

Dorney Parish News

December 2022/January 2023



St. James' Church at Christmas Time

(with thanks to Paul Humpleman)

"I don't know what the essence of a Dorney Christmas is, but the most vivid picture to me is that walk to the midnight service down the Richmond Path, across the pitch-black fields as Christmas Day approaches. It's always a pleasant shock as the lights of St James and Dorney Court appear like beacons behind the trees." – Peter Bowman, DPN Editorial, December 2021



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EDITORIAL – A REVIEW OF 2022

A review of the last twelve months as witnessed by the pages of 'Dorney Parish News' is jolted up to date by events within the month since our last issue. Eton College have applied for planning permission to build twelve new homes on the Boveney Court Farm site, and the deadline for responses from the public is 9th December 2022. The profound effects we believe that this application and other likely local Eton projects will have on the future of our parish are set out elsewhere in this issue.

As a green oasis bordered by urban sprawl, this threat is the latest in a very long list. Issues are pressing to we residents, but 2022 was the year when our local considerations were necessarily compared to deeper suffering elsewhere. When we wrote our review of 2021, we did not predict that by May our District Councillor would be telling us of one thousand visas issued to Ukrainians to come to Buckinghamshire as refugees from invasion or that we would write about the county's Helping Hand for Ukraine and Maidenhead volunteers driving aid trucks to the Polish border. Neither did we anticipate that our vicar, Revd. La Stacey, would appeal in her regular articles for us to help stock local FoodShare schemes or that we would highlight Bucks CC's schemes like 'Welcoming Space' intended to help our neighbours keep warm in a time of fuel poverty.

Wider events that produced both joy and grief revolved around the late monarch. In June, many enjoyed a wonderfully friendly, and sunny, Jubilee celebration courtesy of Chrys Fisher at the Palmer Arms. Bunting bedecked much of the village and by year's end seven Jubilee Trees planted as this year began as part of the Queen's Green Canopy were flourishing as 'seven emerald-green exclamation marks'. Her Majesty passed away three months later. Mike Quincey's description as a bellringer at St. James of the pealing of muffled bells in our parish is as moving as anything we have published.

Of perhaps greatest long-term significance is the climate crisis and the environmental future. Maybe green enterprises have taken up fewer pages than we expected this year, even though in May we set out several local options for generating cheap electricity in response to the idea championed locally for a solar farm to be installed on suitable land in the Parish. Cllr George Sandy informed residents that Bucks County would be carbon neutral by 2030, that refuse would be entirely collected by electric vehicles and that the County was planting half a million trees. In February, Storm Eunice terrifyingly felled one of the venerated poplars gracing the corner of Marsh Lane and Oak Stubbs Lane, creating a striking front cover. Dorney records were undoubtedly broken as the temperature on July 19th hit in excess of 38C, causing a long-awaited Playground Group party to be cancelled. We reported an increase in fire brigade visits to the parish to deal with field fires. Oak Processionary moths blighted the war memorial gardens, and the Forestry Commission made a grant to deal with them.

It seems appropriate, therefore, that the Parish Council should have developed its Emergency Plan this year. Details of how to be involved can be found on the PC website, which we recommend our readers to consult on all local matters. At the start of the year there was a vacancy on the Council that has now been filled by William Voaden, who has himself begun the development of a Neighbourhood Plan having achieved Designation status. A questionnaire is likely to be issued to residents in 2023, an exercise last completed in 2005. This year the precept was maintained at the previous year's level. RJC Landscapes have completed a full year as the PC's contractors. The chair of the council was in the chair for a revived Annual Parish Meeting in May which was useful but sparsely attended. Surely more will attend in 2023. The Boundaries Commission seem likely to switch Dorney from the current

large three county councillor ward of Cliveden to a single member ward with Taplow, but that same Commission seems to have abandoned plans to dismember Joy Morrissey's Beaconsfield constituency. We appreciate our MP's regular contributions and support for the Green Belt in Bucks.

The Orchard Herbs Farm site remains a disgrace. At least outline planning permission for a 416-room hotel was refused in June. A temporary stop notice seems for the moment to have halted the site's use as a Heathrow park and ride (it should have been a High Court injunction), but Bucks seems powerless to remove the hundreds of trucks and concrete mixing business despite Enforcement Notices in place since 2006.

Almost equally long running has been the 'upgrade' to a SMART M4 or rather the new 2022 description 'digital motorway'. Last year we predicted 'they would be gone' after Christmas. This year we're forced to repeat those words. Dorney has learnt all about 'expansion joints', problems with which led to repeat closures of both our motorway bridges, with Marsh Lane closed overnight in November. Depressingly all the newly planted foliage wilted in the summer drought. Tihill, 'the leading provider of nature-based solutions' have been awarded a five-year contract to solve this.

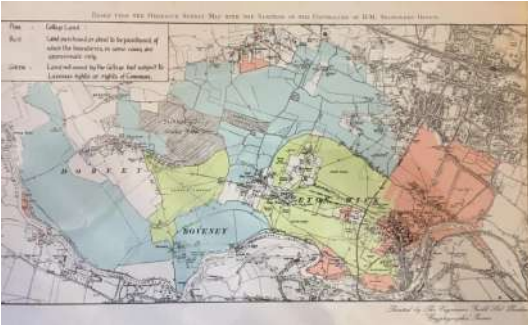
Sometimes in 2022 there was too much water and sometimes too little. A breakage in a three inch water main and the resultant minor flood in Harcourt Road was reported in May and repaired (rapidly) in September. Such a sight made the hosepipe ban imposed in late summer, and only lifted as we go to press, that little bit more exasperating. We revealed Thames Water's plans to 'rewild' their borehole field next to Dorney Reach. Thames Water made a statement that they were seeking local partners in the project and before this enterprise went quiet, we published forthright views for and against rewilding. As the year ends another question is what is happening with the company's plans announced last year, and denounced in these quarters, to pump treated water from Slough sewerage works across Dorney Common into the Thames.

There was trouble with bins too. Early in the year, they were disappearing as old trucks swallowed up new bins. Our refuse collection day switched from Monday to Friday. A new collection contract awarded to Veolia caused chaos across the county. Our version of that disorder was a cessation of paid for green bins collection for almost two months. We note that the Christmas break with no green collections has been extended.

This time last year there were dire predictions for the future of the playground as a whole new committee of trustees was needed and almost the best bit of local news is that a new group is now very much up and running, although they tell us more helpers are always required. The first Annual Show since 2019 was a great success in August with organisers, Dorney Horticultural Society, likewise revived. Jamie Butterworth of FORM Plants at Dorney Court won a Chelsea Show gold medal. The 'First Wednesday' at the Palmer Arms returned and we urge readers to join in the fun. An OFSTED re-inspection labelled Dorney School as 'Good' in many categories. In August, an outdoor performance of *Educating Rita* attracted a large audience and much praise. Dorney Lake avoided crowds and chaos and we settled into the regime of closure between April and September, wishing that Dorney residents could be welcome all year. The Village Hall was splendidly redecorated with new lights and curtains.

Finally, thanks to our regular writers Mike Quincey, Kristina Perkins, our historian Virginia Silvester, and to Mo Voaden for her splendid series on 'Dorney Folk'. This year we lost a long-term contributor on natural history and much else with the passing of Peter Tyler. Thanks to our readers for their loyalty, support and subscriptions. Happy Christmas to all and we will return in February.

Eton College developments within Dorney Parish



Following the completion of Dorney Lake in 2006, Eton College has continued to ensure its commitment, made in 1929, to surround Eton, Eton Wick and Dorney with a “green belt” which would “*preserve open countryside south of the Bath Road*”. This preceded the Green Belt Act of 1938. This commitment was enacted, in the case of Dorney, by Eton College (with the assistance of the Dorney Court Estate) purchasing Dorney land from

Map of 1930 showing, in blue, land to be acquired by Eton College

around 18 existing landowners which resulted in all of the land in Dorney Parish (excluding residential properties) being owned in 1931 either by Eton College or the Dorney Court Estate.

It has to be said that this “green belt” has protected Dorney from outside developers for over 90 years and has ensured (together with common lands) that Dorney has, largely, retained its rural character.

Over recent years Eton College have, understandably, started the process of seeking to convert listed and non-listed barns and “previously developed land” into residential use – due to the fact that there is no other valid use for such buildings.

However, ironically, for such schemes to make financial sense (recognising the costs of changing a listed barn into a suitable house) it appears that additional new houses may be required within certain schemes to make the sums add up, which then run into the successor of the Green Belt Acts – the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – that makes new buildings on Green Belt land virtually impossible except under “very special circumstances”.

1. Boveney Court Stables, Boveney (SL4 6QD): [PL/19/3527/FA](#)



Converting the barn at Boveney Court Stables (PL/19/3527/FA), near Rambler’s Car Park, to a house was originally put forward to Planning in 2016. It was conditionally approved on 24th January 2017. It was not actioned within the three year limit, so was resubmitted in 2019. Again, it was conditionally approved on 13th December 2019. It appears that no work has yet started so it is possible that it will be resubmitted to Planning before 13th December 2022 or be allowed to lapse.

This application struggled to get past the NPPF rules regarding Green Belt. It managed to squeeze through on “very special circumstances” which permitted it only because it was a listed building at risk of falling into further disrepair.

2. Court Farm, Dorney (SL4 6QA): [PL/19/4260/EU](#)



The next scheme that Eton College put forward, in 2019, was for 20 new houses at Court Farm (PL/19/4260/EU), first buildings on the left hand side of Dorney Common when leaving Dorney towards Eton Wick. They applied for a Certificate of Lawfulness in order to determine whether the barns and outbuildings would be considered as “previously developed land”. This was agreed by Planning in 2020, thus providing

Eton College with a possible planning route for the 20 new houses. We can assume that a planning application may well be tabled shortly but is likely to challenge Green Belt rules.

3. Boveney Court Farm (not Farmhouse), Boveney ([SL4 6QG](#)):



Planning permission for 12 houses (seven in existing buildings and five new buildings) was submitted in early November 2022, following a public exhibition of initial plans in November 2021 at Dorney Lake.

The date for last comments is currently set at 9th December 2022.

A number of residents’ comments have already been submitted. These followed on from the feedback from residents at the consultation in 2021. The major concerns raised were:

- An apparent failure to consider the relevant parts of the published Dorney Parish Plan (2005)
- A failure to act on residents’ views following the November 2021 presentations.
- Doubling the current number of properties (12) in this isolated hamlet which appears to be in breach of NPPF Green Belt legislation.
- A possible breach of NPPF Green Belt legislation in regard to the five new buildings.
- Failure to provide visitor parking spaces appears to be in breach of Policy TR7 of the South Bucks Local Plan 1999.
- Failure to address the multiple issues regarding Boveney Road as a busy, rural, single track lane bounded by common land which results in the planning application appearing to be in breach of Policy TR5 of the South Bucks Local Plan 1999.
- Failure to conduct a comprehensive traffic survey over a twelve month period regarding the use of the busy single-track Boveney Road access to the site, including visitors to St Mary Magdalene, the Thames Path and other walking routes, together with increased delivery van drivers. A simple peak hours algorithm in the Transport Statement is definitely inadequate given the relative massive size of this development in an isolated hamlet and the seasonal variety of traffic.
- Failure to assess the ability of the bridge over Cress Brook on Boveney Road to be able to support the increased traffic – including the construction traffic that will not be able to use the Lake emergency access at Boveney.

4. Land between Oak Stubbs Lane, Marsh Lane and the M4 (SL6 0DW)



In order to finalise the new Bucks County Local Plan through to 2040, Bucks have called for landowners and others to nominate "brownfield" sites which could, in their opinion, be used to build houses on. Eton College have nominated the horses' field, which they own, opposite the houses in Oak Stubbs Lane for residential housing – even though it is part of the Green Belt and not "brownfield".

Based on national averages this 1.48ha site is likely to be considered for around 45 new build properties.

Again, if planning permission comes forward it is very likely that it will be, as the other three schemes, another challenge to current Green Belt legislation.

It is encouraging to see the article this month in Dorney Parish News from our MP – Joy Morrissey – addressing the important issue of defending the Green Belt in this, her constituency.

It is also interesting to note that, if the above schemes totalling around 78 houses all come to fruition, Dorney's population would increase from around 750 to about 950, an increase of 26%!

Impact of Eton College possible housing developments on Dorney Parish

		Houses	Possible new	Houses	%age
Eton College Possible Developments		Current	Eton Coll. Houses	Future	increase
Dorney Village (inc. north of Cress Brook)	Court Farm	100	20	120	20%
Dorney Reach	Oak Stubbs Lane	171	45	216	26%
Lake End		19	0	19	0%
Boveney (south of Cress Brook)	Boveney Court Stables and Boveney Court Farm buildings	12	13	25	108%
Totals		302	78	380	26%

In the Parish Plan (2005) the following were put forward by residents:

- *Need to maintain the rural character of the Parish.*
- *There is very strong resistance to any sort of development in the Parish.*
- *The Green Belt designation of the area is to be protected.*
- *Prevent future development that will erode the character of the Parish and safeguard the existing properties and the environment.*

Despite those comments being raised 17 years ago, there's no indication that they would have changed significantly during the intervening period. In fact, they might be expressed more strongly in today's world.

Bill Dax and Peter Bowman

As another year draws to a close it seems a time to reflect on what has been happening in our Parish. For such a small Parish (consisting of Dorney, Dorney Reach, Boveney and Lake End) we seem to have been targeted with some considerable challenges.

The latest of which is the planning application by Eton College to develop existing farm buildings into seven houses and adding five new build houses at Boveney Court Farm.

It was agreed at the November meeting that DPC will be calling for this to go to a full planning committee and raising the many reasons why green belt and conservation areas should not be allowed to be over developed - amongst many other queries relating to this proposal.

Comments from residents and DPC's submission can be viewed on the South Bucks Planning Applications website – Ref: PL/22/3562/FA .

Cattle Grid: In spite of Bucks budget cuts, we will continue to press for the agreed works to be carried out as soon as possible.

We remain committed to reviewing various speed limits.

The local works on the M4 Digital Motorway have at last been largely completed. It will be interesting to watch the substantial planting mature and good to know that the contract will be in force for 5 years to replace any vegetation which has not survived the hot summer we experienced and any other loss of plants/trees over this period

FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO THE COMMUNITY BOARD, FULL FUNDING WAS AGREED TO PROVIDE 2 NEW MVA SIGNS. ONE FOR DORNEY VILLAGE THE OTHER FOR DORNEY REACH. WE AWAIT DETAILS OF SPECIFIC LOCATIONS

Robust approach with Bucks has led to greater action to be taken with the Orchard Herbs site. We await date details for the appeal on the Certificate of Lawfulness and Enforcement Notice

COUNCILLOR PALMER, AS DPC REPRESENTATIVE FOR DORNEY PLAYGROUND, REPORTED ON A SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING EVENT ORGANISED BY THE NEW COMMITTEE. WE WISH THEM EVERY SUCCESS GOING FORWARD WITH THIS GREAT COMMUNITY FACILITY

We are delighted that William Voaden joined us earlier this year and has successfully completed the first stages of registering Dorney on the Neighbourhood Plan scheme.

Next meeting 17th January 2023 - no meeting in December.



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

Rev La Stacey writes: If you wanted to make a stand for something you felt strongly about, how far would you be prepared to go? Around the globe, great heroism seems to be demanded of people at the moment. I wonder whether I would have the courage of those Iranian girls taking off their head-covering to protest at the place of women in that society, or if I would be brave enough to display a handwritten placard on a state TV broadcast in Russia saying, 'No War'? Would I have been one of the people protesting in Hong Kong against increased oppression, joining with the singing of 'Sing Alleluia to the Lord' (which was the way they could let their protest be heard)? Would I do any of these things knowing I risked imprisonment? Or risked losing my life?

I wonder what level of sacrifice I would be prepared to make. Would I be prepared to sacrifice a day's pay? Would I be prepared to lose my freedom? Would I be prepared to risk life and limb? I suppose it might partly depend on how important the matter was and how strongly I felt.

We have just remembered all those in our community who gave their lives in the two world wars and those who sacrificed so much at that time. We seem to be at a juncture in the history of the world, where bravery is needed again on a wide scale. We need to be brave to take steps that will protect the most vulnerable. It may require some risky actions and creative, bold, thinking. There are many people in this village who are good at thinking of ways to build community and help each other. It feels as if this caring spirit is going to be needed more and more.

At Christmas time, that is the spirit of our celebrations. Our Christmas story tells us that God stepped out of heaven and mucked in with the rest of us. There he was, visible to everyone in the tiny baby laid in the animal trough. That has usually been considered the supreme way of us knowing that even the tiniest little ones count. Stepping out of heaven and putting your life on the line for others is the high calling

Jesus followed. In small or not so small ways, we may find ourselves needing to do something along those lines. We might need a bit of divine help to do it!

You will find information about groups where our communities can meet and enjoy time together elsewhere in this magazine. Do come along and join in. There are details about our Christmas services too. And On New Year's Day we'll be doing a shared meal at 12 in Eton Wick Church Room. Let me know if you can come so that we know how many places to lay!

With blessings for a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Church Services in January 2023 (December 2022 Services on next page)

Sunday 1st January

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 4th January

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 8th January

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

Sunday 15th January

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

Wednesday 18th January

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 22nd January

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

Sunday 29th January

9.30am	Holy Communion	St James the Less, Dorney
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11th December

3.00 pm Advent Carols, St Mary's Boveney

15th December

7.00 pm Joint Churches Carols and Mince Pies, EW Village Hall

18th December

11.00 am Holy Communion Carol Service, St John's Eton Wick

4.00 pm Carols and Mince Pies, St John's Eton

6.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols, St James' Dorney

24th December - Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Christingle Service, St James' Dorney

4.30 pm Christingle Service, St John's Eton Wick

11.30 pm Midnight Communion, St James' Dorney

25th December - Christmas Day Family Communion

10.15 am St James' Dorney

10.15 am St John's Eton Wick



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Protecting the Green Belt in South Buckinghamshire

Since my election in 2019 I have made protecting the Green Belt my top priority. I have argued for more protections for green spaces, agricultural land and wonderful local parks such as Colne Valley Regional Park and Little Marlow Lakes Country Park. I have made these arguments to planning committees, planning inspectors, Ministers and even the Prime Minister.

In the Ivers there is the triple threat of Pinewood Studios, a proposed motorway service area and a raft of data centre applications. Last year I founded the Iver Action Group, to bring together local councillors, resident's groups, and local people to find coordinated solutions for the problems faced in the Ivers.

Through that group we have organised a coordinated campaign to hold back these completely unnecessary and damaging projects. Currently we are fighting several major applications from first instance to appeal. I am engaging with Buckinghamshire Council, the Minister for Roads, the Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd to make sure that if these developments have to happen, it will be somewhere suitable for the purpose, rather than the Ivers.

I know that there is great strength of feeling from residents in and around the area of the proposed Marlow Film Studios in the Little Marlow Lakes Country Park. I have been to see the area many times and its importance to the local landscape, wildlife and biodiversity make it the wrong place to site such a development, a view I made abundantly clear in my objection to the application.

There are times where the fight against inappropriate development goes beyond the planning application and developers seek to appeal the decision of democratic local representatives. This is the case with the Beeches Park development in Beaconsfield, which seeks to place a significant amount of new housing on beautiful green fields, trampling ancient woodland in the process, when there are brown field sites available.

I have been in close contact with Buckinghamshire Council on this process and I am pleased to say that they are committing full and comprehensive resources, appointing one of the most experienced planning consultants in the country and retaining Kings Counsel to fight the appeal to show how seriously we take this issue. My commitment to you is that I will continue to fight for you and your communities to protect our stunning countryside.

Joy Morrissey MP

Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield

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Dorney Lake

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Our gates will be open from 7.30am to 6.00pm, but please do exit by 5.30pm to ensure that the gates do not close on you.

SPORTING EVENT DAYS

Please check our website for the most up to date information.

Additional event days may be added at any time.

Merry Christmas

FROM THE DORNEY LAKE TEAM



The Celebrations Begin – Dorney Horticultural Society's Christmas Supper



Dorney Horticultural Society's Christmas Supper was a truly memorable occasion which was enjoyed by a packed Dorney Village Hall.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the supper evening was held in mid-November this year, but there was a buzz of excitement as members looked forward to our first Christmas Supper possible since 2019. The society's chairman Ron Alsworth was very pleased to welcome regular faces and commented on the number of new faces who he hoped to see again, as 2023 would be back to a full programme of events. He also introduced our special guest, Jamie Butterworth.



Back by popular demand was Chrys Fisher and his team from the Palmer Arms serving up a superb Roast Turkey supper with all the trimmings....and, of course, this was followed by Christmas Pudding. Singer/guitarist Dean Dyson entertained the guests, singing from his enormous repertoire. As more than one guest declared to me, the 'Hort. Soc' has a unique place in Dorney social life – no other body offers an event like this, and the revamped Village Hall offers a superb venue.

As 2023 looms, the society aims to build on all this support and return with a strong programme of events. That is where our special guest comes in. Jamie Butterworth is Managing Director of FORM Plants based at Dorney Court, is an RHS ambassador, a gold medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show and is a champion of mental health charity Place2Be.

Jamie first met up with the Society when he presented prizes after the Annual Show in August, and now he has agreed to be our patron. We will benefit from access to Jamie's experience, knowledge and contacts which will enable us to move up a level and it's fitting for the Society to work with a local horticultural venture.



This is all reflected in plans for the first meeting of 2023. Now, the details of the programme are still being finalised, but the plan for our first get together next year is for an afternoon meeting on February 24th, to be held at Crocus at Dorney Court, with Jamie as our speaker. Details will be announced shortly.

The May garden visit in 2022 was an absolute delight as a happy throng of members visited 'Wind in the Willows' in Denham. Plans are afoot for a similar outing in 2023. A full programme for 2023 with membership cards will be available early next year when we will invite existing members to renew and new members to join us.

The Annual Show, again the first for three years, was a splendid day back in August. How can it be improved further? Well, judged by residents' reactions, by avoiding the Bank Holiday weekend. Next year, we're scheduling the Show for September 2nd, a date for your diary.



The supper finished with a very successful grand raffle, with Jamie drawing the winning tickets. Many thanks to Chrys Fisher for donating not one but two meals at his two pubs and also to Jamie for donating a signed copy of his book plus, for one lucky winner of the star prize – who happened to be Charles Cody, a long-time supporter of the Society and ex-editor of this magazine - a magnificent tree.

Jan Bowman with Jamie and book!

Ron Alsworth and Peter Bowman



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DORNEY COURT

Christmas menu

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❖ Starters

- ❖ Chicken liver pate with a caramelised onion chutney and toasted ciabatta,
- ❖ Prawn cocktail, with pink grapefruit, mixed leafs and brown bread and butter,
- ❖ Pan fried woodland mushrooms, in a white wine and garlic cream sauce served on toasted sourdough,
- ❖ Soup of the day, served with a toasted sourdough roll,
- ❖ Parma ham with mulled poached pear, and goat cheese salad, with toasted walnuts and mix leafs,

❖ Mains

- ❖ Roast turkey with all the trimmings, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, stuffing, and pigs in blankets, gravy, and cranberry sauce.
- ❖ Pan fried sea bass, with minted tender stem broccoli, sautéed new potatoes and a lemon caper cream Sauce
- ❖ Beetroot gnocchi, with asparagus, sundried tomatoes, spinach and parmesan,
- ❖ Roasted root veg wellington with pumpkin seeds, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables,

❖ Desserts

- ❖ Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy Sauce
- ❖ Apple crumble tart with vanilla custard
- ❖ British cheese selection with grapes, celery crackers and a spiced chutney
- ❖ Vegan chocolate brownie with vegan vanilla ice cream



Dorney Playground Group Halloween Party



On Friday 21st October about 100 4–11 year-olds celebrated an early Halloween at Dorney Village Hall. After the disappointment of having to cancel the Summer Party due to extreme heat, we were determined that nothing was going to stop everyone enjoying the Halloween Party.

The barbecue, which was kindly purchased by the Parish Council for this type of community event, was put to good use for our Sausage Sizzler! As well as hot dogs, the children were able to have a Halloween ‘tattoo’, purchase sweets, glow toys, Halloween lucky dip bags and more besides. We had fantastic entertainment provided by Non Stop Kids Entertainment and afterwards prizes were presented to the children (and parents) with the best Halloween costumes.



We are delighted to report that we raised over £800 for the Playground 4 Dorney charity. This will go towards ongoing maintenance of our wonderful Dorney community Playground.

We would like to thank everyone who helped arrange the party and those who helped on the day. We would also like to thank Dorney Village Hall who allowed us to use the hall at no charge.



Dorney Playground Group



RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW

As we close in on 2022, I would like to use this opportunity to reflect on what our school has achieved even through the on-going energy and economic crises. I start with a re-inspection by Ofsted in early September in which a monitoring inspection was converted into a full two-day inspection as the inspectors could see the school's rapid progress in such a short time. His Majesty's Inspector (HMI) recognised the unusual decision by Ofsted for an early monitoring visit, six months after the last full inspection report was shared with staff and parents in February 2022. Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is now securely 'Good'. The school has also retained the judgement of 'Good' in Behaviour and Attitudes' and 'Good' in Personal Development'. In fact, the HMI deliberated for some time on whether these areas should be judged as 'Outstanding' and identified minor areas for improvement, that the school was already aware of, to secure such a judgement.

This seems like a good occasion to thank all staff, parents, governors, trustees and the community for their unfailing support and commitment to all our children. Finally, I would like to thank the children - they are honest in their feedback of our school and their passion for learning, their compassion, and their commitment to social justice are unparalleled.

Dorney School prides itself in delivering not only excellent education, but we are also proud of our children's participation in the wider curriculum and in the community.

Just before we broke up for the autumn break, 19 girls from Years 3 and 4 participated in an all-girls football festival at Fulmer sports ground. Bathed in brilliant sunshine, over 200 girls found a safe space to enjoy and learn football skills from professional and dedicated coaches. On the back of the national Women's team winning Euros 2022, this was an amazing experience. The best comments I heard that morning from pupils of Dorney School were, "I have never seen so many girls!", and "This was the best day ever!" Elsa from Frozen even turned up for a photo shoot with the girls as the Disney Corporation is part of the FA sponsorship deal along with Barclays Bank. Such great partnerships are vital if we want our girls, and all our children, to be exposed to such opportunities. At the time of writing, our Year 5 and 6 girls will be attending a similar event in early December.

Our Remembrance Assembly, led by the Year 6 and attended by our families, is a poignant reminder that if we do not mark such days, events and weeks, there is a chance that we will forget; that we may not remember that we must stand together against injustice, discrimination, and intolerance. The words 'We sacrifice our today for your tomorrow' held more meaning this year as we reflect on recent events globally, and closer to home.

The pictures below tell its own story of the legacy left behind and the price of sacrifice. Our Year 6 pupils stood together, along with their families and the rest of the school to remember family members who may have paid the ultimate price or indeed, the significance of a person's sacrifice.



Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) did it again! The annual fireworks event was a resounding success. The school playground was filled with so many families, friends, and children who were totally spellbound by the fireworks. The treats on offer and the raffle prizes went down a storm. The event raised £3.5k – this is vital additional funding for a school severely impacted by the school funding crisis. All leftover food items were donated to the local foodbank.

Members of our school council organised a Bring and Buy sale and sponsored challenges that each pupil had to complete. So far, we have raised over £1000, part of which will be donated to Children In Need, whilst some of it will go towards much needed school refurbishment. Take a look at what we did!

As I write this last paragraph, we are now busy preparing and planning for a myriad of seasonal and Christmas activities. From Nativity plays, carol singing, pantomime and visits to the local church, December promises to be a busy and productive month in the life of our school. Yet, as we start getting festive, a lot of our learning will also centre on the true meaning of Christmas. In this time of hardship, many families may be spending less due to the rising cost of living. Some may be thinking of ways to keep a home warm this season. The work we do at school centres on compassion, understanding, kindness and love. We will also be spending time listening and reflecting on the story from over two thousand years ago, of a small family, finding refuge in an unknown land in uncertain times. This story is as relevant today as it was when the Child King was born.

Luke 2:14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”
Dorney School would like to wish all readers a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and may we each find joy in the company of the ones we love.

**Best wishes,
Mrs S F Jelany-Lee, Headteacher**

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PEACAN TART WITH SALTED CARAMEL ICE CREAM

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STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM



CHRISTMAS PAST



Dorney is approaching another Christmas, one hopefully free from the restrictions of the past two years. Families and friends will be preparing to enjoy the festivities together. Decorations will emerge from storage to brighten our houses inside and out. Parents and grandparents will watch their children's Nativity plays and take them to see Father Christmas. The post-box will be fuller than usual. Old traditions will be revived and new ones created. St James' church will welcome villagers to Christingle and midnight services and the ancient church in Boveney will once again be filled with candlelight and the sound of carols. How, I wonder, did Dorney celebrate Christmas in times past?

Christmas really became the celebration we know and love today in Victorian times. Many features were popularised by Queen Victoria and the Royal Family, such as the Christmas tree bedecked with candles, decorations and gifts. Sending cards, decorating the house with more than greenery, singing carols and eating turkey for Christmas dinner all developed into the traditions associated with the big family get-together.

In Dorney the church has always been the focal point for Christmas, and the Windsor and Eton Express reported that the Christmas services in 1904 were unusually bright, the singing by the choir boys greatly improved under the instruction of the new organist. No doubt the congregation joined in with the processional hymn "O come all ye faithful".

In 1897 a Christmas party for 250 children was put on in the coach house at Dorney Court. The room was decorated and there was a Christmas tree. A tea was provided at 4pm, followed by a concert performed by both children and adults. Who knew that the comic song "Daddy wouldn't buy me a bow-wow" was already popular that long ago! Afterwards the children were given prizes of warm clothing and presents of toys and sweets and were sent home with a bun and an orange each.

The tea was served by local ladies including the wives of the vicar and the doctor, and the event was funded largely by the Dowager Lady Palmer. She was renowned for her generosity and kindness not only to the children but also the poorer folk of Dorney and Lake End. It was recorded that at Christmas 1900, shortly before her death, she had given them her customary gifts – 70 pounds of tea, seventy sacks of coal and 200 yards of flannel to make clothes.

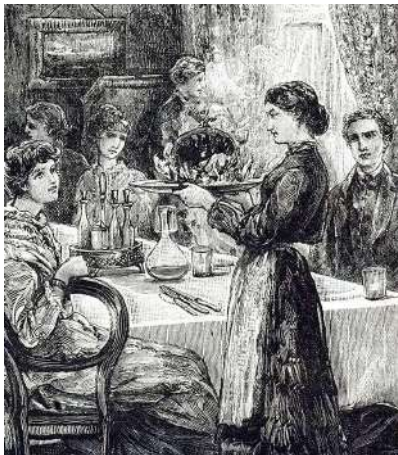


THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Then as now, charity was very much to the fore at Christmas, when good causes solicited contributions to help those less fortunate. On Christmas Day in 1850, even the inmates in the workhouse and the prisoners in gaol were treated to beef and plum pudding, thanks to charitable donations. By 1910, the workhouse celebrations had become more elaborate. The wards were decorated with evergreen foliage and paper streamers and the tables with flowers and plants. There was a Christmas tree and stockings full of presents for the children, who



sang carols in the chapel and round the infirmary wards, largely filled by the elderly. Dinner was roast beef with mashed potatoes and parsnips followed by Christmas



pudding, with oranges, sweets and nuts for the children, tea and sugar for the women and tobacco

and snuff for the men.

Food has long been an important element of Christmas festivities. For much of the 19th century, a key feature locally was the displays of meat in the butchers' shops in Windsor, Eton, Slough, Burnham and Maidenhead. Much of the beef and lamb had been bought at Slough livestock market, some prize beasts being reared by Dorney farmers. Beef was the meat of choice at this season for Queen Victoria who often spent Christmas at Windsor with her family and guests. But pork and ham, poultry and game were also in demand. Sausage meat for stuffing turkeys was advertised as being made fresh every few minutes during Christmas week.

The descriptions in the local press of the butchers' and grocers' shops evoke the words of Charles Dickens in "A Christmas Carol". A shop in Eton was said to be "*literally covered with fat turkeys, geese, capons, hares, pheasants etc*". At the grocers, oranges and lemons from Spain and Italy were artistically arranged alongside French apples and plums, preserved figs and crystallized fruit. Dried fruit, nuts and citrus peel were being advertised for Christmas in mid-November, no doubt so that the Christmas puddings could be made. Stuchbery and Thompson, grocers in Maidenhead, delivered free to Dorney on Mondays. High street shop windows from bakers and confectioners to drapers, stationers and toy sellers were all designed to tempt the customer looking for goodies or gifts. Post offices were reported as being super busy with parcels and Christmas cards. On Christmas Eve in 1893 – a Sunday – Maidenhead Post Office had to take the exceptional step of organising a second delivery to deal with the large quantity of perishable items.

Another perennial desire is for a white Christmas but hopes often seem to have been dashed. At Christmas 1857, *“the unusual warmth of the weather was the remark of everybody”*. On Christmas Eve 1910 it was observed that *“there is no sign of what people love to call ‘the good old-fashioned Christmas’ with which frost and snow and the yule log are all associated.”* Instead, the Thames had *“suddenly been transformed into a swollen torrent”* and riverside towns and villages including Dorney and Eton Wick were suffering from floods. The following year there was still no snow and a green Christmas was predicted. Regardless of the actual weather on 25 December, Christmas card manufacturers continued to depict snowy backgrounds to their seasonal greetings.

The few days off work over Christmas provided the chance for different activities. The editor of the Windsor and Eton Express on Christmas Eve 1910 commented *“everybody is talking of the holidays and how and where they are going to spend them....people whose time is fully occupied with the cares and trials of a strenuous life allow themselves a little relaxation”*. In 1893 Burnham football club had matches on 23 and 26 December. Boxing Day was also the date for sports such as an afternoon pigeon shoot at the Palmer Arms in 1906 and competitive cross country running in 1910. Christmas holiday excursions by train to London on Boxing Day 1906 were advertised at 2s 6d from Windsor and Eton. Evening entertainments were also on offer. In

Windsor, there was a big audience at the Wellington Music Hall during the evenings of Christmas week in 1869 while the Theatre Royal put on a Christmas pantomime in 1870 which was so successful that the run was extended. While pantomime remains popular, some shows would not be repeated today. In December



1893, the Burnham Minstrel Troupe performed at various venues, including Dorney schoolroom to raise money for the Dorney Reading Room – *“the room was well filled by an enthusiastic and delighted audience”*. Morris dancers from a nearby village performed in the streets in Eton for Christmas shoppers in 1857. However we spend Christmas, it remains an occasion to celebrate just as it was for the Victorian residents of Dorney. I wish all readers of DPN and their families a happy holiday. In the immortal words of Tiny Tim at the end of *“A Christmas Carol”*, *“God bless us, every one!”*.

Virginia Silvester

COLD FEET WARM HEART ON DORNEY COMMON

'Cold feet are often symptomatic of a legitimate intuition that you may be heading for the wrong place at the wrong time' Suzanne Fields (American Journalist)

Nearly a full year has passed, a tumble of seasons bringing intense heat to chilling wind and thrashing rain. Just as the rain soaked our land through to its core did I hear that the hosepipe ban was soon to be lifted. Always look on the bright side, those of us that have water meters will be gladdened that we had such a long dearth of brown toasted lawns.

As the wind and wet whisked across the common, pooling in places and mulching the paths to mud, recent increases (or should I say doubling of prices) of our utilities shocked most of us to turn down our thermostats and reach out for our Bridget's.

Here at the cottage, it was the moment to have the chimney stacks swept, the Jotul fire burners lit, and thick curtains closed. Quite a draughty old place meant multiple sweaters and bed socks at night-time, no time to consider glamour or fashion. Outside, the dark descends before reaching home from work, to rush in and hunker down for the night.

Working at Burnham pharmacy, we still saw a continuous stream of eleventy-eight customers per 9-hour shift, to see many deltoids pricked with seasonal winter jabs. My friend David, a fellow jabber, lapped up as many shifts as he could, exclaiming that it would be better than turning on the heating at home. I have no idea of my jab count, but David passed his 6000th this last week, which set me thinking, since I started 6 months earlier, it's quite possible I may have stabbed many more people! Ouch!

Our WhatsApp group always contains unique reflections, we are deltoid bores, discussing subjects such as, how many did you do today, how do you count how many you have done, which needle slides in smoothest, don't you think the orange top ones bend too easily, did you notice how the new safety syringe dosage lines are hard to read, can you squeeze 7 doses out of a 6 dose bottle of Pfizer, and the most prolific, how many times did the internet drop today.

Having recently seen the shrinkage of our Dorney and District Horticultural Society committee members, it has been a wonderful year where we have been joined by not just one, but two new committee members, firstly witty John (Wright) swiftly followed by the lovely Lou (Whaley), who have breathed fresh air into our ailing lungs. The buoyancy of this society now invigorated with energy, and has renewed enthusiasm for the future, with a fantastic programme of events for 2023. Note, today I read we have a possible third new joiner... my lips are sealed for now. However, I can reveal we have a new Patron, and that is Jamie Butterworth from Form Plants, a true ambassador for our group.

You all might know we lost dear Peter Tyler this summer, feeling down in our hearts, we have now turned a corner where the light at the end of the tunnel shines brightly.

Our finale for the year is always the best event and this year was no exception, with a good gathering of villagers, a fine Christmas Supper supplied by Chrys Fisher, coupled with copious drinks, laughter, and merriment. It was an exceptional occasion, and like my newly swept log burners, a roaring success.

We have finally arrived on the brow of Christmas; how did that happen? Such a busy year at the cottage, such a fun time with my boyfriend Bob who has supported the morale at Dells in such a positive way. Onwards and upwards to 2023, it is nearly here. Take a moment to consider the dilemmas of this festive season, this is my opinion only, just a personal choice:

Christmas Trees – fake or real? Real! I love the scent of a real tree, not too big, and I really don't mind sweeping up the needles, I am a dab hand with them after all.

Shopping – on-line or in town? Both! I love shopping, I love to wander the streets, enjoy coffee and cake, but I also like to curl up on a sofa and surf the net through the sea of gift ideas.

Paper Cards or E-Cards? Both! The paper cards are great to send to someone you rarely see or is far away, but E-cards are eco and a lifesaver when you have forgotten to send a paper one to a good friend.

Turkey or something else? Well difficult to say... if cooked by Chrys it would be turkey, if not I would let my family choose, after all, it's the joining in and good times spent that count.

Presents – Cut back or blast off? Depends, I can't say, I try to be careful, but it doesn't always work out that way, try to bear in mind, is this a useful thing... (doesn't always work, failure rate quite high in my case).

As we gently roll down the hill of December, Maidenhead Drama Guild struggles to put on another Panto, this time 'Beauty and the Beast', once again at Holyport Memorial Hall. Sadly, due to a busy year, I was not involved in the production, but will support by going to watch the dame and his magnificent dresses delivering saucy inuendoes, and how the beast magically transforms into the most handsome prince. Good news however, seats are all but sold out!

However you celebrate Christmas this year, make sure to raise you glass for all those that are not able to do so, for one reason or the other, and I raise mine to all the villagers that keep villages like ours a safe and happy place, cheers!

'What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future' Agnes M Pahro

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The Light in the Tunnel

It was so sad.

It always is.

Half-muffled bells on Remembrance Day does it every time, and we rang them saddened and lost in thought - as we do every time.

Dignified too was a group gathered around the war graves in Dorney Church's graveyard, respectfully watched by we bell ringers from the road after the ring.

I had sacrificed my Sunday lie in, the only one of that week, and felt a little hard done by until I saw the silent group gathered respectfully in the early morning sunshine as they remembered those who had given up far more than their Sunday lie in, and I felt ashamed. It was a quiet solemn picture that was repeated across the Country and the former Empire, and I too recalled my parents, Pa in the RAF and Ma in the Land Army.

Mention of Pa's war service could sometimes produce a watery far away look in his eyes. He would not talk about it. Ma would get agitated and distressed at the sound of air raid sirens on TV or radio, and we youngsters would dive for the off switch before the end of the credits in 'Dad's Army.' Her mother, my grandmother, died in the same air raid that badly wounded Ma. Both my parents were scarred both physically and mentally until the day they died, as I strongly suspect some of yours were too. They hid it stoically.

In many ways, they were the lucky ones. They survived and lived their lives, but the gathered group, and we ringers were honouring the others not so lucky who gave their tomorrow for our today.

My quiet reflection was interrupted by the shattering of the silence by a small black hatchback howling at speed through the parked cars in a low gear and high revs producing the cacophony through the 'inferiority complex' exhaust.

I suppose he was enjoying the 'tomorrow' so bravely bought by other people's 'today' but if he knew, and it was a man child, I don't suppose he cared.

But that's freedom for you, so expensively paid for.

As my reader may recall, I was a news junkie and go 'cold turkey' from time to time, still in rehab if you like, but of late I am growing tired of raging at the news in whatever form, and the constant stream of unremitting gloom makes my 'weaning off' all the easier. I have taken to burying my head in the sand. Maybe when I extract it, it will all have been a bad dream, much as in 'Fawlty Towers', and like Basil Fawlty, if I bang my head on the desk to wake up I will find too, "No! It's not a dream. We're stuck with it!" and of course, so we are.

In many ways, we too are in a war. Not a shooting war! I don't want to frighten the animals (save of course for the moron in the black hatchback), but as I see it, a combination of successive poor leadership with cronyism and hints of corruption thrown in, a world pandemic followed by a proper war three days drive away, a shortage, perceived or real, of power, oil, food and common sense resulted in our position today; and if we survive all that, well, there's global warming with all the foretold catastrophe that goes with it.

"What can I do about it?" I hear you ask.

Here's the ray of sunshine.

You're already doing it!

We're being kind to each other (don't mention black hatchbacks again.. please!)

I now think before I turn on a light, and turn it off again PDQ. The thermostat enjoys more attention now than it's ever had. If I pop to Sainsbury's, I take a walk and leave my beautiful car in the drive. I'm saving the planet!

And while in Sainsbury's I'm saving the planet again by closely exploring what my lovely partner refers to as 'The Cheap Counter' if, that is, I can lever her out of the way. We're saving waste!

Greta Thunderbirds would be proud of me.
Maybe the King would care to bestow?.....well, perhaps not.

But we're doing it!

On a more personal level, I notice people are kinder and more willing to help each other and certainly me.

The builders next door are charming in many ways and permit me to raid their skip for the goodies.

Maybe it's the gin, but I really feel a sort of collective weary acceptance of 'We are where we are' and we find a way round it.

"Huh! The Economy!" they huff shrugging shoulders in collective acceptance and friendship.

What can we call this feeling?

The Dunkirk Spirit perhaps?

But that was a real problem with every expectation of Nazi invasion.

I only have the astronomical cost of fuel, of which I now use less, and the rise of everything else. Easy for me to say. I don't have a young family and a mortgage.

We get by as we have done throughout history. Our climate: it's not really a climate, just weather, makes us bloody minded, which is why we are good at winning wars, and we'll win this one. Believe me!

The Bulgarians have a saying that 'The light at the end of the tunnel may be the train coming the other way' but not in Britain, or Dorney for that matter.

Well, I'm off with my hurricane lamp and candles to hunt down a few frugal items for Christmas presents. I've heard that a local supermarket is doing a new line in festive gruel which I can place in my little basket while being battered by Slade singing 'Merry Christmas'.

I might even get a little dry bread to go with the gruel!

Your Editor has invited my lovely partner and I to a festive supper in the village hall and I do hope my reader will be there too, when I can wish you a very Happy Christmas, but if you're not attending, please have a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

The clocks go forward soon, the days lengthen and Spring is on the way.

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey

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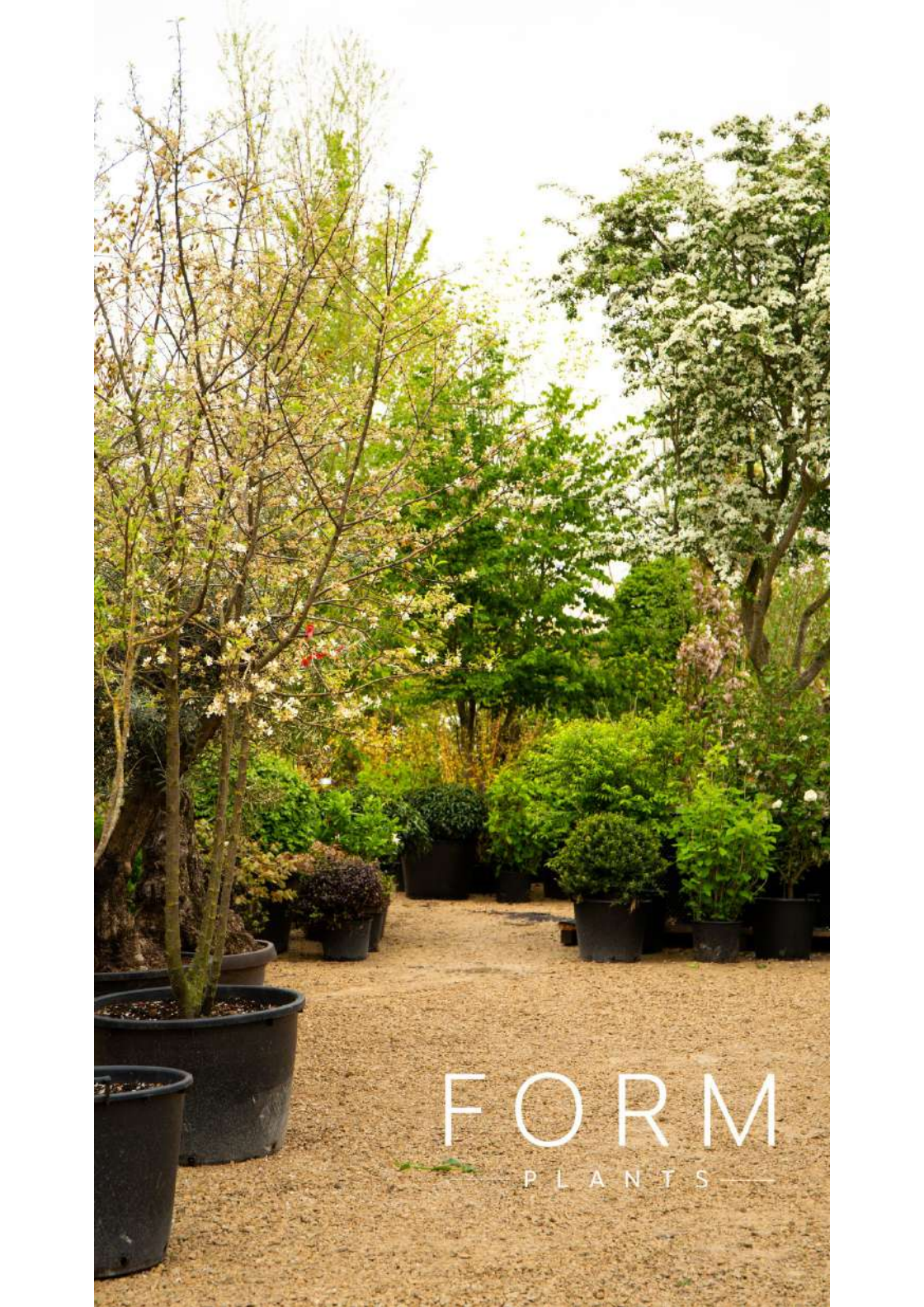
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PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 22nd November 2022, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Anna Palmer Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford
Cllr. Stephen Baker Cllr. William Voaden
Clerk Ruth Senior and 7 members of the public

Public Forum

Boveney resident Cynthia Gordon presented objections to the Boveney Court Farm development and was thanked for her thorough investigations, findings and summary. This is also being discussed under point 6.

PC/112/22 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Euan MacLennan Cllr. Robert Stopford

PC/113/22 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

Cllr. Palmer declared an interest in the Boveney Court Farm plans and will refrain from any decision making on this point.

PC/114/22 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2022

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

PC/115/22 To receive the Clerk report

The Clerk reported on the update from the Digital Motorway scheme, the bridge planting has been contracted to Tihill to maintain for 5 years from the completion of the motorway and the access ramp works to Dorney Village Hall has started.

It was also confirmed that the Playground will only use the bins at the village hall when they are hiring the building.

The remembrance wreath was purchased at the slightly reduced cost of £23, not £26 as previously reported.

PC/116/22 Items of business carried forward

116.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

No update although it was noted that there are many more vehicles appearing on site again.

116.2 M4 Digital Motorway

No update

116.3 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Voaden is currently putting together all the information needed for the next stage of the plan including preparations for a resident's questionnaire during 2023.

116.4 The Emergency Plan

Cllr. Palmer will continue to chase local companies for their agreement for inclusion in the plan.

116.4 Playground

The playground confirmed a successful Halloween party in October. The weekly tuck shop is now closed for winter. The annual safety checks will be taking place in December.

PC/117/22 Planning

Boveney Court Farm development has 2 planning applications, PL/22/3562/FA and PL/22/3563/HB for a total of 12 dwellings on the site which will double the number of homes in Boveney raising the question of over development of the area. This is the largest development in Dorney since the 1970s.

It was unanimously agreed that Dorney Parish Council will formally object to the plans and will 'call in' the development to County Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk will liaise with County Cllr. George Sandy.

It was agreed that the Clerk will write to Buckinghamshire Council regarding the proposed ward boundary changes in a similar vein to Taplow Parish Council, suggestion that Taplow and Dorney become a one Councillor ward rather than being split with Burnham and Lent Rise.

PC/118/22 Finance To agree/ratify expenditure and income to date

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

PC/119/22 To agree One Drive storage space

It was agreed that the Clerk can purchase additional storage space on One Drive for documents at a cost of up to £60.

PC/120/22 Installation of white gates on entering Dorney and Dorney Reach

It was agreed that the Clerk will look into costings for gates and what is needed.

PC/121/22 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

The Clerk confirmed that investigations into the Gatehouse light continue.

PC/122/22 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 17th January 2022

Precept agreement

Cattle grid update

Greens maintenance

Lake End Road and Court Lane resurfacing

Slough Treatment Works update

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 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.

2022 Programme

14 th December	'The Fights over Cookham Commons (1799-1852)' with Mr Keith Parry
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Further details from: Teresa Stanton teresams35@virginmedia.com

Hedgerley Historical Society

www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

Hedgerley Historical Society (HHS) was founded in 1976.

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