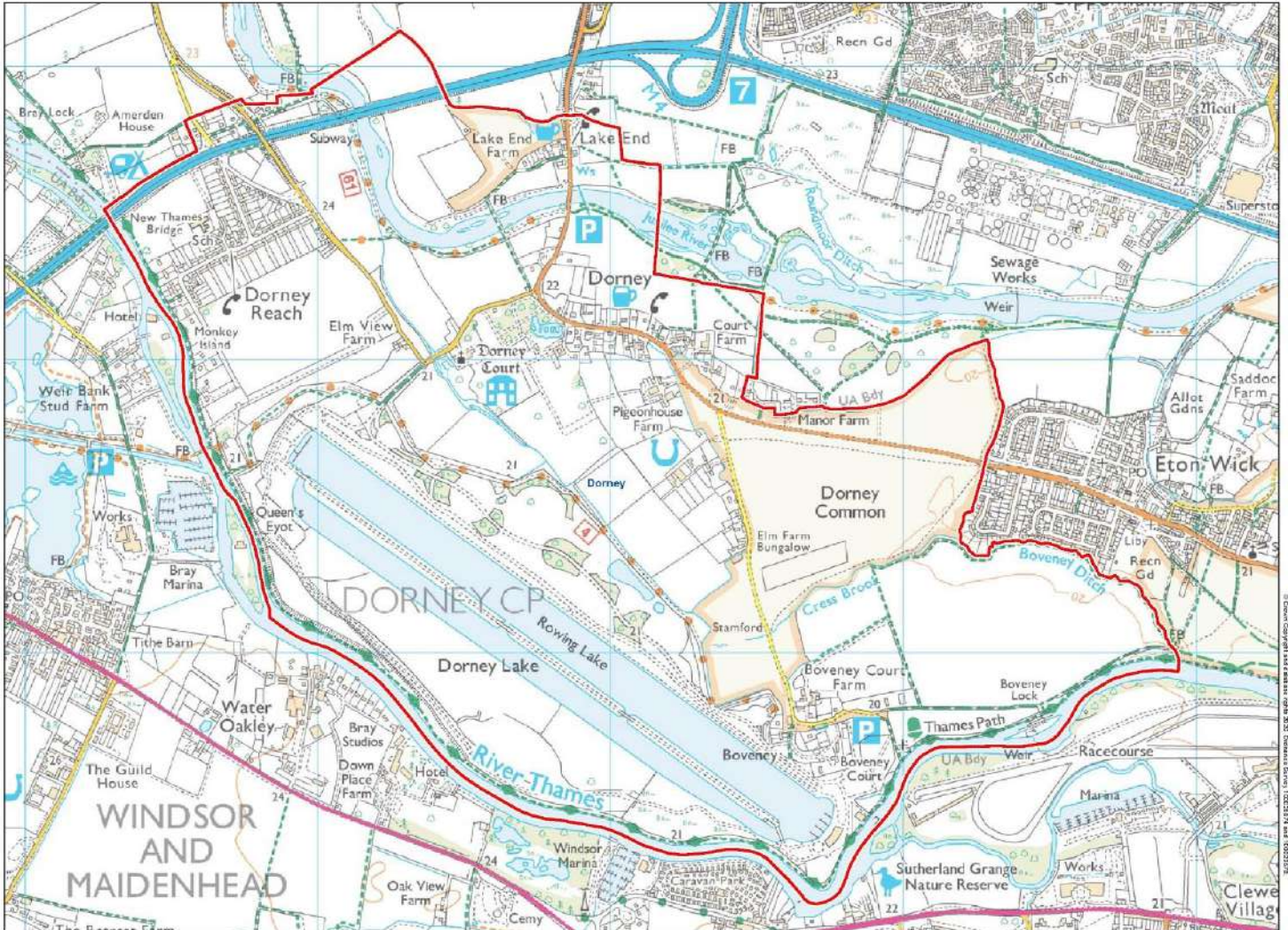


Dorney Parish News

April 2023



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EDITORIAL

Let us kick off with two Springtime events that make you feel good to be alive. I wasn't there to see either of them, alas. They were very different. They were at opposite ends of the village. They even involved different species.

Late March sees the observance of Holi, the Festival of Colour, Love and Spring – three things we'd all benefit from. Local celebrations centred on Dorney as over 300 members of the Hindu community focused on the Village Hall and Trumpers Field with music, dancing and home cooked food plus the wearing of white T-shirts intended to be smeared by colourful powders in vibrant hues. The atmosphere was one of 'joy and laughter' as 'diversity and the spirit of community' were celebrated.

Happy people, but animals were happy too. In the last week of March, cows returned to the Common, maybe the most obvious harbinger of Spring in these parts. Cheer yourself up by the sight of cows frolicking with literally the joys of Spring captured on the Eton Wick Facebook pages. But alongside the smiles, there is a serious message to all those who use the Common alongside the cows in summer – see elsewhere in this issue.

Also in this issue we reveal how an item in this magazine prompted our MP to put her weight behind the Parish Council's campaign over the Orchard Herbs Farm site. Now we don't take all the credit for the potholes special cover in February's magazine, but Martin Tett, Leader of Bucks Council, who admitted that potholes were now the biggest issue in his post bag last month, talked of an extra £5 million (plus an extra figure half that size from the government) to fix the county's roads. We just hope it's spread evenly through the county, Martin.

Not all the news in Springtime is welcome. Better weather means that Dorney Lake feels it has to close its gates to visitors for the summer, with closure occurring as we distribute this issue from April 3rd. It's a real pity as the grounds begin to look their best and the rewilding policies we wrote about last month bring real benefits.

While we're thinking about the Lake, it's splendid news that the Boat House will be the venue for the Annual Parish Meeting in mid-May. Equally splendid are plans to return this core community event to the significance it enjoyed in the last century. If you run a local club or society or an important village body, this could be your chance to tell all to your neighbours. No doubt, the Parish Clerk will be in touch.

Talking of communication, plans to complete a Neighbourhood Plan are continuing and the Parish Council will be inviting residents to complete a questionnaire covering our views on future development in the parish. More is to be found in this issue.

Many of us thrill to news of celebrity goings on, and the article this month on Dorney resident Kevin Welch may well represent the first occasion that Daniel Radcliffe, Angelina Jolie and Kate Bush have featured in this august magazine. When it comes to celebrity, the Horticultural Society are not left behind, following up February's meeting with a Chelsea Gold Medallist by an April spring supper addressed by a recent editor of *The Garden*, probably the foremost horticultural title and one of the country's highest circulation magazines. Again, details in this issue.

Services in the Local Churches



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St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St. John the Evangelist, Eton

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

Rev La Stacey writes: People say, 'it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all'. I think I used to say that. But that was before I really knew what it was to lose someone. I have a vivid memory of picking up the telephone one July day many years ago, being told to sit down and then being told the news that my son had died. I never truly realised the finality of death until that day. The depth of loss is never-ending. There is no resolution to this pain.

I imagine that Mary Magdalene was feeling something like this on that first day of the week after the death of Jesus when she went along to the tomb to anoint the body with herbs. She, like others in Jesus' close group of friends, had loved and lost – and now, to add insult to injury, his body had disappeared.

What is said to have happened to that body amounts to what surely must be one of the most astounding claims in the history of the world. We all know that someone who is dead and buried doesn't come alive again. That is why death is so unremittingly painful. So why have the stories of Christ's resurrection even been preserved? Such utter nonsense belongs in the fairy-tale section of the library, surely?

And yet...it was in nobody's interest in those early years to stand up for the story if it wasn't true – as far as we know all the male followers of Jesus, bar one who was exiled, were executed because they asserted this resurrection had happened. The audacity of claiming that the man who died in agony on the cross was the creator of the universe cannot be overemphasised. It is a claim that could only have been made if something entirely out of this world had happened. And the fact of the matter is that down through the years I have spoken to numerous people for whom the recognition of the reality of Mary's encounter with the resurrected Christ on that spring morning has been life-changing.

Somewhere at the heart of that recognition, is the courage to live on in the pain of loss. Whatever stream of love it was that Jesus lived in during his lifetime, death wasn't enough to defeat it. Maybe the pain of lost love is an indicator of hope after all. It wouldn't hurt if we hadn't loved – and love is something of eternal worth.

With Easter blessings. La

Church Services in April 2023

Sunday 2nd April (Palm Sunday)

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.00 am Any Age Service

St James the Less, Dorney

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 5th April

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

6.30 pm Passover Communion

St John the Evangelist, Eton

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Thursday 6th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.00 pm Foot Washing and Tenebrae Service

St James the Less, Dorney

Friday 7th April (Good Friday)

Walk of Hope:

9.30 am Beginning of Walk

10.30 am Middle of Walk: Good Friday Service

12.30 pm End of Walk

St John the Evangelist, Eton

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St James the Less, Dorney

Sunday 9th April (Easter Day)

5.45 am Sunrise Service

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Easter Family Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

St James the Less, Dorney

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 16th April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 19th April

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 23rd April

9.30am Morning Worship

11.00am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 30th April

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

***COWS ON DORNEY COMMON ***



It's that time of year for the cows to go on the Common from Saturday morning 25 March. Please tell everyone you know that from Saturday morning until the end of October the cows will graze Dorney Common all day and all night so please drive slowly in the dark (daylight too as cows have also been hit in broad daylight). They don't have road sense so please be careful.

A lot of the cows are pregnant too so when you see a new-born please let me know and don't approach the cow as she will be protective.

Always give the cows a wide berth - there is 180 acres on the Common so no need to walk through them, keep yourself safe.

Also, dogs have to go on lead during these months so we have better vision to see where our dog's poo is to pick it up because it can cause a pregnant cow to miscarry. If you see someone with a dog off lead and not picking up their dogs' poo, please offer them a dog poo bag and try to educate everyone why it's so important to pick it up. If you're not able to approach them and want to let me know privately we can address it discreetly without shaming anyone.

To all of you who love the cows like I do, thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting us.

Michelle Boshier

'Thanks to Michelle Boshier for permission to print her post on Facebook's Eton Wick Village Pages'



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EASTER DAY

9TH APRIL

Sunrise Service

St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

5:45am

**Come and light the Easter fire and
celebrate Christ risen!**

Orchard Herbs: Joy Morrissey M.P. has added her support to Dorney Parish Council's efforts to resolve this long-standing issue.

We regularly send Dorney Parish News electronically to those who influence life in this community. This, of course, includes our MP, Joy Morrissey. Joy made contact with this magazine immediately on receiving a recent issue that set out the Orchard Herbs Farm site controversy and offered to make representations on our behalf. She was briefed more fully by an email from Cllr. Robert Stopford, Dorney Parish Council and then she wrote to Bucks Council. Here is a summary of the response received by our MP from Peter Strachan, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regeneration.

On the evidence of this correspondence, it does appear that Bucks Council may well be planning an injunction intended to force the owner of the Orchard Herbs Farm site to cease their breaches of planning control.

Letter Summary

The letter is a response to an enquiry about the unauthorised development at Orchard Herbs. The site has had a history of breaches of planning control dating back to 2007.

The use of the land has changed significantly since then, with the current mix of uses including open storage of plant and machinery, as well as storage and distribution of aggregates and ready-mix concrete, among others.

There is currently an extant enforcement notice on the land, but the mix of uses has changed since the notice was issued, resulting in a new breach of planning control.

Efforts were made to remedy the breaches without the need for formal action, but progress ceased in September 2021, and the site is now in a very different place. The uses of the land continued to fluctuate and change in 2022, and a Temporary Stop Notice was issued in August 2022 to curtail the unauthorised airport parking use.

The airport parking use ceased in September 2022, but the unauthorised storage use across the site appears to have intensified.

The council is considering the expediency of further formal action, and officers are of the opinion that neither a new enforcement notice nor commencing a prosecution investigation are unlikely to achieve a resolution.

A potential injunction seeking to force the owner to cease the breaches of planning control may be the best and most likely road to an ultimate remedy.

This decision has yet to be finalised and advice is being sought from the legal team as to the likely chance of success. At which point a decision will be made. We anticipate this decision will be made in the coming 2 weeks.

The letter acknowledges a perceived lack of action on the ground but assures the recipient that work has been taking place behind the scenes since April 2022 and evidence has been gathered in preparation for action to be taken.

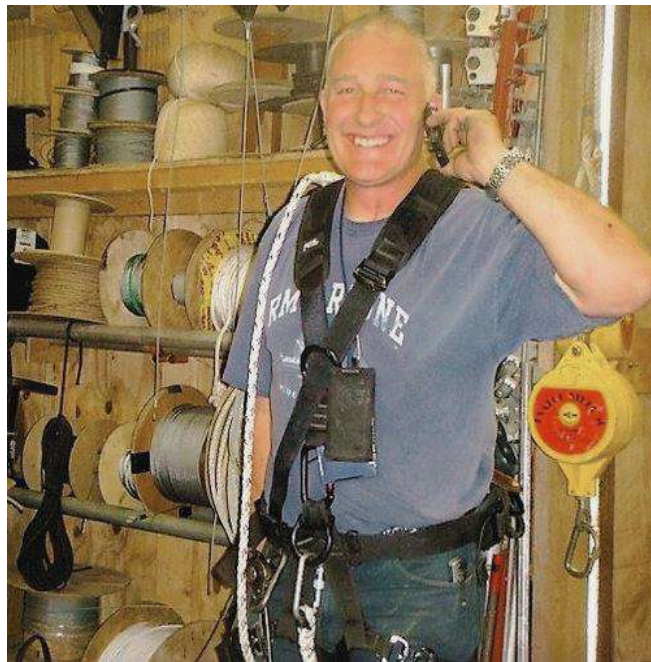
Peter Bowman

‘You’ll Believe a Man Can Fly’

‘Of course, you know, James Bond lives in Dorney’.

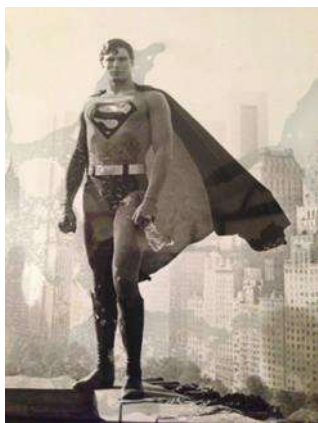
With that statement I knew that the conversation with Dorney resident Kevin Welch, sitting at his very hospitable kitchen table in the heart of the village was going to be something special. In addition, Kevin tells those he meets that ‘my job is flying people through the air on wires.’

James Bond? Well, Kevin lists a number of what seem to the average listener to be stupendous feats. In 1988, he doubled for Timothy Dalton as the star was seen to descend from 95 feet in *License to Kill*. That descent was rigged from a crane in Mexico City by Kevin himself.



‘Rigged’ is the operative word here. Kevin describes himself as a Stunt and Rigging Co-ordinator. His company is Stunt Rigging Services Ltd. Look at their website, and you will find a jaw dropping list of movies, TV dramas, commercials and pop videos that serve as Kevin’s credits, plus highly entertaining clips of people being thrown off tall buildings yet invariably enjoying a soft-landing that the movie goer does not see.

I was keen to ask the obvious fan’s questions about the big names that he had flown through the air, but felt that one should ask ‘how did you get into this business, Kevin?’ Born in Reading, Kevin points out that as a boy he was a head chorister, yet he was ‘always outside doing or fixing something, making camps, climbing trees, putting swings over rivers and all the mischief boy things you do...’ Panel beating led on to scaffolding – at 21 he was the most accomplished scaffolder in the south of England. The big break was a job as a rigger at Pinewood, and in 1979 he started ‘flying people on wires’. Among the first was Christopher Reeves in *Superman 1*. ‘From there my life changed’ he says.



Superman 2, *Superman 3*, and *Supergirl* followed. He describes the Tarzan movie *Greystoke* with Christopher Lambert as the ‘next big break’. Then a cascade of titles – more Bond movies, *Tomb Raider* with Angelina Jolie, everything from *Alien III* to *101 Dalmatians*, plus, and I suspect this will most resonate with many of our readers, Kevin worked on all 7 Harry Potter films. Currently his company is working on a comedy version of the Dick Turpin story for Apple TV starring Noel Fielding.

I admitted that neither James Bond nor Harry Potter were my absolute faves, but Kate Bush most definitely is. Jaw dropping time again – Kevin worked on the gorgeous *Running Up That Hill* video, where even Kate it seems benefitted from wires to swoop just off the ground with her partner. Elton John was

required to dance on a glass piano in one of his videos, but in reality he hovered slightly above the surface with one of Kevin's safety harnesses reassuring the star's



insurers. We didn't dwell too much on the technicalities of his trade, but Kevin showed me a picture of Daniel Radcliffe perched at the business end of one of his 'parallelogram rigs', a kind of enormous one ended see saw. Take a look at a fairly recent commercial for Just Eat, *Delivering for the Nation*. A biker is made to soar and swoop on this rig, while later CGI using the same image, creates a flock of bikers – it's amazing.

Propelling people through the air creates a bond between star and co-ordinator. Kevin speaks warmly and engagingly of various stars. He was close to Superman Christopher Reeve and spoke movingly of his plight in later years. Angelina Jolie and Daniel Craig are friends. He told me that he has watched closely as the Harry Potter stars have progressed into adulthood. The sets of the Potter movies have been lovingly transferred to the Harry Potter World tourist attraction. Our grand children loved it! Kevin played a big part in that process and still regularly oversees safety and security for this fabulous venue.



Round about the time Timothy Dalton was supposedly descending in Mexico City, Kevin was also, as he puts it, 'heavily into stock car racing, going all around the UK up and down the country crashing into people'. In 1994 he won the European Championship in Holland. Amazon's Ray Winstone vehicle, *The Prizefighter* obviously features boxing bouts. In one Kevin spars with Julius Francis, who as a pro fought Mike Tyson. Nowadays he says that his hobbies are more 'subdued' such as playing golf and rough shooting. He is a Master Mason.

Kevin as Timothy Dalton

As I said Kevin's household is very hospitable, all helped by Kevin's partner, Magdalena. After they met, Kevin discovered that by a strange twist of fate, she had worked with the Cirque Du Soleil in Poland, whose business is likewise sending people soaring through the air. Personal partners and business partners, Magdalena now oversees those safety harnesses. Marriage is in the offing. *Dorney Parish News* wishes them well.

Kevin says 'I have had a very full and active life with some wonderful experiences'. Believe me, spend an hour in his company and you will truly believe, as the old cinema posters said, that a man can fly.

Peter Bowman



News from Dorney School

**Beautiful Books
Author Day – Richard O’Neill**



WHAT AN AMAZING DAY we had with author Richard O’Neill! Richard visited every class and inspired every child to immerse themselves in oral storytelling. The parents who attended his workshop was just as mesmerised as I was! There was a large queue after school of children and some parents who managed to speak to Richard. I have made Richard promise to visit us again with his stories of the RoleyYoley. If you are interested in Richard’s work, this is his website

<https://richardthetoryteller.weebly.com/>

Richard is passionate in giving smaller booksellers a platform to promote and sell books. Do look out for his books in independent bookshops if you are interested - a few examples below:



World Book Day

We celebrated this annual event on Friday 3rd March. All pupils arrived in non-school uniform with the theme of ‘Hairstyle’. The idea of this year was to celebrate pupil’s unique hairstyles as part of their personal and cultural self-identity. It was an exciting day where we all let our hair down, or up, or coloured with some amazing hairdos. Teachers promoted books and stories that celebrated self-identity and representation, and pupils were encouraged to bring a book of their choice in to share with classmates in which they identify with their favourite character.



Dorney History Group comments on Boveney Planning applications including a positive proposal

The [Dorney History Group \(DHG\)](#) is made up of local residents who are interested in and respect the history of the area.

DHG is concerned about the two current planning applications relating to Boveney Farmhouse Buildings (PL/22/3563/HB and PL/21/1884/HB) and their impact on listed buildings in Dorney Parish and the Boveney Conservation Area.

DHG believes that the primary legislation being relied on is contained within ss. 16, 66 and 72 of the Planning (LBCA) Act 1990, which states that regard must be had to the **preservation of listed buildings and the enhancement of the conservation area.**

DHG suggests a possible solution to both issues, which involves removing the five new buildings (3 shown in photo on the right and 2 at far end of photo below), demolishing the open-sided barn and replacing it with Barn A, deconstructed and reconstructed, resulting in a total of 9 houses (instead of 12).



DHG believes that the proposed development fails the relevant test regarding the legal requirements of the Boveney Conservation Area and must be refused, but the alternative suggestion could leave the character and appearance of the Conservation Area unharmed and could, therefore, be acceptable.

DHG also supports the need for a 12-18 month exercise to examine the possible use of the existing buildings, including Barn A, for their original purposes such as storage, and a comprehensive traffic survey of the usage of Boveney Road past the Site to either deny or support the armchair Transport Report.

Dorney History Group

PARALLEL TURNS ON DORNEY COMMON

At last, as March disappears, the clocks spring forward to brighten our evenings, enhanced by a return of the cows to graze on the common. Joy and hope for better weather as memories of persistent minus temperatures still scald our memories.

This winter was particularly harsh, worsened as utility rates spiralled high forcing many to turn down the thermostats within our homes in a hope to control the outgoings. Here at Dells Cottage was no exception, as its single skinned walls bled chill into the rooms, promoting log fires and early duvet retreats.

Frequently assisted by a tot of vintage port, I managed to keep on top of the icy weather, but sadly, outside the garden struggled. By early Spring it was evident that some of the tropical palm trees had taken a bad hit, several showing signs of deep-set ice singe, and other shrubs were definitely not for resuscitation. How bad it would turn out to be could only be measured when the growth season started.

To escape the rot, it was decided by my boyfriend Bob that I should join him on his annual vacation with a group of friends to go skiing in Andorra. Only one problem, just a small one, actually two, I don't ski, and I don't like the cold. I took a drink with a girlfriend down the Palmer Arms, and she advised, practise squats to improve thigh and leg strength. We practised in the warmth of the pub, squatting and standing much to the amusement of the old boys supping pints at the bar.

I borrowed 'old stock' ski gear from Bob, (we are nearly the same size), bought Ice Breaker merino wool layers and headed off to the Pyrenees mountains without a clue. I had booked into ski school each morning, for two hours one-to-one with a private instructor, hoping that my feet stayed on the ground and bottom above them. Initially a struggle to stay upright, determination overtook skill, until I felt my body finally relax to swoosh from side to side down the nursery slopes with my best listening and learning ear open to every word of advice.

All good, no bone broken, by the fifth day my instructor told me we were now going to learn parallel turns. Interesting, do we ski together and turn at the same time? Nothing that easy, bring your inside ski together with the outside one (or something like that) to parallel your skis when you go round a corner. Later, my dear Bob lent me his time so I could copycat parallel turns to serpentine down a shallow slope. Not perfect, but my head now understands what my two feet don't quite do!

Arriving home, it was good to be back, no more slippery butter skids, but good old Dorney with its familiar pace of life. Dorney Horticultural Society had taken a new lease of life for 2023, and since the accelerator pedal of enthusiasm was at full throttle, I happily stepped into the slipstream to be invigorated by many ideas generating by our expanding committee.

Our first event of the year proved to be an excellent deviation from our usual format. This was a wonderful talk by Jamie Butterworth at the Crocus Garden centre. One of the first to be held on a weekday afternoon, and although not without a few technical

issues, was very much enjoyed by our members, lessons learnt for future tweaking, and a way forward to provide more interesting and creative events. Exciting times!



King Charles at Highgrove

The programme of events that the committee team have organised really puts more fire in the belly of this lovely group. Big on the horizon is a visit to Highgrove, but as a trial only a small coach was booked, until we were confident that this is what our members enjoy has been established. It was fully booked within 3 weeks of being announced. So, those that couldn't get a seat, do not worry, more is to follow so keep your eyes and ears open for any announcements for next year.

Simultaneously, I have been busy planning the re-emergence of the little charity garden play held last summer at Dells Cottage, 'Educating Rita'. It is now scheduled for three performances at the Old Court Art Centre (The Old Fire Station for those that are my age), in Windsor, for the 2nd and 3rd June, two evenings and one matinee. Same actors but improved set, if you fancy coming to support this, please do save the date; it would be good to have a few friends and familiar faces in the seats.

As we head into Easter, chocolate eggs and bursting bulbs, how welcome this approaching warmth will be, that energises our souls and ignites garden growth. Lawn mowers now poised ready to start the trudge of many a nearly straight stripe, with a parallel turn at each end. It's good to get out in the garden, fresh air, al fresco coffee and cake, and chance to engage with a few neighbours and villagers to congenially pass the time of day.

Kristina Perkins

Dorney Annual Parish Meeting

All members of the public are invited to attend

**The Annual Parish Meeting at
Dorney Lake Boathouse on Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.30pm**



The management of Dorney Lake have very kindly offered to host our Annual Parish Meeting this year. Refreshments will be provided.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Approval of 2022 Meeting Minutes**
- 3 Report from the Parish Council:**
Report from the Chairman of the Council
Report on Council Finance
- 4 Community Updates**
- 5 Report from Unitary Authority**
- 6 Questions from the floor on Parish/County issues**
- 7 Any other business**

This meeting is an opportunity for all residents of the parish to express their opinions or concerns regarding issues relevant to the parish.

Please note that this is not a Parish Council Meeting, but it is chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council in accordance with legal requirements. Parish Councillors attend this meeting as members of the public. More details on the meeting are on:

www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk/annual-parish-meeting/

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and its usual monthly meeting will take place prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30 pm.

Dorney Horticultural Society

would like to invite you to

'An Evening with Chris Young'

**Friday 28th April 7.30-10.00 pm
to be held in
Dorney Village Hall**

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Good Friday 7th April

WALKING THE CROSS



St John the Evangelist, Eton

9.30am

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

(hot cross buns)

10.30am

RCCG Praise Embassy, Eton Wick

11.20am

St James the Less, Dorney arriving

12.30pm

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ROYAL CORONATIONS

Early next month, King Charles III will be formally crowned, wall-to-wall coverage of which will be watched by millions. To celebrate the occasion, towns and villages throughout the country are planning events.

The coronation ceremony dates back for generations but, in years gone by, few people were able to witness it. No doubt ordinary people marked the occasion in their own way, ringing the church bells and drinking the monarch's health. It is only relatively recently that we know much about how people celebrated. For Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838, there were, surprisingly, no publicly organised celebrations in Windsor and Eton, although events were recorded in other places round about. It was a Thursday and a public holiday was granted. The church bells were rung and a royal salute fired; the inmates of Windsor workhouse feasted on roast beef and plum pudding and local tradesmen dined together at the Star and Garter Inn. In London, crowds started gathering before dawn to line the route from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey, and in the evening there were fireworks and fairs in the parks and free entry to theatres.

By the time of the next coronation, Edward VII in 1902, Windsor had a well-oiled system of committees which had served it well in organising Queen Victoria's Jubilee festivities and the celebrations planned followed a familiar pattern. They could not have foreseen that the coronation planned for June was postponed at the last minute until August because the King was unwell, and as this fell in the school holidays, the events for children had to be further delayed until September. As with the Jubilees, the children from Dorney were included in the arrangements for Windsor and neighbouring schools, and 77 pupils with 5 teachers made the journey to the Great Park for an afternoon of games and sports, followed by fireworks and sustained by milk and buns, meat pie and cake. Each of the six thousand children was given a commemorative medal depicting the King and Queen and a collection of coloured pictures of the royal family, and finished by singing the National Anthem. In June, the Dorney children had also each been given a coronation bible by Mrs Boyle and Mrs Quinn from Huntercombe Manor.



For Coronation Day itself, most of the original plans for Windsor were fulfilled although not on quite the scale envisaged. Bells were rung at the parish church, where there was a special service, and at the Curfew Tower of Windsor Castle, and a royal salute of guns was fired in the Long Walk. Perhaps because of the earlier postponement, it was noted that there were no events in some of the adjoining villages and so there were big crowds in Windsor. In the afternoon there were aquatic sports on the river and later a Venetian fete. Hundreds went to the Long Walk to view the bonfire on Snow Hill which *"lit up the country for miles around"*. The streets were full of people until after midnight, enjoying the decorations and illuminations and the extended pub licensing hours.



The coronation of George V in 1911 involved a similar programme of festivities on the day itself, with a larger celebration a week later when the King and Queen drove in state from Slough through Eton to Windsor. Dorney held its own event on Coronation Day, in the grounds of Dorney Court. The arrangements were planned by a committee of local worthies including the vicar Rev Arthur Sharp, the doctor John Waters, the two village grocers Bertram Barksfield and William Grove, and Colonel Ferris, a retired Indian Army officer living in Dorney House. Some 300 village adults sat down to a lunch

of cold meat and salad, while 30 children had tea after an afternoon of sports supervised by the school teachers. Each child was presented with a coronation medal and a Doulton mug. There were races too for the men (including boys who had left school) and a few for the women. Cricket and dancing were "*indulged in freely*" and the men's sports concluded with a tug-of-war between ex-army men, led by Colonel Ferris, and civilians, who won the contest. Of course, the National Anthem was sung and the day finished with "*a fine display of fireworks*".

Dorney school pupils again took part in the fete for 6,000 local children held in Windsor Home Park on 1 July 1911, 45 of them with two teachers transported there in the local farmers' wagons. As on previous occasions, there were sports, refreshments and entertainment such as Punch and Judy shows. The youngest child of the King and Queen, five year old Prince John, was brought to see the fun. At the end of the afternoon, all 6,000 children were lined up along the route to witness the arrival of the King and Queen at the Sovereign's entrance to Windsor Castle, cheering and waving their handkerchiefs as the procession passed.



The coronation of George VI took place on 12 May 1937, originally planned as the date of the coronation of Edward VIII before he abdicated. This was the first coronation broadcast live on radio and even on television - an estimated 50,000 people were able to watch the event on television, many in specially created public viewing rooms. Radio sets were widely available and the newly crowned King used the medium to address his people live after the ceremony. Street parties and patriotic decorations were the order of the day. Dorney pupils joined the children from the Eton schools in lining the High Street to cheer the King and Queen on the occasion of their State Drive a month later.

By 1953, more than 2 million people had a TV licence and so the coronation of Elizabeth II was viewed live by many more people than before. Friends and family were invited to watch by the lucky few who possessed a television and the streets of Windsor were notably empty. Memories of the way the occasion was marked were revived a year ago when we celebrated the late Queen's platinum jubilee. Although it was early June, the weather was cold and many parties were moved indoors. Villages like Burnham organised programmes of activities lasting a week or more - processions and parades, carnivals and displays, sports and games and hundreds of teas. As after previous coronations, the subsequent state entry into Windsor was a big event locally, with thousands of children lining the streets. Home Park was reserved for school children only to join in the celebrations and cheer as the carriage went by. Dorney commemorated the coronation in a lasting way, by installing the organ in the gallery of St James' church; the Queen made a donation towards the cost.

The coronation of Charles III in May will include traditions old and new. Windsor will play a special part again when the castle hosts a coronation concert the following day and Big Lunches will take place in neighbourhoods across the country. A new feature involves dedicating the extra bank holiday to volunteering and in the evening Windsor racecourse is offering a free race night. Bunting and flags will be rolled out; cheering crowds and the National Anthem will echo the past. God save the King!

Virginia Silvester



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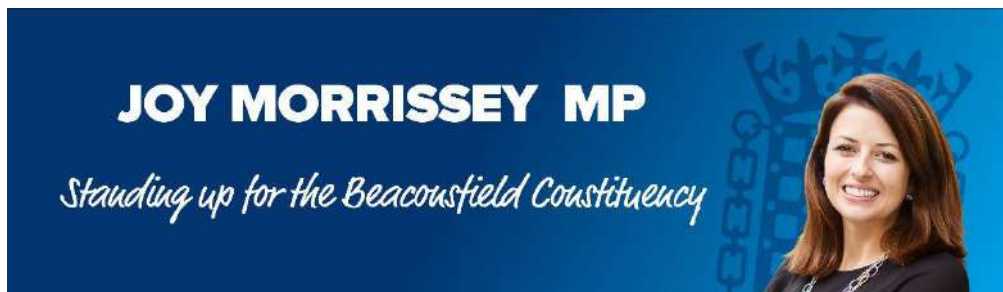
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How we make sure development is appropriate

The issue that is raised with me more than any other by my constituents is how we can protect the fantastic green spaces and keep the character of the wonderful collection of towns and villages that make up the south of Buckinghamshire. Many of these settlements date back to the Domesday Book or even before, they are places that people make their home and are communities worth preserving and protecting.

I recently went to a planning hearing for the latest round of expansion sought by Pinewood Studios. I began by making the case that such a significant new development would have a disproportionate and adverse impact on local residents, arguing that it should not go ahead. However, it was equally important to make the case that where development is allowed to go ahead it is vital to hold developers to account, and make sure they commit to and deliver mitigations for the people whose lives they are impacting.

When schemes are put forward and genuinely have the support of local residents, they must enhance the local community, reinforce infrastructure and genuinely engage with local people. Far too many projects provide only superficial interaction with residents, paying lip service to consultation with a predetermined and rigid outcome in mind. Without genuine consultation, real dialogue and a willingness to flex to meet the needs of the community, no development should be allowed to proceed.

While action to prevent large scale development destroying the character of an area is important, preserving local character and heritage is just as essential. Heritage assets for example are part of what define the places we live, giving character to an area that extends well beyond their boundaries. It will only be by taking action to prevent inappropriate development at large scale, preserving our local historic and heritage assets, and by ensuring that development benefits communities, that we will retain the fantastic character and spirit of our area.

Joy Morrissey MP

Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield

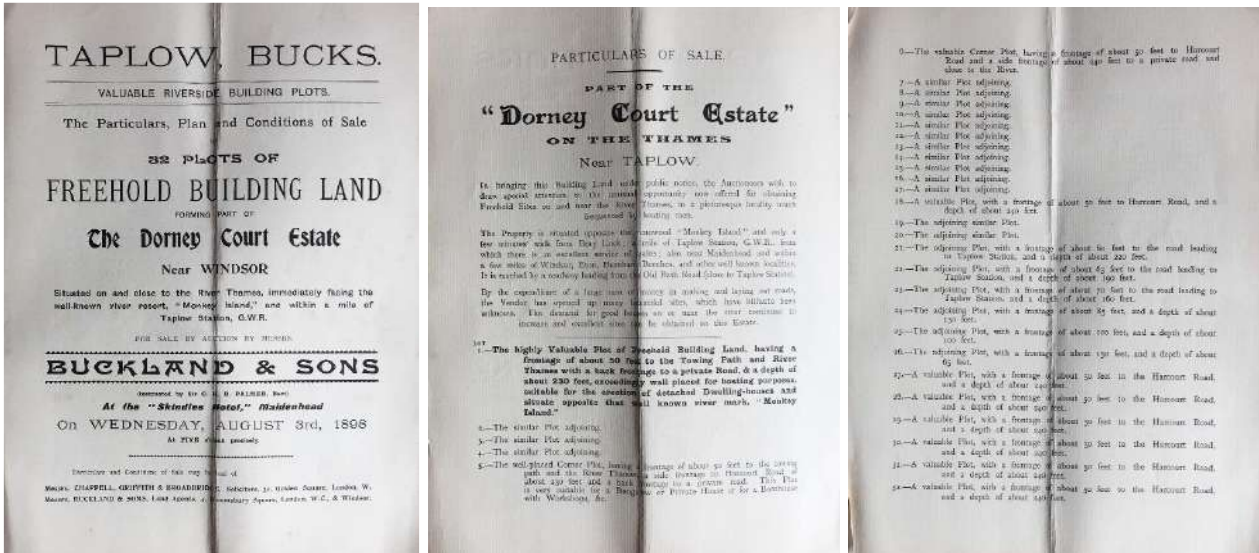
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Interested in the history of houses in Dorney Reach?



In the course of researching articles for Dorney Parish News, I have accumulated quite a bit of information about houses in Dorney Reach, many of which are now nearing 100 years old or more. If anyone is interested in finding out what I may have or sharing their own information, please get in touch at virginia@dorneyphoto.com.

Virginia Silvester, 29 Harcourt Road.



Please feed our swans! Wendy from Swan Support (www.swansupport.org.uk) has been spreading the word that it's OK to feed bread to our swans.... and lots of other food too.

Our swan numbers are down as sadly some have flown elsewhere and permanently moved, searching for food.

Swans, ducks and geese need a variety of foods to keep them fit and healthy.



- Bread
- Wheat
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- Dried Grass
- Grains and Cereals
- Swan food or pellets

Swan Feeding Tips

- Feed small amounts at a time, making sure all food has been eaten before giving more.
- Always feed on water.
- Never feed them anything that has gone mouldy.
- Please remember to feed responsibly and follow any guidelines in your area

Acquaintance and Reacquaintance

It was a poor neglected bungalow, devoid of any maintenance for years, and it looked sad, surrounded by overgrown leylandii trees, the large south facing rear garden brimming with healthy brambles.

A young family bought it, revived and improved it beyond recognition of its former self, and Cheryl and I became friends with them, helping where we could in small ways and receiving in return delicious hot cooked food parcels.

We watched as work progressed, engrossed as the transformation developed to the point where our new friends gave us the Grand Tour of what had been achieved with a mixture of excitement tinged with guilt that I lacked their courage and had repeatedly delayed improvements to my own home.

Much to our surprise and delight, we were invited to a party to celebrate completion and the awakening of their lovely home, and clutching a couple of rose plants we attended at the appointed time to find that the 'party' was so much more than that; it was a religious blessing by a priest on the home called a Pooja. Lavish food had been lovingly prepared with wonderful ingredients including saffron (a new one on me) and blessed by the priest. We did not attend the actual ceremony; many did, dressed appropriately; our arrival was soon after. I understood the first meal had been offered to God after which we were guided expertly by another friend of our hosts through each unfamiliar dish, what it contained and how it tasted.

"You speak with great knowledge," I said to our guide. "Are you in catering?"

"No," he grinned. "I just like eating!" and so, another first, we ate our very first blessed meal which was fabulous. As we left, we were presented with some handsome glassware!

My reader may recall that, some while back in a weak moment my partner, the lovely Cheryl, had agreed to marry me whilst, I recall, clutching an empty baked beans tin. She wanted the full works and so arrangements were soon underway, including the choice of church in which to tie the knot. You may also recall that I ring the bells in our venerable St. James the Less, and this was Cheryl's choice and a very good one too if I may say so.

After Cheryl's phoning, we found ourselves sitting in the Vicarage, nervously wringing my hands, as my acquaintance with my maker was, shall we say, distant and intermittent.

"Oh, it's you again," I can hear Him say. "You in trouble again Mike?"

My relationship with Him (or Her?) is very private and came to the fore during particularly scary moments in my long police career, or perhaps after mis-reading weather at sea at the helm of a 32 foot yacht in a force 7 storm in the dark; my colleagues having gone below with violent sea sickness, or again when a colleague at the ambulance station died of Covid. I have been told there are no atheists in fox holes and, from experience, I believe it.

We should not have worried, La Stacey was wholly reassuring and kindly said, “Oh, you’re Mike Quincey! We always read you.”

It seems, Dear Reader, that you may have a colleague.

She quite reasonably explained that, since we lived outside the parish and wished to be married in God’s church in Dorney, it was wholly reasonable to expect the odd attendance at a service or two, or more specifically, six times in six months.

Furthermore, here was a sheet of paper for signature for each attendance, and last Sunday I am pleased to report that we have four signatures to our credit.

The scary thing is that, having grown familiar with what happens in the service, and being welcomed by regulars, Vicar La, and the remarkable Curate Carole, we are becoming friends while consuming coffee and cakes after the service. As these develop, I am becoming aware of a curious peace I have long been seeking to add to the blissful contentment of Cheryl’s presence in my life. I wondered how I could share this strange feeling with Cheryl, when she unexpectedly said as we walked away, “Do you know, I’m enjoying this!”

In the winter of 2021, I made some really great bird boxes out of scrap plywood left over from a rare home improvement as Christmas presents (I know how to flatter!) and saved three for us.

We placed them in various parts of our rambling garden, mainly in trees that we thought would be attractive to a broody Mummy sparrow or two; but one we stuck on to the top of six feet of polished steel curtain rod and placed it close to the house where, should it find favour with our feathered friends, we could enjoy the comings and goings. Our thinking was that, while there was little protection from covering plants and leaves, six feet of polished tube would be too much even for our young cats, and so provide safe haven for the aforementioned broody sparrow.

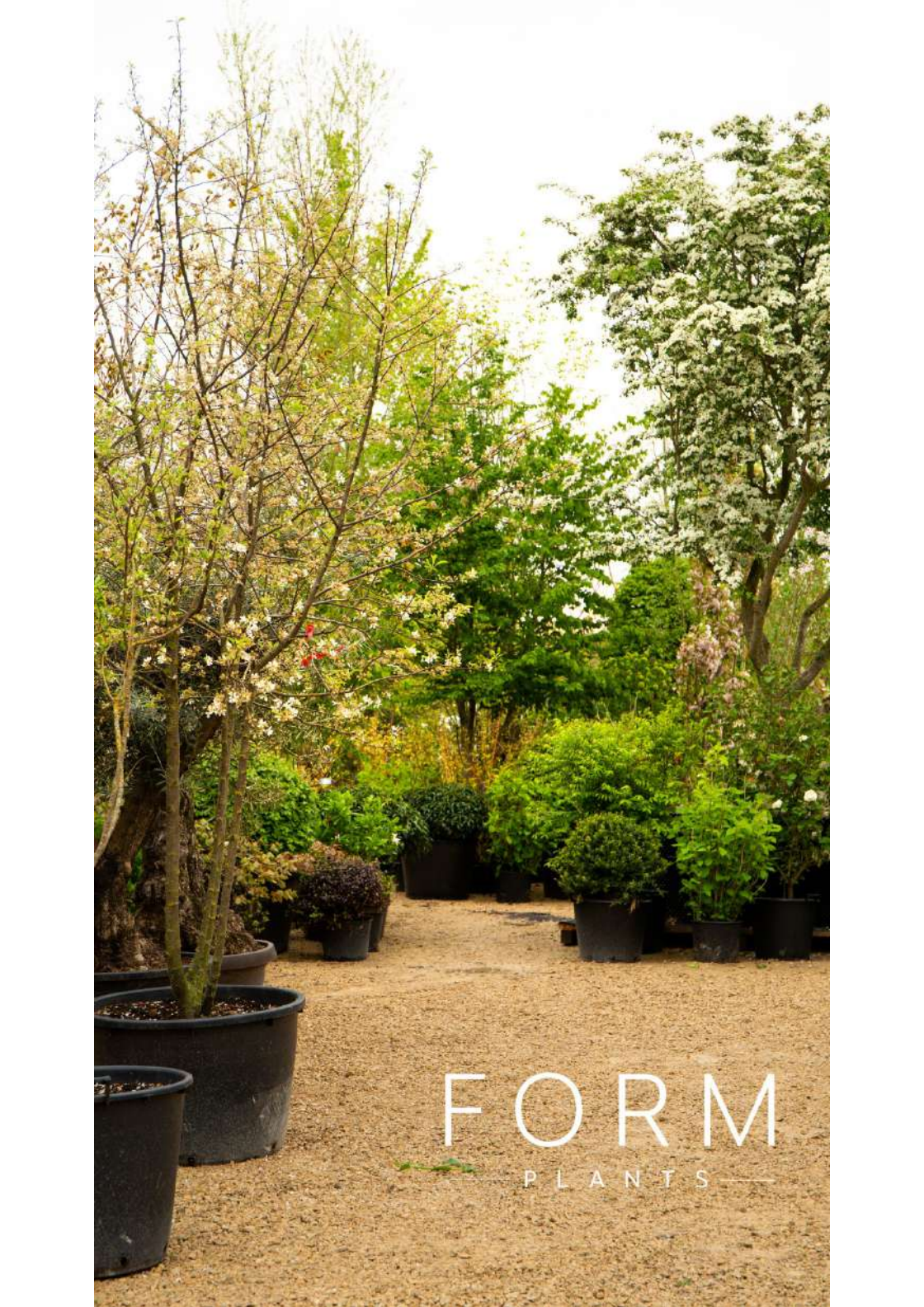
The well camouflaged boxes were occupied by a colony of wasps, and another by a rat, but the lonely exposed six footer was, joy of joys, occupied by a pair of blue tits who gained our increasing admiration as they flew in constantly with twigs, feathers and moss as they made the box a home and later, as they supplied squeaking chicks with food. We both worried like parents as the chicks prepared to fledge, locking the cats in during the last week when suddenly, they were gone; flown the nest while we were at work. We were glad to see the absence of little corpses in the days that followed, and later examination of the nest revealed one unhatched egg.

They’re back!

Lately we have watched fascinated as the pair deliver twigs, feathers and moss again this year, and again, we will watch like worried parents as the chicks poke their heads out of the box to view the world for the first time, and the cats will enjoy another week of incarceration.

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey



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Rhapsalis pulcha:



Fabulously different and this undemanding and easy to grow house plant forms a shaggy mass of slender, branching stems, which occasionally can be studded with small flowers - and later, mistletoe-like berries. Hence, it's called the Mistletoe Cactus (not to be confused with the Christmas Cactus - Schlumbergera)

Position in bright, but indirect light and don't overwater.

Philodendron scandens

'Brasil':

Philodendrons come in a number of varieties and colours. One of the most striking versions of the plant is the 'Brasil'. Its leaves are split into two colours, dark green and neon green. They can grow really quickly in the summer months but tend to go dormant in the wintertime. It's a handsome plant, and the leaves are also noted for their ability to help purify the air inside the home, so not only do they look lovely, but they are very useful too.



Hedera Helix 'White Wonder'



"A study carried out by NASA found English Ivy as the number one best air-purifying plant. This is due to it being the most efficient plant when absorbing formaldehyde."

So as well as its purification qualities, a wardrobe staple such as an ivy can be stunning. Bringing the outside in, particularly when the plant is relatively young, this adaptable plant will look great spilling over the edges of pots & baskets, inside & out. Before getting fully established, some varieties cannot tolerate cold winter climes so worth checking first. Ivy does get big so don't let it outstay it's welcome inside. However, if planted in the border, this self-clinging evergreen climber can also be used to cover ugly walls and fences in good time - or provide a lush green carpet in the dry shady areas beneath shrubs and trees where little else will grow.

There are a surprisingly large number of varieties, it's not just common old ivy; Hedera 'Oro di Bogliasco', 'Gloire De Marengo', 'White ripple', 'Wonder', 'Goldchild', 'Clotted Cream'....It's the subtle tone that matters if you are teaming it with hint of rich gold hues or silver/white depending on your taste, decor or available pots.

Devil in the detail. Again.

Linda Wadley, Horticulture Manager, Crocus at Dorney Court

Neighbourhood Plan for Dorney Parish - Update

Why a Neighbourhood Plan? The principal reason is to allow the Parish Council and the residents of Dorney to have a greater say in the future development of the Parish.

1) Neighbourhood Plan Designation

- Dorney Parish was designated Neighbourhood Plan status by Buckinghamshire in September 2022.
- The details of the submission and designation have been posted on the Dorney Parish Council website.

2) What next?

- This designation grants the right for the Parish Council to consider the future requirements of the Parish by producing a Village Design Scheme, thereby allowing a greater say in the design and layout of any future housing plans.
- It is therefore appropriate to consult with, and seek the views, of all Dorney residents. This will be done via a questionnaire and meetings to discuss the findings.
- We aim to deliver an information flyer to all parishioners soon, giving details of the Neighbourhood Plan and questionnaire. The questionnaire will be available to complete online by following the link on the flyer or through the Dorney Parish Council website. If you are unable to complete online, you can request a proper copy from the Parish Clerk: clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07769704010.
- Please note, all completed questionnaires need to be received by the end of May.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Clerk.
- May we take this opportunity to thank you for helping shape the future of our Parish.

Ruth Senior
Parish Clerk

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.



Taplow, Burnham and The Farnhams

Neighbourhood Team

Neighbourhood Priorities

The priorities for your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) will be decided by the Policing Issues Panel; comprised of representatives from Community Boards in relevant areas. The Police do not run the panel, although we do attend as representatives. The top three priorities are chosen by the forum every four months, which are then adopted by your Neighbourhood Policing Team. If you wish to learn more please use the following hyperlink: [Chiltern & South Bucks Policing Issues Forum – Community and Neighbourhood Police stronger together \(csb-forum.org\)](https://www.csb-forum.org)

Priority – Serious Acquisitive Crimes

Offending levels for Burglary have reduced from last quarter from 11 to 9. To continue to reduce this, we have increased our patrols around the following locations:
Farnham Common – Heatherside Gardens and Beaconsfield Road, Farnham Royal.
Burnham – Coulson Way, Green Lane and Dorney Wood Road
Taplow/Dorney – River Road and Cavendish Close

We are continuing to combat this with proactive operations 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.

Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour

The NH team are working closely with Bucks Community Safety team and Bucks and Berkshire Fire and Rescue to promote awareness around water safety and cold water shock. There will be talks in schools prior to the school holidays and we are also looking at working together with partner agencies to create a new video to raise awareness around these issues.

Other News

During February PCSO's have been visiting local schools as part of Internet Safety week giving talks around being safe on line.

Now that the nicer weather has made an appearance we are seeing an increase of visitors to our local beauty spots. The neighbourhood team are conducting patrols around these locations and reminding visitors to not leave valuables on display in vehicles in an effort to combat vehicle crime. Please remember to take all items with you.



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 21st March 2023, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 2 members of the public

Public Forum

Peter Bowman asked for an update on the removal of the fallen tree at the end of Harcourt Rd which Cllr. Palmer is chasing.

PC/29/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Stephen Baker

PC/30/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

None disclosed

PC/31/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2023

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

PC/32/23 To receive the Clerk report

There was no update this month.

PC/33/23 Items of business carried forward

33.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

It was agreed that the Council will keep Peter Bowman informed of updates as and when we receive for inclusion in the Dorney Parish News as appropriate.

Following the response from Joy Morrissey, Cllr. Stopford has asked for clarification on some point and will report back. **It was agreed** that we will await the response from Buckinghamshire County Council before submitting any further comments.

The planning application for the hotel on the site is being appealed with a 29th March deadline. It was confirmed that everything previously submitted will form part of the appeal proceedings.

There is no update on the Certificate of Lawfulness.

The Chair and Councillors thanked Cllr. Stopford for all his efforts on this issue.

33.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Voaden and Mark Brand presented the latest update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

There will shortly be a letter to all residents informing them what the plan is and how they can be involved by completing an online questionnaire (paper copy can be requested).

It was agreed that Councillors will review the questionnaire and submit any change requests to Mark Brand before Tuesday 28th March.

It was agreed that both the letter and questionnaire will make it clear that this is for Dorney residents only.

The questionnaire will be run through Survey King at a cost of \$15 per month, **it was agreed** to proceed for a maximum of 6 months.

It was agreed that any discussions and decisions regarding the letter and questionnaire can be resolved via emails and ratified at the next meeting so the plan is not delayed.

It was agreed that Peter Bowman will add information on the letter and questionnaire in the April or May Dorney Parish News, Cllr. Voaden to communicate with Peter on what should be published.

It was agreed that a link to the questionnaire will be added to the Dorney Parish Council website.

When the information is collated, we will be in a good position to progress with a comprehensive Neighbourhood Plan/Village Design Scheme with the Dorney parishioners having their input. This will not stop further development in Dorney but it gives the Parish a greater voice on planning applications and what developments may look like and where.

The Chair and Councillors thanked Cllr. Voaden and Mark Brand for their work.

33.3 The Emergency Plan

It was agreed that the Working Party should arrange their first meeting as soon as possible.

PC/34/23 Planning

Boveney Court Farm planning application (PL/22/3562/FA and PL/22/3563/HB) objections were submitted. The County planning meetings in February and March were cancelled and we are awaiting confirmation of the April date.

Eton College have submitted plans to repair a separate building on the site. At this stage, the Parish Council have no comment on the repair works however should plans be submitted for further development, this will be reviewed.

PC/35/23 Finance

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

PC/36/23 To discuss plans for the Annual Council and Annual Parish meetings

Dorney Lake have kindly offered the use of the Boathouse for the Annual Council and Annual Parish meetings on 16th May. Refreshments will be provided.

The Annual Council meeting will take place at 6.30pm followed at 7.30pm by the Annual Parish meeting.

The Annual Parish meeting, although chaired by the Parish Council Chair, is not a Council meeting, it is a meeting for the whole Parish. We are hoping to have information available from groups and businesses within Dorney and hope that many residents will attend.

PC/37/23 To update on plans at the Slough Treatment Works

There is currently no update on the works.

PC/38/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

There were none reported.

PC/39/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 18th April 2023

Bikers and jubilee footpath issues
Dorney Lake

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