

Dorney Parish News

May 2023

<u>Impact of possible housing developments in Dorney Parish (revised APR23)</u>					
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The Future of Dorney?

If you prefer another scenario to this, please complete the **Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire** before 31st May 2023, and come to the **Annual Parish Meeting** at Dorney Lake Boathouse at 7:30pm on 16th May 2023 (Details on Pages 13/14 and 20) to register your views.

Please also participate in the various meetings being arranged in June/July 2023 to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan.



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EDITORIAL

It's the May issue. Our pages should be full of street parties and picnics. Our Nature Notes column – could someone *please* volunteer to write one – should teem with ducklings and swallows. But no, we have serious stuff about planning and councils because our old friend '*Dorney under threat*' doesn't go away.

But added to this is a new dimension. It's what the tabloids label '*you couldn't make it up*'. How about in these times of sustainability and net zero, the motorway we uneasily sit by is widened in a construction project that destroys hundreds of mature trees, displaces badger colonies, and causes three years or so of misery to a goodly portion of Dorney's population only for us to be told it was all one ghastly mistake, and sorry we won't inflict it on any other community.

Or try this one...our County Council take 16 years to enforce notices against a landowner who smothers a stretch of green belt, hitherto agricultural, land under fleets of lorries, thus despoiling the borders of the parish. As slow moves are made towards action, the timing slips because of a planning appeal by said landowner. The subject of the appeal? A 416-bedroom hotel, yes in Dorney, on the Green Belt. It goes on – a report has surfaced from the Slough Borough and RBWM Wider Area Growth Study (inevitably dubbed WAGS) which reports in the local press claim will lead to very large chunks of Berks and Bucks Green Belt being sacrificed to the expanding housing needs of Slough. The leader of RBWM has already said that Slough can't have any of his green belt land, so South Bucks, including this area, could be squeezed in the middle.

Added to all this knockabout stuff is the threat to Dorney posed by Eton College's plans for new housing in the parish. Serious threats require serious action, and we devote more serious pages to all this. The Parish Council is preparing our Neighbourhood Plan which will form part of the response to the Bucks Local Plan 2040. As part of the process a questionnaire for Dorney residents will soon be released. The Annual Parish Meeting at Dorney Lake on May 16th now takes on more importance. We urge all residents to attend. Talking of questionnaires, we also urge our readers to search out the survey on the Bucks Council website that is part of that county Local Plan.

I want to return to the M4 and the motorway which can be called many things, but never 'SMART'. Why? Because I'm angry. Of course the emphasis has been on the casualties and the campaigns of wonderful people like Claire Mercer whose husband was killed because he broke down. Then there has been the technical stuff about whether 4 lane running has fulfilled its promise to ease congestion (it hasn't because we've learnt to shun the new extra lane). But nothing has been said about the three-year plight of communities like ours. It was during lockdown in 2020-21 when life was hard enough, especially for families. I was called by a local grandparent; her grandchildren could not sleep because of deafening noise for night after night. They were coughing because of all the dust. Could the magazine do something to ease the situation? If they read this, I'd like our MP, or the Ministry of Transport or National Highways to come here and apologise. The Annual Parish Meeting offers a good opportunity.

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Rev La Stacey writes: Did you see the videos on Facebook of the cows being released on to Dorney Common? They were dancing and kicking up their heels and generally bouncing, full of the joys of spring.

There's a verb in the Greek language that you learn when you try and do some Greek studies at Vicar school. It's a verb 'luo' and you learn it because it is a short regular verb that is easy to conjugate. It always struck me that it was a very odd verb to learn because it means 'to loose'. No doubt very useful if you are a farmer and tie up your cows or donkeys, because you will eventually untie them and let them go. So you might want to say, 'I loosed the cows' or 'I will untie the donkey'. But in the big scheme of things, a rather odd verb to learn as your introduction to the Greek language!

But then, once you get on to actually trying to read the New Testament in its original Greek, you find out that this little word 'luo' is actually really important. Cos there it is when Lazarus is raised from the dead and Jesus says, 'unbind him and let him go': it is the verb 'luo' that is used. And when we read the passage from the book of Acts that is read on Easter day where Peter says, "God raised Jesus up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power", then that word 'freed' is 'luo' again. It's not just a verb about cows being let out on the common, it's about release from death! Even death couldn't hold Jesus down!

The verb pops up again and again, used in the context of reconciliation, forgiveness, healing, restoration as well as the defeat of death and resurrection. A tiny word, but holding the meaning of resurrected life!

Maybe this is a clue to that most poignant and mysterious saying of Jesus, when he says to Mary Magdalene, 'don't cling to me'. It's a different verb, but the same idea.

That's the message of Easter. If we let him, Jesus looses us, he sets us free to jump and run and leap with sheer exuberance again. And we are called to learn to let him

do this: He can't do it if we grasp at him. There needs to be a lightness of touch in the way we hold him and we allow him to hold us. In the power of life that is set free by the resurrection, we can be set free and in turn set others free.

Happy Easter season! With jaunty blessings. La.

Church Services in May 2023

Wednesday 3rd May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 7th May

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am 'Any Age' Family Service

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 14th May

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 17th May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Thursday 18th May (Ascension Day)

9.30 am Holy Communion on the Tower

St James the Less, Dorney

Sunday 21st May

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 28th May (Pentecost)

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick



St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

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www.st-mary-magdalene-boveney.org.uk

Mission (almost) accomplished: The felled Marsh Lane tree!



Grateful thanks to Richard George (Pigeon House Farm) who, on Sunday last, managed to get the tree to where it is in the picture above.

When it is dry, Richard will return with the grab and remove the heavy root ball, the pile of brush and the larger lower sections. Meanwhile the Parish groundsman can now mow again.

The Parish Clerk has been asking Transport for Bucks to come and remove this tree ever since it toppled over in Storm Eunice on 18th February 2022 – but with no success, unfortunately. We have to thank Richard George in particular for sorting the problem out.

As a bystander commented *“Once again this demonstrates that these days the community needs to look after itself, rather than depend on local Government that is happy to Hoover up ever higher taxes while delivering ever less service.”*

Peter Bowman





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Orchard Herbs – Calling in the Secretary of State.



In our February issue we pointed out that despite the *'very strong representations'* by our Parish Council, *'getting any kind of satisfactory resolution from Bucks Council'* over Orchard Herbs was proving to be *'glacial'*. While resolution edges closer, an unexpected development relating to this benighted site means that villagers' hopes and fears on this issue now depend on the

decision to be taken by none other than Michael Gove.

We said that Bucks Council's use of Enforcement Notices to reduce *'the storage of non-agricultural plant, equipment, vehicles and materials'* on this site west of Lake End Road had been a *'complete failure'* for sixteen years. The call is now for a High Court Injunction. Our MP, Joy Morrissey, offered to make representations on our behalf. In our April issue, we said that after correspondence with our MP, it appeared that Bucks Council may well be planning such an injunction.

Joy Morrissey had been briefed by Cllr Robert Stopford and 'Dorney Parish News' thanks Robert for keeping us informed. Joy asked Bucks Council for a further response. She received the feedback that they were gathering information, taking witness statements and reviewing the likely success of an injunction with their legal team. The timescale for that has slipped *'as there is also a current appeal on the site, and it was felt necessary to ensure any potential action would not impact on the Council's current position.'* Our Parish Council has been advised to contact Rachel Shimmin, the CEO of Bucks Council and request a face-to-face meeting, preferably in Dorney. It's been agreed (see DPC minutes in this issue) to get Burnham Parish Council to sign a joint letter with DPC. Robert says the aim is to keep up the pressure directly on the county council and via our MP.

What's this appeal, and where does Mr Gove fit in? Well, the application for outline permission to re-develop this 'partial brownfield site' – a redevelopment centred on a 416-bedroom hotel – was refused last June. The owners appealed, Dorney Parish Council responded alongside Bucks Council, the EA and some local individuals, and an answer came on April 12th. It was unexpected and unwelcome. The Planning Inspectorate issued a letter stating that the appeal had been 'called in'. The appeal Inspector would make a report and recommendation as normal, but the final decision would be made by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP. The letter said *"The reason for this direction is that the appeal involves proposals which involve any main town centre use or uses where that use or uses comprise(s) over 9,000m² gross floorspace (either as a single proposal or as part of or in combination with other current proposals) and which are proposed on a site in an edge-of-centre or out-of-centre location that is not in accordance with an up-to-date development plan document and proposals for significant development in the Green Belt."* Now you know...

Again, concerted action is planned. It is likely that Dorney Parish Council plus Burnham, Taplow and Eton Councils will all write to their respective MPs expressing deep concern and requesting support in opposing this development. It appears that we should remain optimistic about the outcome, which is unlikely to be imminent.

Peter Bowman

Dorney Parish News endorses Edmund King's article in The Daily Telegraph on 16th April 2023:

For a decade I've been banging on the doors of a dozen transport secretaries and ministers telling them about the deadly dangers of "smart" motorways.



I have asked them if they would rather break down on a motorway with a chance of getting onto a hard shoulder or on a motorway where they would have to pray they would be spotted in a live lane, pray that the control centre will activate a warning, pray that a Red X comes up and pray that other drivers will not ignore it.

I have told them that 37 per cent of breakdowns on smart motorways happen in live lanes and that drivers are then "sitting ducks".

I was told by at least 11 of them I was too emotional. Yes, I was emotional because lives were at risk. I was emotional because I had worked with Meera Naran whose beautiful boy, Dev, 8, was killed on the M6. I make no excuse for being emotional after listening to calls to the AA from drivers stranded in live lanes asking, with fear in their voices, what they can do.

At the AA we did all we could to make the case for change. Grant Shapps when transport secretary, did begin to listen and instigate changes. But even then, the Stopped Vehicle Detection technology belatedly rolled out to "make these roads safe" was not even meeting targets according to the Office of Rail and Road. Officials knew that "moving the goalposts" from emergency areas every 400 to 500m on the pilot M42 to every 2,500m when rolled out across the network would cost lives. This was widening on the cheap and at least 40 people have paid the ultimate price.

I wrote to Rishi Sunak pleading for action on Good Friday and am delighted that the Prime Minister has at last listened. I welcome the decision that all new future smart motorways planned will be scrapped. This is a victory for common sense and safety which I whole-heartedly welcome.

The question now is what happens to the existing smart motorways? I think there is a relatively simple solution. Reinstate the hard shoulder with a permanent Red X and new lane markings. Keep the emergency areas and overhead technology. Get the police to instigate a hard-hitting lane discipline campaign to get rid of the middle-lane hogs and free up road space. Currently smart motorways are not really alleviating congestion as more than one third of drivers don't use the inside lane because they are petrified there may be broken down vehicles ahead. Any incident on smart motorways causes severe congestion by closing lanes and delaying the emergency services getting through.

I have waited a long time for politicians to listen. Let's hope that this decision marks the end of the deadly smart motorways.

Edmund King OBE is president of the AA



DORNEY
PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity to ask questions that are important to you as a resident of Dorney.

Tuesday 16th May 2023
7.30pm
Dorney Lake Boathouse

Everyone welcome. Come and join us at our new style Annual Meeting in The Lake View Room, have a chat with your local community groups and councillors.

Lift available. Refreshments will be served.

Agenda on www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk



Letter to the Editor

May I begin by saying how much I enjoyed reading the March edition of DPN. It had all of the valuable local community and historical insights readers have come to expect.

What set this edition apart from recent months though was the very welcome omission of the usual two-page party-political advertorial on behalf of Joy Morrissey, MP & the Conservative party.

Its omission was apt considering the current national debate over the impartiality (or otherwise) of the national broadcaster prompted by the Twitter activity of Mr Lineker.

Is it too much to ask for our local parish newsletter to adopt political impartiality as a guiding principle? If Ms Morrissey is to be allowed space to promote her party's achievements, shouldn't equal space be allowed for challenge or alternative perspectives from her opponents?

In this regard, I must applaud Alice Foxley for her letter 'Sewage In Our Waterways', as well as your good self for printing such an informative counterpoint.

More of the same, please.

David Williams
Ye Meads

Thank you very much for your comments. While mindful of the viewpoint expressed in your thoughtful email, we did set out to invite Dorney's MP to contribute regularly to DPN. It seems to be a convention across all local titles like ours that elected officials whose decisions can influence local lives – Members of Parliament, county councillors and leaders of Parish Councils – should be able to report on their actions and priorities direct to readers. David, that is the only reason that Ms Morrissey is 'allowed space'.

But as these comments give me the opportunity, I would like to expand on this a little. One of Joy's team said to me recently that an MP writes in magazines like ours as an MP for everyone in the constituency. The tone is different from that in an election leaflet. I think this column has managed to keep to this level, but when it can be argued that a more partisan stance was taken over a controversial issue like the regulation of water companies, as happened in February, then we were more than ready to publish the dissenting letter from Alice Foxley.

We could, of course, retreat behind the printed disclaimer in each issue about taking no responsibility for correspondents' opinions, but I prefer to actually declare a moratorium on party political controversy in these pages. That gets more difficult as issues loom surrounding housing, planning and utilities. Would readers be happy to see more naked political discussion here? I hope they will let me know.

Peter Bowman

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I was rather disappointed in reading in last month's Dorney Parish News that the Dorney Lake site was again being closed to Dorney residents. For years since the advent of the rowing lake Eton College has influenced our lives and now I see that one of our old farmyards, Boveney Court Farm, is up for development as a housing complex.

With my lifetime experience of planning, I see that it has now become the custom that the developer must make a contribution to benefit the local community. Besides a bypass, I think our aging population would most welcome an easily accessible Health Centre in our midst. Eton College is the owner of two suitable sites – Court Farm in Dorney or the field opposite the Pineapple. An all-year-round residents' pass to Dorney Lake or the gift of a plot with a suitable building for a Health Centre would be my choices as a sweetener.

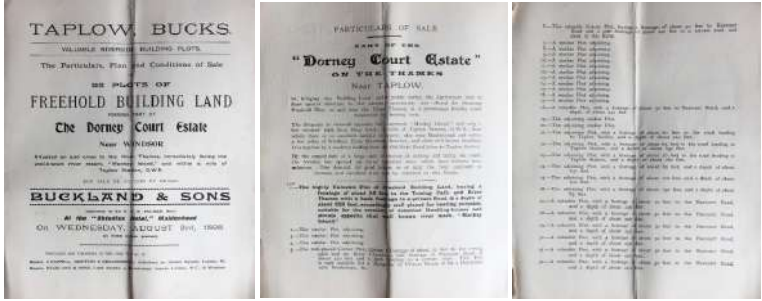
I have heard that this issue of a Health Centre is included in the impending Parish Council questionnaire. My recollection of the last poll is that speeding in Village Road was the main issue. This seems to have been swept aside like other issues. I would like you to come to the Annual Parish Meeting in the Dorney Lake Boathouse on May 16 and support me in galvanising the Parish Council and County Council into action to provide the local community with better health facilities in the immediate future given our choc a bloc NHS. We don't want another Orchard Herbs Farm scenario. Come to the meeting and raise two hands if you think this is a good idea! Let's have a full house and show the authorities that we are disappointed with the health services in our area.

See you on the 16th!

Regards

John Barker

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.

Dorney Parish Council Launches Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

By the time you read this, if you are a resident of Dorney Parish, you should have received a flyer (delivered by hand by DPC) which provides details of the Dorney Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire.

The aim of the questionnaire is to help to understand the attitudes and opinions of residents about the future of the parish for better decision-making.

We felt that it might be helpful to put this questionnaire – and the Neighbourhood Plan – into a wider context, which is summarised below:

Why can't we just repeat the Parish Plan we did in 2005?

1. Legal status:
 1. Neighbourhood Plans: Have formal, legal status.
 2. Parish Plans: Are non-statutory, community-led.
2. Focus:
 1. Neighbourhood Plans: Focus on land use and spatial planning.
 2. Parish Plans: Broader community issues beyond land use and planning.
3. Conformity with higher-level planning policies:
 1. Neighbourhood Plans: Must conform with Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
 2. Parish Plans: Not required to conform with Local Plan or NPPF.
4. Adoption and implementation process:
 1. Neighbourhood Plans: Independent examination and local referendum required.
 2. Parish Plans: No examination or referendum needed; adopted by the parish council.

Why do we need a Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan?

- Prompted, in part, by Eton College's stated plans in the Bucks Local Plan 2040 preparation to build around 120 new houses in the Parish.

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- DPC decided that a formal process was required and Dorney was designated as a Neighbourhood Area by Bucks Council in September 2022.

How do the Bucks Local Plan and the Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan work together?

- Both are integral parts of the UK planning system.
- Neighbourhood Plan sits below the Local Plan in the planning hierarchy.
- Neighbourhood Plans must conform with Local Plan's strategic policies.
- Both plans involve public consultation, independent examination, and adoption.
- Planning decisions must align with both plans once adopted.

Village Design Statement (VDS) and the Neighbourhood Plan:

- DPC have decided to include a VDS in the Neighbourhood Plan, if external funds or grants are made available.
- Neighbourhood Plan does not specifically require a VDS.
- Incorporating a VDS can provide detailed guidance on local design principles and characteristics.
- VDS should reflect broader policies and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan and conform with Local Plan and NPPF.

Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire:

- April 2023 - Flyer with a link to the online questionnaire delivered to all 300 houses in Dorney. Full details available on DPC website – www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Alternative methods: Mailed copy or emailed PDF version upon request to Parish Clerk. Email: clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk or Phone: 07769704010
- Eligibility: Any resident aged 18+; multiple responses per household allowed.
- Deadline: 31st May 2023.
- Results to be published on the DPC website and summarised in Dorney Parish News.

Next Steps:

- Inviting different geographic areas of the parish to attend meeting groups.
- Submitting draft Neighbourhood Plan to the Bucks Local Plan team for consideration.
- Neighbourhood Plan target completion date: 31st December 2023.
- Legal inspection of Plan and other necessary processes to follow.

Bucks Local Plan 2040

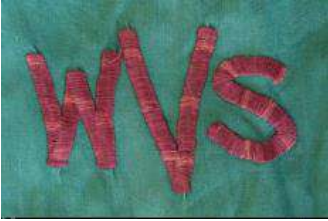
- Bucks Council have just launched a **Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and Local Transport Plan 5 Survey – Your chance to take part.**
- The Survey is about the Draft Visions and Objectives for two important Council strategies. They are the new Local Plan for Buckinghamshire and the Local Transport Plan 5.
- These Visions and Objectives based on the responses we received through the Discovery and Exploration Phase. They want to hear your views.
- You can fill out the survey questionnaire online on Your Voice Bucks: <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/planning/vision-and-objectives>

The indications are that the Bucks Local Plan 2040 will strongly support the Green Belt. Dorney Parish Council recommends that you complete this Survey if you can.

MEAT PIES IN DORNEY

What were the women of Dorney doing 80 years ago? Making meat pies!

They were making this contribution to the war effort as members of the WVS. Originally founded in 1938 as the Women's Voluntary Services for Air Raid Precautions, WVS was initially formed to help recruit women into the ARP movement assisting civilians during and after air raids by providing emergency rest centres, feeding, first aid, and perhaps most famously assisting with the evacuation and billeting of children. By 1943 the organisation had over one million volunteers and was involved in almost every aspect of wartime life from the collection of salvage to the knitting of socks and gloves for merchant seamen.



In September 1941, all the villages in the Eton Rural area were busy helping the military with camouflage nets. Later, women from Dorney were helping with the evacuation programme, driving vehicles and ferrying supplies to hospitals.

In October 1941, the WVS opened a canteen in Dorney. WVS members ran this until May 1943, when the canteen was taken over by the NAAFI. The NAAFI already ran a facility on the camp for the anti-aircraft battery on the Eton Wick side of Dorney Common.

May 1943 also saw the start of the meat pie scheme in Dorney. The pies were made at the village baker's, but shortage of labour meant the women had to help. Eight members of the WVS went to the bakery each week, and it was reported that 300 meat pies a week were being made in Dorney in June 1943. This scheme, which was a national initiative for rural areas, was designed to provide food in the middle of the working day to farm workers, taking pies and snacks out to them in the fields. As food rationing was having an impact, it was considered important to make sure that those engaged in strenuous work received enough nutrition. Nationally, it is recorded that 1,300,000 pies were sold in one week in 1944. The scheme was deemed a great success, in which the wives and mothers of Dorney were playing their part.

During the war, the farm workers locally included not just those who had made it their career but also women who volunteered to serve in the Land Army and schoolchildren who volunteered during the school holidays to help with harvesting. The Land Girls and schoolchildren helped to plug the gaps left by experienced workers who had joined the armed forces. In August 1943 it was reported that boys from a Slough school were ploughing 28 acres of land on Dorney Common on which barley had just been harvested.



Museum of English Rural Life, University of Reading

Older boys were given three days training in driving a tractor and doing running repairs, and there was keen competition for this role.

Food rationing did not end when the war ended and likewise the meat pie scheme continued until 1953. In peacetime the WVS was able to take on other welfare activities; in April 1948, it was reported that the Dorney branch had received grateful letters from old people who had been given food parcels. The WVS carries on today as the WRVS.

Virginia Silvester

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An update from Dorney Playground Committee – Spring is here.

I have to admit that the Dorney Playground Committee has been a bit lazy over the winter months. But now spring is here, we have woken up with a bang!

The start of the school summer term means that the tuck shop has reopened. The tuck shop is located at the end of the village hall and opens from 3.15 (end of school) to about 4.00 – depending on demand. It is run by volunteers and all profit goes to help maintain the playground.

The problem is, as more mums are working full-time, getting volunteers to help in the tuck shop has become really difficult. So, if you are free from 3.15 to 4.00 on any weekday, and would like to help, please get in contact. One day a week would be great – or just help when you can. It is very enjoyable. Kids are great if you don't have to look after them! The concentration required, for some kids, to spend 20p is amazing.



The annual playground check was carried out in December by PlayDale. We were pleased to read that all the issues raised were either low or very low risk. However, the playground committee put in an order to PlayDale for just under £2,000 to help maintain the playground to a high quality. The items have all now been received and will be fitted in the next few weeks.

With the start of the school summer term, we are beginning to plan for the 'end of term' summer party – a fund raising event. We are hoping to have the 'end of term' party on Wednesday 19th July – not quite end of term but the date gives us some flexibility to reschedule if weather conditions are extreme (last year we had to cancel due to the heat!).

Dorney playground is a well-used resource within the community. If you would like to help, even if in a small way, please contact me.

Ettie Brand

Dorney Playground Management Committee

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Steps to prevent dangerous parking on Lake End Road being investigated.

Please continue to report potholes on Fix my Street to ensure action is taken by Bucks Council.

Emergency Plan to the rescue....

The heavy storm last month left a huge branch in the Memorial Garden dangerously resting on the telegraph pole in front of the cattle grid. Our 'pyramid' reporting system resulted in Maydencroft sending a crew to make it safe and subsequently logged it late the same evening. Our thanks to them for their speedy response.

Also, sincere thanks to Richard George who has sorted the fallen tree in Marsh Lane and will be back to clear the rest of the debris shortly.

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: 16TH MAY DORNEY LAKE 7.30PM

Private Dorney Lake tour – 7th June. See information to secure a place on page 20

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FLYER WILL BE DELIVERED TO ALL PROPERTIES WEEKEND 29/30 APRIL

Next meeting 16th May 2023 at The Boathouse at Dorney Lake.

Dorney Parish Council and Dorney Lake Management offer residents a tour of The Meadows of Dorney Lake, recently covered in an article in Dorney Parish News (March 2023).



The tour will be in two minibuses, kindly provided by Eton College, and will take place, starting at 2:15pm, during the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th June 2023. We will meet in the car park of Dorney Lake (free parking)

The tour will include a visit to the “Far Side” of the Lake which is usually not open to the public. Grounds Manager Lee Marshallsay will conduct the tour and will be able to answer any questions that residents might have about the landscaping strategy and execution.

There are 25 free seats available, and seats can be booked from 8th May, 2023 by emailing the Parish Clerk on Clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk. First come, first served.

Dorney Lake has been implementing a landscape strategy over the past decade to encourage biodiversity. Grounds Manager Lee Marshallsay and his team have been working on this 400-acre parkland to transform the traditionally heavily managed environment into a more natural and diverse habitat. Meadows are emerging, and the term "rewilding" accurately describes the changes occurring at the site.

Jill Dax, Chair, Dorney Parish Council

A Tail of Two Kitties

We Quincey's always root for the underdog, or undercat if you will. Hence the lives and aspirations for those we care about is marred in sadness for the brave little souls who batter at life from disadvantage attaining modest success, surpassed by the more fortunate by dint of their birth.

My sister is the same, so when a bedraggled thin pregnant cat was adopted by her friend, she was the first to step in line for the inevitable three of the litter, where they were carefully raised as ladies and a gentleman in her glorious country cottage in the wilds of Cambridgeshire; even suppressed by the vet before they were allowed outside.

"Bad news Mike. I think Daisy is pregnant," intoned Debbie on one of our many visits to peace and tranquillity.

"How did that happen? Surely not. She's been suppressed!"

But Daisy showed all the signs of a broody Mum seeking out a suitable place and preparing it for what she knew was to happen, and sure enough, Debbie was woken in the middle of the night to the unmistakable sounds of four new lives coming into the world emanating from the wardrobe in her bedroom.

"Oops!" said the vet at the news, doing all the subsequent vetty things without charge and two weeks later, they were visited by adoring subjects (Cheryl and I) who paid homage to one tom and three females, one of which was graced with wonderful Bengal markings, another an attractive tabby and the third, whose body appeared to have been the unintended target as the Almighty walked by with a tray of opened paint tins and accidentally dropped them on her, resulting in a haphazard scattering of various splashes of random colours.

"This is Stripes," smiled Debbie with a proud aunty smile, "and this is Splodge."

I had to admit that Splodge ably suited her while the tiny wobbly kitten stared at me in a way that made me avert my gaze.

"I would love Stripes," I said thinking that she would add class and a little glamour to our little bungalow, and Stripes smiled a confident smile that said, "I'm gorgeous and I know it."

"I love Splodge!" Cheryl interrupted my grandiose musings. She always was a nicer person, and her heart went out to the funny little furry animal.

Time passed, the kittens stopped wobbling, had vaccinations and it was time to bring ours home and introduce her to Emily, our elegant jet black lady who knew she was very much the mistress of all she surveyed, allowing Cheryl and I to stroke her on our laps only if her mood permitted the interruption to her days of sleeping and eating. The only fly in her idyllic ointment was that she was not allowed out in fledgling week. (see a previous DPN).

Stripes arrival was delayed by our modest social whirl, a bad dose of what my late Mother called 'the trots' and a party, so it was three weeks later that Cheryl and I arrived in tranquillity armed with a viciously expensive cat basket and an impressive collection of feline baby food at home, all ready for the arrival and the snooty cat sniffing I expected from these two ladies.

"There you are," announced Debbie. "Splodge for you!"

"Splodge!" I was aghast. "We're having Stripes," I wailed.

Cheryl, a much nicer person, squealed with delight and scooped up Splodge, cradling her as they both purred contentedly. Splodge gazed at me smugly.

“Gotcha!” she smiled that superior cat smile.

“Stripes has already gone,” said Debbie. “Splodge is the last of them. I can get rid of the dirt box at last!”

During a painfully careful drive home with Cheryl in the back of the Dagenham Dustbin comforting Splodge, I concocted more glamorous names for our new family member. I had, and it remains a mystery how she came into the world given Mum’s suppression.

“What do you think of ‘Mystery’ as a name?” I asked Nurse Nightingale in the back.

“I suppose we could change it to ‘Misty’,” she replied, “but I love ‘Splodge’,” and as if on cue, a tiny mew agreed.

We had both agonised over the introduction of Emily to Stripes, now Splodge and we carefully carried the basket to the front door as Emily noisily greeted us in her usual fashion, running and mewing at the same time. She slowed at the sight of the basket and sniffed the air.

“And what is that?” she asked imperiously.

I mumbled something to her in a patronising way fearing that she would attack Splodge at the first sighting. We lowered the basket carefully onto the lounge floor and opened the door as Emily glared fixedly at the tiny contents crouched in an old towel.

“SSSSSSSSsssssD!!!”

The tiny kitten hissed at the huge cat in front of her and growled a deep formidable growl that shook her little body.

Emily took a step back; Splodge took two forward and hissed again.

“I’m off,” announced Emily and retreated none too gracefully to the kitchen where she attempted and failed to create an air of indifference.

Splodge moved to the doorway of the lounge, where she proceeded to preen after a good scratch, thereafter lying stretched out and going to sleep. Emily ventured back to the lounge door, saw the little firebrand was still there, and decided to go out for a sulk.

Splodge awaits her visit to the vets for suppression and is therefore confined to very comfortable barracks whereas Emily still rules the garden, and while relative peace reigns, Splodge is most definitely in charge.

What happened to ‘Mystery’, or even ‘Misty’?

Well we discussed it with Splodge; her views were emphatic.

“Don’t you dare saddle me with a name like that. I’m Splodge, and proud of it.”

Might have some kittens soon if Splodge gets out.

Anyone for a kitten?

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey

Thames Water Storm Water and Sewage outfalls affecting Dorney

Further to Alice Foxley's letter about Thames Water's storm outflow, this article aims to present facts about the outflows affecting the Thames and Jubilee rivers in the Dorney Parish area, aiding wild swimmers and others who enjoy these waters.

Thames Water's Storm Discharge Map (www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map) is used as a reference. Storm overflows help prevent sewer flooding, acting as a safety valve by diverting rainwater and foul water into watercourses. Regulated by the Environment Agency, storm discharges are legally allowed, only used when necessary, and operate automatically when flow levels increase.

Thames Water's storm discharge map provides near real-time storm discharge activity, allowing users to see if overflows are currently discharging into a watercourse and the details of the last recorded discharge. It can take up to four days for sewage to clear after a storm discharge, and the data provided from EDM monitors isn't always 100% accurate.

Two Thames Water storm water outfalls directly affect the Dorney Parish Thames stretch from the M4 bridge to Boveney Ditch, just downstream from St Mary Magdalene Church, Boveney. The Little Marlow Sewage Treatment Works (STW) treats sewage from the Marlow, Bourne End, and High Wycombe areas and discharges effluent into the River Thames and the River Wye at Bourne End. The Maidenhead STW treats sewage from Maidenhead and discharges effluent into Maidenhead Ditch, which runs into the River Thames just downstream from the Summerleaze footbridge to Bray, near Bray Marina.

Three popular wild swimming and water sports stretches in Dorney Parish are:

- 1) Alongside Trumper's Field down to the last house on Dorney Reach Road,
- 2) On the sharp bend downstream of the Willows Riverside Park (with mobile homes and residential moorings), and
- 3) Between Andrews Boathouse, Dorney Lake, and St Mary Magdalene Church, Boveney.

The Little Marlow outfall (10 miles upstream) affects the first stretch and the Jubilee River, while the Maidenhead outfall affects the other two stretches (1.5 miles), in addition to Little Marlow. The outflow from the Slough Sewage Works is currently along Roundmoor Ditch and Boveney Ditch, running along Dorney Common's eastern boundary and part of Eton Wick. It doesn't directly affect Dorney residents.

The most recent outfalls from these three Sewage Works are recorded as follows:

	Started	Stopped	Duration
1. Little Marlow:	27/02/23 01:46	27/02/23 01:50	4 mins
2. Maidenhead:	19/02/23 17:00	19/02/23 17:30	30 mins
3. Slough:	21/01/23 11:45	21/01/23 14:45	3 hrs

There is also some form of outfall from Marsh Lane Bridge, Taplow which feeds into Roundmoor Ditch/Boveney Ditch. We are still attempting to find out what this does.

So, in summary, if you are interested in swimming or other watersports we suggest that you check these outfalls and their most recent activity on www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map. The best spots are likely to be near Trumper's Field, Dorney Reach and the whole of the Jubilee River.

Bill Dax



Quiz nights! - May 2nd and June 6th 7pm. Tables/teams of up to 6 people. Call or pop in to book.

Coronation weekend - Bank Holiday Monday 8th May- live music in the garden 1-5pm, no need to book, just come along and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the garden.

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Coronation Weekend - Sunday 7th May, live music from 'Euphoria' and BBQ, 7pm onwards. No need to book, just come along and enjoy a drink and BBQ in the garden.

Saturday 3rd June - Live music from !daft! under the tent.

Tickets £10, call or pop in to book.

**Also don't forget to book your table for Father's Day on June 18th!
Give us a call on 01628 666612**



News from Dorney School

Visit by Italian pupils

We welcomed eighteen Italian pupils to our school and their two team leaders. It was an amazing experience for our children as it was for the Italians. The team leaders, who teach at the Italian school in Rome, spoke highly of Dorney pupils and staff, and the feedback about our school makes me smile when I recall. They said what stood out was the warm welcome they received all week. They were impressed by how friendly, respectful, and polite all our children are as this is not often so in Italian schools. They were amazed that our children held doors open without being told, smiled and helped out when required without being reminded. They were amazed by the quality of teachers, the lessons, and the activities. They spoke highly about PE and our sport provision, and they were completely enthralled by the pets we have at school. These pupils come from a private school in Italy, and their teacher explained that even in their private schools, the education offer is not as excellent as what they have observed in our small village school. This came as a huge surprise to me, as lack of funding especially in small primary schools means that we must think carefully on what, and how we spend our budget. I think I fell more in love with our school, what we represent, and what we do hearing the feedback from our visitors. Bellissimo!

National Science Day

All children enjoyed Science Day. Classes were involved in a round robin of science investigations throughout school. They had to think, plan, investigate and discover just like scientists would. The excitement of identifying minibeasts, investigating static electricity, planting seeds, and many more scientific discoveries promoted the subject of Science. We are currently seeking anyone interested in talking to our children about their particular field in science, especially if they come from an under-represented community. Please get in touch at office@dorneyschool.co.uk if you are interested.



Reception School trip

Reception class discovered the lives of minibeasts in their first ever school trip to Eton College Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed walking around the museum and having a picnic lunch at the venue.

Easter Unwrapped



Year 4 pupils made a visit to St James the Less church on Thursday to listen to Reverend La, who explained the story of Easter and encouraged all children to participate in some exciting learning activities. We love visiting our beautiful 12th century parish church.

Ducklings!

Every year, the children are thrilled to watch eggs incubate and hatch in

front of their very eyes. All pupils at school visited the newly hatched ducklings and they had the opportunity to hold the cute little birds in their hands and watch them paddle in the water tray!



We would love to welcome you for a visit at our wonderful school. All you have to do is ring 01628620871 or email us office@dorneyschool.co.uk. Enjoy the wonderful spring sunshine until next time.

Warmest wishes, **Mrs Sharifah Firza Jelany-Lee, Headteacher**

Dorney Horticultural Society's Annual Garden Visit

Lords Wood - Marlow

This year the horticultural society has arranged a visit to Lords Wood in Marlow. This will be a private tour led by the owner Millie Messum followed by tea/coffee and homemade cake. This year our members will enjoy not only the beautiful gardens and water features but a fantastic array of statuary positioned to compliment the stunning gardens.



"An outpost of Old Bloomsbury in Marlow Woods" was how Frances Partridge CBE (1900-2004) the accomplished writer and diarist described Lord's Wood in 1958.

Lord's Wood's artistic heritage continues under David and Millie Messum's stewardship and since 1974 the garden has undergone a transformation, the five acres surrounding the house becoming a showcase for sculpture, water features and extensive mature borders in varying styles. There are flower and herb gardens, a thriving orchard and chickens and woodland walks with spectacular views over the Chilterns.



Further information will be available nearer the date on how to book this trip with the society so save the date 13th June 2023 - 2pm ddhs@btinternet.com

COMMON ENTRANCE ON DORNEY COMMON

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” Aristotle

As we enter the final month of Educating Rita rehearsals, the pace gathers momentum with the set now mocked up inside the cottage. Frank’s whisky glass regularly chinks whilst Rita’s Liverpool accent glides effortlessly. The more we develop this little play by Willy Russell, the more I chuckle over their banter, as the delivery strengthens, and the characters expand in depth. Rita and Frank, raw student meets disillusioned Professor, sparks a special relationship. Rita with a thirst for knowledge to learn about ‘everything’ as a way of achieving self-liberation.

“Found a culture, have you Rita? Found a better song to sing? No, you found a different song to sing, and on your lips it’s shrill and hollow and tuneless.” Willy Russell’s Educating Rita

Frank world weary, with a thirst for the sedation of whisky ‘*the great thing about the booze is that it makes one believe that under all the talk, one is actually saying something*’ as he becomes enamoured with the youthful zest of Rita.

Meantime, the Burnham Health Pharmacy contact me to re-open their vaccination clinic as the new Spring Booster for the 75s and over is released. VidPrevtyn Beta by Sanofi/GSK, is a monovalent recombinant-protein Covid-19 vaccine, modelled on the Beta variant spike antigen mixed on site with GSK’s pandemic adjuvant. This adjuvant boosts older bodies to take up the vaccine more effectively. The first week saw back-to-back appointments every 5 minutes, to remove winter layers from older frailer folk took best part of that time!

As the back log increased the verbal bun fight amplified, especially when word got round that the vaccine was in short supply due to an overwhelming response. Arguing who arrived first lead to me putting in place a new system, known now as the ‘Next Arm’ regime. This entailed asking a room full of eleventy-eight eager arms to converse together to discuss politely and agree the running order. Finally, filing rhythmically into the cubicle on the call of ‘NEXT’ created a lot of chortling in the crowd, especially as my delivery used a hearty projected theatrical voice, or a little sing-song vocal. Bravo!

Some days recently, it seems a bad bout of trench foot could occur, especially if you are a keen gardener. Rain seems to have been persistently present for a very long time, with the lawns at Dells Cottage mostly resembling bog moss. Squelching around outside, included some housekeeping in the Garden of Tranquillity, my special little veggie-flower plot, where one can sit to reflect the meaning of life and how not to be mean in life.

I potted up two different types of courgette seeds, a pale green ‘Lebanese’ (my absolute favourite), and a yellow variety called ‘Gold Zucchini’. These are the bully boys, large leaves, hollow thick prickly stems that spider leg off in all directions, followed by abundant produce. Seeding up six, in my heart I know that’s three too many. Hopefully, my boyfriend Bob could find a space for half in his garden.

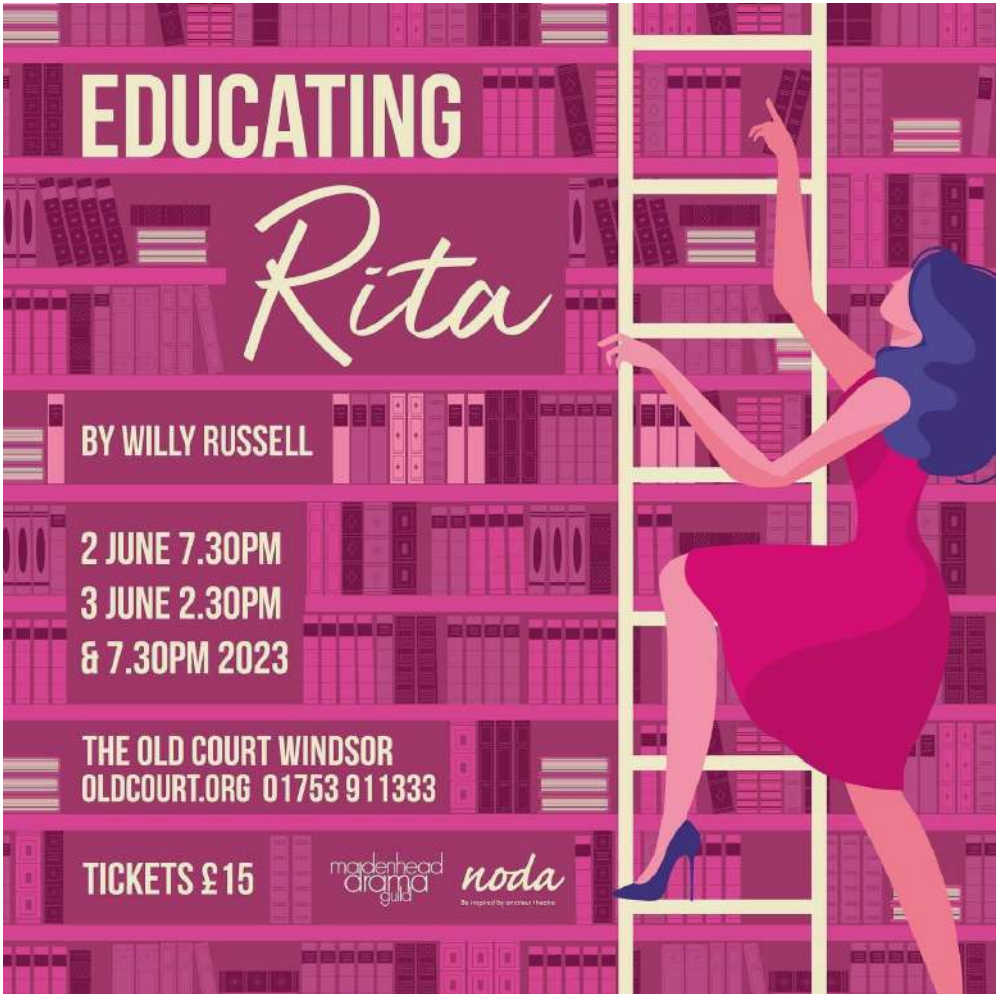
In addition, having learnt a harsh lesson from the last couple of summers, that searing heat and a hose pipe ban means brown toast lawns and shrivelled plants, I also potted up three types of Fernleaf Yarrow (Achillea) which are hardier in the

absence of moisture, love the sun and bloom throughout the summer. Finally, the last lesson of the day another chuckle about our grammar:

A Professor of English wrote upon his blackboard the following words “A woman without her man is nothing” and asked the students to punctuate the sentence correctly.

All the male students in the class wrote “A woman, without her man, is nothing.”
All the female students in the class wrote “A woman: without her, man is nothing.”

Kristina Perkins



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Dorney History Group

The Dorney History Group has no meetings, currently, but it has a wealth of information about Dorney's past on its website: www.dorney-history-group.org.uk, 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 £3.00 to cover costs.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome.

2023 Programme

24th May	'Brownsea — A Secret Island' : with Mr. Tony Weston
12th July	Speaker invited — 'More than Biscuits, Beer and Bulb - Reading's other industries' : with Jo Alexander-Jones
13th September	'History of Colnbrook as a Major Town' : with Julian Hunt
25th October	Speaker invited — 'Heathrow - A Smooth Operation' : with Alan Clare
13th December	'The Village's history through the website' : with Mr. Steven Denham

Further details from: Teresa Stanton teresams35@virginmedia.com

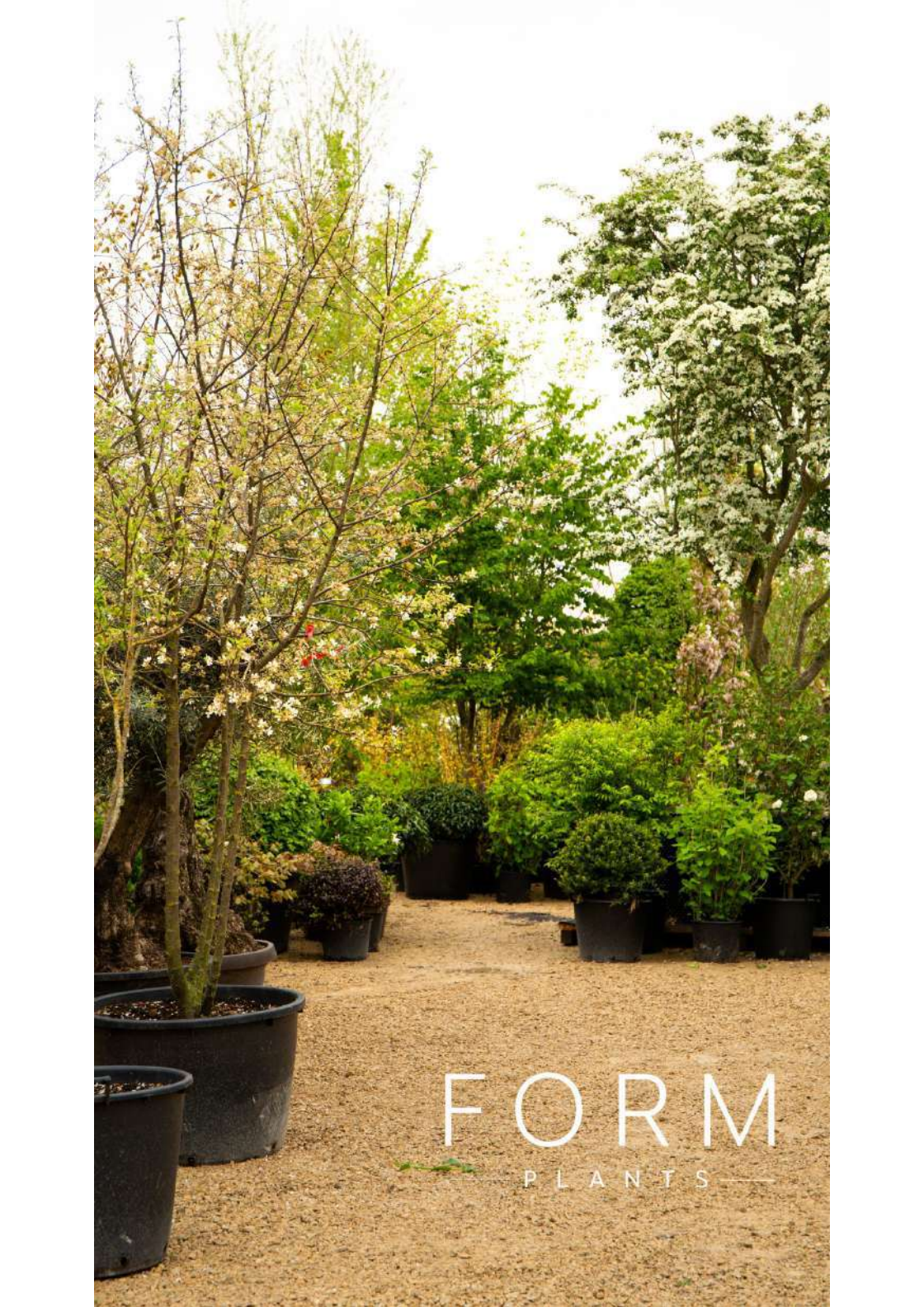
Hedgerley Historical Society www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org

Hedgerley Historical Society (HHS) was founded in 1976.

All evening meetings begin promptly at 8pm, unless otherwise stated. Arrival from 7.30pm is advised. In Hedgerley Memorial Hall, Kiln Lane, Hedgerley Buckinghamshire SL2 3UZ

2023 Programme

17 May (Wed)	AGM, Charles Rennie Mackintosh Rene Hume ZOOM
6 June (Tuesday)	Outing, Haddenham Museum and Village Tour 10am, Stephen Sharp Booking deadline 17/05/23
21 June (Wed)	Broadway, A Cotswold village Julian Hunt
25 June (Sunday),	Outing, High Wycombe Cemetery Tour Sally Scagell Free Booking required Closing date 21/06/23
12 July (Tuesday),	Outing, A Summer Evening at Bekonscot Brian Newman Smith, 6pm for 6.30pm
19 July (Tuesday),	Outing, The Restoration of Church Gardens Harefield. Arcadia Visitor Centre. Refreshments available. Kay McHugh, 6.30pm £10 pp Limited numbers – Free but Pre-Booking required – deadline 21/06/23



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PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 18th April 2023, 7.30 P.M. AT DORNEY SCHOOL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. William Voaden

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. Euan MacLennan

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Clerk Ruth Senior and 1 members of the public

Public Forum

No comments

PC/40/23 Apologies for absence

None

PC/41/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

None disclosed

PC/42/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2023

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

PC/43/23 To receive the Clerk report

There was no update this month.

PC/44/23 Items of business carried forward

44.1 The Orchard Herbs Site

Cllr. Stopford updated on the two main points linked with Orchard Herbs, the Enforcement Notice and hotel appeal.

Cllr. Stopford received a letter from Peter Strachan (Buckinghamshire Council) apologising for the delay in response to the Enforcement Notice questions sent.

It was agreed to write to the CEO of Buckinghamshire, Rachael Shimmin to fully explain all points related to the enforcement and ask for support from Taplow and Burnham Parish Councils.

The hotel development appeal has been 'called in' by the Secretary of State. **It was agreed** to write to Joy Morrissey with our concerns over the size and scale of the out of town plans on greenbelt land and question why the appeal is allowed to go ahead. **It was agreed** to ask for support from Burnham, Taplow and Eton councils

44.2 The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Voaden confirmed that the flyers have now been printed and **it was agreed** that they will be distributed on 29th/30th April.

It was agreed that the questionnaire link will be sent out for the Councillors to test ahead of going live from 29th April.

It was agreed that the questionnaire and details of the plan will be on the Website ready for 29th April.

It was agreed that Dorney Parish News will publish the flyer.

PC/45/23 Planning

Slough Borough Council and Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead are looking for development sites as a part of a wide area growth study. One of the areas identified for possible future development is part of West Town Farm, it was agreed that we will keep a close eye on any further information.

PC/46/23 Finance

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

The Clerk and Cllr. MacLennan confirmed that all paperwork is in order for preparation on the annual accounts.

It was agreed that Cllr. MacLennan will produce a finance overview of the past year for the APM.

PC/47/23 To discuss the problem with the Jubilee footpaths and bikers

The problem of motorbikes on the Jubilee paths and surrounding farmland continues. PCSO O'Connell is trying to arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency to discuss options for prevention.

PC/48/23 To consider what options are available for parking issues outside the Pineapple

The inconsiderate parking on the grass verges and paths is creating a dangerous problem for residents of Ashford Lane, completely blocking the view when trying to exit the lane.

It was agreed that Cllr. Dax will speak with the pub regarding signage to ask customers to park responsibly and not block pavements.

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Local Area Technician regarding options such as bollards to stop verge parking.

PC/49/23 To consider Dorney Lake plans

Dorney Lake has now closed to the public and will re-open in September.

They have offered an opportunity for Dorney residents to have a minibus tour of the lake and facilities on 7th June from 2.15-5pm – meeting in the Lake's public car park.

PLACES ARE LIMITED and must be pre-booked on a first come, first served basis.

From 8th May - To book a place, email clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk

PC/50/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

The Eton Wick Village Association contacted us regarding reducing the speed limit across Dorney Common. It was agreed that as this is one of the questions in the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, we will await all results and proceed from there however the Parish Council do acknowledge that this should be considered.

PC/51/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 16th May 2023

Cattle grid – to ratify the decision to contact Keith Dolan regarding the grid as it has become even more unstable.

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm

Dorney Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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