pursue robust action from the Enforcement Officer in relation to Orchard Herbs. Further information to follow after the recent visit to confirm the latest illegal operations there.**

**Investigations into the state of the footpath alongside the M4 are underway**

**Draft Emergency Plan now available on the website. Can you add your name to any of the relevant boxes...?**

**Next meeting 16th July - no meeting in August**

**FOLLOWING A RECENT MEETING, DORNEY LAKE CONFIRM OPENING SEPTEMBER - MARCH**

**BIN (NON) COLLECTIONS**

This problem has been elevated by your South Bucks Association of Local Councils with confirmation from Bucks all is being done to improve service

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## **Dorney Reach: A Childhood in the ‘Sixties’ and ‘Seventies’**

In 2023 my family will have owned and occupied the same house in Harcourt Road for 60 years. The house itself should be celebrating its centenary about now, too. Inspired by Andy Wiltshire’s reminiscences about growing up in Dorney in the 1960s (*DPN, May 2022*), I’ve taken to reflecting on my own childhood in Dorney Reach and asked my brother what he thought has changed.

‘Very little in the physical environment, if you think about it’, he said, ‘which is rare in this area’. He’s right: people have come and gone, houses have been extended and refurbished, trees have grown and spread, but even with the recent upgrading of the pavements, Harcourt Road would still be instantly recognisable to its 1960s denizens.

The Jubilee River and Eton-Dorney Rowing Lake are the most obvious innovations further afield. The M4 was already in place when we arrived in 1963, providing us with an escape to Bray over the motorway bridge during the long summer holidays. Otherwise, our wanderings took us along the towpath to Bray Lock, or to the wooden bridge over the Cress Brook for tadpole ‘fishing’ in jam jars. In late summer we would crawl through the ripened wheat crops in the field at the end of the garden (the Thames Water Rewilding project now) to carve out a maze of hidden passages and ‘camps’.

My father warned us that the local farmer would get his shotgun out if he caught us. He never did, but the risk was all part of the fun and excitement. Closer to home, our local playground was the old ‘Rec’ with its slide, roundabout and swings now replaced by the tennis court and the more adventurous Dorney Playground in Trumper’s Field.

When the Village Hall was built in 1970, virtually every child in striking distance was commandeered to appear in the opening ceremony pageant. Scripted by the local historian Mr. Roche, this theatrical spectacle represented a chronology of episodes in Dorney’s history. I was assigned the role of a farmer’s wife living on Dorney Common when Queen Victoria’s carriage lost a wheel and she unexpectedly came to tea. My mother received a pair of discarded curtains from which she had to fashion a Victorian costume for me to curtsy in at the appointed moment and say ‘Ma’am as in Spam’. My moment in the limelight was then spent trying not to trip off-stage amid reams of heavy curtains.

For much of our childhood we were a ‘two village’ family; we had moved from Berry Hill below Taplow village where my brother Paul had already started school and my father had begun his life-long service (or ‘penance’ as he often thought of it) as church treasurer at St. Nicolas Taplow. When the moment came, I too was despatched to St. Nicolas C of E primary school, despite having moved to within walking distance of Dorney School. Paul and I were also press-ganged into St. Nicolas Church choir, with Friday night choir practice and weddings on Saturday afternoons (worth 50p to sing ‘Love Divine...’) in addition to morning and evening services on Sundays.

A large part of our time was thus spent trundling to and fro along Marsh Lane, across the A4 and up towards the hallowed spire of Taplow Church and back. But school holidays were spent almost entirely in Dorney Reach, interspersed by our annual holidays in France or Spain.

This is where life has changed the most: hardly anyone expected to, or went abroad on holiday then, apart from via pre-paid package deals to the Spanish Costas. Currency controls prevented many from being able to pay for foreign hotels and we were endlessly reminded how lucky we were to drive off every year to stay at a friend's villa in the South of France.

For the rest of the summer, children were expected to entertain themselves, unsupervised, but always under the threat of dire punishment if we did anything foolish. In a pre-mobile 'phone and tracking app era, we enjoyed enormous freedom. As soon as breakfast was done, we were let out to run amok, provided we obeyed the 3 Golden Rules:

- 1) Don't wander off on your own;
- 2) Be back by tea-time;
- 3) Don't accept sweets from 'funny old men in raincoats down by the river'.

The third rule was, inevitably, the most intriguing. Setting off on our bikes in a little local gang, we reasoned that it might be OK to sample the sweets, so long as we didn't do so on our own (Rule 1). Alas, neither the sweets nor the raincoats ever appeared along the towpath, even though we were always on the look-out for 'funny old men' lurking in the undergrowth.

Other rules were made for bending if we could get away with it. Whenever my parents went out for the evening, the wonderfully indulgent Mrs. Bowler from Harcourt Close would come to baby-sit. As soon as the front door had closed, we'd tell her that 'Mummy and Daddy said we can stay up to see "Coronation Street" and "Till Death Do Us Part"' - the very same programmes we'd just been told not to watch. It was never entirely clear what the problem was with 'Coronation Street' (deemed dreary), but it certainly was with Alf Garnett and Co, who would be banned today.

Parents with children of similar ages in Dorney Reach all knew each other, as did the children, so there was always someone whose doorbell could be rung and asked 'out to play'. On rainy days, we'd concoct all sorts of make-believe games in each other's houses, but it was extremely rare for parents to get involved. We had our own rules of engagement when we teamed up, with my brother, as the eldest, invariably calling the shots.

Once I had a school friend from Taplow to visit for the day, whose mother 'phoned up mid-morning to ask how things were going.

'I've no idea', my mother blithely replied, 'They all headed off towards the river a couple of hours ago....' - at which point the other, near hysterical mother threatened to send for the police or a search party. Clearly, Dorney Reach Rules didn't apply north of the A4.

When I was very young, I absorbed another Dorney Reach anomaly: we children all called our mothers 'Mummy' or 'Mum', and they - the Mummies - all called each other 'Jean'. One day I caught my mother referring to a fellow Mummy as 'Margaret' and remonstrated with her, 'But she's a Jean!' ('No, she's not'; 'Yes, she is'.... until the mystery of my logic was unravelled). Thinking back, there were at least 4-5 Mummies called Jean living in Dorney Reach at the time, two of whom (my mother included) still live here.

There were many more social events and clubs too, as highlighted by Andy, amongst which Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts for the children, and the Dorney Women's Social Club and W.I. for the mothers. According to my mother, the W.I. was dominated by the ladies of Dorney village, some of whom were very grand, and like the delightfully named Grizel Hartley and Bridget Ames, were often associated with Eton College.

The Social Club (which we soon dubbed the 'Socialist Club' to annoy our Telegraph-reading parents) met at individual members' homes in the evening. When it was my mother's turn to host the group, she banished us upstairs, telling us not to make any noise. From Paul's bedroom immediately above the sitting room, we silently - as instructed - dangled a plastic spider on a long piece of elastic to frighten all the 'Jeans' through the window.

As we reached our teenage years, Dorney Reach gradually became too small a universe and secondary schools beckoned. But there was still plenty of local entertainment. In addition to local paper-rounds (Paul cycling for miles in the mornings, me with a local evening paper after school), Paul took on the daily job of feeding Roger Palmer's wolves at Dorney Court.

'How come you didn't get bitten?' I asked him, pointing to Andy Wiltshire's account in the DPN.

'There was a string pulley at the entrance to lower the door of the inner cage, which you had to make sure was securely down before it was safe to enter the outer area with the daily rations. The wolves snarled, but it was perfectly safe', he assured me.

'So, was it you that let that wolf escape, then?'

If looks could kill.....but I do recall Paul telling me that one of the Dorney Court monkeys did once chase him down the road as he peddled frantically off on his bike.

I took up the safer option of bellringing at Dorney Church, and together with Judith next door, went along every weekend to volunteer at the Eton-Dorney Project's 'Sunday Club' for local children from Slough and beyond. At the Old Vicarage we played football outside and devised art projects and indoor games for when it rained; through my school choir, I also went on to sing in the chorus of a production of Purcell's opera 'King Arthur' at Eton College.

Was this the beginning of a life of community-inspired endeavour, perhaps? Not quite, the common denominator of all these activities was the forbidden fruit from down the road: Eton College boys. Whether bellringers, volunteer footballers or operatic tenors, they were all delightfully well-mannered and quite a few were exceptionally handsome. But that's a whole different story....

**Claire Spencer**



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# DORNEY PLAYGROUND

# UPDATE

It is with great pleasure that I can announce and welcome the new Playground4Dorney team, who will continue to ensure that the Playground, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and tennis courts remain a much loved, well maintained, and valued community asset.

## **New committee members – as of 10th June 2022:**

- Chairperson: Janae Beaulne
- Secretary: Richard Hall
- Treasurer: Jackie Seels
- Trustee & maintenance lead: Adam Seels
- Trustee & grant lead: Sam Smith
- Trustee: Ettie Brand
- Trustee: Brett Smith
- Trustee & DPC representative: Anna Palmer

## **Committee members – prior to 10th June 2022:**

- Chairperson: Leanne Kittel
- Treasurer: Miranda Scott
- Secretary: Lyndsey Oliver
- Trustee & maintenance lead: Adam Seels
- Trustee & grant lead: Kris Purdie
- Trustee: Emma Stanton
- Trustee: Jane Dawson
- Trustee: Mary Nelson
- Trustee & DPC member: Andrew Purdie

There will be a transition of handover activities to the new team, which will be completed by 19th June 2022. We will also all be working alongside each other to jointly run the end of term summer event, which we have been unable to run for the past couple of years due to Covid-19 restrictions, which is a great fundraiser and will be a wonderful way to celebrate this transition from old to new. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the community over the past 12 years alongside a wonderful team of volunteers and friends and I wish the new committee all the success for the future.

Leanne Kittel







SAVE THE DATE  
19TH JULY  
2022

END OF TERM SUMMER PARTY  
19TH JULY, 2022  
3:15PM - 5:30PM  
DORNEY PLAYGROUND

After two-years of restrictions Playground4Dorney is able to run its annual summer event. Tickets are now available to purchase from the playground tuckshop and cost £7 in advance and £10 on the day.

Ticket price includes unlimited access to: Nerf games, inflatable assault course, dash 'n' grab, gladiator duel, garden games, shoot the basketball & other challenges (with prizes!) plus lots more.

BBQ, ice creams, drinks and sweets will be available to purchase, as well as face painting by our resident artist Emma.



100% OF ALL PROFIT RAISED AT THIS EVENT  
WILL BE RE-INVESTED IN DORNEY PLAYGROUND



## News from Dorney School

This is a special edition of our school celebrating Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. A massive thank you to Mr. Shymansky, from Shymansky Portrait Ltd based in Dorney, for the brilliant photographs during our school's Jubilee celebrations and picnic. It is certainly true when they say that a picture paints a thousand words. The words that come to my mind are community, friendship, joy, inclusion, children, and life! What are yours?



The photos below definitely ask us to enjoy life, be kind, be generous as we are all here together to ensure we look after each other. Our lives are precious, what will we do with it each passing day? Perhaps we can learn from the Queen duty to others. It may be easier when we live a life of privilege, but with privileges come responsibilities and an awareness that freedom, justice and security is for everyone.



**A day of fun, laughter, happiness and celebration!**

Warmest wishes,  
**Mrs Sharifah Lee**  
Headteacher

## **News from Year 6**



Year 6 have been out and about on a few school trips in the last few weeks. They have had an amazing Jubilee craft experience at Busy Buttons in Windsor, an Ancient Greek workshop at Eton College and also visited the Jamia Mosque in Maidenhead. Such brilliant opportunities in the wider curriculum! Do read their reports here:

### **Year 6 Leaving a Legacy for the Platinum Jubilee**

Recently, Year 6 were invited to work on a creative piece of artwork, to be displayed on the Long Walk in Windsor during the Jubilee celebrations. We joined together with a local charity call Busy Buttons, who had designed a huge orb covered in bicycle wheels denoting all the Commonwealth Countries. Australia was the country chosen for our Year 6 and one group used recycled plastic milk bottles to make the Wattle Flower - a native flower of Australia, whilst the other took inspiration from key landmarks and animals of the country to create flags. Both pieces of artwork were attached to the bicycle wheel and subsequently attached to the giant orb.

Busy Buttons is an inclusive charity helping each child find their unique potential using creativity and imagination. It was a pleasure to work with them and our children had a fantastic morning

<https://www.busybuttons.org/>

### **Looking to the Ancient Greeks**

Passing away the morning in the superb grounds of Eton College and their Museum of Antiquities was the way Year 6 were treated to a potted history of the Ancient Greeks recently. As part of their History topic this term, our children had the opportunity to review artefacts and hear some of the legacies that the Ancient Greeks left us, including The Olympic Games and the Archimedes Screw (one of the earliest hydraulic machines). In addition, some Greek language was practiced and a brief reminder of all of the myths and legends that so many children come to love through reading the Percy Jackson books.

### **Building our community links with the Maidenhead Mosque**

Last Wednesday, we travelled a few miles to the Mosque in Maidenhead to cement our knowledge of the Islamic faith and discover more about the working of a mosque. We had a very informative morning - starting with the outer buildings of the mosque and their significance and then enjoying all of the beautiful interior of the prayer room and the Wudu (the ablution room) - understanding more about the life of a Muslim and the commitment they give to their faith. Taking this visit during our teaching of this faith in RE helped the children to put into perspective what they learn in the classroom.



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**Closing date: 12 Noon, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**  
**Interview date: Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June**

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## JOY MORRISSEY MP

*Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency*



### Celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Over the long bank holiday weekend, people from all across my constituency have come together to voice their congratulations to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. It was a remarkable few days, with picnics, parties, and even a 1950s themed festival marking this amazing royal milestone. It has been my great pleasure to attend as many of these events as possible, and to see so many of my constituents. Thank you to everyone I've met for making this such a memorable and exciting time!

Her Majesty has not been a stranger to our area over the many years of her reign. The Queen has visited Buckinghamshire 22 times since she ascended to the throne in 1952. Her first recorded visit to Beaconsfield was as the seven-year-old Princess Elizabeth, visiting Bekonscot Model Village a day before her eighth birthday. Her Majesty visited again in 1934, with her Grandmother Queen Mary in 1936, and again with Princess Margaret Rose in 1940. After the Coronation, this tradition continued, as The Queen's children followed in her footsteps, visiting over the years.

I began my own Jubilee journey with the lighting of the Beacon in Hedgerley, which I was delighted to set ablaze at the appointed hour. Next up was Marlow's 'Party Like the Queen', an amazing 1950s themed event, with live music, fantastic food, and some brilliant fifties costume in evidence. The Beaconsfield Jubilee Drinks Party was a roaring success - it was fantastic to see so many of you there.



Saturday saw the brilliantly successful Gerrards Cross 'Picnic in the Park', supported by the community, local businesses, and local charities. On the Sunday of the Jubilee weekend, I was honoured to be asked to read at the Beaconsfield Civic Service for the Platinum Jubilee. It is always great to be in Richings Park, and this weekend was no exception. It was wonderful to catch up with local residents and see the bowling green in action. I rounded out my Jubilee celebrations with a Royal Tea at St Peters Church in Iver Village.

I know that a great many people have been involved in organising these fabulous local events, either through local groups or with their communities. This is an incredibly important way for us to give back to our towns and villages, so I want to say a personal thank you to each and every one of you who had a hand in making the Platinum Jubilee such a success in the south of Buckinghamshire. This will be a once in a lifetime event and I really think that we can hold our heads up high, with a programme of celebration to rival anywhere else in the country.

### Joy Morrissey MP

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## Dorney's Annual Show Returns – for the Sixty-Seventh Year.

'See you all in 2020.'

With those words, we signed off our review of the Sixty Sixth Dorney Annual Show way back in 2019. But we didn't...the Sixty Seventh show will now take place in Dorney Village Hall on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. After a two-year wait following what we described then as the 'best-ever Show', let's hope that more residents than ever enter and, exhibiting or not, come along to meet friends and neighbours at the afternoon prize giving ceremony.

After this gap, and with newcomers arrived in the village, let's remind ourselves of how this lovely event works. The Annual Show is organised by committee members of Dorney Horticultural Society, but Horticulture is by no means the Show's only focus. Entry is not limited to Society members. You need never have attended a meeting. On the programme it will say 'Everyone is welcome' and that includes junior contestants in the special Children's Section. Entry is free. In 2019, 50 competitors contributed over 200 separate exhibits.

The Show comes towards the end of the school summer holidays and those long empty days give masses of opportunity for young hands to be busily preparing entries. Last time we noted that the Show was increasingly becoming a family affair. In 2019, one dad was judged Best Newcomer while two young family members won awards in the 'children under 8' section.



As we write, the committee is updating the show programme. Before too long, that programme will be distributed to just about every household in the village. Should you be without a programme, email [ddhs@btinternet.com](mailto:ddhs@btinternet.com). Division 1 on that programme has traditionally been for Home Grown Vegetables and Fruit, everything from parsnips to potatoes and pears to pumpkins. Yes, of course, 'oddest shaped vegetables' get a look in here. Division 2 covers Home Grown Flowers.

In recent shows it's the non-horticultural classes which have been growing. This is not just a show for gardeners. Division 3 is the Domestic Section, with jams and preserves and pastries and cakes. Division 4 takes in knitting, needlework, photography and painting. In these divisions awards were given last time for tarragon pickles, ginger biscuits, a very large black and white photograph and a handmade yacht. Entrants to the children's section can build Lego models, decorate pebbles, 'grow their own', decorate cakes and much more besides.

Over the summer, study the programme and decide on your entries. Fill the entry details into the form provided. Turn up at the Hall with your exhibits on that Saturday morning between 10.00am and 11.30am. Doors close then until 2.00pm while the longstanding team of judges deliberate intently. Then receive your prize at 2.30pm or, at least, applaud the successes of your friends, neighbours or offspring. Inspect all the exhibits, chat to other residents, and all agree that the sixty-seventh Show has been the best ever and resolve to enter even more classes in 2023.

So, see you on August 27<sup>th</sup>!

**Peter Bowman**

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# Tour Dorney Court in August



Widely regarded as one of England's finest Tudor Manor Houses, Dorney Court welcomes visitors from near and far to join a guided tour this August 2022.

Concessions for visitors (and up to 3 friends) who bring a hard copy of Dorney Parish News.

## Opening Times

In August 2022 Dorney Court is open every day

Doors open in the afternoon at 1230 with last admissions at 1500.

Tours take an hour

## Admission Prices

	ADULT	CHILD (10-16YRS OLD)	CONCESSION
House, Garden & Grounds	£10.00	£5.00	£9.50

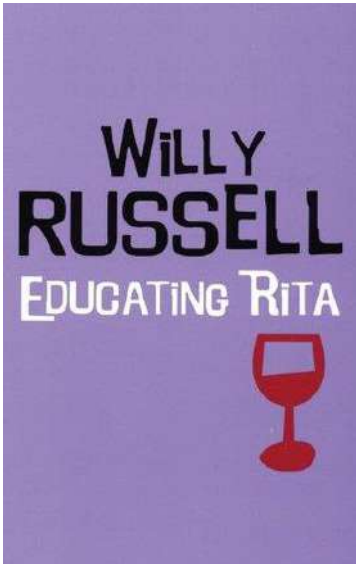
There is no need to book tickets in advance as you can simply pick them up from the front of the House on the day

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## EDUCATING RITA ON DORNEY COMMON

*The only person who acts sensibly is my tailor. He takes my measurement anew every time he sees me. Everyone else goes by their old measurements.*  
George Bernard Shaw

As the Summer Solstice passes, our sunny days exceed the long grey damp ones, and so we embrace the short window of warmth. Each year brings more unpredictable weather and a new variety wardrobe which includes a seasonal mix of thick and light clothes as dictated by our smart phone forecast apps.



As life at the cottage meanders on, rehearsals on the back lawn for the Maidenhead Drama Guild summer charity day proceed at full throttle. This year my co-director, Julia and I are mid-flow with our production of 'Educating Rita' by Willie Russell, following last year's success with Abigail's Party. This funny nostalgic play is still a delight, with witty wordage and exposed emotions, so consider coming to support this event.

However, a reconstruction of the Wildflower Paddock has shifted the Wildflower Theatre across to the other side, so the sun is not in our actors' eyes and altogether is in a better position to view, a new purple gazebo adjacent, to harbour our Che Guevara drinks bar. Quenching thirsts and lounging in the grassy florals is an ideal way to wile away a Sunday afternoon.

For several months I have been mowing the paths that meander within the wildflower paddock, enjoying the fun of creating circular walkways, a stage space, a cast shady wing under the horse chestnut tree, and a tech corner for our sound effects. The audience sits within the stage space, close and personal to the action... also a necessity due to overhead holiday traffic that pierces the sky with silver bullets.

This two-hander play is a charming bitter-sweet tale of a professor, Frank, and his young fresh faced student Rita, who between them strike up an unlikely bond of friendship and intimate honesty. Frank reluctantly enlightening Rita to gain her academic aptitude, and for Rita, to achieve her goal of understanding the formatted structure that passing exams requires.

Creating the set, mainly from 'Marketplace' and other recycle platforms, I help from my boyfriend Bob, who is busies himself to carpenter up a tall study window, and a door in a frame that facilitates the only entrance and exit, along with eleventy-eight little jobs that he undertakes with a large selection of man tools in the back of his red van.



The garden at Dells Cottage was way behind the schedule of normality, some plants only just poking their noses out, and some growing up but without much floral activity. So, at last as the warmth strips off their dressing gowns, at last reveal some eye candy of colour. Having now learnt to manoeuvre the sit-on tractor and drive stripes up and down the lawn, my pink jobs merge with blue ones to make mauve things along.

Having been unable to contribute much to the Dorney Horticultural Society due to life circumstances, it is time to concentrate on the Annual Show that looms on Saturday 27th August, so entries for classes would be very gratefully accepted so that we can come back this year with a prolific show of delights from our village green fingers. No matter how big or how small your carrots are, give them a go in our classes, as they say, size does not matter!

Meantime, place a 'save the date' note in your diary or on your wall calendar, to pop along to Dells Cottage on Dorney Common, (opposite the road to Boveney) to enjoy a glass or two and sit in the sun to enjoy the day on SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST:

Gates open at 13:00 free entry - charitable bucket donations for MDG gratefully received

Bring a light picnic, rug / folding chair

Che Guevara Bar and Tea Rex café refreshments

15:00 Education Rita

Intermission: Watlington Uke Band

Gates close at 18:00

*Take that leap: there is an old riddle that says five frogs are sitting on a lily pad. One decides to jump off, how many are left?*

*If your answer is 'four', thank your maths teacher for your excellent maths skills, but unfortunately, this is not a test of your maths abilities, it's a life problem.*

*The correct answer is 'five', as all five are still sitting there on the lily pad, the one frog only decided to jump but hasn't. Life is not a spectator sport, there are no practise sessions, and you have been in the game from Day One.*

*As cliché as it seems 'The journey starts with a single step' and not by thinking about taking that step. Be the frog who not only decides to jump off the lily pad but actually jumps.*

ANON

**Kristina Perkins**

## Withering Contempt

Back in the sixties and seventies, the arrival of the M4 in Dorney must have been about as welcome as broken wind in a spacesuit, but it's the gift that just keeps on giving.

Back in those days, I resided in a sleepy village near Reading, and we were as thrilled as were you at the arrival of our new noisy, destructive intruder; but time is a great healer and after the screaming frustration and injustice of it all had dissipated, we learned to accept it, along with the drone and dust on dry days.

By means of a circuitous route, years later I moved to Iver with my young family to be greeted after two years of bliss, by the M4's dad, the M25!

It was just like going home after the noisy construction had been completed and someone noble drove the first car (a classic something or other as I recall) along its smooth surface applauded by some hired sycophants as we furious locals glared at what had been a pretty farm.

Still, as I say, time is a healer, and again we adapted to the noise and drone, and as the promised screening of trees matured, we forgot it was there save for the odd emergency service siren rising above the familiar drone.

What we did not have however, was a renewal of hostilities that Dorney has suffered when some moron decided to upgrade the M4 from 'dangerous' to 'lethal' by the removal of the hard shoulder refuge. I likened it at the time to a cruise liner smashing up the lifeboats to fit more people in. At the time of writing, Mr. Google says that sixty-three people have been killed so far and near misses have skyrocketed on these death traps.

So, I hear you ask, "Why is he banging on about our shiny new not so smart (digital if you please) motorway again?"

Well quite apart from the noise day and night, the dust, the now panoramic spectacle of the Slough Sewage Works now we've got rid of that pesky screening, to say nothing of the vandalism of destroying thousands of trees in a climate crisis and the sucking up of building materials at any price, poor Dorney had its two roads from the West closed at various stages for over a year.

"Comes with the territory," I hear some say, and so it does, but if you're in any doubt as to the esteem Highways England (or whatever snappy name 'the man' is calling it at the moment), just consider the history of Lake End Road.

It was closed for months after the old bridge had been demolished. Bet 'the man' didn't realise all the bridges save the M25 would have to be rebuilt to fix the 'digital' bit. I don't understand why either, but what the heck, it's your money they're spending.

What convinced me that they really don't give a damn about us is that the traffic light system remained for weeks after completion, and the 30-mph speed limit for months, protecting non-existent workers who had long gone from Mavis slogging along at 40mph.

And then, bang in the heart of the picturesque village, a proposed roundabout more suited to Spaghetti Junction was shown the door to be followed by (you couldn't make it up) more closures, more traffic lights and more speed limits as the thing appeared to be in need of repair already, all left in situ after the works had finished.

If you want to prove that Highways England treat you with withering contempt, look no further than Lake End Road, and as you're looking, take note of the yard full of dead lorries that are still there.

On a lighter note, I was given one hundred and fifty quid the other day, with the promise of more crumbs falling in my direction from the 'man's' table by virtue of my crumbliness in old age.

"Thank you very, very much Sir," I mumble as I respectfully touch my forelock as He goes by... but wait, what's this?

Why, it's an unsigned letter from, apparently, Buckinghamshire Council.

It seems that I pay my Council Tax by Direct Debit (the Capital Letters are theirs) and because of this I have failed their 'payment verification' and 'will need to provide your bank details and proof of identification' in order that these crumbs fall in my direction.

I do not recall failing any 'payment verification' when I am paying them money so surely they must have my bank details.

I hesitate, gazing with creased furrows on my brow at the computer and the box demanding my bank details along, of course, with my name, date of birth, blood group, the name of my father's first real love, mother's maiden name if not the same, my first car, my favourite pet, and of course, a password, and surmise it could be a scam seeing as how I'm old and vulnerable and in need of succour from 'the man.'

The council have even provided me with a lovely number to their Customer Service Centre (0300 131 6000 if you're really bored) but warn me quite sternly in heavy type so my ailing sight doesn't miss it that this is only for those who cannot fill in the online form and cannot get assistance to do so.

That's me! I'll phone the Council and seek reassurance that all is well. I only want to know if it's a scam!

"Ring ring. Ring ring,"

A machine answers and tells me I have no less than manifold options! Yes, MANIFOLD!

Sadly, none of these fit my enquiry, but they do assure me that even if I get through, they won't be able to help fill in the form. I have to go elsewhere for that. Two phone calls and an hour later I give up and send an email. The auto reply (another machine) assures me I'll get a reply in five working days. I'll let you know, but don't hold your breath.

It's very like trying to get a doctor's appointment, or perhaps an ambulance, or maybe a policeman.

It's all smoke and mirrors.

Still, the weather is lovely, summer is here, and a pair of blue tits are beavering away feeding their chicks in a birdbox I made a couple of years ago, and my cats now sport collars with loud bells on them.

They too are singularly unimpressed.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe.

**Mike Quincey**

# Dorney Village Hall

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**In January we completely redecorated the whole inside of the Hall.  
It is looking very fresh and welcoming.  
We also installed blinds to replace the old curtains.**

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

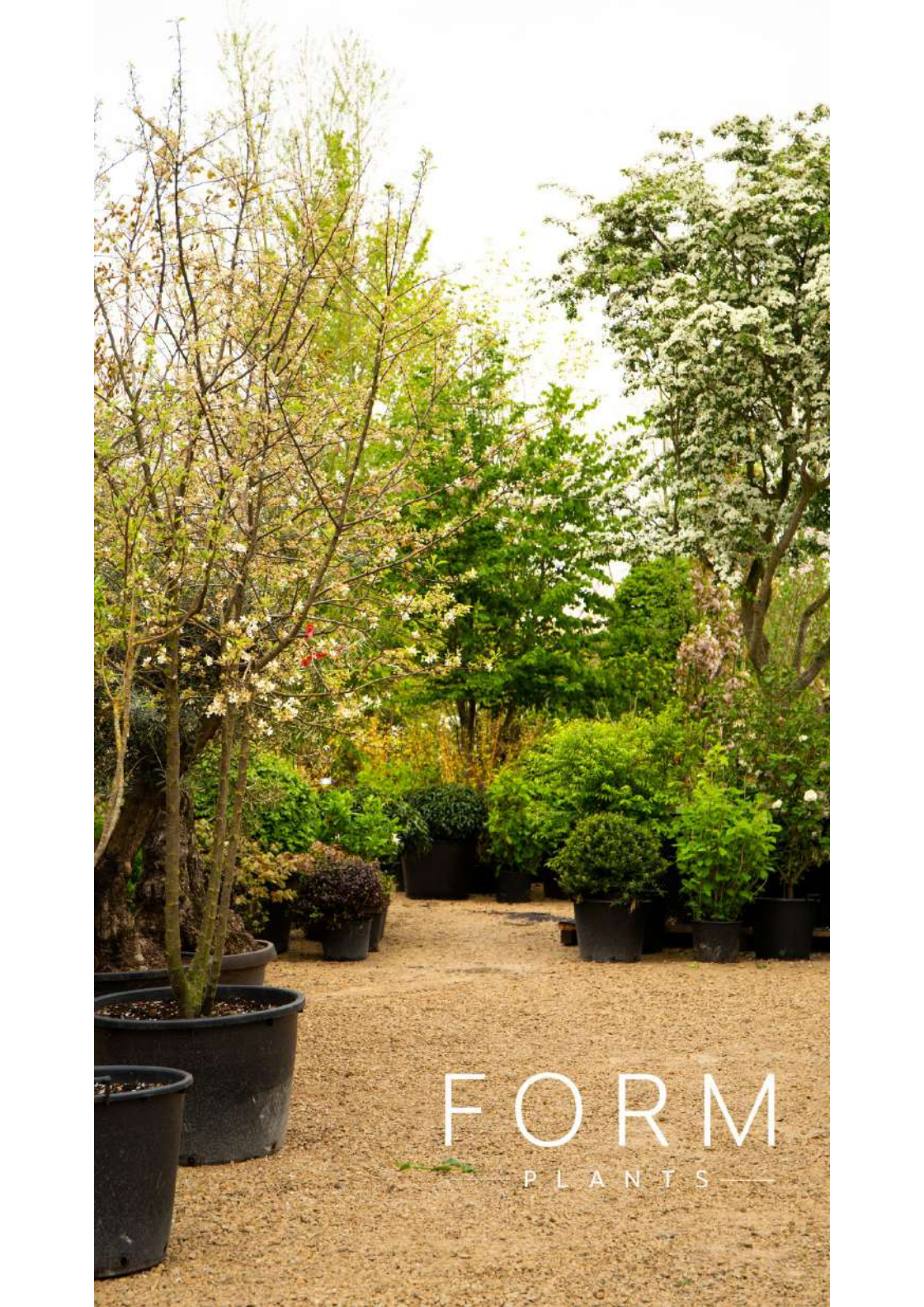
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## PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

#### **Present**

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)      Cllr. Euan MacLennan      Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford  
Cllr. Robert Stopford      Cllr. William Voaden  
Ms Ruth Senior (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting with an apology to the residents of Dorney Reach for not having any flag bunting for the Jubilee celebrations other than at Dorney School. This was down to mis-communication on positioning.

#### **Open Forum**

Lyndsey Oliver confirmed that the Playground Management Group now has a new full board of Trustees and Volunteers. They asked for a contribution towards a new BBQ for Playground and other community events, it was agreed in principal, proposed Cllr. Westcott-Wreford seconded Cllr. Dax, to be ratified at the July meeting, that we would contribute up to £200.

The group are now looking at ways to improve the playground facility and constitution and Lyndsey will provide the Clerk with a list of the new contacts.

Peter Bowman expressed concerns over bin collections not happening, especially the green bins, which are paid for by Parishioners. Cllr. Dax attending a meeting with SBALC and was told there will be a settling period for the new contractors who say they have not received correct addresses. Cllr. Dax suggested at the meeting that this may be something that the Parish could help with.

#### **PC/67/22 To elect a Chairman and Declaration of office of Chairman**

Cllr. Westcott-Wreford proposed, Cllr. Stopford seconded, Jill Dax as Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour. Declaration of office completed.

#### **PC/68/22 Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. Anna Palmer.

#### **PC/69/22 To elect a Vice Chairman**

Cllr. Dax proposed, Cllr. Stopford seconded, Martyn Westcott-Wreford as Vice Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour. Declaration of office completed.

#### **PC/70/22 Declaration of office signed by each elected Councillor**

This was duly completed with the exception of Cllr. Baker who was absent.

#### **PC/71/22 To review constitutional documents**

These were reviewed with amendments to the Financial Regulations to include the new online banking system and payments by bank transfer and the Standing Orders changed to show meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month where possible.



### **PC/72/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May and matters arising**

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

### **PC/73/22 To agree meeting dates for 2023**

These were agreed with one change. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held separately next year as Dorney Lake have kindly offered the use of their Lake View room to host the meeting. The date will be confirmed by Cllr. Dax.

### **PC/74/22 Items of business carried forward**

#### **74.1 The Orchard Herbs Site**

Planning permission for the hotel development has been refused. Cllr. Dax offered her appreciation for the robust objection letters submitted by Dorney Parish Council and Eton Town Council.

Buckinghamshire Planning are still working on the Certificate of Lawfulness.

Mitchel Pugh, Buckinghamshire Enforcement, visited the site last week to inform the concrete and car storage businesses that they are operating illegally. It was noted that these are creating a noise disturbance to the local community.

#### **74.2 M4 Digital Motorway**

**It was agreed** that the Clerk will contact the motorway team for an update on the re-planting on the Dorney Lake Bridge area.

Thea Pine asked for information on reinstating the footpath from Meadow Way across the back of Trumpers Field. **It was agreed** the Clerk will ask Thea Pine for photos and further clarification of the exact area.

#### **74.3 The Emergency Plan**

The Emergency plan has now been produced and is now ready to be published. The only additions are contact details and a note informing people who have been upgraded to fibre broadband that their telephone lines will not work in the case of a power cut. When this has been added, **it was agreed** the Clerk will publish on the DPC website.

### **PC/75/22 Planning**

Cllr. Stopford confirmed there are no new applications to note other than tree works. He also updated on the Local Plan proposed land for re-development which is open until September. This will be assessed throughout 2023 before recommendations are put forward.

The planning permission application for Boveney Court Farm is expected to be submitted next month.

### **PC/76/22 Finance**

76.1 To agree/ratify expenditure and income to date - The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

The Clerk confirmed that the insurance payment following the car accident with the MVAS sign on Lake end Road has been paid and will instruct the installation company to go ahead.

76.2 To receive and approve the 2021/22 accounts and return - **It was agreed** to approve the accounts and annual return for 21/22. The Clerk will send the accounts to PKF Littlejohn for audit.

### **PC/77/22 To agree a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and terms of reference**

Cllr. Voaden met with Taplow Cllr. Roger Worthington and Buckinghamshire planning for advice regarding the plan. Buckinghamshire gave positive feedback and information on achieving the first level of designation. **It was unanimously agreed** that we should push forward with the plan which should give more authority to the Parish Council on planning applications in the Parish in the future. **It was unanimously agreed** that a working party for the plan should begin, with Cllr. Voaden, Cllr. Stopford and Cllr. Dax volunteering for this. The Clerk will complete the terms of reference for the working party.



**PC/78/22 To consider ZOOM subscription**

To activate a ZOOM account for the Parish Council would cost £120 per year. **It was agreed** that now meetings are face to face and the numbers online recently were dwindling, the Council will not purchase the licence and instead encourage members of the public to come along to the meetings in person.

**PC/79/22 To discuss surface problems on Dorney Roads**

County Cllr. George Sandy reported prior to the meeting an update from Chris Nash, the Area Technician. It has been confirmed that Lake End Road and Village Road are set to be resurfaced in 2023. **It was agreed** that the Clerk will check the same is set for Marsh Lane.

**PC/80/22 To consider options for having solar panel fields in Dorney**

It was agreed that if private land owners in the Parish wish to investigate installing solar fields, the Parish Council will consider each proposed area on its location and suitability.

**PC/81/22 To update on speed limit and cattle signs for Dorney Common**

Awaiting an update.

**PC/82/22 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents**

It has been reported that Trumpers Field is not being cut by Buckinghamshire Council, it was agreed that Cllr. Dax will investigate what has or has not been done and the Clerk will then follow up with Council.

The motorbikes using the footpaths and field around Dorney are still causing a nuisance and we encourage every incident to be reported to the police.

**PC/83/22 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Nuisance motorbikes in the village.

Speed and cattle signs for Dorney Common.

Treatments works – the work plans should be available by the end of June, in the meantime there are flood monitors being installed.

Ratify Playground BBQ purchase.

Noticeboard replacement.

**Meeting ended at 9.25 pm**

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Dorney Parish News will continue to provide Keycode details.

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## 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](http://www.dorney-history-group.org.uk), with over 18,000 web visitors each year.

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## Eton Wick History Group [www.etonwickhistory.co.uk](http://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.**

### 2022 Programme

13th July	<b>A Woman of Wax</b> with Tony Weston
14th September	<b>'The Village History Through the Website'</b> with Steven Denham
26 October	<b>'The War Horse Memorial'</b> with Alan Carr MBE

Further details from: Teresa Stanton [teresams35@virginmedia.com](mailto:teresams35@virginmedia.com)

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## Hedgerley Historical Society [www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://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. In Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane, Hedgerley Buckinghamshire SL2 3UZ

### 2022

July 7th (Thursday)	<b>Guided Tour of Hatfield House</b> £16. Closing date 8th June Meet 11am Hatfield House AL9 5HX
July 13th (Wednesday)	<b>Guided Tour of Church Gardens</b> £10 (includes Tea). Closing date 8th June Meet 2pm Harefield UB9 6DU
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