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May 2024



Springtime sunshine and showers over Dorney Lake

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EDITORIAL

This column has always enjoyed the Annual Parish Meeting. We missed, being on holiday, the first of these events at Dorney Lake a year ago, but we urge every single one of our readers to attend the second APM at this hallowed venue on May 15th.

Remember, this a meeting for residents of the parish, not just another Parish Council meeting, with the opportunity to air and hear differing views. As we go to press, the Clerk to the Parish Council is diligently putting together the official agenda, but we can give you a preview. We learnt recently of the importance of ensuring contact with and engaging the support of Bucks Council, so County Councillor Paul Kelly will be welcome. The same goes for our MP, and we were pleased to hear that Joy Morrissey will be represented by her team member, Will Barnes.

This column, remembering the heady days of the DROPET campaign, appreciates the pivotal role of the Bursar of Eton College in the development of this village, so we will particularly welcome the presence of Janet Walker, the current Bursar. PCSO Ange O'Connell might have something to say on water safety and trail bikes. Farming is still crucial to this neighbourhood, thank goodness, and William Emmett of West Town Farm is always good value. *Dorney Parish News* also might have something to say to thank our subscribers and speculate on our future direction and personnel.

This writer's first column for 'DPN' was a report on the 2010 APM. Some issues then seem from a different age. There was considerable ire over the designation of our local Olympic venue as 'Eton Dorney'. It was pointed out that no such location existed. Indeed, the outside presence looming over us then was LOCOG, which at that time had not addressed dealing with the incursion of 30,000 rowing spectators into the parish. Once again, the capacity of Boveney Road to take extra traffic was highlighted. We seemed far more concerned over Taplow car boot sales than we are now. Considerable controversy was brewing over the funding of proposed improvements to the Village Hall. On a more positive side, there was excitement over the construction of the long-awaited Playground, with much credit going the way of Leanne Kittel and her team. Dorney had been Highly Commended in the Bucks Best Kept Village competition, which is an encouraging pointer for our future involvement.

This column has a new hobby. It takes up a lot of time and effort. I hope to give it up soon. It is submitting comments to either Bucks Council or the Planning Inspectorate about what we see as threats to the Parish. In a time when all of us are asked everyday for our instant online opinions about everything from couriers to our dentist, surely expressing our response to Green Belt incursions could be made simpler. After experiencing two 'essay crises' as I sat at my laptop with piles of notes trying to beat a midnight deadline, I thought no normal person would do this, and if they ask me, no I would not 'recommend the Bucks Planning portal to a friend or colleague'. But this column does still recommend that our readers do make their opinions known to the planners controlling our destiny.

Services in the Local Churches



St James the Less, Dorney

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

Stephen Baker writes:

As with most businesses and charities, April is a busy admin time of the year for us with the production of annual accounts and reports, culminating with our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 5th of May, including the election of officials onto the Parochial Church Council.

We have just completed a round of roof repairs, primarily to the Garrard Chapel, but also above the altar with minimal needs for fundraising outside of grants and the sale of some investments.

Over the next month or so, we are transitioning from Eastertide through to Pentecost and Trinity.

Our Ascension Service taking place on Thursday 9th of May at 09:30, finishes, subject to the weather, with a trip up the church tower for those who are up for the challenge of the tower stairs.

Our Wedding programme for the year is also slowly ramping up with ten booked in for the summer months and the likelihood of a few late additions.

I hope to see you at some of our upcoming services.

Best wishes,

Church Services in May 2024

Wednesday 1st May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 5th 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

Thursday 9th May (Ascension Day)

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

Sunday 12th May

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist Eton, Wick

Wednesday 15th May

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 19th May (Pentecost)

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 28th May (Trinity Sunday)

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick



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Action Plan 2024/2025
 Updated: 26 April 2024

<u>Action</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	In Progress
		Completed
Heritage		
Review of Dorney Conservation Area	Consider expansion to include other parts of Dorney Village and Lake End	NP Working Group
Orchard Herbs Site	Work with Burnham PC and Bucks Council for new enforcement notice/injunction and to revert to permitted usage as soon as possible.	Robert Stopford
Orchard Herbs Site - Hotel Application	Support Appeal Dismissal	Robert Stopford
Environment		
Review management of roadside verges	How to manage a less manicured look	Jill Dax
Planting at Dents Corner, Marsh Lane/Harcourt Road areas	Improve appearance of Dorney Reach entrance and centre of Dorney Village	Jill Dax
Thames Water Field Rewilding	Proposal sent to Thames Water for local volunteers	Jill Dax
Trumper's Field, Dorney Reach Review	Review ownership and usage	
Memorial Garden, Village Road	Review planting in Memorial Garden	
Memorial Garden, Village Road	Conduct Tree Survey	Parish Clerk
Trail bikes in fields and on Jubilee River footpaths	Work with Slough, EA, police to prevent trail bike incursion on Jubilee River/local fields & footpaths	Jill Dax/Robert Stopford
Annual Footpath Audit	Ensure all footpaths are usable and maintained according to standards.	Stephen Baker
Volunteer litter-pickers	Continue to support large group of volunteers with necessary equipment	Jill Dax
Best Kept Village competition	Consider re-entering in 2025 - involving Dorney Horticultural Society and others.	
Dorney Lake	Meetings with Dorney Lake to gain summer access for residents	Jill Dax
Community		
Transfer of Dorney Village Hall charity to DPC	In consideration	Anna Palmer/Parish Clerk
Possible parish boundary change - Lake End	Support parish boundary change	Robert Stopford
Planning and Architecture		
Complete Neighbourhood Plan 2024	Support Neighbourhood Plan Working Group as required	NP Working Group
Infrastructure		
Potholes	Pressure on Bucks Council to repair all potholes on FixMyStreet	All
Resurface certain roads	Pursue previously agreed resurfacing of certain roads	Jill Dax/Parish Clerk
Dangerous Parking outside Pineapple	Resolve dangerous parking at the junction of Ashford Lane and Lake End Road	Jill Dax
Village Road Cattle Grid	Pressure Bucks Council to make good and reduce noise	Martyn Westcott-Wreford
Review reduction in speed limits	Lake End Road (Sainsbury's into Dorney): reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph. £10,000.	
Review reduction in speed limits	Common Road/Boveney Road: reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph using National Parks precedent	Parish Clerk
Review reduction in speed limits	Marsh Lane (from entry to Dorney)/Court Lane: reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph. £10,000.	
Reduce speed on entry to Parish	Review installation of white entry gates on verges - Dorney Reach at Marsh Lane from Taplow and Lake End Road from Sainsbury's	Jill Dax/Parish Clerk
Replace damaged Dorney Sign at Tilstone Bridge		Jill Dax/Parish Clerk
Install Wildlife warning sign on Marsh Lane		Parish Clerk
Reduce amount of street furniture and signage	Annual Street Furniture/Signage Review	Stephen Baker
Flooding of Lake End Common (Ashford Lane)	Investigate flooding on Lake End Common/Ashford Lane with Thames Water and Environment Agency	Parish Clerk

Time is passing by, leaving its marks on our lives in the form of minutes, days, and years. As time goes by, our children grow up and transform, and we also change as we watch them.



So, why not cherish those precious moments now? You can capture them and create beautiful wall art for your home and soul that will freeze those fleeting moments in time.

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Dorney Playground

You may be aware that Dorney Playground Management Committee have been raising funds to replace the i-play with a timber snake swing. By the time you read this article, the swing should have been installed and being used.

Hurray!!!



Last summer we applied to Tesco to be included in their charity support scheme. If successful, we will get £1,500 to help pay for the timber snake swing. Dorney Playground are now one of the three local charities selected by Tesco, and the charity that gets the most votes between 1st April and 30th June (using blue tokens in their stores) will receive £1500. It would be great if we could be successful as we didn't raise enough money to pay for the swing and had to take the balance from money intended for general maintenance of the playground. So.....

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Dorney Playground

Summer is on its way. During the warmer weather we are pleased that so many people use the playground, not just for the play equipment, but also as a nice place to have a picnic. However, Bucks CC only supply two rubbish bins which they empty every two weeks (I think!).

So, if someone stuffs all their rubbish from their picnic in the bins, they will be overflowing before the next collection is due. Last year I spent a lot of my time picking up rubbish and using our own black bags to make more space in the bins.

Please can I ask that if you do have a lot of rubbish, please take it home. Last year, Dorney Parish Council asked Bucks CC for either bigger bins or more bins. Bucks CC reply was:

NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT OVERFLOWING BINS
Both the Playground Committee and DPC reported the overflowing bins last year, but this is obviously not enough. So, if you see an overflowing bin at the playground (or actually anywhere else), please report it to:

<https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

The postcode is: SL6 0DS, and despite what it says on the website, the bins do not have an identifying number. Thanks

Lastly, three trustees of Dorney Playground Management Committee are standing down this month. So, if anyone has about 30 minutes a week to spare and would like to help, please give me a ring.

Dorney Playground Management Committee Playground4Dorney@gmail.com **07737053409**





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.

Wednesday, 15th May 2024

7.30 pm

Dorney Lake Boathouse

Everyone welcome. Come and join us for the 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



Herbs (and cheeses) with the Horticultural Society.



Dorney Horticultural Society held a rather special meeting in the Village Hall on Friday April 26th. Belinda Allen gave a talk on 'Herbs – Their Propagation and Care'.

Special? Well, an appreciative audience rarely gets the chance to hear and see such a combination of dedication to an area of horticulture combined with such detailed knowledge. Added to that, it's hard to recall another occasion when audience members afterwards thronged the stage to inspect and purchase the fruits of the speaker's own labours and expertise, in Belinda's case cuttings, oils and creams. Furthermore, the decision to serve an array of cheeses (thank you, Chrys of The Palmers Arms) during the talk, hopefully created a relaxed and informal event.

Belinda (from Aldershot) pointed out that her subject had many sides. There was the long history - there was evidence from archaeology of herbs in use around 7000 BCE, early contact between Europe and Asia was based on the trade in herbs and spices, herb use was later confused with witchcraft, and then there was Nicholas Culpepper's *Complete Herbal* in Tudor times. There were medicinal uses, herbs as cosmetics, cooking with herbs, herbs laid out in formal gardens (think the Chelsea Physic Garden) but also 'herb walls' on balconies outside flat kitchens. Belinda's answer was to cover them all with a dazzling array of slides.



Belinda said there was a Top Twelve of Herbs but homed in on four. Sage (aids digestion), Rosemary (combats fatigue and aids memory), Lavender (improves the mood), Mint (mint tea, anyone?).

So, thanks to Belinda. The Society hopes to see many of you for 'Autumn Colour' in October. That talk is after two summer garden visits and (plan your entries now), the Annual Show on August 31st.

Peter Bowman

DORNEY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

STONOR PARK - HENLEY

Following the success of our Honey Bees afternoon presentation at Crocus at Dorney Court in February and a very successful evening presentation on Herbs in the Village Hall recently, the Horticultural Society has arranged a private guided tour of Stonor Park on June 4th.

Home to the Stonor family for over 850 years, Stonor Park is one of the oldest family homes still lived in today - but it's no museum. As the oldest member of the Stonor family, the house has a thousand stories to tell.

As well as being architecturally fascinating each room contains a lifetime of experience and anecdote. There are art and treasures collected from across the globe and historic maps and documents that reveal generations of service to the country. A stroll through the house is a stroll through history.



The society has arranged a private guided tour of the house followed by a guided tour of the gardens followed by tea and cake served in the Old Hall. For all enquiries about joining the society or for more information please contact the secretary Peter Bowman at ddhs@btinternet.com



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Wayfaring in Thailand and Dorney!

As a young lad, I have distinct memories of visiting friends whose parents owned the double gatefold sleeve for the soundtrack to *Chess* on vinyl. It intrigued me as the simple, understated black sheen of the cover seemed very adult and glamorous and I had no idea who Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus were, but they sounded kind of exotic, and were certainly not from Fife. It was only years later as a student in Aberdeen whirling around some sticky dancefloor to “Dancing Queen” that I made the connection with ABBA who suddenly, and somewhat remarkably, became “retro” cool for a period in the early nineties. Anyway, I mention all of this as the only track I really recognised off the *Chess* album was “One Night in Bangkok” and its slightly odd lyrics (“*The bars are temples, but the pearls ain’t free*”, anyone?) were swirling around my head as we flew into, er, Bangkok at the end of March for a two week family holiday in Thailand organised by my lovely wife to celebrate my fiftieth year on the planet.

Of course, it had to involve some wildlife encounters, and we were lucky enough to spend two nights staying in a treehouse in the jungle in Khao Sok national park. After a very hot and humid scramble up ropes and ladders we walked deep into a series of cooler caves to see some roosting bats (and to crawl past one *enormous* spider). Later, we enjoyed a night safari where the guide took great delight in informing us how much venom each animal had and how the spectrum of any contact could go from “crying for days” to “instant death”. Cheery. We saw a king cobra swimming across the river, a pit viper curled in a tree, a black and yellow ringed mangrove snake dangling from a branch, a supremely lackadaisical slow loris (which has venom in its elbows apparently. Who knew?), langur and macaque monkeys eyeing us suspiciously from above, various sized scorpions (remarkably, the guide showed us that the scorpions glow green or white under UV light), tarantulas hiding in their dens, huntsman spiders (including the David Bowie huntsman spider which really is named after good old Ziggy), stick insects, a forest crab, a giant centipede, tree frogs, a forest crested lizard and various geckos....

My trusty birdsong identification app Merlin seemed to struggle with the jungle location, and I kept getting a warning message that it did not have enough data to make any positive identification. Nevertheless, once we transferred to the islands, accuracy seemed to improve and we heard Asian koel, greater coucal, white throated kingfisher, Indian cuckoo and lots of common myna birds which liked to drink from our pool. At Koh Samui airport there were plenty of cheeky wee Eurasian tree sparrows, and over the bay in Koh Pah-ngan we had several sightings of a Brahminy kite, which I especially enjoyed as it reminded me of our red kites back home, which I was genuinely missing.



Brahminy Kite over Kho Phangan



Wild Asian elephants on the shore in Khlong Saeng



Rescue elephants in Koh Samui sanctuary

The following day my son Archie and I were thrilled to see wild elephants on the shore during a boat trip and we also got to spend some time with rescued elephants at a sanctuary on Koh Samui. It was really quite humbling to see such impressive creatures in such close quarters. Asian elephants can weigh between three to five tonnes but they were very gentle as we got the chance to feed and wash them.

Back in Dorney, my neighbour Theo has been keeping a close eye on the little owls and they have been catching several rodents a day, and he shared this great pic of one of them feeding on a wood mouse and giving the camera some serious side eye. Perhaps by the next DPN issue, we will have some owlet pictures to share too. The suspense is killing me!



While on a river boat trip in the Klongs in Bangkok we saw several elegant little egrets (and a few monitor lizards leisurely cruising the river banks) and I was delighted to see a little egret on the Jubilee River on a dog walk on my return from holiday. It was the first time in fifteen years down here I'd seen one, but Theo says he often sees one on the common near Boveney. Apparently, little egrets started to expand their range over the Channel from France back in the mid-nineties, in those halcyon days when we all had freedom of movement.

And finally, back to the red kites, and as regular readers will recall I wrote in the last issue about the kite that roosts in our tree and swoops down when I leave a treat out for it. I was therefore interested to read a thread on the Nextdoor app complaining about kites stealing picnic items and the odd sausage from a barbecue and blaming people feeding them in their gardens for the behaviour. Here is the link if you have the time, energy and good enough eyesight to try and type it into your internet browser:

https://nextdoor.co.uk/p/_Zjbb2FsBQh?utm_source=share&extras=MTc1OTIxODg2MDCxMzc%3D

Even the RSPB have advised against it, but to my mind red kites are natural scavengers anyway. One of the reasons they were persecuted previously was because they used to steal from market stalls and open barrows, as noted by someone in the thread. They are never going to harm anyone beyond a light scratch and so I think I will continue to help my one out, but feel free to come and complain to me if you find yourself a couple of sausages down when you first crack the bbq out this summer.

Andrew Oliver

Reaching out for Support

So, you might have seen me at TK Maxx occasionally going up and down in the lift holding the hand of an anxious person. Or accompanying someone on an escalator. Perhaps standing on the edge of a balcony. Capturing a spider for close inspection.

The life of a therapist can be quite varied. When I am helping people to overcome their fears, phobias, and anxieties it often helps to experiment, but only once we have got to a point where the individual feels more confident and willing to face their fear. Afterwards they feel relieved, proud, and more confident in themselves.

It is surprising at the moment just how many people have a fear of travel, flying, driving, or simply going out into situations that were once considered normal – visiting London or even local delights such as Reading or Bracknell.

Fears can become compounded over time, and I often see people who say they wish they had come to see me years ago, but they hesitated to take that first step. Unfortunately, the fear hasn't gone away, it has worsened and takes longer to overcome.

I always tell them that they have already taken the most difficult step as that first contact is the hardest – acknowledging you need help and reaching out for support. Once you have decided to take an action, even if you are not sure it is the right one, it will propel you forward and help you to become unstuck.

The pandemic and subsequent lockdown has had a major impact on mental health. We all suffered a global trauma and experienced a sustained level of cortisol (stress chemicals) in our brain over such an extended period of time.

Staying mentally healthy is a critical part of modern life as we know.

You might ask how I can:

- manage my stress?
- get my anxiety under control?
- Stop overthinking and catastrophising?
- recognize and treat depression?
- stop people-pleasing?
- manage imposter syndrome?
- overcome low self-worth?
- feel more included?
- become confident to speak up?
- live a happier life?

Fortunately, there is one therapy that is better than *all others* at dealing with stressful situations, whether they exist in the past, present, or future.

Recommended and used extensively by the NHS in the UK, it is called Cognitive Behavioural Therapy or CBT. It addresses logical thinking, emotions, and behaviours and how we use our conscious mind to navigate and cope with the difficulties in life.

The key difference in the way I work, is to couple CBT with hypnotherapy.

Hypnotherapy uses the power of the subconscious mind to change how we operate and build our confidence. The power of positive suggestion is surprising.

Altering the language we use when we talk to ourselves is one of the most useful things we can do to manage our mental health. We can change the voice of our inner critic to become that of our wise, inner advisor – a kind and compassionate voice of reason.

One way to do this is use of the phrase 'I can...' We all have the potential to succeed in our goals, no matter how negative we might feel about our capability.

In my recent online book, 'Thinking Like Magic', I show how the human brain is faulty, how it tricks and deceives us but how we can use this knowledge to overcome rigid, extreme thinking, to better manage our emotions and change how we behave. I show how CBT works and give you some simple tools you can use yourself to *feel well immediately*.

Thinking Like Magic

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Link <https://bookboon.com/en/thinking-like-magic-ebook>

About the author



Karen Kimberley is a business coach and trainer based near London, who has been coaching people to improve their confidence, communication and capability since the late 90's. A qualified therapist in Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP), hypnotherapy and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) she runs a business called The Engagement Ring, with her vision to make business a happier, healthier and more productive place to be. Karen helps anxious people to overcome their negative thoughts, emotions and limiting behaviours using a mix of tools and methodology. You can follow her on LinkedIn at:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/karenkimberleycommunication/>

Is it Spring?

One of the joys of owning an old house is that you are never bored; something is always falling off, or rising through the damp proof course (DPC), or seeping through a hole in the roof that can't be found. What fun!

There was a sharp intake of breath as my surveyor, (my eldest son) pointed out that some moron had covered my DPC with concrete render. Worse, this had happened when God was a little boy giving the lowest bricks lots of time to soak up gallons of water which, trapped inside the sealed DPC, sought escape through the internal plaster feeding healthy mould hiding behind furniture. Following his advice both my lovely sons, Mrs Quincey and I dug out the wet soil and stones adjacent to the wall to let everything breathe and piled it on the driveway.

"No," was the answer to my request of the Council to allow me to trailer it to the tip. My heart sank as the "apply on line for a permit" was advised.

Due to operator error no doubt, it redly informed me I had failed, and overcoming the desire to hurl the machine through the window and onto the pile, I decide to collect the bins instead.

But what's this?

My waste food bin was in pieces where it had been thrown once too often by the remarkable bin persons (who'd want that job?), and I needed a new one. You've guessed it; apply on line.

It wasn't my fault this time! I had an admission, no less, that the website was faulty. I rang the council and after ten minutes of recorded or artificial nonsense, a charming lady I shall call Christine soothed away my frustration as she calmly and professionally arranged for the provision of a new 'Caddy', seemingly omitted from parts of the website.

"Is there anything else I can help you with?" she asked sweetly. I pushed my luck.

"Can you help me obtain a DIY permit for the tip please?" I grovelled, adding an abridged account of my IT failure to date.

"Of course I can," she verbally beamed down the phone, and within minutes she succeeded where I had taken two hours to fail.

"I will email it to you now," she concluded, and sure enough, the coveted permit appeared on my phone.

It made my day, adding to the glorious weather at that time. Maybe it was springing after all.

Days later I dropped the lovely Mrs. Quincey at her place of employment, and finding an ice cream van nearby, spoiled myself with a spectacular cone with all the trimmings, teasing Mrs. Quincey with a WhatsApp selfie of yours truly and the treat. Once at home for another three-hour bash at my money pit, as I prepared to leave to collect her, I experienced that awful stomach-wrenching feeling when you know something has gone pear-shaped, and it's your fault.

My wallet was gone!

Vanished!

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A search of the house, sheds and even the car revealed nothing. I had to go, time pressing, and drove planning endless calls to my bank, credit card companies and even the DVLA to suffer the inevitable frustrating endless musak, or, Heaven forbid, go on line.

I passed the ice cream van site on the return journey. The van had gone, but I had a sad and fruitless look around for my wallet, and sadly driving out I heard,

“Mister! Mister!” and glancing back, I saw a chubby man puffing after my car in full voice, waving of all things, my wallet!

“I remember car,” he said breathlessly, “and you. You leave wallet, I pick up. It’s all in there, the money and everything. Look, please check.”

It was indeed all there. I could have hugged him for his honesty, and kindness to a complete stranger.

“Oh you wonderful man,” I gushed. “You have saved me endless hassle. Please take you and your wife out for a nice meal on me,” and I gave him the cash. It was cheap at the price.

Spring was definitely springing.

Armed with my DIY permit, Mrs Quincey and I loaded our trailer to the point of borderline recklessness and headed for the tip. The guard on the gate examined our load suspiciously, noting the rubble under the broken plastic chair and what the council call ‘Green Waste.’

It was like being stopped by police while driving my early £10 cars; it’s a long story full of Rileys, Jaguars and MGs, and as the ‘officer sauntered up to yours truly squirming in the driving seat, I offered nervously,

“I’ve got a permit,” holding up my phone for the scrutiny of Christine’s permit.

“That’s fine. Chair and bits in bin two. Green waste bin three. Rubble over there,” he instructed, and I cravenly nodded my thanks and proceeded onwards.

Bins two and three were no problem, but the rubble bin was designed in such a way as to make the unloading and deposit as difficult and wearying as possible in that every stone had to be walked through a sort of labyrinth to the bin. We only had one shovel, and while I balanced heavy shovelfuls down the course, Mrs Quincey gallantly grabbed handfuls with her bare hands. It was a hard way to empty a trailer, but we persevered, soon to be joined by two young men in two cars depositing boots full of chunks of broken concrete with gloves. We all danced the heavy dance in the labyrinth trying to keep out of each other’s way.

Suddenly they had finished and to our delight and surprise, stepped up with bags and loaded our rubble into them and dragging them to the bin.

“Give me the shovel please,” asked one of our saviours and in minutes the trailer was empty, and we all shook hands with big smiles.

“That’s really kind of you,” I said.

“Helping our senior citizens,” he grinned.

Ouch!

But spring and sunshine in all its forms smiled on Mrs. Quincey and me.

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey

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Dear Editor,

Dorney is our village, our home, our community, and our safe place where many grow up and others grow old. We know our neighbours, we recognise the landscape and embrace the bubble that ties the Reach, the Village, the Common and Boveney together.

Steeped with listed houses and plenty of friendly faces, we enjoy the unique setting of our hamlets. But most of all we treasure our unique pastoral ancient Common, a spit away from Windsor Castle, Heathrow, and the Elizabeth Line, tranquil, green and medication for the soul. Each summer our cows are turned out to graze with calves at foot, occasionally wandering over the road, so we stop to admire this privileged sight.

A single-track farm road runs down to Boveney across the Common, which we walk down to meander along the riverside with the sun on our backs, often stopping to cool or rest in the little chapel, St Mary Magdalene, which sits near the riverbank. As we return to the Common, we can shut our eyes and breath deep the tranquillity that soothes away our anguish. Suffused in history, virtually untouched by the sharp sword of modern frenetic living, it is open to everyone to have a wander and enjoy. A small oasis in an angry aggressive world.

Of course, over the years, small changes are noticed, an increase in rat run traffic through Common Road, creating large potholes by vehicles too big or too fast, further aggravated by our contemporary shopping habits that promote deliveries of on-line goods and food in large vans. We have enough traffic thundering through.

I bought Dells Cottage towards the end of 2005. It was rustic, a bit overgrown and needed some TLC weather protection. Now years later, work continues, as it does with most listed properties, as they are vulnerable and require protection and care. This cottage and others that are listed, do not need this aggressive building works on their doorstep, their fragile framework potentially compromised.

Dells Cottage is a hammer-beam cottage, dating back to around 1700, built by Jeremiah Dell, an artisan chairmaker. The timber skeleton of this cottage holds many secrets from generations of family life, the ups and downs and the inside outs. Now, as a (slightly) older woman, it had been time to downsize to a smaller property and pass this pretty cottage on to another gracious owner for the next chapter, but for now I will stay on, with my bazooka to hand.

However, before putting the cottage on the market, a local Estate Agent approached me to say they had a 'special' person who was keen to view. After one viewing an offer came in, considerably low, citing that the adjacent Court Farm and L-shaped paddock, both belonging to Eton College could possibly be built on one day, so the value of the cottage would seriously be affected. Five months later, after a snail-like approach, this person pulled out at the end November 2023. This person turned out to be the Bursar of Eton College.

Only a few days later, a letter was hand delivered to Dells Cottage and other residences, signed by this same person, Janet Walker, the Bursar of Eton College, saying that she would be holding a presentation on a wonderful new planning application for 11 houses on Court Farm, including many on the Green Belt L-shaped paddock, asking for support for this planning proposal.

Shortly afterwards, a second letter arrived, this time from the Eton College estates management, saying that the L-shaped paddock boundary was incorrect, and at the same time alerting me to the fact that the Title Deeds of Dells Cottage included an access strip in the front garden where Eton College had vehicular access. An uncomfortable thought of bulldozers and eleventy-eight types of building materials being driven across the front garden lawns was seriously unpleasant.

The news of the proposed development of Court Farm and in particular the adjoining Green Belt paddock was worrying, as I had followed the plight of Boveney Court Farm. Oh my, the flex of that Etonian muscle was arriving at both ends of our lovely Common. We can only hope that the Green Belt holds water, that it doesn't become diluted down. Once one section goes, either here or at Boveney, it will be a loss that cannot be reversed, and could very possibly set a precedent for building on other Green Belt areas in our village.

This Green Belt paddock, which was the orchard to Dells cottage, and within the original curtilage, could now become a row of terraced houses at the rear end, with an enormous intimidating Mock Tudor house to the left side of the cottage, far higher and far bigger than the cottage itself.

I am not a campaigner or crusader, nor an activist with specialist knowledge, but I do believe in standing up for good causes to fight the good fight. We can only fight if we use joined up writing, that is stand linked together to overturn proposals that Eton College have submitted.

The Tree Protection Officer from Bucks Council rang me, with news that he had very limited powers to save trees, since 2022 the government had changed the protection that could be enforced. He was upset to hear the full story, knew the Common land well, but now that he could see the full picture, realised he had been thrown a curved ball, so kindly gave me a few tips.

Joy Morrissey wrote to me, expressing concern over the Green Belt and put me in touch with a relevant MP, who responded with another letter in a House of Commons envelope! I kept that for posterity (smile).

The one-acre Green Belt paddock next to me, that we used for a few outdoor charity open air theatre events, has a prolific selection of owls, deer, foxes, badger, and many birds and bats, that live and breed in the vicinity. This is under threat. They might put in the right wordage, the measures to help minimise destruction, but these are only good if monitoring is long-term.

Don't let Eton College clog up our single-track roads, congest our Common Road, lose our wildlife, destroy the unique serenity, and bully their way into our village to line their sows ear purses.

There is a very important meeting coming up, the Annual Parish Meeting, which includes a discussion on these planning proposal projects. Come join me and the rest of the ardent villagers on Wednesday 15th May, at the Dorney Lake boathouse, 7:30pm for a showdown with the Bursar who will be present for local people to ask questions. Have your say, protect our Green Belt, preserve our Common, and defend our village from this oppressive intrusion. We need your help.

Kristina Perkins

Dorney Parish Council and Dorney Lake Management offer residents a tour of The Meadows of Dorney Lake.



The tour will be by minibus, kindly provided by Eton College, and will take place, starting at 2:15pm, during the afternoon of Thursday, 6th June 2024. We will meet in the car park of Dorney Lake (free parking). Tour lasts approx. 1 hour.

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 14 free seats available, and seats can be booked from 6th May until 28th May 2024 by emailing the Parish Clerk on Clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk (stating your car registration number). First come, first served. Refreshments will be served at the end of the tour in the Olympic Suite.

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

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Ducks and Drakes in Dorney Reach



We've adopted a pet duck. More precisely, she has adopted us. Actually, right now we have two visitors, because our female mallard (we presume it's a mallard) true to form has been joined by a drake companion. It's hard not to see them in human terms, but they seem to be inseparable. They seem very relaxed, and their main focus seems to be our modest garden pond. Their behaviour is endearing, but we have many questions and some concerns. Readers might have some answers.

I very much believed that it just couldn't be the same female who has visited us from about mid-March for the last five years. But it appears that it almost certainly is. Ducks live about 7-9 years on average, and females mature and breed very early in their life cycle. The longevity is right, but it seems that breeding females will return, alone, in early Spring to the same site year after year. Actually, we could tell that by the confident way she waddled up to peer through the french windows to announce her return.

She seems attached to us and our domain, but what about her relationships? Again, it's hard not to think in human terms. Mallards do practice 'seasonal monogamy', but these strong bonds only last through the egg laying season. As winter ends, females find a new mate each year. This year, like most years, our duck arrived alone. We hoped she would be successful and, sure enough, after three weeks or so her current beau arrived and they're going steady. At this stage, he looks particularly sleek, with a lovely green tinged head, and he's very protective of her, but it seems that after pairing it eventually goes downhill. As summer advances, the pairs begin to dissolve, and drakes shed their bright spring plumage and become dowdy (we've noticed that) which must be the duck equivalent of donning slippers and an old cardigan in front of the telly. Also, the urge of drakes to mate can be so strong that they go off for one off couplings with spare ducks, which might explain why our lady duck sometimes is seen to be alone quietly musing by the pond.

Our concerns? Feeding them and looking out for any ducklings. Of course, they love it here because they get fed. Usually breakfast and afternoon tea. They are ravenous, especially her which tallies with the demands of egg laying. But they eat the duck food we bought only grudgingly because what they want is bread. It's hard to believe we're doing them harm, but we know bread is against all the good advice. In the five years we've never seen a nest, eggs or chicks. If they did nest here, wouldn't the magpies have the eggs and the foxes or cats the chicks? The RSPB tells those chosen by ducks to relax. They will always find a way to waterways with any family, and we should leave them alone if nesting and never interfere. I have another theory. It seems ducks can leave their eggs, often covered with leaves and feathers for an hour or so. I think our pair enjoying a snack and a swim might have a nest elsewhere. It's like us going to the gym and popping in for a Costa. They use us for rest and relaxation.



Peter Bowman

JOY MORRISSEY MP

Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency



I am now back in Parliament after the Easter break, championing the residents of Dorney and continuing my work as a Government Whip. Over the Easter holiday period, it was great to be out and about in Dorney speaking to local residents. In this column, I want to provide an update on some issues locally and in Westminster.

I was delighted to learn that the application for a 400-room hotel on the Orchard Herbs site has been rejected at appeal. The application was completely out of keeping with the local area and would provide further damage to the Green Belt. This is something with which the Planning Inspectorate agreed, citing that the hotel would be an “inappropriate development in the Green Belt and would have an adverse impact on openness”. The Secretary of State agreed that this new application does little to protect the Dorney Conservation Area, which I know is of key importance to residents.

I have always been clear in my view on Orchard Herbs – the enforcement notice must be upheld, and the Green Belt must be protected. I look forward to continuing to work with local residents, Parish and Buckinghamshire Councillors to ensure that this happens. Please do get in contact if you have any concerns or further information about this site. I know how important an issue this is for Dorney residents.

Back in Westminster, as a Government Whip I have overseen the smooth delivery of legislation through Parliament. In this role, I am also able to have regular conversations with Ministers about local issues of concern. One area I have continued to raise is the protection of our waterways. This is an issue I care deeply about - a concern I know I share with many residents in Dorney. I was pleased to meet Robbie Moore, the Minister for Water to discuss issues locally with Thames Water. The Government has put in place the strongest monitoring arrangements and obligations on water companies ever, alongside significant new powers for the Environment Agency. I will be doing all I can to ensure that this translates into action locally on our waterways.

I know that my colleagues in Government are working to tighten even further the regulations on permits issues to companies for storm overflows as part of the Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan. It is key that water companies increase their capacity to ensure sewage is treated before it is discharged.

I was pleased that after much deliberation, the Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill finally passed through both Houses of Parliament. I was responsible for declaring the votes on several amendments for the Bill. I was also the Government Whip who was in place when the Lords confirmed their agreement to the bill, in the early hours of Tuesday morning. This is an important step in deterring people from dangerous channel crossings and breaking the business model of the criminal gangs who exploit them.

I will continue to focus on being the local champion for residents in Dorney, in Westminster and locally. If I can ever be of help to you on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk or 01494 977 505.

Joy Morrissey MP

Current Planning Issues affecting Dorney Parish

Elsewhere in this edition there are reports of the excellent news regarding the dismissal by the Secretary of State of the Appeal for the proposed hotel at the Orchard Herbs site in Lake End Road, next to the M4.

However, it can be appealed again – before 21 May 2024.

In addition to this long-standing issue, the DNA of Dorney continues to be challenged by other planning issues that are wending their way through the labyrinth of UK planning law.

Below is a list of them – with their current status and relevant applicable dates.

Dorney Parish News will keep residents informed of any major steps that occur for all of them.

We are hoping that the Court Farm major development of 11 new houses will be the last major issue for some time – but we could be wrong!

Planning Issue:	Status:	Date:
Orchard Herbs: Hotel Planning	Refused	17 June 2022
Orchard Herbs: Hotel Appeal	Dismissed	8 April 2024
Orchard Herbs: Hotel Appeal 2	To be advised	Before 21 May 2024
Orchard Herbs: Enforcement	Initiated	29 November 2023
Orchard Herbs: Enforcement Appeal	In progress	Hearing: 10 September 2024
Boveney Court Farm buildings: Planning Application	Refused	27 July 2023
Boveney Court Farm buildings: Planning Appeal	In progress (Written)	Comments deadline was: 3 April 2024
Court Farm: Planning Application	In progress	Comments deadline was: 17 April 2024
Court Farm: Appeal (if refused)	To be advised	

It is encouraging to see so many residents making comments about these issues to the planning authorities – Bucks Council and The Planning Inspectorate.

Fortunately, making a comment online is relatively simple and effective.

The more comments the planning authorities receive, the more they take account of residents' views. Whilst any comments from Dorney Parish Council carry weight, they are only considered as one comment.

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The nature garden has had a makeover, and this started a few weeks ago with a brand new, beautiful pond. As you can see, it is the new desirable residence for Mr and Mrs Duck, and a large family of newts! This of course is in addition to our wonderful school chickens and our pet guinea pigs.



Year 5 have used a range of tools to create moving toys. They had great fun using saws to cut the dowels to the correct size. They made holes in the box and inserted the dowel and CAMS mechanism.



Year 6 have been learning about the circulation system in science. Just how does our blood flow through our heart, taking oxygenated blood to our body and bringing deoxygenated blood back to the lungs? A complicated system that the children got to grips with by creating a chalk design of the

heart chambers, valves, arteries and veins on the pavement and then walking through the system whilst reading the process out aloud. They all completed the journey well, even managing to say the difficult anatomical names. It was great fun!



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Orchard Herbs – The Hotel is Rejected



There no longer appears to be a threat that a 416-bedroom hotel will be constructed on the Orchard Herbs site close to the M4. On April 8th it was announced that developer Adveneco's appeal against an earlier decision to refuse outline planning permission had been rejected. Given the other threats which face Dorney and Boveney, this is cheerful news. This result was announced by Felicity Buchan MP, the

Minister for Housing and Homelessness on behalf of the Secretary of State, Michael Gove. The grounds for refusing the appeal arguably strengthen the case against Orchard Herbs and other real and potential threats to the Parish.

This magazine first featured the Hotel in September 2020. I can recall the disbelief when the scope and ambition of the application was revealed. Not content with just a hotel, this was to be an 'advanced multi-dimensional, highly sustainable renewable energy park...with extensive landscaping...and an advanced educational facility'. Buildings were to be adorned with 'vertical foresting' which a local paper likened to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. The first proposal even had overhead gondolas over the M4 and the use of 'Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing aircraft'. National Highways pulled the plug on the last two.

A ground breaking project that might be welcomed somewhere, but not in Dorney, not in the Green Belt, not on agricultural land. That is precisely what Bucks Council thought, so in June 2022 planning permission was refused. Not surprisingly, the scheme was an 'inappropriate development' in the Green Belt and its scale made it 'out of keeping' with the site.

We might wonder why a company only incorporated in 2020 would be mounting such a vast and detailed project on the Orchard Herbs site and overshadowing Dorney (actually the site is in the parish of Burnham, but Dorney's predicament featured large in the rejection of the scheme). But Adveneco did appeal against the Bucks refusal.

We should thank those who lobbied the appropriate authorities throughout this process such as Dorney Parish Council and our MP, but the rejection of the appeal was largely based on the conclusions of the appeal inspector, Hayley Butcher. The ultimate verdict rested with Mr Gove's department because of the floor space of the project and the Green Belt location. The Secretary of State agreed with Ms Butcher that the Hotel was an inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The development's scale would impact on the openness of the Green Belt. There would be a 'permanent loss' of the 'historic, rural, agricultural and open setting of designated heritage assets'. Significantly, it was concluded that the 'existing use of the site (Orchard Herbs) is unauthorised'. The site did not 'preserve the significance of either the Huntercombe Conservation Area or the Dorney Conservation area'.

It looks as though important precedents have been set for the future preservation of Dorney's DNA. In the short term, Adveneco could appeal again – they have six weeks to lodge an appeal, but it looks as though we won't be gazing on the Hanging Gardens of Dorney any time soon.

Peter Bowman



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A guide to the ownership and management of Dorney & Lake End Commons – Part 1



Regular questions that are put to the Dorney History group relate to the management of Dorney & Lake End Commons. Amongst other things they include questions on common rights, whether anybody can graze a cow (or horse, sheep, hog, goose or a gander) on it, who owns it, who manages it, who owns the cattle, can residents and others walk over it and do vehicles or cattle have right of way on Common Road and Boveney Road/Lock Path?

The Dorney History website contains a considerable amount of information about Dorney and Lake End Commons, which are both common land with the same byelaws etc. Many residents are not aware of the smaller Lake End Common, which lies next to the Pineapple Pub and runs westwards behind the houses along Ashford Lane. In this article, and future ones, we will attempt to provide some answers to the questions.

We could start this guide on the 26 June 1514, in the 6th year of the reign of King Henry VIII, when we have the first record of the Manor Court of Dorney.

However, to be more practical we should start with an Act of Parliament, the Commons Registration Act 1965. This Act provided *“for the registration of common land and of town or village greens; to amend the law as to prescriptive claims to rights of common; and for purposes connected therewith.”* Three years were permitted to complete the registration of such commons, which included Dorney and Lake End Commons.

The Lord of the Manor at that time was Philip D. S. Palmer, who, in the early 1960s set about the enormous job of going back in the records to 1637, when the first stints were allocated, and determining how the Commons were managed at that time so that the future management of the Commons could be based on correct historical precedent.

This process was launched to residents by Philip Palmer on 15 December 1966 when he wrote to all Commoners and Freeholders in Dorney Parish with his proposal on how the future management of the Commons would operate together with an explanation of the role of the Lord of the Manor. These fascinating documents can be found on the Dorney History website under the tab “Dorney & Lake End Commons and the Commoners”.

The conclusion of this lengthy and historical process came about with the last meeting of the Manor Court on 27th August 1970 and the publication of the Copy of Court Rolls for the Manors of Dorney with Boveney, which is also on the Dorney History website. This is now the definitive document for the management of Dorney & Lake End Commons. It created the Annual Common Meeting to replace the Manor Court and the Management Committee to manage the Commons.

Let us start by understanding some of the elements included in this document:

1. *Definition of a Common Right*

A right of common of pasture appurtenant to graze the above Commons in common with the owner of the soil and other Commoners between dates agreed at the Annual Common Meeting and in accordance with the Common Rules anywhere over the whole of the

permanent pasture of Dorney Common and Lake End Common without let or hindrance within stockproof boundaries whose maintenance is the responsibility of frontagers occupying abutting land; to permit own beasts to stray onto the highways within the bounds of the Commons without committing an offence under the Highway Act, 1959, Section 135; to have a pound within the bounds of Dorney Common; to have gates across the Public highway, B.3026, on the Common boundaries in place of cattle grids.

This starts to answer some of the oft-asked questions:

- A. The owner of the soil is the Lord of the Manor, currently James Palmer.
- B. The dates of cattle (and horse) grazing are usually 1 April to 31 October.
- C. The boundary fences on both Commons are the responsibility of the owners of the properties (or land) fronting onto the Commons.
- D. The cattle (and horses), effectively, have legal right of way on the roads crossing the roads within the Commons boundaries.
- E. The gates across the B.3026 were replaced by cattle grids at some time, it is believed, between the two World Wars. However, it remains unclear as to whether the right to place gates in place of cattle grids across the two vehicular entrances to Dorney Common still exists!

3. *Definition of a Commoner*

A Commoner is defined as a person who occupies within the Manor of Dorney with Boveney a dwelling or land or both with rights of common of pasture on Dorney Common and Lake End Common, which rights have been registered under the Commons Registration Act 1965 and its Regulations.

A Manor Court in 1948 produced a list of dwellings and land which had historic common rights. These were initially established at the Court 15th April 1782 and confirmed again at the Court on 27th April 1911 and re-established and confirmed at this [1948] Court. These rights were designated stints (designated grazing rights) per dwelling or land, in terms of the number of neat beasts (cattle or horses), hogs, geese and ganders each Commoner could graze on the Commons.

This was updated in 1970 following the Commons Registration Act. There are now 25 houses and 8 parcels of land holding common rights. Common rights are only held by the older houses in the Parish.

Each house and land parcel is allocated a number of stints to allow them either to graze their animals on the Commons or to let their stints to others through the Annual Common Meeting. Most houses have stints of 2 Cow, 4 Hogs, one Goose and one Gander.

The total current number of stints, with grazing periods, are:

Cow	198	Grazed between 1 April and 30 October each year
Horses	77	As Cow. A horse stint can be converted to a cow stint
Sheep	1,680	Grazed (Folded) between 1 December and 31 January
Hogs	396	1 November to 28 February. Ringed to avoid digging.
Geese	30	Between 1 November and 31 March.
Ganders	30	Between 1 November and 31 March.

Whilst the Commons now only use the Cow stints (occasionally increased by Horse stints), it would be interesting to see the 1,680 sheep and 396 hogs grazing during some of the winter! The Canada Geese seem to be taking up the Geese and Ganders stints.

Part 2, in a future edition of DPN, will cover the ownership and management of the Commons.

Bill Dax, Dorney History Group



Dorney Wetlands, Jubilee River

The mute swan, which is the white swan most commonly seen in the British Isles, will normally mate at anytime from spring through to summer, with the cygnets being born anytime from May through to July.

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