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EDITORIAL

Apocolypse now. Apocolypse here?

There might be a new school term, a new government, a new football season and, yet there is a distinct 'End of Days' atmosphere around Dorney. For instance, we could be consumed by fire.

'Get your camera and get over to Orchard Herbs, it's on fire!' yelled one of our contributors one afternoon. So, on September 3<sup>rd</sup> I saw that the view from Marsh Lane across the fields to the Jubilee River and beyond recalled newsreels of Middle East conflicts with oil wells ablaze on the horizon. What looked like two large bonfires in the site were belching toxic looking black smoke directly towards The Pineapple. Racing to alert my editorial partner I bumped into the very concerned manager of our beloved pub. The garden had been emptied of customers as ash had literally dropped in their beer. Unprecedented.

At least two fire engines arrived. An officer warned us to avoid breathing in the acrid smoke. Hoses were unfurled, connected to hydrants, Lake End traffic was halted, jets played on flames. The urgency around the site contrasted with the complete lack of it within. Then, it was over.

Countless myths from many cultures tell of a world ended by flood. It seems strange to see a flood not caused by weather as an item on our September Parish Council agenda. Orchard Herbs casually burning well, something, and Thames Water releasing water from the Slough Treatment Works prompts a cynical 'they do it because they can'. This column grew up in East Anglia on the edge of The Fens where a fertile environment no longer immersed was created and preserved by respect for nature and fellow humanity, vigilance and engineering precision. How far downwards towards reckless selfishness we seem to have moved as a society.

Given the faintly mystical nature of this column, I should record that the RSPB are very excited by the bird watching opportunities created by 'Dorney Lake', especially the fact that rare Great Egrets have been sighted on the Common. In Egyptian and Celtic culture, the appearance of this bird heralds a return of harmony, balance, patience and purity...none of which would go amiss.

I don't suppose those who created *The Book of Revelations* had any knowledge of the Planet of the Apes franchise, but surely the end of humanity might not be by fire or flood but by replacement by another species. Already in Dorney, the bats and the badgers are proving our friends in the face of overarching stupidity by humanity. The Boveney Court Farm inspector wrote that 'the sum of the benefits delivered by the development...would be significantly and demonstrably outweighed by the harm to bats...' while I seem to recall that the unforgiveable destruction of trees and bushes on the M4 embankments adjacent to Dorney Reach were delayed by many months as Highways England were forced to respect the badgers' right to an elongated breeding season.

I always had a soft spot for those badgers...

# Services in the Local Churches



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

St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St. John the Evangelist, Eton

Vicar: Vacant

Churchwardens: Stephen Baker & Mark Procter

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**RCCG Praise Embassy, Haywards Mead, Eton Wick, Windsor, SL4 6JN**

**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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**Stephen Baker writes...**

**Dear All,**

I recently updated you on our application timescales for our new Vicar and Associate Vicar. Unfortunately, things haven't gone to plan. We did receive an application, but they were deemed by the Diocese of having insufficient experience. So, when I previously stated that I would expect a new Vicar in January I am moving it now to February...

I was probably too optimistic, maybe I still am. That said, all services are covered from now until just before Easter so we will continue to bring you a Holy Communion within the new Benefice weekly. In fact, we have an excessive number of Holy Communion services this coming month. I promise it is not due to Halloween. Our Bishop will be attending 13<sup>th</sup> October in both Dorney at 09:30 and Eton Wick at 11:00. There will also be a Harvest Lunch after Eton Wick's service at 12:15... All are welcome.

Halloween... Whilst Halloween can be dated back to the Celts, over 2,000 years ago, our current modern interpretation/celebration can be traced back to when the settlers from England colonised the 'New World', i.e. the United States of America. They would come together to share food. It was a time of celebration, prior to All Saints Day, when those who were less fortunate would knock on the doors of the local

aristocrats, lord and ladies and ask for food, in exchange for knocking they would be invited in for a feast and celebration.

I am sure, if I knocked on anyone's door on Halloween nowadays, I would not be invited in for a feast, and probably at my age, I would be sent off with a 'flea in my ear', but that is where our modern Halloween comes from.

As a final thought, we have now confirmed all our Christmas services, and I will bring you details of these next month.

God Bless

**Stephen Baker**

## **Church Services in October 2024**

### **Wednesday 2nd October**

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

### **Sunday 6th October**

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am All Age Family Service

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

### **Sunday 13th October (Harvest with Bishop Steven)**

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

### **Wednesday 16th October**

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

### **Sunday 20th October**

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

### **Sunday 27th October**

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

## **Dorney Parish Planning Update: September 2024**

As autumn arrives in Dorney Parish, our community continues to balance its rural character with ongoing development pressures. This update covers recent events in our local planning landscape.

### **Orchard Herbs Site: Public Inquiry Concluded**

The Orchard Herbs site remains a focal point of local planning discussions. A Public Inquiry, lasting eight days, concluded on Friday, September 20th, 2024. The inquiry featured testimonies from local residents, council officials, and expert witnesses, all presented before a Planning Inspector. Two barristers led the proceedings, which included testimonies and cross-examinations. We now await the Inspector's decision, though the exact date for this verdict has not been announced.

### **Eton College: Boveney Court Farm Buildings Appeal**

Eton College recently received a setback in its development plans. The Planning Inspector dismissed their appeal regarding the refused planning permission for Boveney Court Farm Buildings. However, it's possible that Eton College may submit a revised planning application in the future, potentially after the new government's Planning and Infrastructure Bill is finalised, which could happen before the end of the year.

### **Court Farm: Pending Application**

The Court Farm planning application remains under consideration. This development proposal continues to be an important part of our local planning discussions.

### **Boveney Court Stables**

This is the third planning application for some alternative stables for the ponies currently in the area near Rambler's Car Park. Some suggest that the unused old Cow House at Boveney Court Farm would be an excellent solution.

### **Community Involvement in Planning Decisions**

We continue to encourage community participation in the planning process. Your input is valuable, and the number of responses can significantly influence planning decisions. While the Dorney Parish Council provides its own input, individual community members' contributions are equally important in shaping the future of our area.

### **Looking Ahead**

The topic of major housing developments in Dorney Parish remains an ongoing issue. As we move forward, each community member has an opportunity to contribute to the discussion and help shape the future of our shared environment. We will continue to provide updates on these and other planning matters affecting Dorney Parish.

### **Bill Dax**

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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## **“You’ve lost that loving feeeeeeling, woah....oah, that looooving feeeeling”.**

I was never a massive fan of The Righteous Brothers, but it does have that incredible (and very distinctive) “Wall of Sound” production courtesy of Phil Spector, who sadly later went completely bonkers, murdered the actress Lana Clarkson and then died in disgrace in prison. Geniuses, eh? The song was also immortalised in the original Top Gun film (I still haven’t seen the sequel although I hear its pretty good, if you like that sort of thing). However, I best remember it from my old days living in West Ealing before we moved to the delights of Dorney Reach. At that time, there was a weekly music pub quiz in one of the local pubs called the Haven (sadly no longer there, although looking back perhaps for the best) and given it was in Ealing, one of the regular pub quiz teams were called You’ve Lost That Loving Ealing. You can see what they’ve done there. Our team wasn’t so obvious, we were called Smells Like Team Spirit. I’ll get my (grungy checked) coat...

Anyway, I digress. The reason I mention all this is that I was back in the vicinity of Ealing this weekend to meet some friends at Horsenden Hill. We spent the afternoon at Horsenden Farm, where there was a very cool kind of mini festival going on with live music, local ciders and beers and most excellent wood fired pizzas courtesy of [thehorsendenloaf.co.uk](http://thehorsendenloaf.co.uk). I’m not sure how often they run the event, but I think its quite regular and they do pizzas on the Saturday and then roast dinners on the Sunday. One to check out if you are ever nearby. However, that was not the main reason I was there.

What I really wanted to check out was the beaver enclosure in Paradise Fields, where there is an introduced beaver family living in a 14 hectare robustly fenced in enclosure, directly opposite a TK Maxx and McDonalds. Quite the contrast.

<https://theealingbeaverproject.com/paradise-fields/>



Leaky dam helping to prevent flooding and improve water quality



Gnawed beaver stump and chippings



Funky beaver graffiti in underpass

I think as I have said in these pages before, beavers are amazing eco-system engineers, only behind elephants and of course humans for their impact on their local environment. It was great to see the dams and ponds they had created which would benefit all sorts of other wildlife, and to check out the very obvious evidence of tree felling which they use for food, dam building and to construct their lodges. There are more macro invertebrates in the water, kingfishers are now spotted regularly, and water rail has been spotted for the first time ever, which you can see in this video of beavery activity:

[https://youtu.be/wHLCr2jkDU?si=r6u6c5B-FAXs4\\_w3](https://youtu.be/wHLCr2jkDU?si=r6u6c5B-FAXs4_w3)



Removing some trees is of great benefit as it opens up the canopy for other plant species, provided lots of decaying dead wood (which in many ways is of even more value to wildlife than living wood) and their favourite tree is willow which is very well adapted to vigorously grow back, even after being thoroughly chopped by the beaver crew, and providing lots of lovely coppiced scrubs for endangered birds like the willow tit for example.



Aberfeldy beaver pond with problematic Himalayan balsam in the foreground



Tiny froglet benefiting from beaver wetlands



Gnawed oak still clinging to life

While on holiday in Aberfeldy with the family we also checked out some of the beaver action up North. As you can see in the first photo they have created some lovely ponds, although it was noticeable that the invasive Himalayan balsam is proliferating everywhere. Although very pretty and very popular with bees, it is crowding out lots of the native plant life and there seems to be no strategy to control it, although the beavers are partial to it and make a noise like crunching through celery as they fell the stems.

There are approximately 2,000 wild beavers living in the Forth and Tay catchments now. Not everyone is delighted about this. Some farmers shoot the beavers under licence or illegally, but the majority of Scottish people are in favour of the return of beavers and as well as their positive impact on the environment they provide a direct economic boost via wildlife tourism. Personally, I would love to see wild beavers living in South Bucks. Under the new Labour administration, I believe wild beaver releases will finally be legally allowed in England, and we may see the glorious sight of a pair of beavers and their kits frolicking in the Jubilee River in my lifetime.



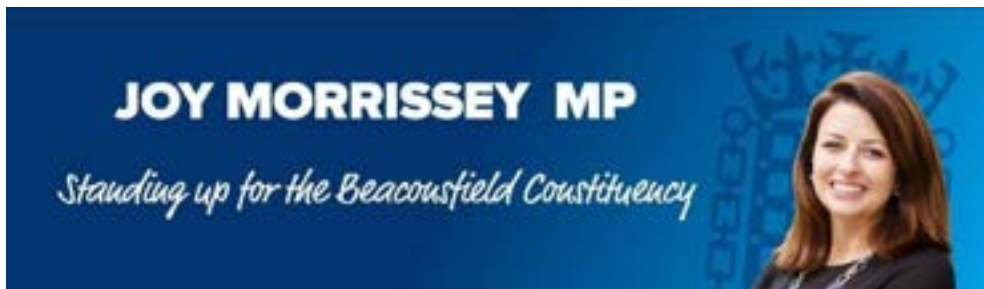
Lastly, I hadn't been down to Dorney Lake for quite some time.

It is still frustrating that it's rarely open to locals in the summer, but we took advantage of the gates for once being open to us mere peasants and took the dogs for a good stretch.

I was encouraged to see a small area they have given over to wildflowers which is still in the initial stages of establishment.

They've taken an interesting approach of bordering the wild native flowers with some attractive cottage garden standards which while not native are still excellent for pollinators and, of course, provide a lovely splash of colour

**Andrew Oliver**



It is always a pleasure to write for *Dorney Parish News* and update you on the work I've been doing. Both locally and in Parliament, I am continuing to stand up for the issues that matter most to our wonderful community. As your MP, I'm always listening to your concerns—from protecting our precious Green Belt, to ensuring the best education for our children, and supporting British farmers.

Locally, I've been closely monitoring the Orchard Herbs inquiry, which concluded on 20th September. I know how concerned residents have been with this development over such a long period of time, which is why I will be following the outcome carefully. I've always believed in protecting our local environment, and the current site at Orchard Herbs, in my view, is an eyesore on the local community.

More broadly, I've been working hard to protect the Green Belt across the constituency. It's alarming that the Government's planning changes could result in 100,000 new developments in Buckinghamshire. I share your concerns, and I will be doing everything in my power to preserve our beautiful countryside. Our Green Belt is not just land—it's part of the fabric of our community, a place where families enjoy nature, and where wildlife can thrive.

Education is something I'm deeply passionate about. I recently responded to the Government's consultation on independent schools. I made clear my views on the dangers of imposing VAT on these schools. Such a change will lead to unplanned pressure on our state schools, increase class sizes, and make it harder to support children with special educational needs. As a mother myself, I understand how vital it is to give every child the best start in life and an educational setting that works for them. We need a system that offers parental choice, opportunity, and quality for all. The Government are ignoring all the evidence about the impact this will have on children and on the state education sector in particular. You can find my letter on my website.

In September, I was proud to support Back British Farming Day, and I couldn't let the occasion pass without acknowledging the incredible work of our local farmers. They are essential to our food security and play such an important role in the protection of our environment. I'm standing firmly behind them and supporting the National Farmers' Union's call for the Government to source at least 50% of food for the public sector from British farms. This is not just about food—it's about sustaining a way of life, protecting our countryside, and ensuring future generations can enjoy locally grown, high-quality produce.

During the conference recess, it has been great to hold my local surgeries where I had the pleasure of speaking with many local residents. It's always great to meet residents and discuss the challenges we face, as well as the ways we can come together to find solutions. It's the part of being your MP I love the most. Whether it's a big issue like Green Belt protection or something closer to home, I truly believe that by working together, we can achieve great things for the constituency.

As ever, if I can be of help to you on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at [joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk) or 01494 977 505.

**Joy Morrissey MP**



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## National Treasure! Twice over.

After seeing a positive revue for “As You Like It” in Stratford upon Avon, my classical side emerged after a 66-year spell being dormant. Apart from attending some of his pubs I had paid no reverence to the Bard since school days in the 1950s.

I was encouraged to attend the play as a callow youth after news of my sad failure to gain my O level in English literature was broadcast in 1957.

With my lifelong dear friend Michael Pohlmann (his father, the actor, was head of Spectre), we journeyed (actually under threat of pocket money reduction) to the Old Vic in 1958.



A twenty-three-year-old was starting her amazing career— her movement, her diction, her beauty enchanted us. Her name Judi Dench. We sat there enthralled for nearly two hours basking in her every word and action. Inspiration overtook us, we both gained honourable passes on our examination retake.

After nearly 67 years I felt a compelling wish, for more Shakespeare. This time actually in Stratford on Avon. Sadly, my dear wife Lynda had a prior appointment, so I purchased just one £20 ticket to enjoy top viewing in the third elevated row.

The three seats directly below were reserved. At exactly three minutes before the curtain raised who do you think appeared, with amicable companions?

Would you believe Judi Dench herself - National Treasure first class! My crush, harboured secretly for over six decades, returned with revitalised zeal. I sat directly behind the great actress.

Judie and friends were obviously thrilled to see me as we reminisced - sadly a small disagreement occurred as our treasure thought she had played Phebe not Rosalind, as I had thought. (Don't bet on it). We had a highly pleasing conversation where she expressed joy and amazement at my exam result, before her hordes of admirers appeared wanting a word.

The production was truly superb. All of us Shakespeare fans sat there in sheer joy for an hour and a half of sheer entertainment.

I made a promise to myself not to leave it so long next time!



## Simon Donan

*Editor's Note: Wikipedia only lists one occasion when she played any part in “As You Like It”, which was at the Old Vic in 1958. The part she played was Phebe. As ever, she was correct! But – others say differently!*

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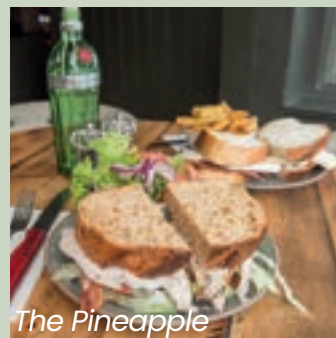
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## Brahms and Dinosaurs Young and Old

I have a very glamorous family, although sadly it doesn't include me.

More years ago than I care to remember, the single Mike was present at a large family do at my parents' pile in the New Forest, and was sat around the bonfire that always features large in a Quincey social, gazing into the magical caverns of heat, beer in hand, when I found myself next to the latest in a long line of would be suitors for the hand of a drop dead gorgeous eighteen year old cousin. He was in beer and fire induced reflection, as was I.

"What do you do for a living?" I asked the young man.

"Hi," he said leaving reflections behind. "I'm Graham. I'm a cello player. "What do you do?"

"Poser," I thought unkindly. "Some amateur band no doubt." I know a little about classical music and prepared to bore him.

"Oh really. What band?"

"The London Symphony Orchestra," he stated matter of factly. "I've just got back from a tour in Hong Kong. What do you do?"

My brain raced, completely out posed.

"Er, I'm a lorry driver," I blurted.

"Oh, how interesting!" he beamed, patronising git. "We need a lorry driver!"

"Yeah, and I'm the Queen of Sheba," I thought, but three months later, I was the Transport Manager of the LSO, driving, amongst other duties, a glorious shiny black sixteen ton pantehnicon with GB stickers all over it and "London Symphony Orchestra" emblazoned down each side in real gold. It was, dear reader, quite the best pose in London at the time and my job was to transport the instruments and set up the stage in any part of the world. It was a mucky job, but someone had to do it, and the Lord chose me.

One of our tour dates was Wells Cathedral, and the lovely Mrs. Quincey and I had occasion to visit this truly beautiful building whilst mumping a bed from a not so glamorous cousin Andy and his lovely partner who lived nearby. I had not been back since that concert, but clearly recall nearly every detail.

I arrived well before the band and was directed to a large pair of ancient oak doors set into the base of one of the front towers.

"Back up onto the doors Mate (why are all lorry drivers called Mate – or worse!), close as you like."

My new friend guided me from the parked pose-mobile to the other side of the doors where, thank you Lord, was the back of the platform especially constructed for our visit. The normal task of walking endlessly with all the heavy instruments and dragging them back in the middle of the night after the concert (Royal Festival Hall please note) would not tax me as I could almost drop the tailgate onto the platform.

All was set. The conductor and players were happy, the rehearsal was running smoothly, my part completed, and I climbed back into the cab, drank a well-earned coffee and nodded off.

Bang bang!! There was a sharp tap on the window; I woke up with a jolt to see a small rotund man dressed in an ill-defined uniform that was unsure whether it was police, fire, traffic warden or coastguard. He looked unhappy, a default position no doubt.

"You can't park that there," he barked rudely.

"Why not," I asked, "I'm with the orchestra. It's written on the sides if you look."

"Like I said, you can't park here. It's a fire risk and I'm the fireman."

That cleared up that then.

“Well, where can I park?”

“At least one hundred yards from the building.”

“Over there then?” I pointed across the huge pedestrian only area to which I had been graciously granted access.

“Yep.”

“Look Mate, at the end of the concert ten thousand people will be flooding out of here. It will take me half an hour to reverse back to here.”

“You can’t...”

“Yes, you said,” I grumbled as I started the diesel.

It was a wonderful evening. Life was good as I leaned against the truck listening to the heart-rending music from the other side of the doors, a small tear in one eye.

“Hang on! That’s the last movement,” I realised.

I walked to the truck and reversed back to the door.

“Ha! One in the eye for Trumpton.”

Enthralled crowds poured out as I walked up the platform where the timpanist at the back of the stage by the doors was packing his pom pom sticks into his case.

“Ah Mike,” he grinned. “Thank you so much for your contribution to tonight.” He was a man difficult to please, not normally handing out appreciation for my efforts.

“Half way through a pianissimo passage of the last movement ‘Doi oi oi oi brmm brmm brmm.’” It all came flooding back. It was wonderful.

A visit to Wookey Hole was made memorable by a Guide with Captain Morgan’s delightful pirate chat plus the outfit to go with it.

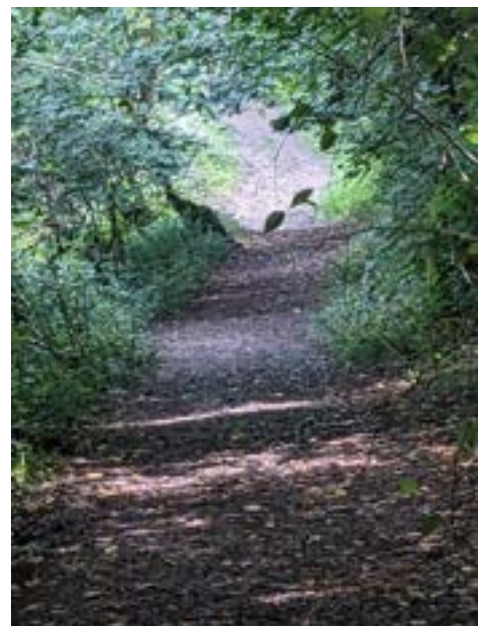
“You need to get to Ebbor Gorge,” he advised. “It’s where all this water comes from. Arrrrggg.” And the next day we found it. Reading the information boards in the free (Yes! Free!) car park, I read that this was an area favoured by dinosaurs. Like me, they loved the views no doubt, and as we walked into the gorge proper, there to prove the point, was a young dinosaur running across the path yards ahead. I photographed it. Hopefully the editor will share it with you.

I had leg trouble, but bravely strode into the gorge until I could go no further and sat sulking on a scree slope.

A local lady and Milo the dog appeared promising it was easier to go on than back, and together she and Mrs.Q dragged the old dinosaur to an agonising return to the car park eased by the swapping of life stories of we three in our new easy friendship.

Stay safe.

**Mike Quincey**



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## News from Dorney School

I am always delighted to highlight the wonderful learning and magic that happens at Dorney School. We believe in a balanced approach of high academic expectations in a truly nurturing environment. We are a Forest School as we encourage our children to experience and explore the outdoors as part of the school curriculum.

Some wonderful pictures that capture the magic of Forest school.



## **Jeans for Genes**



Our special speaker, Charlotte Hobbs returns to deliver a whole school assembly on how our genes may affect our ability and mobility. This is part of a range of assemblies organised over the academic year which celebrates differences. Learning about others also help the children understand and empathise.

Our first session in a series of open events happened recently. Our children and staff were amazing and our new school ambassadors were brilliant tour guides and role models. The parents and their children were really impressed by what they saw!

Do come along to the next session. These events are for everyone, not just parents of children looking for Reception places. The next event is 1.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> October. Email [office@dorneyschool.co.uk](mailto:office@dorneyschool.co.uk) or check out the school website. I hope to welcome you soon.

With very best wishes,

**Mrs Sharifah Lee, Headteacher**





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	<b>DIV 1 - FRUIT &amp; VEGETABLES</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Name</b>
BEST EXHIBIT	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>Outstanding show Standard</i>	<i>John Akerman</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>His exhibition Shallots</i>	<i>John Akerman</i>
JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>His Cucumber!</i>	<i>Pete Stevens</i>
	<b>DIV 2 - FLOWERS</b>		
BEST EXHIBIT	(Flowers)	<i>Attention to detail</i>	<i>Anna Snook</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Flowers)	<i>Excellent Pot Plant</i>	<i>John Akerman</i>
	<b>DIV 3 - DOMESTIC</b>		
BEST EXHIBIT	(Jams & Preserves)	<i>Festive Season Treat</i>	<i>Andrea Alsworth</i>
BEST EXHIBIT	(Pastry & Homemade)	<i>Outstanding Presentation</i>	<i>Anna Snook</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Domestic Section)	<i>Focaccia Inside as good as Outside</i>	<i>Anna Snook</i>
	<b>DIV 4 ADULT HANDICRAFTS</b>		
BEST EXHIBIT	(Adult Handicrafts)	<i>Graphic Artwork</i>	<i>Kristina Perkins</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Adult Handicrafts)	<i>Amazing Portrait</i>	<i>Christine Barber</i>
	<b>DIV 5 - CHILDRENS SECTION</b>		
BEST EXHIBIT	(Children under 8 years old)	<i>Magnificent Necklace</i>	<i>Wilbur Eylek</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Children under 8 years old)	<i>Quality of her entries</i>	<i>Ophelia Maudsley</i>
BEST EXHIBIT	(Children over 8 years old)	<i>Magnificent Artwork</i>	<i>Leo Seels</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Children over 8 years old)	<i>Quality of his entries</i>	<i>Henry Maudsley</i>
Dorney Mouse presented to Leo Seels with his drawing on DPN front cover			
	<b>OVERALL SHOW WINNERS</b>		
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SHOW (DDHS Cup)			<i>John Akerman</i>
SPECIAL AWARD-BEST NEWCOMER	(Awarded at the Judges Discretion)		<i>Zoe Eylek</i>
OVERALL SHOW WINNER	(Dorney Show Cup)		<i>Alice Foxley</i>

## A 'Most Successful Show' – the Dorney Annual Show August 31

Each year we report optimism about the Dorney Annual Show. Interest seems to be growing and post-Covid recovery has been under way. This page named 2023's show as a 'great platform to build on'. Well, what a platform....

Exhibitor numbers were up this year on last by nearly 40%. Each year the organisers fret over the lack of enthusiasm for the children's section. But here the numbers are even better. Youthful entries increased by over 50%. Ron Alsworth, the chair of the Horticultural Society, the organisers behind the Show, with admirable restraint called the 2024 event 'one of the most successful shows in recent memory'.

Ron went on 'everyone who entered deserved an award for their commitment and effort'. The Show wasn't just about the winners and all the competitors, but those who crowded into the Village Hall to inspect the entries as the judging ceased and the doors were opened, played a part in creating what someone called on the day 'the lovely community vibe'. The vibes were enhanced further by the roaring business done on the day by Maria Holloway and her Tuck Shop. It's great for DHS to be working with the Playground Committee in this fashion.

Once again, the judges – John Barker (Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers), Joanie Wraight and Andrea Alsworth (Domestic) and Jan Bowman (Handicrafts and the children's section) highlighted the wealth of local talent demonstrated by horticulture to national show standard, culinary masterpieces and a wide array of paintings, artwork and local handicrafts. But we must highlight the successes.

The finale to the 2024 show was a special award to one of DHS' long term dedicated supporters, John Akerman, who has been a wonderful mainstay of the society for over 40 years, always willing to do anything to promote our interests. This year John entered a record number of 37 entries and also donated a cash prize to the person who correctly guessed the length of his enormous parsnip. The chairman was very pleased to present John with an inscribed chocolate cake saying "Simply the Best" a treat and a title richly deserved by John.

Alice Foxley contributed 17 entries many of which achieved a first or second place, so Alice was awarded the Dorney Show Cup as Overall Show Winner. Another multiple entrant, Zoe Eylek, was deemed Best Newcomer, while last year's winner of the award, Pete Stevens, won a special mention for his cucumber. Anna Snook excelled in both the Flowers and Domestic sections. Everybody remarked that Anna's focaccia looked mouth-watering!

This year's art work excelled in number and quality. Christine Barber contributed a beautiful portrait as Division 4 winner. Handicrafts excelled too, and special mention was made of Chris Vine's very special leatherwork. In the much larger children's competition, Wilbur Eylek created a lovely necklace and the Maudsley family, Ophelia and Henry once again excelled. Everybody just loved the portrait of 'his best friend' – his cat – by Leo Seels, which won Leo the Dorney Mouse and a place on the front cover of this magazine.

**Peter Bowman**



Inspecting the Entries



A growing children's section



The two Johns – Barker and Akerman



Anna Snook's Focaccia



Handicrafts winner Christine Barber



Committee member Kristina Perkins presents Leo Seels with his award



Kristina and Zoe Eylek



Wilbur Eylek's necklace



Kristina and Anna Snook



John Akerman's Cake

## New planning laws that will impact Dorney Parish



An email from Martin Tett, Council Leader of Bucks Council, on 9<sup>th</sup> September stated the following:

### ***“Proposed changes to planning laws***

*I have written about this before, but I make no apology for majoring on it again. In my opinion this is the subject that, above all others, could most directly influence and potentially radically change our towns and villages. We now have a lot more details from the new*

*Government and I want to make sure that you are aware of them.*

*The proposed changes relate to something called the ‘National Planning Policy Framework’. This is simply the legal rules that all councils must follow in Planning. The proposed changes are complex, but I will try to simplify them.*

*Firstly, the new Government is proposing introducing non-negotiable legal targets for the number of houses that must be planned to be built in an area. Previously this was a ‘starting point’ and could be modified due to constraints such as the Green Belt, the Chilterns Area of Outstanding National Beauty, flood plains, agricultural value etc. This would no longer be the case.*

*Secondly, the way this target would be calculated has changed very significantly. This means that the proposed target for Buckinghamshire would increase from 61,152 to 86,562 [over 5 years] by 2045 - an increase of 42%! At the same time the proposed target for London has been reduced. On top of this Buckinghamshire would have to allow for an additional 5% to encourage builders to build and finally the Government is proposing so called ‘new towns’ of at least an extra 10,000 homes in addition. As a result, Buckinghamshire could be required to plan for and absorb almost an additional 100,000 houses in the next few [5] years.*

*To enable this the next major change being proposed is to the Green Belt. Councils would be required to designate areas that make a ‘limited contribution’ to the overall Green Belt as so called ‘grey belt’. Developers would also be able to put forward sites that they claim are ‘grey belt’. This is clearly a very vague definition and could lead to many applications to build across much of the Green Belt.*

*Very importantly, if the changes come into effect as currently proposed then from early next year it will be very difficult to refuse applications even if they are not in existing and approved Local Plans.*

*Lastly, I am also concerned that, with the potential for such significant housebuilding in Buckinghamshire, there is no commitment to fund the necessary infrastructure and facilities from doctors to roads, schools and sewage treatment that will be needed to accompany these very large numbers of new homes and new residents.*

*The Government has been running a consultation on these changes during August and this will finish on Tuesday 24 September.”*



The consultation Martin Tett refers to indicated that the new government is considering several additional significant changes to planning laws which Martin Tett didn't include above, but which could potentially impact rural parishes like Dorney, especially those in the Green Belt. Here's a summary of the key additional points:

1. **Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development:** The government plans to strengthen this presumption, making it easier for developments to be approved where local plans are not up-to-date [and Bucks' isn't] or where there's insufficient land supply.
2. **Brownfield Development:** There's a proposal to broaden the definition of brownfield land and set a strengthened expectation that applications on brownfield land will be approved.
3. **Mandatory 5-Year Housing Land Supply:** All local planning authorities would be required to continually demonstrate a 5-year supply of specific, deliverable sites for housing, regardless of their local plan status. [Bucks Council's doesn't]
4. **Strategic Planning:** The government intends to introduce new mechanisms for cross-boundary strategic planning, which could affect how housing needs are distributed across wider areas. [This brings the housing shortages identified in Slough and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead into the south Bucks considerations]
5. **Removal of Some Local Discretion:** Several changes aim to reduce local authorities' ability to refuse development based on local character or to use alternative approaches to assess housing need.

These changes could potentially impact Dorney by:

1. Increasing pressure to identify more land for housing, potentially including areas currently protected as Green Belt.
2. Making it harder to refuse development applications, especially if the local plan is not up-to-date or if insufficient land supply can be demonstrated.
3. Potentially leading to more development on the edges of existing settlements or in areas currently considered part of the Green Belt.
4. Reducing the ability to protect local character as a reason for refusing development.

However, it's important to note that these are proposed changes subject to consultation, and the final implemented policies may differ. Or may not, given the significant majority of this government in Parliament.

The formation of the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council on 1st April 2020 has not resulted in expedited progress on the Buckinghamshire Local Plan, which is not expected to be finalised until 2027. This delay is particularly concerning in light of the government's proposed changes to planning laws. Without an up-to-date plan, the Bucks Planning Department may find it increasingly difficult to refuse development applications, as implied by the government's statements. While Council Leader Martin Tett has highlighted the potential issues arising from these national policy changes, he has not addressed the local authority's own tardiness in developing the Local Plan over the past four years. This lack of progress has left both the Unitary Authority and parishes like Dorney in a vulnerable position regarding managing future development pressures.

**Bill Dax**

## St. James the Less Church.



I am sure most of our readers know a little something about our local church and the long-standing history it entails in its stone and brick walls. This church was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and has had various changes and alterations over the centuries.

As a younger person, and as interesting as knowing the history of where I have lived for 18 years is, what interests me more are the various people or events that have stepped in the church or been held in the church - for example my brother and I were both christened in this church! Probably more interestingly, the Princess of Wales's parents, Michael & Carol Middleton were married in this church on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1980 and are still happily married. In fact, in the history of the church there have been a lot of Middletons married on this spot – I've no idea if they are all connected.

Through research when writing this article, I have learnt a lot about the church and its long dated back history - it seems to be well documented.

People create their own experiences and memories around a church - it is a place that can trigger different emotions depending on what took them there; celebrations, thoughtfulness, paying respects or, of course, regular worship. My memories of this church in particular are going on Christmas Eve and going to the Christingle service and being surrounded by family. I was fortunate enough that my school assemblies happened in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle which is significantly bigger and somewhat grander, so this was my introduction to regular worship.



St James the Less, however, is our church and provides regular services, including the sound of bell ringing, for anyone that wants to go. The church itself is breathtaking. Thanks to my History of Art A-level I can relate on a new level to the architectural features and the art that is positioned in the church. This has created a new perspective in contrast to the younger girl that used to go for the sweets in the Christingle.

One element which I find quite unusual is the small Dolphin window at the base of the gallery stairs. It shows brightly coloured dolphin, starfish, fish and shell... Dorney seems a long way from the sea, I wonder if any of you know the significance of this for our church?

And, finally, less related to the church, but something I found in my research which is interesting and cute... the name Dorney means 'Island of the Bumble Bee'... maybe something for another article.

Laila Marples


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## DORNEY MANOR COURT ROLLS

Bill Dax wrote in last month's DPN about the wealth of information on the Dorney History Group website. This is a treasure trove of local history material and I return to it again and again. I was delighted to read that more of the Dorney Manor Court Rolls have recently been added to the site. The manor extended beyond the village and parish of Dorney. It included Boveney, which covered Lake End as well as the hamlet of Boveney, and these were in the parish of Burnham. To the east were fields which are now part of Eton Wick; to the north the manor of Dorney stretched into Hitcham parish. The records of the manor court are full of interesting details which give insights into the lives of the people of Dorney over many centuries.



My attention was caught by the record of the manor court held in 1630, the first under the ownership of the Palmer family. This listed those who owned freehold land or houses within the bounds of the manor, giving a unique snapshot of the more prominent farmers in Dorney at this time. The records show how scattered individual landholdings were. Take, for example, William Weatherheade; he had his farm buildings and then 6 different half acres. The four arable plots were in

the fields known as New Croft, Oak Stubbs, Upcotts and Thames Field; the two plots of meadow land were in West Mead and Rowmoor.

Thomas Dollin, who had taken over from his late father, had an even more piecemeal holding. Eight acres were in North Field, with his farm nearby, but the remaining 12 acres of arable, meadow and pasture were scattered between 13 locations. He also owned a half acre called Hawkland in Boveney and rented further land. The Dollin family appeared in the earliest manor court roll in 1514, when Alice, the widow of Robert, was holding the farm on behalf of her young son Thomas. It was probably this Thomas who was recorded in 1548 as having *"enclosed a certain parcel of land with divers fences in the common field called le Northe Feyld containing...three acres of land, contrary to the custom of this manor"* and that he *"blocks a certain cart-way leading by the common fences next to the town of Dorney, to the grave injury of his neighbours"*. He was told to take down the fences and unblock the path, or he would be fined 6s 8d, equivalent to about £100 today. Thomas was fined a further 4d for having grazed more geese on the common than he was allowed. The following year he faced a fine of 40s for verbally abusing the Steward in the court using *"evil and slanderous words"*, complaining that the Steward had recorded in the rolls things that weren't true. This could have been connected with a Chancery court case concerning a farm and land which he was bringing about the same time.

The court rolls record that Thomas was succeeded by his son Anthony, whose grandson was the Thomas Dollin farming in 1630. The family line was continued by John Dollin who had the right to graze 4 cows and 2 horses on the common. When he died about 1720, he left to his son John not only his house and land in Dorney but also another house and land in North Town in the parish of Cookham (now part of Maidenhead). The farm in Dorney

} Court baron of James Palmer, knight, held there the 12th day of January in the fifth year of the reign of our lord Charles, by the grace of God King of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., by Humfrey Newberie, esq., Steward there. (1630)

subsequently passed out of the Dollin family into the ownership of an absentee landlord. The manor court rolls allow us to follow a single Dorney family through over 200 years and at least 6 generations.

One name that stood out in 1630 was Henry Fellow who had a farmhouse and garden in Boveney, purchased from John Garrard. This must surely be the same as the Henry Felo whose name is inscribed on the gallery in Dorney church with the date 1634. TWE Roche in his book *"A Pineapple for a King"* writes that Henry was the Palmers' master carpenter. Earlier court rolls show that Henry had bought two tenements plus land in Dorney from John Garrard by 1616. He had two children baptised in the church – Marie in 1617 and William in 1619. Unfortunately, there are big gaps in the parish registers for Dorney in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and we don't know when Henry Fellow died. By 1693, the court rolls list William Fellow having the right to graze 4 cows and 2 horses on the common; this could be a son or more likely grandson of Henry. Other records tell us that William Fellow was a maltster in Dorney/Boveney, in partnership with Humphrey Clarke. Their business was destroyed by fire in 1707, and William was buried in Burnham in 1709. A later Henry Fellow was buried in Dorney in 1760, perhaps the last of the family in the village. But the name lives on today with the splendid gallery in our church.

The manor court set rules for the organisation and management of the common fields and grazing, and as we have seen fines were imposed for transgressions. The early rolls identify villagers who were chosen to oversee the implementation of the rules. In 1560, four men were elected, and were allowed to keep 8d out of any 3s 4d fine. By 1616, the role of monitoring the numbers of animals grazing on common land and checking that they were correctly identified (pigs ringed, cattle branded and so on) had been formalised in the position of hayward. It was recorded that several people had had their livestock impounded for breaching the rules, including a horse belonging to Nicholas How. Nicholas's son John attacked the hayward while he was taking cattle to the pound and effected a rescue. In 1638, the hayward was Edward Field, who received a salary of £8 a year in quarterly instalments. This was paid for by a rate levied on every farm and every acre of arable and meadow held in the common fields. By 1692 the hayward was Bartholomew Langley, who as well as enforcing the rules was required *"to look after and keep the herd of cows and beasts in the mead from the first day of August until harvest"*. The hayward reported to the bailiff of the manor, who in turn was responsible to the steward. Dorney manor had a hayward well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 1911 Thomas Hawkins was chosen at a salary of £14 6s and was also appointed as bailiff. There is still a hayward appointed for Dorney common at the present time.

The manor court rolls may seem archaic and of no relevance to our lives today. But the shape of the village and the continuation of livestock grazing on Dorney Common are at least in part thanks to the workings of the manor court over many centuries.



## **Update for Dorney Playground**

Dorney Playground Management Committee are trying to raise money to pay for a fence around Dorney Playground.

In order to raise the £16100 (ex VAT) needed, we have applied for grants and are holding several fund-raising activities.

**Our next event is:**

**Halloween Party**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 17.00 – 19.30**

**Dorney Village Hall**

Please see poster for details.

We are also organising a **Christmas Party on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. More details nearer the time.

The reasons for wanting a fence around the playground are:

**1) To mitigate the risk caused by dogs in the playground area.**

Currently, many dog owners allow their pets to roam freely in the playground, which can cause anxiety among children who are afraid of dogs. While we have been fortunate so far to avoid serious incidents of dogs hurting or intimidating children, a fence would eliminate this risk entirely.

Additionally, the Playground Management Committee frequently has to remove dog faeces from the play area, including difficult-to-reach spots like inside tunnels. Despite regular inspections, children sometimes discover the faeces themselves, which is both unsanitary and distressing.

Moreover, we have faced damage to playground equipment, such as swing seats, caused by dogs chewing on them. The zip wire seat was replaced last year at a cost of £800. It is already showing signs of damage with bite marks evident. We think the dogs think the seat is a frisbee being thrown for them to catch

**2) To mitigate the risks associated with the nearby car park and access road**

While Dorney Playground is generally a safe environment, the proximity of moving and parked cars poses a potential danger. Installing a fence around the playground will create a secure barrier, protecting children from accidentally wandering into the car park and reducing the risk of accidents.

**3) To mitigate the risk caused by the adjacency of the river**

Installing a fence around the playground will significantly enhance child safety by preventing smaller children from leaving the area unnoticed, especially on the far side nearest the river. This crucial barrier will reduce the risk of children accidentally wandering into the unmown meadow or, more concerning, onto the river path.

**Can you spare 30 minutes a week to help?**

The Management Committee carry out a weekly check to make sure all is well in the playground. It's mostly a visual check and can be carried out at any time of the day / any day of the week. (We also do a three-month check which is more detailed, and we pay PlayDale to do a very thorough annual check.)

We need people to help us do the weekly check in October, November and January. Could you help? Obviously, we will explain everything.

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

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## GOING COMMANDO ON DORNEY COMMON

*'Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but rising every time we fall' Confucius.*

More haste less speed, an old-fashioned slogan that rings through my ears, as I elevate my multicoloured swollen foot onto a cushion, to pacify it with a large bag of frozen peas. Forget the fancy medical ice packs, nothing fits so snugly as the peas that mould into just the right shape. For once, the weather was fine, so my boyfriend Bob took the rare dry opportunity to mow the lawns. Rushing out to call him in for an appointment, he was still busy making stripes and couldn't hear my calls. Foolishly, I stepped off the terrace straight into a grass covered pothole.

The tumble was fun, sideways dive followed by a magnificent commando roll, but the intense pain in my ankle that came with it, brought a few tears to my eyes. When the wailing subsided, horror above horrors, I could not put my foot to the ground without wincing. We rang South Meadow surgery to get advice, to be met with a rather steely reply of 'what would you like me to do about it?'. Wrong response.

It is so very sad that the poor NHS is so low in morale that their patients have become a nuisance, and having been part of that team decades ago, the loss of their focus feels like a bereavement. Anyhow, we tracked down the Bracknell Small Injuries Unit which happened to be located just behind Afton Chemical, a company where my son works. Handy! Extra sympathy.

An X-ray later revealed a fracture in the Lateral Malleolus, 3 to 5 weeks recovery and no driving for 6 weeks. Disaster! However, faith was restored in our health system, as this wonderful unit was kind, informative, efficient, and swift, so within 2 hours I had my foot in a big black boot, and a pair of crutches supporting my weight. I only have the highest praise for the team that resides there, and so the riverbank was climbed.

*'You drown not by falling into the river, but by staying submerged in it' Paulo Coelho*

It's that time of year when the supermarkets are piled high with amazingly bright orange pumpkins, some challenging the size of the famous Akerman specimens! This signals the approach of Halloween and the traditions that are associated with it. Across the water the Americans have adopted this in a big way, but in fact this celebration comes from 16-century Ireland, Scotland and England, traditionally on the 31<sup>st</sup> October, from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which has pagan roots.

Also known as 'All Hallows' Eve', it is the beginning of the observance of 'All Hallowtide', the time in the liturgical year dedicated to the remembrance of all those that have passed away, including saints 'hallows', martyrs and all the beloved departed. This must mean why we see so much prolific spooky symbols associated with this celebration and its association with the macabre and supernatural. Let's hope it brings more treats than tricks.

Before the haunting commences, we have a holiday to Cuba, but sadly, this will be a little hampered by my cracked ankle, confining me to spectate the wonderful music and dancing, rather than having a jolly good Cha-Cha-Cha. This rhythmic dance music is a genre called 'danzón', dates from the 50's, and characteristically has a syncopation of the fourth beat. Commonly known as Salsa, here it is called 'Casino'. I love dancing but my accident will bring restraints (emoji very sad face).



As some know, my boyfriend Bob is an avid petrolhead for the old classics. So, Havana beckons with promises of restored cars from the retro years of vintage beauty, where design reigned over anything else. However, it is reported that of course, many of the old engines are now redundant and these refurbished bodies contain modern efficient engines. While I rest my ankle in some shady bar, I am sure he will find plenty of interesting treasures.

Havana is also known for its tobacco, and before sending my postcards to 'wish you were here', will visit the humidors to 'have a cigar'. Actually, I don't smoke, just squeezed in a PF gag... but I will probably be found in some cocktail lounge having a Cuba Libre, which translates as 'Free Cuba' which was the slogan of the Cuban independence movement. Rum, Coke, lime juice and ice! Such a good analgesic for an aching foot.

However, before the Rumba starts, DHS' Autumn Harvest Supper is upon us, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7:30pm in our lovely village hall. Chrys our local publican is behind the cuisine yet again, so this promises to be extra special tasty tucker for us to wash down with a splendid tippie. This is known to sate the soul, the sole of my foot too, I hope. Do come along and enjoy the evening and have fun with your neighbours and friends.

**Kristina Perkins**



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# DORNEY

## PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7.30pm AT DORNEY SCHOOL**

### **Present**

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Stephen Baker

Clerk Ruth Senior

### **Public Forum**

No comments

### **PC/56/24 Apologies for absence**

Cllr. Anna Palmer, Cllr. Euan MacLennan, Cllr. Robert Stopford, County Cllr. Kirsten Ashman

### **PC/57/24 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda**

There were none declared.

### **PC/58/24 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

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

### **PC/59/24 To receive the Clerk report**

The Clerk report there was no update for this meeting.

### **PC/60/24 Items of business carried forward**

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

Report from Cllr. Stopford:

On Tues 3rd September there were a couple of fires on the site, which required the Fire Brigade to attend. The incident was flagged with the Environmental Agency and the Fire Brigade will be sending a report to the EA. They were burning waste from the site, which caused a plume of Black smoke to drift over Ashford Lane and a nasty stench which lingered.

General Enforcement of the site - The Appeal case is on-going expected to finish on the 19th of September. The applicant has submitted a revised plan saying he would only use the strip of land next to lake End Road and return the rest to nature.

PL/20/3452/EU Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as a builder's yard and storage of commercial vehicles, equipment and building materials - This is being held at the same time as the appeal against the enforcement notice

#### **60.2 The Neighbourhood Plan**

Working with Bill Dax and guidance from Ella Wood from Bucks Council we have produced a draft plan. It is currently going through an internal review and to help us we have invited some of the residents who've been involved in recent planning challenges, as well as those who've expressed interest in the Neighbourhood Plan, to review our initial draft.

Once the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) changes come into effect we will have to adapt our Neighbourhood Plan.

Despite this we continuing to revise our draft and will be engaging in necessary consultations with landowners, utilities, and government organisations

### **PC/61/24 Planning**

The Clerk confirmed that the proposed Boundary Change is going ahead to move 7 houses on Lake End Road, closest to the M4 and the Orchard Herbs site into Dorney Parish from Burnham Parish.

PL/22/3562/FA Boveney Court Farm Boveney Road Dorney Buckinghamshire - The Appeal has been rejected.

PL/24/0586/FA Court Farm Common Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QA - Still ongoing.

PL/24/1929/FA | Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a new dwelling. | Ronita 59 Harcourt Road - On going.

PL/24/2395/FA | The erection of 9 mobile stable boxes with a tack room and hay store. Boveney Court Stables Boveney Road - Ongoing. This is a revision of the application originally submitted, which was rejected. We have submitted our objections to this based on the reasons the original application was rejected.

PL/24/2645/HB Lavender Cottage, Village Road. Listed building consent for installation of new flue opening for boiler - No comments to be made.

### **PC/62/24 Finance**

The cashbook was circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

### **PC/63/24 To update on and consider the transfer of Dorney Village Hall (DVH) to Dorney Parish Council (DPC)**

Dorney Village Hall Trustees asked that the Parish Council consider becoming the Sole Trustee of the Village Hall, closing the existing charity from the start of the next financial year.

**It was agreed** unanimously that the Parish Council will become the Sole Trustee on the condition that the outstanding issue of the Buckinghamshire Council owned gates at the entrance to Trumpers Field is resolved, along with any other planned maintenance work.

### **PC/64/24 To update on the security gate at Trumpers Field**

Currently the gate is being locked and unlocked by local volunteers however investigations are being made into automatic gates or a security company taking on the unlocking and locking role. This will need to be authorised by Buckinghamshire Council as the owners of the gates.

### **PC/65/24 To discuss the Chiltern Society footpath project and map**

The Chair and Clerk met with Cath Knight, Chiltern Society volunteer and footpath representative for Dorney. She is keen to ensure our footpaths remain clear and useable. There was also suggestion of joining with Taplow to produce a new local footpath map.

**It was agreed** the Clerk will contact Cath to take this further.

**PC/66/24 To receive an update on Dorney Playground**

Dorney Playground are fundraising for fencing to surround the playground at a cost of £16100. They have raised £2500 and have applied to grants from the Beeches Community Board and the Co-op. The summer party also raised £500 and there are Halloween and Christmas parties planned. The Chair thanked the Trustees for their continued hard work.

**PC/67/24 To discuss the flooding on Lake End Common**

It is believed that the flooding on Lake End Common is caused by the release of water from the Dorney Treatment Works and **it was agreed** that the Clerk will contact Thames Water to ask for the Freedom of Information Report and that they do smaller regular releases to try and alleviate the floods.

**PC/68/24 To update on speeding through Dorney, particularly Dorney Common including MVAS**

**It was agreed** that the Clerk will write to Steve Broadbent to express our disappointment in not receiving a response to previous correspondence on this matter.

**It was agreed** that Cllr. Westcott-Wreford will explore data retrieval from the MVAS.

**PC/69/24 To approve the purchase of the Remembrance Day wreath**

The purchase was **agreed**.

**PC/70/24 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents**

Meadow Way residents contacted the Parish Council regarding placement of telecom poles that are being erected on Meadow Way. They were advised that direct contact with Open Reach and with Buckinghamshire Council is the only way to change the positioning.

A resident requested information on a covered/blocked fire hydrant in the village, it has since been established that the responsibility for the 9 fire hydrants in Dorney lies with the Buckinghamshire Fire Service who have been contacted and will service the hydrants.

**PC/71/24 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Local Area Technician update  
RJC wildflower update

Meeting ended at 8.45 pm

**The Dorney Reach defibrillator – don't forget the keycode!**



The Community Access Defibrillator is installed on the side of the Village Hall near the Playground Tuck Shop.

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The defibrillator case is locked. The keycode is **C123X**.

The information has been added to the Local Issues page on the Parish Council website so that it is always available.

Dorney Parish News will continue to provide Keycode details.

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	Nov	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	1, 15, 29	8, 22	1, 15, 29	1, 15, 29	1, 15, 29
	Dec	6, 13, 20, 30		6, 20	13, 30	13, 30	13, 30
2025	Jan	6, 11, 17, 24, 31	24	6, 17, 31	11, 24	11, 24	11, 24
	Feb	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 21	14, 28	7, 21	7, 21	7, 21
	Mar	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 21	14, 28	7, 21	7, 21	7, 21

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