

# Dorney Parish News

June 2023



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**EDITORIAL**

It probably isn't a good idea for elderly chaps to talk too much about 'golden ages' set in the past. So, I am going to talk about them. Furthermore, I would claim that Dorney might just be on the verge of enjoying another, well, golden age.

The other day I was leafing through the 1993 inspector's report on the appeal by Eton College against Bucks County Council's refusal to grant planning permission for the construction of Dorney Lake. Unusual reading maybe, but the inspector, while reaching a conclusion that at the time disappointed the majority of residents, had words of praise for our local community. He noted approvingly that 177 residents had gathered in Dorney Village Hall in November 1991 and another 147 in April 1993 to debate the issue. '*Dorney*' he said, '*is an ancient settlement which, despite the pressures from surrounding towns has managed to preserve an aura of rural tranquillity*' while being '*a vibrant community that values its heritage and environment*'.

Dorney Horticultural Society has a past as well. An issue of this magazine from the beginning of 1975 had a Diary of Events for the whole year. There were two shows, one in the summer and one in the autumn plus both Spring and Summer gardens competitions. Never a dull moment. Mind you, in the past things could get a little stereotypical. I doubt if a current chair of DHS would proclaim approvingly, as did his predecessor after reviewing the savoury and jams and pickles exhibits in the 1992 Show, 'My, the men of the Society are well looked after.'

Could these heady Dorney days return? I may be wearing those traditional rose- coloured spectacles, but I'm sure that after that surge of community fervour three decades ago there was an upswing in interest in council matters and what we would now call 'the environment'. The pages of this magazine were full of passion and central to this were the columns of '*kejfers*', the anonymous words of the redoubtable chair of the council, Ken Richmond. Tellingly, the attendance at Annual Parish Meetings seemed to soar because after all the community had a focus in that appeal. Holiday ensured that we missed the recent APM, but all reports, and there are two of them in this issue, say that it was a real success. The Neighbourhood Plan being prepared might once again provide that focus, and the NP team urge residents to complete their questionnaire, and to attend the further meetings in June and July in each village locality.

A revitalised DHS have had a cracking start to the year, but looming up is the big one – the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. All the signs in 2022 were that the Show could come back after two lost years, but let's make this year's the best-ever. Whenever the Society point out that the young people's sections are poorly entered now – unlike in those golden days – then it is said that the Show needs publicising. Well, it's being publicised now. If it was good to see a well-attended Annual Parish Meeting, it would be just as great to see standing room only when the time comes to hand out those medals on Saturday September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Complete those questionnaires, attend those Neighbourhood Plan meetings to have your say, and work on your entries for the Annual Show - and volunteer for the Playground's party in July. Happy days are here again!

# Services in the Local Churches



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

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**Pastor: Olusegun Omotayo 07712 126334 [www.rccgchurchatslough.com](http://www.rccgchurchatslough.com)**

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

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

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**Rev La Stacey writes:** Time to go.

As the famous quotation says, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". And then it goes on about beginnings and endings. I am at an ending now. The Church of England recognises that even vicars reach an age when decrepitude kicks in and they offer us a pension. I reached that venerable age last year and so I will be retiring on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

We are very blessed in this benefice at the moment to have Revd Carole Gooding working with us as a curate and she is planning to continue for a year after I leave. With her help and the support and generosity of some other priests nearby and with the amazing, continued dedication of the congregation of St James the Less, all the usual services will take place: baptisms, weddings and funerals and burials can continue to happen, and the visits we love with Dorney School will carry on.

The question is, what will happen in the longer term? The very ancient parish system ensures that each area of our country has someone who is praying for them or holding a spiritual space for them. The vicar is tasked with the care of the soul of the community (not just the care of the buildings and the land!) Because we have unique laws in this country linking the place to the church, the vicar can offer weddings, baptisms, and funerals – and burials where there is space, as there is in Dorney. The aim is that the vicar is part of the 'glue' of the local village, and we have the privilege of working with schools to help grow spiritual awareness in the children. When the incumbents weren't spread so thinly, it also used to be possible to visit people who were in need of support. Those visits tend to be few and far between in current circumstances!

At the moment, Dorney shares a full-time vicar with Eton, Eton Wick and Boveney, and this little, green and beautiful patch keeps me well occupied!! Will a full-time vicar be allocated to our benefice next time? The powers that be will be scrutinising

our accounts and the numbers of church-goers to help them decide. They will take their time over this.

The letter the church secretary will receive will say, 'Over the coming months, a series of meetings and consultations will take place, typically involving the Bishop or Archdeacon, the Parochial Church Councillors, the Patrons of the benefice and often the Area Dean and Lay Chair of the deanery synod. The Mission and Pastoral Secretary of the diocese may also be involved in these discussions. At the end of this process, a new minister will be appointed.' Typically, it can take up to a year! It would be fabulous if those of you who love our ancient church, could pop in from time to time on a Sunday morning at 9.30 to help keep spirits up while the process runs its course.

David and I will be leaving this green and pleasant land and going to live in another one. We are planning to move to the Dordogne to do nothing-in-particular for a while. The village where we are going has a *boulangerie*, and a *boucherie*, and a *marché* on Wednesday mornings and a corner shop and a *tabac* and of course a 'Hotel de Ville' and a church whose bell rings at midday to remind us that it is lunchtime. I will say more next month...

**With blessings. La**

### **Church Services in June 2023**

#### **Sunday 4th June (Trinity Sunday)**

|          |                      |                                |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9.30 am  | Holy Communion (BCP) | St James the Less, Dorney      |
| 11.00 am | Any Age service      | St John the Baptist, Eton Wick |

#### **Wednesday 7th June**

|          |                           |                              |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist, Eton |
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#### **Sunday 11th June**

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

#### **Sunday 18th June**

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

#### **Wednesday 15th June**

|          |                           |                              |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist, Eton |
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#### **Sunday 25th June**

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



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# DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL



May was a busy month... On a beautiful May evening we held our Annual Parish Council meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. A big thank you to Eton College for providing the venue and the refreshments and to all those who attended the APM. We set out to update and inform on the most topical matters and to take away comments and questions from the audience. We closed the meeting watching the most amazing sunset over the Lake whilst sipping a glass of wine!

**NEW DEADLINE  
FOR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLAN  
QUESTIONNAIRE  
16TH JUNE**

**BUCKS  
PURCHASE  
NEW  
POTHOLE  
MACHINE**  
Continued pressure to repair roads in the parish

Problems with trail bikes on the Jubilee River footpaths and local farm land. Please report any sightings to the police (101), but recommend not to approach any offenders

Finally (!) we are advised that the cattle grid repair/ replacement is scheduled for September.

If you haven't already done so, please complete our Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. Details on page 12

**Our maintenance contractor is on catch up after such a wet spring. Some additional days agreed to keep the parish looking tidy.**

**Next meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
at Dorney School  
at 7.30 pm.**

**Are you free on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July between 15.00 and 17.30**

**and would like to help Dorney Playground  
Management Committee raise funds to maintain  
the Playground?**

Dorney Playground is maintained by an independent charity. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July we are holding a summer party to raise funds to help maintain the playground. The summer party is open to all 4 – 11 year olds. Tickets will be available to buy soon, in advance, from the tuck shop situated in Dorney Village Hall. The tuck shop is open most school days from 3.15 to about 4.00.

We are hoping to run a number of exciting activities and need volunteers to help run the event. We need volunteers to help with:

Monitoring three inflatables:

All the fun of the fair assault course

Party time play zone

Party time fun run

Wet fun area

Shoot the basketball

Zap the Rat

Croquet

Pineapple shy

Lucky dip

Football penalties

Barbecue – cooking and taking orders

Sweet, ice cream and drinks stalls

Selling tickets on the day (hopefully most people will buy in advance)

So, if you are free and would like to help, please call Ettie on

07831 479346 / Jackie on 07814 021816 or email

[ettiebrand@gmail.com](mailto:ettiebrand@gmail.com)

**We also would like to do face painting.  
If there is anyone who could do face painting for part or all of  
the afternoon, please let us know**





# Tickets now on sale

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19TH JULY  
2023

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19TH JULY, 2023  
3:15PM - 5:30PM  
DORNEY PLAYGROUND

Tickets are now available to purchase from the playground tuck shop. The tickets are £10.00 each and include a free 'long-range' water gun (as long as stocks last). Pre-schoolers (when accompanying paying brothers or sisters) come free of charge.

Ticket price includes **unlimited access** to:

All the Fun of the Fair Assault Course, Party Playzone, Party Time Fun Run, Wet water fun area, Shoot the basketball, Zap the Rat and other garden games and challenges (with prizes).

BBQ, ice creams, drinks and sweets will be available to purchase on the day.



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## Nature Notes

Towards the end of June last year, I made a strange discovery in our bathroom. It was 6am so I was still a bit groggy but that bedraggled, brown blob, pathetically flapping its soaked wings was a poor bat that had unfortunately landed in the toilet bowl. What to do? I grabbed a slotted spoon from the kitchen and scooped the unlucky creature out of the water. It was tiny and looked quite sad with its fur all wet and matted. I was aware of bats in the area, having often seen bats at dusk in the summer and we'd put up wooden bat boxes which successfully housed some roosting bats as evidenced by the plentiful droppings. But I'd never had to rescue one. What to do?

A quick search on the internet brought up the bat conservation trust and a phone number to ring. The immediate advice online was to put it in a shoebox on a tea towel to dry off which I did. After leaving a message on the bat hotline a lady from Reading called me back within 15 minutes. I had no idea that there was a network of bat volunteers around the country ready to help on these very situations! She referred me to a lovely bat lady called Helen based in Eton Wick, who almost immediately got in touch. We would end up seeing a lot of Helen over the next few weeks. She advised to keep the bat in the box and she would come round after work to pick it up. By this stage a quick peek revealed the bat was drying off and its fur was starting to fluff up. I thought it now looked quite cute. It was amazing to see one so close up.



Helen arrived and identified the bat as a female soprano pipistrelle, Britain's smallest bat. She was an expert in caring for bats to get them ready to release back into the wild. I learned that she even had some bats staying permanently in her home that had been too badly injured by cats or other misfortune so couldn't be released back. Helen took the bat away and named her Bathsheba (I'd left the boxed bat in the bath so you can see what she did there.

Much better to be named after a bath than the toilet I suppose). Bathsheba weighed in at 3.6g but ate 48 mealworms in one day to fatten up to 4.2g. Helen shared some videos of the bats eating over WhatsApp – the wonders of technology – so we could see how she was progressing. Over the next few days we found another grounded bat on the sofa which Helen took away (Sofia) and then another outside the patio French doors (Frenchie). Helen advised that young bats get grounded if they don't eat enough and lose energy. In between I had to shoo two very not grounded bats that were flying around the kids' rooms back out (not an easy task).

How were they getting in and where were they roosting? We were concerned they were living in the house but there was no obvious place they could enter. Helen

brought round two bat experts from the conservation trust who did a house inspection and they confirmed there was no internal evidence of bat habitation. They suggested we keep all windows shut at dusk and dawn (it was early July now so really quite warm) and then my wife saw them leaving at dusk outside our bedroom window: a gap had developed in the wooden boards of the soffit outside and they were roosting in the eaves. I started to do "batwatch" in the evenings (sometimes the kids joined me) and initial counts scored 66 bats!! Helen advised this was probably a female roost and they would all have one pup each over the summer. Incredibly, the bats mate in early autumn and the females keep the sperm in a wee tube over winter until they decide if the environmental conditions are right to get pregnant in the spring. Sounded very sensible to me.

Within a few days, Helen decided Bathsheba was ready for release and she came round at dusk. As the other bats left the roost, she let Bathsheba go and she immediately zoomed off after her bat friends. Success! By now the bat count had tipped over the 100 mark which suggested the pups were now ready to fly and feed by themselves. Helen had fed up Sofia and Frenchie to well over 4g, but they still needed more time to be strong enough to be released (she does test flights in her home in a big net cage to find out). Helen was worried the bat roost may move on without them, but our nightly bat counts confirmed they were still in residence. A few days later, they were finally ready, and we had another successful launch and an all-time bat count high of 135 from the eaves roost, with 4 bats (the boys?) leaving our wooden bat boxes. I was quite proud of such a large number but apparently some bat counts Helen attends are much larger - one cottage in Cookham has over 500! I tried hard not to be put out by this competition.

This year the bats have returned, and we have bought special custom nets (recommended by Helen) to go over any open windows as the nights get warmer (and hopefully deter any bat intruders), but we may still get some bats grounded outdoors. We have made our garden as nature friendly as possible with native trees and hedging and large areas of unmown meadow full of native flowers. We also built a pond which is a big wildlife magnet. I am also sure the pocket rewilding of the Thames Water field will have helped make the area more bat friendly with lots of native scrub providing insects for the bats to feast on. I would encourage everyone in Dorney to find some space in their garden for nature if they can. We are lucky to live in such a beautiful corner of South Bucks and there are lots of things you can do to provide food and shelter for wildlife in your garden and make our environment even more diverse. As well as owls, badgers, foxes, grass snakes, slow worms, stag beetles, sparrowhawks and treecreepers, I love seeing less celebrated wildlife like bees nesting in my bee boxes, newts and dragonfly larvae in the pond, and of course, the marvellous bats!

**Andrew Oliver**



## Neighbourhood Plan

**Have you had your say?**

**Deadline for completion of the questionnaire is 16th June!**

## Keep Dorney Special

Firstly, a big thank you to all of our residents who completed the Neighbourhood plan questionnaire, giving us their views on how Dorney should be developed in the future. Now you have another opportunity to make your views known.

We have arranged a series of meetings to allow Dorney residents to discuss and express their opinions directly to us. These will be collected and incorporated into the plan, together with the feedback from the questionnaires.

The meetings will be held between the 26<sup>th</sup> of June and the 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

The venues and dates will be advertised on the website on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June

We hope that you will be able to attend at least one of these.

It is important that we gain as many views as possible, so if you haven't completed the questionnaire yet, please do so as soon as you can. If you happen to be talking to neighbours or friends, could you please encourage them to let us have their views. We have extended the deadline for completion to the 16<sup>th</sup> of June to gain as many responses as possible.

The questionnaire is available on the Dorney Parish website [www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk) and on: <http://surveyking.com/w/ei5sf5w>

This is the largest programme for collecting Dorney residents' views undertaken for some time, so please make sure you use the opportunity to tell us what you think.

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2023



Picture the scene, dear reader. It is a warm spring evening. The venue is a large room on the first floor, with expansive windows offering a view over a body of water and through which the late sun shines brightly as it sinks gently to a magnificent sunset. All around the room stand little groups of men and women in animated but gentle conversation, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. A waiter with a tray of wine glasses glides deftly among the guests.

The atmosphere is relaxed and cordial; it could be any drinks party or reception.

But this was in fact Dorney's annual parish meeting on 16 May, hosted at the Boathouse by Eton College who also provided refreshments. Perhaps it was these that attracted such a good turnout from the residents of Dorney. In another welcome break with tradition for the meeting itself we sat in groups at small tables. And so the business began, with our chairman reviewing key points from the parish council's work over the past year, other speakers commenting on their areas of interest and questions from the floor.

It was good to see our Bucks councillor in attendance, despite obvious physical difficulties. On the subject of potholes, he enthused about a new JCB machine which could fill them more quickly and more cheaply. However, he appeared as perplexed as the rest of us about why previous commitments by his council to remedy the dire state of the roads in and around Dorney had not been met. He was unable, either, to say whether uncut verges causing a serious sight hazard at road



junctions were council policy to leave the wildflowers or just a failure to act. Nevertheless, our councillor was able to update us on the valuable work of the new community boards in such measures as combatting loneliness and planting wildflower seeds. Perhaps the "active travel" initiative to encourage people to walk rather than drive is designed to reduce pressure on the council to deal with those potholes. A positive note is that the cattle grid is due to be repaired by the end of June – good news for the residents of Southfield Close who bear the brunt of its clanging!

The long-term problem of illegal activities at Orchard Herbs remains unresolved, although we were told that Bucks Council staff are seeking Counsel's advice on potential action. No bets on the outcome! Neither are there any imminent decisions

on planning applications for new housing developments in Boveney, nor indeed any firm proposals for building elsewhere in the parish. It was suggested that section 106 funds arising from new development be used to provide health care facilities in Dorney. The parish council had already received 60 completed Neighbourhood Plan surveys but there were warnings from those with experience elsewhere that a plan which rejects any increase in house numbers is very unlikely to succeed. I wonder sometimes what objections, if any, were raised when our houses in Harcourt Road were built a century ago, on green fields.

Pleasingly, our friendly local police representative was able to report drops in burglary and in theft from and of cars. Riding of trail bikes in fields and along the Jubilee River continues to be a problem; discussions between interested parties are seeking solutions and the Environment Agency is considering what barriers it could put in place to keep out trail bikes but still allow cycles, buggies, wheelchairs and the like – not easy! We learned that the Jubilee River will not be called a river anymore, in an attempt to prevent the loss of life through drowning; other practical measures are also being put in place. Our parish council is seeking parking restrictions near the Pineapple and lower speed limits, including a 40mph limit across the common, in line with other places where livestock graze freely.

Our local farmer provided an update on what is growing in Dorney's fields and confirmed my long-held belief that our water table is much lower in the growing season since Thames Water started extracting from nearby boreholes. Perhaps TW should be compensating us for the difficulty in keeping our gardens alive? Parish grass cutting this spring has been delayed due to the wet weather. Detritus from the M4 works is still lying around; the parish clerk was deputed to ask the owners to remove it.



And after everyone had had their say, the meeting drew to a close and we all drifted out into the dusk.

Postscript: miracles do happen! By the Saturday after the meeting, the potholes in Marsh Lane by the Jubilee River bridge (sorry, Flood Relief Channel!) had been filled. Was this the new super machine? Did it result from the meeting or from the parish council's exchanges with the leader of Bucks council? And does it mean the other holes will be fixed sometime soon? Answers on a postcard to the editor, please.

**Virginia Silvester**

***[Note: The APM draft minutes are on the Dorney Parish Council website]***

# 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](mailto:ddhs@btinternet.com)



## Dorney Horticultural Society

Dear members and friends of the Horticultural Society, with everything now happening at once in the garden our two recent events couldn't have been more relevant.

For those of you who managed to attend our first event in February 'Going for Gold' with our new patron Jamie Butterworth we were treated to an afternoon talk full of inspiration and ideas. At the time of writing Jamie is busy with this year's Chelsea Flower Show.



In April for our second event of the year we were treated to an Evening with Chris Young, former editor of The Garden Magazine and now a garden designer. The evening kicked off with a buffet supper provided by Chrys Fisher of the Palmer Arms which was the usual excellent fare followed by our speaker who has a passion for turning Grey Britain Green. There were lots of tips and ideas with conservation a strong theme helping the environment and wildlife.

Our next event is on 13th June and is a visit to Lords Wood in Marlow. Lords Wood stands in 35 acres in Marlow Common and is a labour of love. This will be a private tour led by the owner Millie Messum followed by tea/coffee and homemade cake. Visitors will enjoy not only the beautiful gardens and water features but a fantastic array of statutory. Invites will be coming out shortly.

Finally please don't forget our Annual Show on September 2nd held in Dorney Village Hall. There is a range of classes to suit everyone, including fruit and vegetables, flowers, domestic, arts and crafts and of course the children's section. The 2023 programmes will be dropping through your letter boxes in June. Last year we had 132 exhibits, with your support let's see if we can beat that this year!

Best Wishes

**Dorney Horticultural Society Committee**

## Thames Valley Adventure Playground - Update



What a busy 2022 we had! The charity was celebrating 40 years since we welcomed our first visitors. Since those humble beginnings with just a few children and families a year coming to see us, we now welcome nearly 15,000 visitors a year. It's not been plain sailing however: the last three years saw us having to close for the first time thanks to Covid and it's been a slow return to pre-covid levels of children coming to the playground.

During 2022 we ran many events to celebrate our anniversary at the playground including Quiz nights, Bingo and Bridge evenings. Our biggest success was our annual open day where over six hundred families of both our regular users and those interested to see what goes on came for a great day of fun and activities.

The whole year concluded with our Ruby Ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. We had a fantastic evening which raised over £55,000 for the playground. This ball was organised and put on by a small group of volunteers who did an amazing job for which we will be forever grateful.

This year is shaping up to be another busy one of activities and fundraising events both here at the playground and out and about at events in the community. If you'd like to come and see what we do, this year our Open Day is Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

We are having a big push this year to recruit more volunteers to help us. We need people who can give a few hours from time to time to do things like help run a stall at a Fete or man a stand at the Maidenhead festival. If that's not for you, if you can Bake, Sew or Garden then we have a need for you too. Basically if you have something you like to do and you want to support us, then please get in touch - we can usually fit you in somewhere!

Thank you all for your support since our last update. Please sign up for our newsletter or follow our social media to keep abreast of everything we are up to.

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Thank you for reading, and stay well, stay happy and take care!

**Keith Hanks**  
**Engagement and Fund-Raising Manager**

## National Garden Scheme: Visit Eton College Gardens Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Originally established to raise funds for district nurses, since 1927 the National Garden Scheme (NGS) has donated over £67 million to nursing and health charities through organising the opening of private gardens, both large and small, to the public.

In 2022 just over £3 million was donated, with the principal beneficiaries being the Queen's Nursing Institute (which founded the NGS), Macmillan Cancer support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and Parkinson's UK. There was also funding for projects which promote gardens as therapy, give grants for community gardening, support the training of gardeners and offer respite to horticultural workers who have fallen on difficult times. 82p of every £1 paid by the visiting public was donated. Those who open their gardens do not receive payment of any kind.

During 2023 3,500 gardens will be open across England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. Some of the gardens have opened for decades, none more distinguished than Sandringham, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II having given lifelong support to the NGS. Our



gardens at Eton College have been open for over 60 years and we are delighted to be participating again this year on **Wednesday 4th July from 12.00 to 4.30.** You will be able to see the gardens of the Provost, Vice Provost and Head Master, bounded at the back by medieval and Tudor buildings of the School and at the front by Fellow's Eytot and the Thames. From there you can walk over to Luxmoore's garden which is situated on a small island in the Thames. Luxmoore was at Eton in the 1850's and later became a Classics Master and House Master here. He turned the island from a waste site, underwater whenever there was a flood, to a the

beautiful and serene garden it is today The fascinating Eton College Natural History Museum will be open together with the adjacent Banks garden, featuring a variety of plants that were among the 1,300 new species of plant collected by the renowned Etonian botanist Joseph Banks who travelled with Captain Cook on HMS Endeavour as official scientist on his voyage to South America, New Zealand and Australia from 1768 to 1771.

As well as seeing the gardens, you will also be able to enjoy tea and delicious home-made cakes (which I can vouch for personally!) provided and served by supporters of Thames Hospice. All the money which they take will go to Thames Hospice.

The charge for entry is £6, children are free. A cup of tea and large slice of cake will set you back £5. Please bring credit card (preferred for entry) and cash (preferred for tea and cake). There will be plenty of signs directing you to the free parking.

We do hope that you will be able to come along and support this very worthwhile and, of course, enjoyable event and do tell your friends about it.



**Janet Walker**  
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## **News from Dorney School**

15 May of every year is observed as **The International Day of Families**. This day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic, and demographic processes affecting families.

It is even more imperative this year that we consider how the cost-of-living crisis is affecting the families in our community. I know that many more families and their children are having to make significant changes to their lifestyles, with less disposable income. It is heart-breaking to hear of families within our own community who are unable to access universal credit, relying on local foodbanks, and the generosity of friends and support from the school.

The financial hardship that many families face is also reflected in the hardship that most government funded schools face. The marked reduction in the school budget, combined with increased costs for staffing and services, mean that many schools are being faced with real prospects of laying off staff, and making further reductions in their expenditure. Recently, I have heard of schools combining or merging classes as they have been unable to recruit new teachers and cutting costs. I know that teacher strikes are unpopular with many due to the disruptions they cause, but teachers and school staff are being faced by unprecedented financial hardship themselves, and working conditions in schools are becoming increasingly difficult due to the lack of support from the local authority and the DfE.

For the first time in living memory, all four teacher and leader unions are balloting to take further coordinated strike action with the aim to highlight the plight of schools. I am part of several national Headteacher networks, working together to raise our concerns to our MPs and ensuring that the government takes this matter seriously. The future of education and schools is in jeopardy.

This is also the reason the number of pupils at school is so important as the funding per pupil will benefit our school as it raises the amount our school receives. Instead of having to make difficult decisions and cuts, that may impact on what we are able to deliver, we would instead, be able to invest in our staff and our pupils. **We still have spaces available for Reception in September**. Do spread the word about our wonderful village school to family and friends who are considering school places. Make an appointment for a visit and see for yourself this amazing school in action.

### **Year 6 SATs**

Our fantastic year 6 cohort completed SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for this academic year. You may have heard in the news how the tests were rather challenging this year, especially the reading paper. On behalf of all staff at school, I would like to thank our amazing children for their effort and for trying their best. I could not be prouder of every single one of them and all the teachers who have taught them from their first day at school. SATs do not define a child's success at school. In fact, SATs do not impact on an individual child's learning journey. The results of the assessments are part of the high stakes accountability system which create competition between schools as each vie for places in the league table. I would go as far as using the football premier league as a good analogy for this. Apart from the surprise status of Leicester winning the premier league trophy in 2015/16, the top four places have been dominated by the richest clubs, with the greatest investment. This has also become the landscape of education.

### **Science poster competition**

Well done and thank you to all those who entered the Science poster competition all about Connections. It is clear to see that we have some fantastic scientific minds at Dorney! Well done to everyone for putting in a huge amount of effort - the quality of the posters was fantastic!

A special well done to: Louie (Reception), Savannah (Year 2), Connie (Year 3), Katy (Year 5) and Charlotte (Year 6). Your entries have been submitted into the national competition and fingers crossed we will hear back with some exciting news!

Warmest wishes,

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



# Water Safety Events

Buckinghamshire Council's Community Safety Team, Thames Valley Police and Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service are holding partnership Water Safety Events to engage with the local community on how to keep themselves and others safe around water.

Come along to see the Fire Service display rescue and survival skills and talk to the teams for safety information and advice!

Wednesday 21st June | River Road, Taplow | 2pm - 5pm

Thursday 17th August | Jubilee, Lake End Road side | 2pm - 5pm

Thursday 24th August | Jubilee, Mill Lane side | 2pm - 5pm



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## Rain on my Parade: Coronation Day

I'm not a fan!

This is not the forum upon which to bore my dear reader with the reasons, but I, along with one or two others, adopted an air of slightly haughty indifference, and as such, ignored the almost unavoidable outpouring of public hysteria that seemed to have gripped most of the nation, and seemingly, all of the British broadcasters on the day and on those leading up to the Grand Event.

I was too craven to ignore the requests of my fellow bell ringers, and did manage to ring some very tidy ditties, but save that, the pouring rain spoiled my plans and perhaps those of others in Westminster, viewed by me with a wry smirk, and so the lovely Cheryl and I resolved to visit our nearest town (beginning with M) to book a well-earned holiday, buy me some proper shoes, those three pounds bargain from a charity shop having fallen apart, and to 'verify' a credit card, whatever that meant.

The aforementioned downpour made the intended cycle ride less attractive than that intended, and so we took the Dagenham Dustbin, to discover on arrival that M's main car park was shut and we were invited to park 'in another car park' with little indication of where that might be.

"Try Sainsbury's," suggested the ever-helpful Cheryl, and upon entry to the dark cavern, I was confronted by an upslope and downslope. I hesitated and immediately was hooted at by the following vehicle, complete with its inferiority complex exhaust, the driver of which had clearly done the course I had not. Flustered, I proceeded cautiously, passing floors confusingly numbered 2 lower and 3 lower as we climbed, eventually stopping in a bay, much to the demonstrated joy of Mr. Charisma Bypass.

We paid too much to park in the deserted sanctuary, surrounded by signs indicating the penalties for non-payment up to but not including execution and found a sign 'To The Shops' indicating right. We wandered a few yards across the barren wastes and found a similar sign indicating left. We returned to the first sign and stood baffled until some kind soul indicated an unsigned footpath leading through a complex clearly built later as it had not had time to look neglected.

We trudged for some while finding the eastern end of the High Street, well short of the main shops (or those that remain) at the west end and found Hayes Travel, the subject of Cheryl's dream and the passport to her holiday.

It was shut! Who shuts a travel agency on a Saturday? We rattled the door to be sure, but the dark abandoned desks inside didn't lie. We put it down to some celebration or other twenty miles down the road.

We passed a young man sheltering from the rain in the doorway of an abandoned shop, surrounded by his broken life in three carrier bags and a wet sleeping bag. The joy of the nearby celebration seemed to be passing him by, as it did the Asian lady bravely trying to sell the Big Issue in the rain on the other side of the road.

We entered the shopping mall and found a famous brand shoe shop, similarly deserted save for three bored staff killing time in deep conversation. The youngest of them looked nervously at Cheryl and me, not sure whether to acknowledge our unfamiliar unexpected presence with a smile, glancing apprehensively at the older woman still in uninterrupted conversation with the other colleague. The youngest continued her awkward stare.

"Is anyone working today?" I enquired in a slightly raised voice.

"Yes, can I help you?" the older lady bustled out of her discussion.



I explained the purpose of my visit; that I wanted proper shoes in size 10. The displayed shoes appeared to have been widely spaced apart apparently to hide the lack of stock. She offered the only suitable pair, the price of which would have bought an elderly third hand car.

My feet hurt.

I tried them on.

They still hurt.

“Have you some with a wider fit?”

“I’ll have to check the store,” and she was gone, returning with, “they used to do a size haitch.”

‘Two out of three ain’t bad’ as the song goes and so off we trudged to ‘verify’ the credit card.

Dear Reader, you are ahead of me. Whatever ‘verify’ meant, my card still isn’t.

Never mind. We needed some fish fingers for a grandchildren’s visit, and we were outside Sainsbury’s.

We found the main door hidden down a side street, struggled for the pound deposit to release a trolley with a mind of its own and wandered into the vast complex, all unfamiliar to us.

“Excuse me,” I asked a uniform. “Where are the fish fingers please?”

“Fish what?”

“Fish fingers?”

“Is that raw meat?”

I gave up asking but eventually armed with the goodies we made our circuitous route back to the car using Cheryl’s built in head map and fraught with frustration headed back to blissful civilisation.

“Frankie and Bennies?” suggested Cheryl.

“Ah wonderful idea,” and soon we were sipping coffee in familiar friendly surroundings being spoiled by the lovely staff anticipating the very unhealthy but delicious American meal just ordered.

All was well with the world as our frustration melted away.

Our favourite waiter passed by, smiling his usual greeting.

“Have you heard our news?” he asked.

“No,” we replied in unison.

“We’re closing on the 27<sup>th</sup> this month,” he said sadly.

“For good?”

“Afraid so.”

And so it is that the King and his lovely Queen have had the last laugh, and my haughty indifference has bitten me I can’t say where.

Maybe he knows where a shoe shop with stock in it can be found, or perhaps he could give me the use of the RAF for our holiday break.

Serves me right.

Congratulations Your Majesty.

Stay safe.

**Mike Quincey**

## JOY MORRISSEY MP

*Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency*



**Dear Dorney,**

I am delighted to provide you with an update on my recent work and activities for Dorney and the Beaconsfield Constituency. Over the past month, I have remained dedicated to serving Dorney and ensuring your voices are heard on a range of issues.

In line with our commitment to protecting Dorney from urban sprawl, I have been actively engaging with the Secretary of State for Housing, Levelling Up, and Communities, Michael Gove. I have been pushing to ensure that unscrupulous greenbelt development does not encroach on Dorney and the wider Beaconsfield Constituency, including the land at Orchard Herbs Farm. Preserving our greenbelt and safeguarding Dorney's character remain at the forefront of my efforts.

Engaging with constituents on matters of vital importance is always a priority for me. I have been diligently holding Thames Water accountable and addressing the concerns raised at sewage action groups. I have also campaigned to ensure Dorney and the Beaconsfield Constituency are supplied with proper water infrastructure whilst preserving our treasured greenbelt.

I also pressed for improved fire protection coverage for Dorney. Through extensive campaigning efforts alongside Councillor Simon Rouse, I welcomed the UK's first Fire Investigation Team in the Beaconsfield Constituency. Ensuring the long-term future of the station is a priority for me, as I understand the crucial role they play in keeping Dorney and its surrounding areas safe. It is gratifying to know that their expertise will benefit not only Dorney but the entire United Kingdom.

This month, our regular advice surgeries resulted in addressing concerns related to our green spaces as well as raising positive support awareness of neurodiversity. I am committed to supporting neurodiverse individuals and the organizations that represent and assist them. I also recently lent my support to Alzheimer's Week, raising awareness about the challenges faced by those affected by this condition. Mental Health Awareness Week highlighted the importance of positivity and well-being, particularly among our young people. It is crucial that we continue to prioritize mental health and create a supportive environment for all.

Lastly, I am proud to have contributed to the delivery of the Freedom of Speech Bill. This significant legislation is on the verge of receiving royal assent and will safeguard free speech within our universities and higher education institutions. It is essential that open dialogue and diverse perspectives thrive in our society for years to come.

I remain committed to championing the interests of Dorney and working hard to address the issues that matter most to us. Together, we can strive for a vibrant and prosperous future for Dorney and the Beaconsfield Constituency. If you have any concerns or require assistance with any matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at [joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk) or 01494 977 505.

**With warmest regards,  
Joy Morrissey MP**

**Joy Morrissey MP**

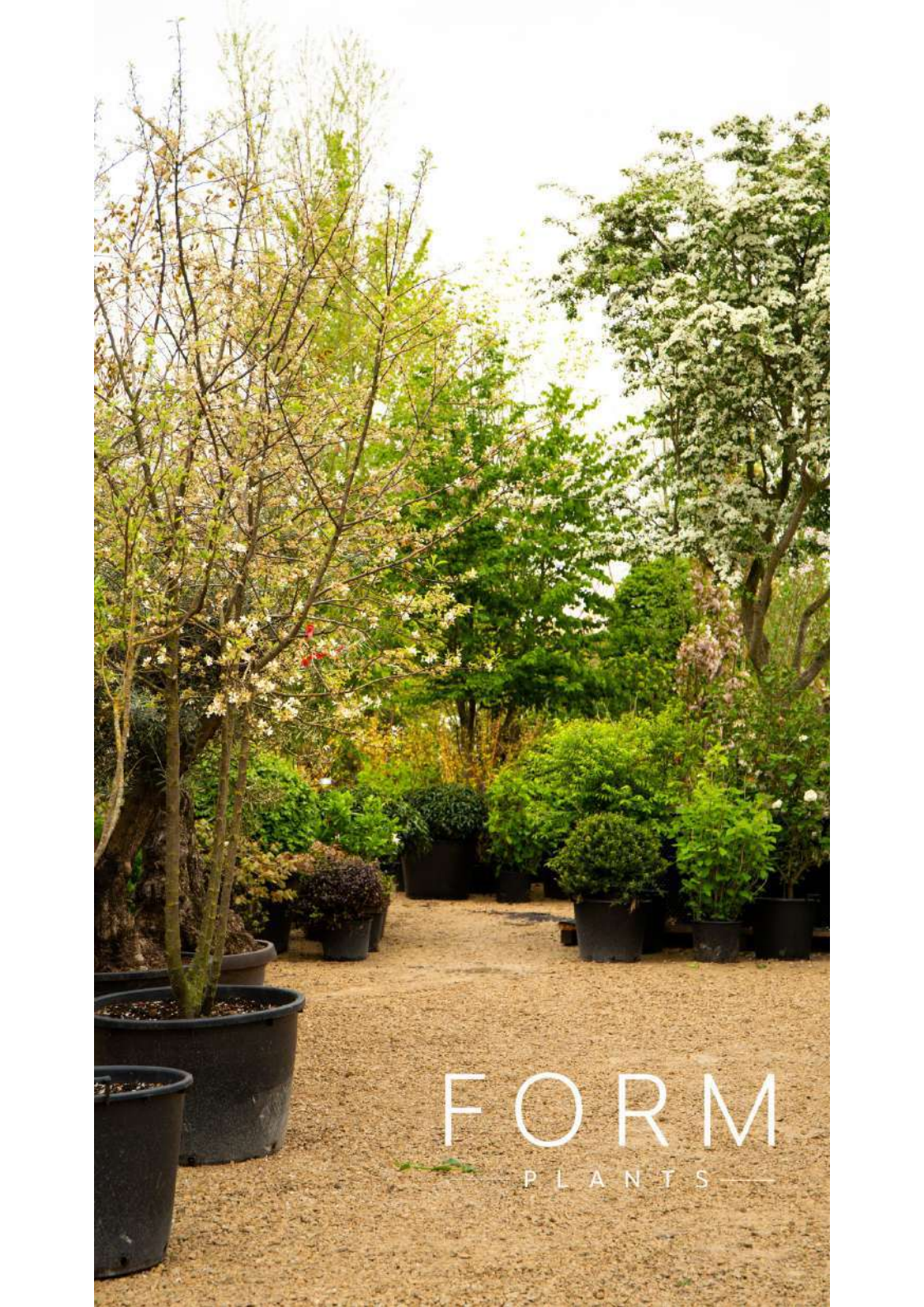
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## Dorney History Group

The Dorney History Group has no meetings, currently, but it has a wealth of information about Dorney's past on its website: [www.dorney-history-group.org.uk](http://www.dorney-history-group.org.uk), with over 6,000 web visitors each year.

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## Eton Wick History Group

[www.etonwickhistory.co.uk](http://www.etonwickhistory.co.uk)

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

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in Eton Wick Hall, Eton Wick, and everyone is welcome. Refreshments are served, and there is a charge of £3.00 to cover costs.

**Visitors and new members are always very welcome.**

### 2023 Programme

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 12th July      | <b>'More than Biscuits, Beer and Bulb - Reading's other industries':</b><br>with Jo Alexander-Jones |
| 13th September | <b>'History of Colnbrook as a Major Town':</b> with Julian Hunt                                     |
| 25th October   | <b>'Heathrow - A Smooth Operation':</b> with Alan Clare   |
| 13th December  | <b>'The Village's history through the website':</b> with Mr. Steven Denham                          |

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

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## Hedgerley Historical Society

[www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hedgerleyhistoricalsociety.org)

Hedgerley Historical Society (HHS) was founded in 1976.

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

### 2023 Programme

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



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# News from Buckinghamshire Council

25 May 2023

Dear resident,

When I last wrote to you a few weeks ago the rain was still pouring down. Now it's great to see this spell of warmer, dry weather – not least as it's allowing us to start to make real progress on repairing Buckinghamshire's roads under our new Buckinghamshire Highways contract. There is still a great deal to do but you should soon be seeing the difference.

## **Road repairs**

We've made a number of changes to speed up the number of repairs we can complete, plus have been able to keep works on track with the much drier weather. These two factors mean we're making good progress, despite the record numbers of reported 'potholes' on our roads this winter/spring.

Since 1 April we have:

- repaired more than 2,400 potholes and counting – now completing nearly 700 jobs a week
- increased the number of crews doing this work from six to fifteen and they're working seven days a week
- introduced our time-saving, three-in-one Pothole Pro machine which uses an 'all in one' process to cut and prepare the surface ready to finish the repair
- brought in overnight working on some schemes to complete high priority works as quickly as possible
- made use of our emergency powers to fast-track essential repairs
- got our extended 'plan and patch' programme and wider maintenance and improvements programme underway in earnest
- continued to clean and fix Buckinghamshire's 85,000 gullies

As both a driver and a cyclist on Buckinghamshire's roads, I am beginning to notice the difference and I travel to many parts of the county every week. I am not complacent. I know there's still a lot of work to be done but we are doing everything we can to get round the repairs, prioritising the most serious defects.

Please continue to report any problems using the [Fix My Street link](#) on the council's website.

*[Extract from Martin Tett's (Leader of Bucks Council) update to residents]*



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# DORNEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30 P.M. AT THE BOATHOUSE, DORNEY LAKE

#### **Present**

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)                      Cllr. Anna Palmer                      Cllr. Euan MacLennan  
Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford        Cllr. Stephen Baker                Cllr. William Voaden

Clerk Ruth Senior and 6 members of the public

#### **Public Forum**

No comments

#### **PC/52/23 To elect a Chairman and Declaration of Office of Chairman**

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

#### **PC/53/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Robert Stopford

#### **PC/54/23 To elect a Vice Chairman**

Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Palmer seconded, Martyn Westcott-Wreford as Vice Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour.

#### **PC/55/23 Declaration of office signed by each elected Councillor**

This was duly completed.

#### **PC/56/23 To elect a Finance Chairman**

Cllr. Baker proposed, Cllr. Dax seconded, Euan MacLennan as Finance Chairman, who accepted the role. **AGREED** – all in favour.

#### **PC/57/23 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda**

None disclosed

#### **PC/58/23 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

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

#### **PC/59/23 To receive the Clerk report**

There was no update this month.

#### **PC/60/23 Items of business carried forward**

##### **60.1 The Orchard Herbs Site**

Continuous efforts are being made from Dorney Parish Council and County Cllr. George Sandy with the support of Taplow and Burnham Parish Councils. Dorney Parish Council received a response from Joy Morrissey confirming that the hotel appeal is being taken to the Secretary of State for review.



## **60.2 The Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr. Voaden thanked Council for the timely flyer distribution to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. There has been a successful response rate so far of over 60, it would be great to hit 100. Cllr. Voaden would like to encourage residents to complete the questionnaire or contact the Clerk for a hard copy.

The main comments so far include the problem with road surfaces and speed limits.

### **PC/61/23 Planning**

There have been no new applications this month.

Orchard Herbs – refer to minute PC/60/23 60.1.

Boveney Court Farm – no update since 1<sup>st</sup> March.

PL/21/1884/HB – this application has been 'called in' for review by the Buckinghamshire Planning Committee.

### **PC/62/23 Finance**

**62.1** The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

**62.2** Cllr. MacLennan presented the latest update on Council finances. We are awaiting payment from Buckinghamshire for the 2 MVAS, all other spend is mainly the same each month, Clerk services, grounds maintenance, streetlighting and subscriptions.

The draft AGAR was circulated and will be sent for internal audit soon.

There has been no increase in the Parish Council Precept again this financial year.

**It was agreed** that we will instruct RJC Landscapes to an extra 2 days to have a full tidy of the grounds now the weather has improved.

### **PC/63/23 To receive and update on the problem with the Jubilee footpaths and bikers**

Cllr. Dax met with the Environment Agency, police and Slough Borough Council regarding the ongoing problem. One of the main entry points is the bridge over the M4 from Mercian Way, Cippenham. It is a very difficult situation as access cannot be blocked for wheelchairs, pushchairs etc but options are being considered. It was agreed that the restricted access at Roundmoor Ditch and Old Lake End Road has helped considerably.

Discussions will continue but in the meantime, reports must be made to 101 of sightings and encounters.

### **PC/64/23 To consider insurance renewals**

The Clerk reported that the Insurance renewal quote has increased from £1145.70 to £1421.54 this year which is largely due to the claims on the MVAS accidents. Unfortunately as a result of the claims, two insurance companies who specialise in Parish Councils have turned down our quote request, we are awaiting one more.

**It was agreed** that unless the last company offer a better quote, we will stick with Gallagher again this year.

### **PC/65/23 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents**

We have received a number of requests for information/help this month:

Deer signage around Court Lane/Dorney Lake - this will be investigated with Buckinghamshire County Council.

Memorial Garden trees – the works reported on the tree survey in 2021 have all been completed, there will be a new survey at the end of this year and any further recommendations will be undertaken.

Barrier to Trumpers Field – this barrier was installed by Buckinghamshire County Council, and neither Dorney Parish Council or Dorney Village Hall are responsible for its use or maintenance. Buckinghamshire CC will be notified that its reinstatement has been requested by residents.

### **PC/66/23 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 20th June 2023**

Pension scheme.

Dorney Village sign at Eton Wick end of Dorney Common, which has rotted and possibly been knocked down by the cows.

Speeding review.

# 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.

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