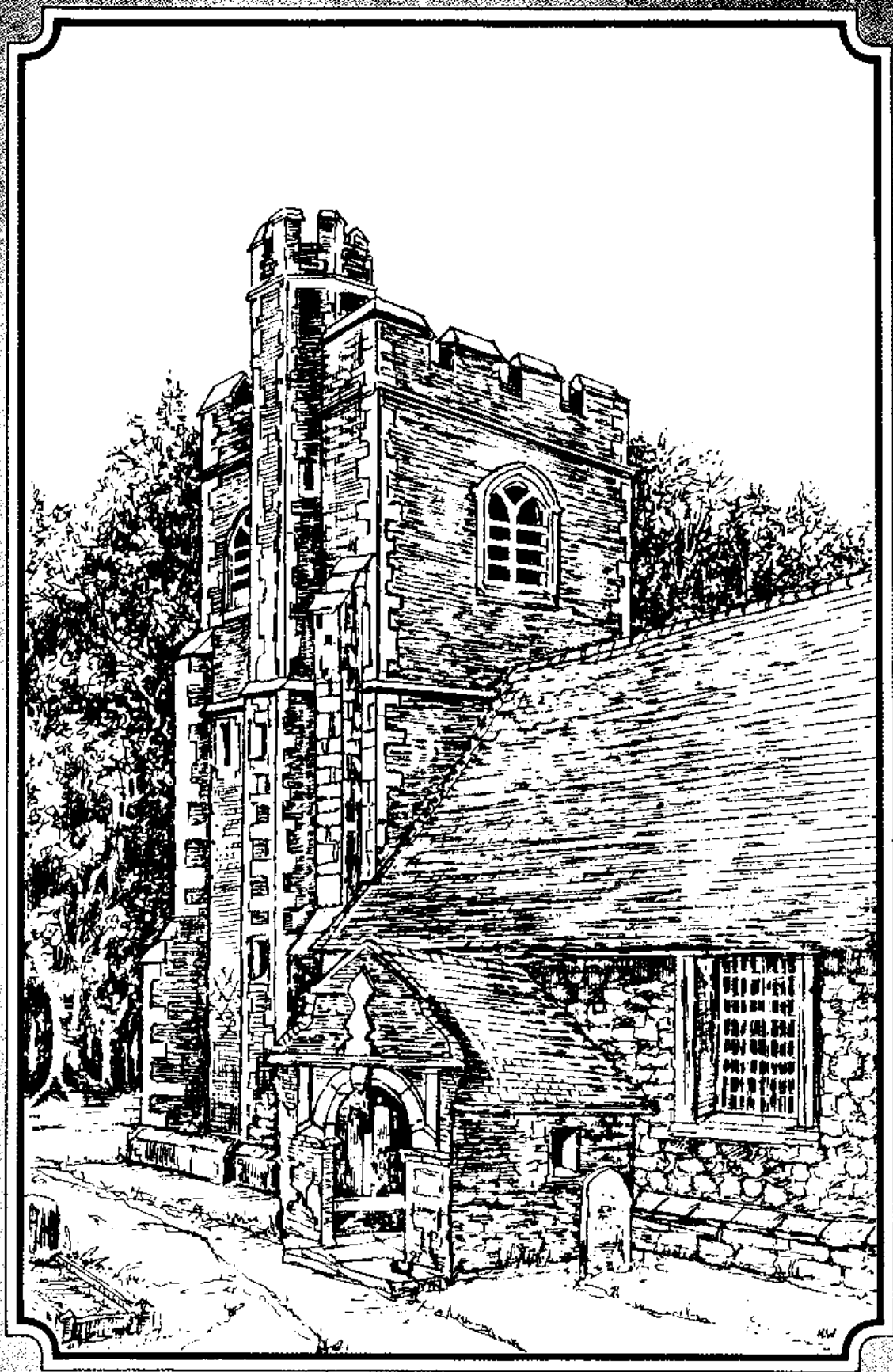
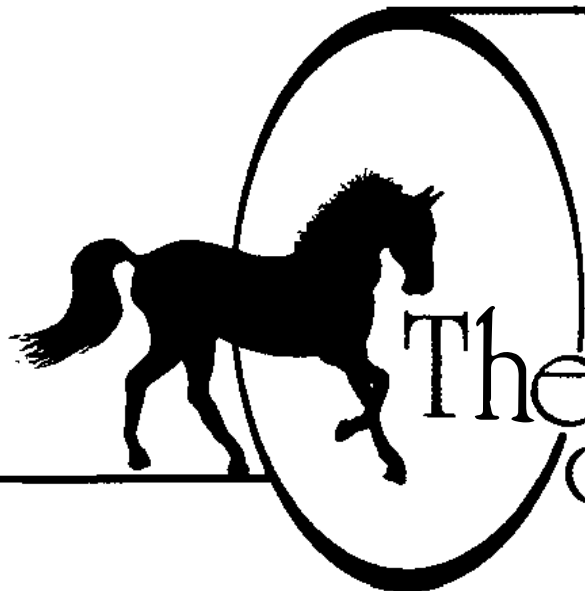


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Readers will be aware that Bill Dax has been trying to secure local broadband enhancement by way of the two fibre optic cables laid by BT for the Olympics communication requirements. We are indebted to Bill for taking on this task and giving his time over the past year. His letter on pages 6 & 7 brings us up to date in this matter.

Our regular correspondents, Geoffrey Atkinson and Peter Bowman, have expressed their enthusiasm for the promotion of Amateur Dramatics in Dorney and asked, in their magazine articles, for anyone interested in treading the boards to make contact with them. Neither of these gentlemen has told me how many parishioners have professed a latent acting desire, but I am sure there are many in Dorney just itching to star on the stage of the village hall. 'The Dorney Players' waxed and waned through the decades from the 1950s to the end of the 1980s, under the direction of Yetta Roche, Con Williamson, Betty Gray and Sandy McCabe. It was not always easy to recruit a cast, as this letter to the Parish News in **October 1973** reveals:-

Once upon a time we had a dilapidated, draughty, uncomfortable and badly lit Village Hall. There we looked forward every year to the Dorney Concert Party's Variety Shows and their Annual Pantomimes.

At the time of financial crisis every organisation in the Village, including the Parish Council, combined to provide a riotous evening.

After that the Dorney Players put on many plays with large casts, in 'My Wife's Lodger', 'Quiet Weekend', 'Blithe Spirit' and many others.

The Hall was also filled for an evening of one-act plays, including one by the village schoolchildren.

Now we have a large, comfortable, warm and well lit Hall with a stage that is hardly ever used.

Have we all become so hypnotised by that "SQUARE BOX" that we are incapable of entertaining ourselves? Can't we get together and do just that? Let's have a try.

Con Williamson

I re-publish this letter because its sentiments are still relevant and it may encourage a response to the Atkinson/Bowman proposed AmDram revival.

Despite Con Williamson's plea, it took some while for the 'Players' to be resuscitated, but with Sandy McCabe in charge, the 1980s saw several productions, all attracting enthusiastic local support. Perhaps the 2010s will see the return of this enthusiasm.

A new or refurbished village hall would be a spur!

Turn to pages 14 & 15 to read emails exchanged between DPC and Transport for Buckinghamshire regarding the non salting/gritting of Harcourt Road during the December cold spell.

Revd Lucy Holt writes:

In our Churches this year we are following a Bible reading challenge to read 100 essential passages over a period of about 6 months. It is exciting to see how many of our congregation are engaging with this and our Sunday sermons will link in to the readings for the coming week as well as small groups meeting fortnightly to discuss them. I am sure that together we will learn a great deal from this challenge and begin to see how the whole of the Bible can be relevant to our lives today. What strikes me as I read these passages is the way that the whole Bible speaks to us so clearly of God's love for us and his plan for us to know him for ourselves. It is in many ways a great love story with the two main characters being God himself and humankind. We've just celebrated love in many different ways at Christmas with presents to all those important to us and we move now into February with the great celebration of love on 14th, perhaps we should pause for a moment and see the greatest love behind all of this, the one who created us and who loves us deeply. If you would like to join in with our Bible challenge it's not too late to contact me, or you can see weekly comments and sermons through our website.

For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site: www.stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Church Services in February 2011

Wednesday 2nd February

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 6th February

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00 am | 'Our Space' Family Service | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |
| 6.30 pm | Informal Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Sunday 13th February

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

Wednesday 16th February

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
| 7.30 pm | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |

Sunday 20th February

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Worshipping Together (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Sunday 27th February

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| 9.30am | Morning Worship | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

ARTHUR RUSSELL SPENCER 1923 -2010

We are sad to announce the death on December 6th of Russell Spencer, who came to live in Harcourt Road with his family in 1963.

He took a keen interest in local affairs, regularly attending the Parish A. G. M. and supporting the Horticultural Society, the Eton/Dorney Project, the Adventure Playground and other charities.

Although his business took him on many trips abroad, he always enjoyed walking in the countryside around Dorney. After his retirement he joined the East Berks Ramblers and introduced them to the many riverside walks created in the area.

Even when slowed down by Parkinson's he could be seen distributing the Burnham Round and About in Harcourt Road and Meadow Way.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

THANKS TO THE CAROLLERS

A note of thanks to all those who supported the carol singing around Dorney Village .

As like last year, we enjoyed singing in a true winter wonderland. Our merry group of about 20 singers, boasting four part harmony on occasions, wrapped up warm and strode out with high hopes of finding some welcoming owners and open doors to sing carols and wish Happy Christmas to. We were certainly not disappointed .We raised the amazing sum of £213.00 which has to be the best ever since we took over from the Palmer Family some 12 years ago.

As usual half will been given to St James Church, Dorney and the other half sent to Cancer BACUP now a part of Macmillan cancer support.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Chris and Hannah at the Palmer Arms, who welcomed us in to a very full and happy crowd to sing our last carols.

Thanks for your welcome warming drinks and your support along with your customers. A perfect ending on a cold snowy night, many thanks.

Angie Wood-Dow

DORNEY & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Programme 2011

Friday February 25th Steak Pie Supper and Quiz Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Friday March 25th Cheese and Wine with Speaker Village Hall 8 p.m.

Wednesday 18th May Afternoon Garden Visit.

Sunday June 26th Coach Outing.

Saturday September 3rd Annual Show. Village Hall 8 a.m. – 4.p.m.

Friday September 23rd Harvest Supper, with Speaker Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Friday November 25th AGM and Supper, with Speaker Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

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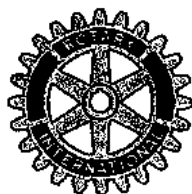
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PRESS RELEASE

30 November 2010

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Nick Teale of Burnham Beeches Rotary Club and his wife Shirley of Burnham Inner Wheel, who live in Dorney, have just returned from a visit to Delhi to do just that.

"There are 64 Rotary clubs in Delhi and some 25 volunteers from across the UK were assigned to one of them. Rotarians from other countries assisted with other clubs" said Nick on his return. "Our partner club had organised banners and publicity in one poor suburb of Old Delhi where they had set up their booths, or immunisation centres in clinics, schools and health centres. There were over 2000 booths across the city and it was estimated that some 68 million children would be vaccinated over the course of the weekend."

"We spent an hour or so in five booths and administered the vaccine to some 1400 children and distributed small presents, such as pencils, to older siblings who brought the under fives for the treatment" said Nick. "To check their age you look to see if their back teeth have grown! Once they have had their drops their left little finger is dye marked. The following day we did a house to house "mopping up" operation to check that no one had been missed. We found about fifty under fives with no mark, so they received the drops then. Parents were admonished for not taking them to a booth the day before. It was a hectic but rewarding experience" said Nick. "Shirley and I are pleased we decided to assist".

In 2010 there have only been 39 cases of polio in India, compared with 741 last year, so there is confidence that it will be gone in a couple of years

The recent planting of purple crocus bulbs by Rotary Clubs across the UK is set to increase awareness of the battle to eradicate polio when they flower next February.

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| For more information about Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches visit www.burnhambeechesrotary.org.uk |
| For more information and pictures about the eradication of polio call Nick Teale, details below |

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Charles Cody
Dorney Parish News

18th December 2010

Dear Charles,

Fibre Optic Superfast Broadband for the Dorney, Dorney Reach, Boveney and Lake End Area

Over the past year I have, at the request of Dorney Parish Council and others, been attempting to determine how we might be able to take advantage of the two fibre optic cables that have been laid by BT down Lake End Road and Marsh Lane towards Dorney Lake for the London 2012 Olympics communication requirements.

The technology that would enable businesses and residents in the area to have a significantly faster broadband is called Fibre to the Node (FTTN) or Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTCab) which means that the fibre optic cable would be connected, for the last "mile", to the standard green telephone cabinets on the roadside and the last "mile" connection would be handled by the current copper telephone wires to the house.

This could result in broadband speeds of approx. 40 Mbps being available instead of the present 1-2 Mbps.

A few days ago I received the following very helpful information from Ian Flexer, Buckinghamshire Economic & Learning Partnership, Contact details: Tel: 01296 383 806 Mobile: 07799 848 773
E: ian@belp.co.uk Web: www.belp.co.uk

I have passed this to Dorney Parish Council for their consideration and am happy to pass it on to you at Dorney Parish News. I recognise that you do not publish an edition in January so I will email it to those residents and businesses in the area that I know and will ask them to pass it on accordingly.

First email:

The area of Dorney Village and its surrounds are covered by 3 BT exchanges, Windsor, Maidenhead and Burnham.

The BT programme for upgrading these areas with fibre (FTTC) is Burnham & Windsor by December 2010 (which whilst they will probably run late, hopefully not Dec 2011 as in your email) and Maidenhead is ready for ISP's to take orders now.

BT does not upgrade all of the premises served by each exchange, but those which they believe to provide enough of a revenue stream.

However, the following list of postcodes is covered by cabinets (PCP's) which have been agreed to be upgraded (Burnham) (assuming the data provided to me is accurate, so it must carry a health warning please).

SL17ED SL17EE SL17EF SL17NL SL17NP SL17NY SL17NZ SL17PB SL17PE SL6QJ SL6QJL
SL6QJN SL6QJP SL6QJR SL6QJS SL6QJT SL6QJU SL6QJW SL6QJX SL6QJY SL6OLL SL6OPD
SL6OPF SL6OPT SL6OPU SL6OPY SL6QJZ SL6OLA SL6OLB SL6OLD SL6OLE

The following postcodes are covered by Maidenhead or Windsor but I have to make enquiries as to which PCP's they are connected to and if they are included within the upgrades.

*SL60DF SL60DH SL60DL SL60DN SL60DQ SL60DR SL60DS SL60DT SL60DU SL60DW
SL60DX SL60DY SL60DZ SL46NG SL46NN SL46NQ SL46QE SL46QF SL46QG SL46QQ
SL45TG SL45TH*

The laying of fibre cables for Dorney Lake would have been an enabler, but the actual delivery of high speed broadband will now be related to the detailed roll-out programme.

Second email from Ian Flexer:

Good news, I have just had confirmation from my contact within Openreach that the Windsor and Maidenhead postcodes above are all included in the upgrade schedule, so those in Maidenhead can register for superfast service now.

Email in response from me to Ian:

That's very good news for a number of areas but I think Dorney Village is excluded - post code SL4 6QW and similar.

*Do you have any info on other postcodes? Is there a public Internet site with this info on?
Bill.*

Third email from Ian Flexer:

First problem is that there is absolutely no public information; I have had to pull together data manually by asking questions of telecoms suppliers along with engineers within Openreach to find specific info. BT will not make data available directly.

The bad news is SL4 6QW is not planned for coverage at present.

The following postcodes are supplied by Burnham cabinet No. 23, located at Lake End Road. This unfortunately is not on the upgrade programme at present (only about 160 customers and 2.5 km from the exchange) but therefore becomes an opportunity to get some local public noise generated which might persuade them to do it.

We can lobby for it to be included, but my best suggestion would be an approach to the local MP to ask BT to explain how they will or will not use the Dorney investment to benefit the village.

*SL46PZ SL46QA SL46QB SL46QD SL46QH SL46QJ SL46QL SL46QN SL46QP SL46QR
SL46QS SL46QT SL46QU SL46QW SL46QX SL60PB SL60PN SL60PQ SL60PW SL60QH*

So there is some good news here and some not so good. It appears that those living in the first list of postcodes and those in Maidenhead in the second list can register through their ISPs for superfast broadband now. Those in the third list have work to do!

I have suggested to Dorney Parish Council that they consider taking the advice from Ian Flexer and involve Dominic Grieve in the approach to BT for the households and businesses in the 20 postcodes attached to the Cabinet 23.

Incidentally, despite utilising considerable shoe leather up and down Lake End Road I haven't yet managed to find the green cabinet 23. I was advised that it was opposite the Tithe Barn – which I don't think it is. Any assistance on finding this cabinet would be very helpful!

I will keep you and others advised if I should discover any further information on this.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

Bill Dax

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

Saturday 19th February between 2-3pm at Sainsbury's, Lake End Road, Taplow.

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taplow@domeyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

GOOD NEWS

The Neighbourhood Team recently conducted a road Safety operation with the Burnham Neighbourhood Team in the Taplow/Burnham area. 17 penalty tickets were issued mainly for driving without a seat belt and drivers were also breathalysed – fortunately all negative.

Three well known "cross border" Slough offenders responsible for burglary and vehicle offences in South Bucks area have been remanded. A number of successful warrants were carried out leading to the recovery of a lot of stolen property.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Antisocial Behaviour – During the recent snow and over the Christmas/New Year period, the number of antisocial behaviour incidents has been very low. The team are continuing to patrol hot spot locations and would like residents to continue to contact us should they experience any issues.

Litter – Litter in the area has improved over the last month, however we are still getting fly-tipping in the Amerden Lane area.

Parking – Parking continues to be an ongoing issue around Taplow Station, the Neighbourhood Action Group/Parish Council are now working with the Railway Authorities to try to find alternative solutions.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Wednesday 16th February 2011 at 7.30pm Eton Dorney Centre, Lake End Road, Dorney

Crime Information

As you are aware Taplow & Dorney suffered a high level of burglaries during December/January. The Neighbourhood team have been sending out messages via the community messaging/ringmaster as well as carrying out house to house leaflet drop encouraging residents to be vigilant and ensure that valuables are not on display and that doors/windows are locked and timers are used to ensure a property looks occupied.

We have also had reports of a male and female knocking on doors asking for money for petrol. We would like to ask all residents to be mindful of any cold callers and be mindful of potential distraction burglaries and to contact the non emergency number and report anything suspicious.

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: angela.o'connell@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or

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THE WALLED GARDEN CENTRE

The new friendly giants who have the privilege of taking on The Walled Garden Centre would like to introduce themselves and share their exciting new vision for what they believe to be a truly special venue. They are Ryan and Stretch, whom you will not miss next time you visit Dorney Court as they are 6'5" and 6'7" respectively.

Ryan was born with green fingers and is a passionate gardener and landscaper. He has run a very successful landscaping company for the last 15 years and has brought a very talented team of landscapers with him to be based at Dorney Court. Between them they have designed and built gardens which have been opened to the public through the National Gardens Scheme. Ryan currently lives in Cold Ash, near Newbury with his wife, Caroline who also works at the garden centre and their two year old son, Denny who is already following in his dad's footsteps enjoying rides on the digger! You may also meet their loveable friendly Golden Retriever, Harry, who happily comes to work with Ryan every day and has become somewhat of a celebrity at the garden centre.

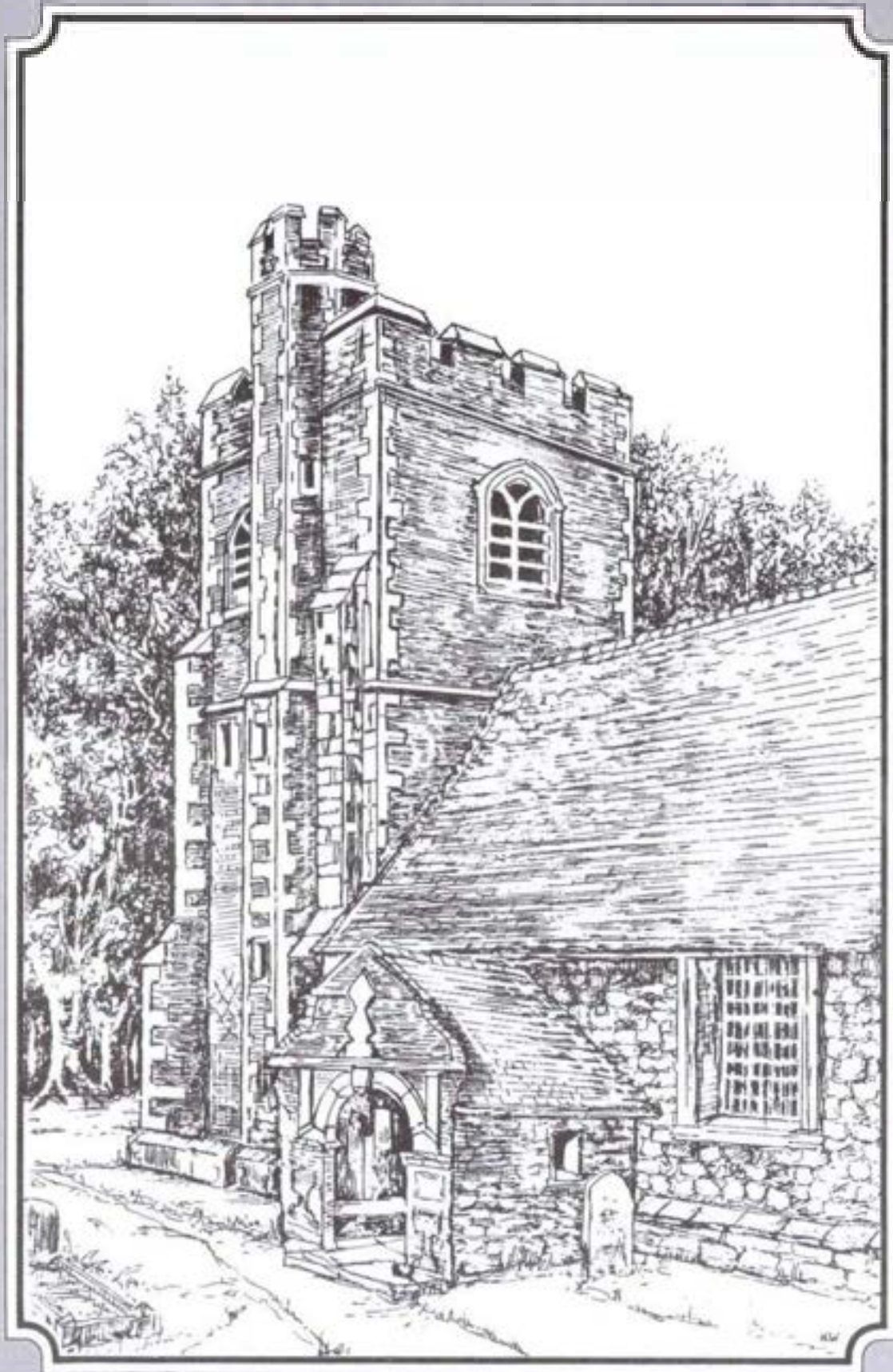
Stretch has recently moved to Dorney with his wife, Jen and they have been made to feel very welcome. He has been in the hospitality industry all his life. Having graduated in Accounting and Finance, he decided not to go into a career in this industry but instead return to his love – restaurant and retail. Those who have spoken to him will have noticed he is very passionate about good quality coffee...bordering on obsessive! Rumour has it, it won't be long before they have a new machine and are serving some of the best coffee in the country. Outside of work Stretch is a keen triathlete and also loves to surf when he finds the time to get down to Cornwall.

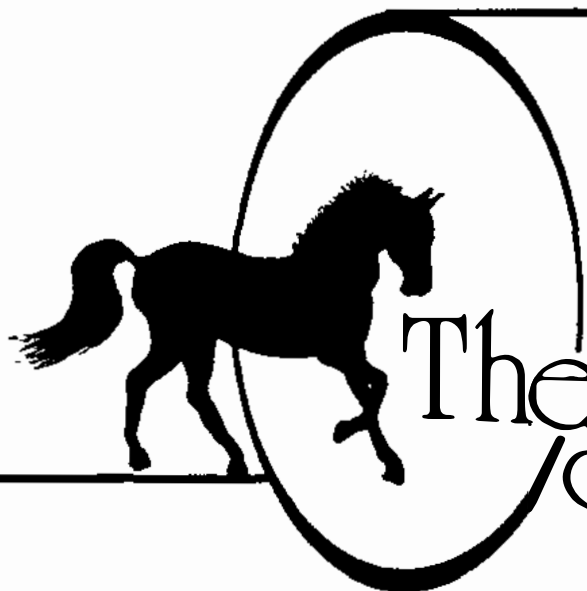
Since taking over the reins of The Walled Garden Centre in early December, Stretch and Ryan spent the Christmas period asking everyone who visited how they would like to see this already fantastic garden destination grow and help it reach its potential. They had a great response with some fantastic ideas and made it into a fun competition. Congratulations to Mr Corrie who won the Fortnum and Mason hamper and the garden design consultation. There were loads of ideas ranging from subtle and necessary to whacky and innovative -- a great platform from which to create a thriving garden centre that can be enjoyed by all.

The boys are passionate about focussing on making the Walled Garden Centre a stunning venue and building on its reputation. Between now and their launch party in April they will be putting into action many of the ideas suggested by you and they hope you will pop by during these exciting months to see their progress.

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EDITORIAL

There are two public meetings in the village hall this month and everyone who wishes to learn of what is going on in the parish and wants to have a say in local decision-making should try to attend.

The first is on Friday 11th March at 8 pm when the Dorney Village Hall Management Committee will give a Presentation regarding the rebuilding/restoration of our village hall.

The second is the Annual Parish Meeting, on Wednesday 23rd March at 8 pm, where you will learn of all the good work the Parish Council has performed on our behalf over the past year and perhaps a general forecast of parish expectations for the coming year.

I am very pleased to read in the current Neighbourhood Policing Letter that suggestions have been made to the Railway Authorities for improvements to Taplow Station car park, including cheaper parking.

It is quite some while since I was a regular commuter to Paddington and a regular user of Taplow car park, and now when I drive up to meet passengers from a train I am surprised to find so very few cars parked there. But then, when drivers are charged for that privilege who can blame them for choosing a cost free alternative and they are, of course, all parked in Station Road and Institute Road.

I have always felt that transport planning in this country leaves much to be desired. We are always being urged to abandon the car and use public transport. If we had reliable, regular and above all, cheap public transport we might be more willing to give it a go. With commuter rail fares being so exorbitant and trains being so overcrowded, driving to Town has always been attractive. It would be at least some encouragement to take the train if station car parks were cheap or even free. I suggest that a commuter season ticket entitles one to free parking.

Until there is some incentive to use the station car park, expect Station Road and Institute Road to be car lined, and as private properties do not face on to these roads and parked cars cause no major hold-ups, why get too uptight about it.

I wish to express our thanks to Nancy Wiltshire who, as one of our distributors, has been delivering the Dorney Parish News for some fifty years or so. She now feels, reluctantly, that the time has come to retire from this regular delivery service. Many years ago, Nancy did the original line-drawing of St. James Church for the cover page of this magazine, and before the age of computers she would set-up and draw the art work for our advertisement pages. I have very much appreciated Nancy's commitment over the years, and wish her leisured and happy years ahead.

Revd Lucy Holt writes:

Lent starts this month with Ash Wednesday 9th March. Historically Lent has been a time of giving up and often is associated only with the lack of chocolate or even alcohol! But really Lent should be about growth as we take the time to think about spiritual things in a new way and prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter. This year in our churches we are thinking rather than giving up about taking up and are offering opportunities for you to take up to think about the spiritual bit of your lives. How about having a one to one for an hour with myself or one of my colleagues in our team to think about an aspect of spirituality, or use Eton Church for a bit of quiet on a Monday and Friday morning? Our evening service on 6th March (just before Lent starts) will give you opportunity to walk a prayer labyrinth, something which people have found a very helpful tool to engage with prayer in a new way, and then there are opportunities to engage in a short retreat or quiet day. If you would like any more information about these or other things on offer please do let me know.

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10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 6th March

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am 'Our Space' Family Service

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

6.30 pm Informal Service

St John the Evangelist Eton

Wednesday 9th March (Ash Wednesday)

7.30pm Holy Communion

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 13th March

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday 16th March

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 20th March

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Worshipping Together (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

4.00pm Bereavement Service

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 27th March

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

DORNEY STREET PARTY

**AT
DORNEY VILLAGE HALL
ON FRIDAY 29TH APRIL 2011
TO CELEBRATE
THE ROYAL WEDDING**

We are in the process of arranging a street party. This will be a free event and a warm invite is extended to all Dorney residents and their families. We will publish full details for our plans in the April issue of the Parish Magazine but for now reserve this date in your calendar, as this is a party not to be missed. Please contact Leanne Kittel, Alan Russell or Leon Williams; we would gratefully accept any support by way of donation or assistance on the day.

To register your interest individually or as a group or organisation in the village, please send us an email providing name, address and numbers in your party to info@playground4dorney.org.uk or visit our website at www.playground4dorney.org.uk and complete the registration form.

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Déjà Vu

At the time of writing this, the media is obsessed by the appalling lack of care for old people in hospitals and the community all over the UK. Panic is setting in as recognition finally dawns on the great and the good that the imbalance between the working population and those who depend on them is spiralling out of control. But why is it all such a surprise? If you keep people alive longer and you make them retire when they are still perfectly capable of working, the cost just has to escalate. Also, the frailer we get the more difficult we can become to care for, so neglect was bound to be an outcome.

Half of my working life was spent in the care sector. We looked after all ages, but inevitably the main demand came from older people. We ran sheltered housing, residential and nursing care homes and a day care centre. I like to think that we provided and they still provide an environment that gives people the quality of life that they deserve. As a charity we subsidized the poorest whilst others contributed according to their, or their local authority's means. This was community care in the truest sense and we were one of a number of trade benevolent funds, caring for their own dependents in the same way.

Even as I headed for retirement, though, care was in crisis. In a letter to the Daily Telegraph in 2002 a correspondent described the collapse that was occurring in elderly care in the UK due to "The worsening provision of beds-compounded by the inability of social services to give adequate care to the elderly". He then wrote "As a former full-time NHS consultant in healthcare, I was once proud to have been at the forefront of improved standards of care in Britain ---- I am proud no longer, but ashamed of this Government's attitude to those who have worked for this country and now face a poor end to their lives."

Now comes the déjà vu bit. Compare the heading to that letter 9 years ago- "Treatment of the old and frail is shaming" with yesterday's front page headline in the same newspaper - "NHS shamed over callous treatment of the elderly." It seems that the only improvement in attitude is that the subject has moved from page 21 to the front page.

On the following day in 2002 I had a follow-up letter published, headed "Fearful Future". I described the "accelerating collapse of residential care in Britain" due to inadequate and ill-administered public funding, and I claimed that unless adequate funding became available - "care, choice and dignity will be unavailable at any price."

Sometimes there is little joy in being proved right.

Geoffrey Atkinson

The Walled Garden Centre

We are now settling in at the garden centre and have enjoyed meeting many new faces and getting to know a lot of the locals. The community have been extremely supportive and enthusiastic about the changes and improvements we have been making and we really do appreciate this.

Spring is just around the corner and we are very excited to see a bit more light in the evenings as we're sure many of you are. Hopefully some brighter weather and longer days will mean we can all spend a bit more time outside enjoying our gardens. We realise many of you will be using this time to plan ahead and fill in any gaps left over from the winter with some much needed colour to brighten things up. We have a great range of beautiful perennials now available, as well as a variety of herbs from The Hairy Pot Company, which have proved to be extremely popular with our customers for their quality and ecological design. The buds on our Camellias are just opening up and look stunning, alongside our rhododendrons and azaleas.

Here at the Garden Centre, Ryan is particularly pleased with the completion of his beautiful new design for the restoration of The Walled Garden. If you would like to take a look and give us some valuable feedback, the design is currently taking pride of place on the wall in our café. The construction of the design is now being carried out by our team of hard working gardeners and designers, ready for the spring!

Stretch is also extremely excited about the new arrival of our long anticipated coffee machine. This combined with a fantastic new espresso blend has made a huge difference to the taste and quality of the coffees available. Those of us who have been lucky enough to sample the new coffee absolutely love it and the smell of the freshly ground beans is so addictive! We can't wait to hear everyone's feedback and invite you all to come and enjoy a freshly brewed cup of coffee with a morning paper or with a slice of our delicious homemade cake.

You are very welcome to visit us at any time to see our range of plants and garden products, ask for advice on your garden from our team of expert gardeners, enjoy our beautiful homemade food or to simply watch our progress! We are also thrilled to announce that we will be holding a big launch party in the spring to celebrate the opening of the newly reconstructed walled garden and the introduction of our new name and logo! We would like to invite you all to join in with the celebrations over the weekend of the 16th-17th April, which will involve great food, fun and music for all the family and you will be able to see and enjoy the 'fruits of our labour' (literally!) for yourselves!

Upcoming Talks and Events

Tuesday March 1st Lunchtime Rose Talk at 2pm (Free of Charge) MONTHLY

Tuesday March 1st Evening Rose Talk at 7.30pm with wine and refreshments £5 (£4 for members of Dorney Horticultural Society) Book now as places are filling! MONTHLY

Friday March 4th at 2pm 15 minute feature spot on an aspect of the garden centre (free of charge) WEEKLY

Wednesday March 16th at 10am-1pm Practical Workshop with expert tuition from a professional head gardener and hands-on experience of practical gardening skills. Being part of this small group will enable you to learn and apply the trade secrets for horticultural success. The Workshop includes morning coffee, short lecture, practical sessions and something to take away. Please note that numbers for this course are limited and pre-booking is required £35. SIX PER YEAR

Tuesday April 5th Lunchtime Talk at 2pm (Free of Charge)

Tuesday April 5th Evening Talk at 7.30pm with wine and refreshments £5 (£4 for members of Dorney Horticultural Society) Please note that pre-booking is necessary

Weekend April 16th-17th The Launch Party. More details to follow!

Please come and visit us at the garden centre to book your place for the talks and see all the exciting changes that are happening! Also, please feel free to phone us on 01628 669999 if you require any further information.

Email from Simon Ames to Peter Bowman

Peter,

I was interested to read your piece in the February 2011 edition of Dorney Parish News about why Dorney does not have a village shop.

I was a teenager in the 1950s and grew up in Dorney. My parents owned Flaxford at Dents Corner and after my father died in the early 60s my mother (Brigit Ames) moved to Pear Tree Cottage where she lived very happily involved in village life until her death in 2004.

Yes, there were two shops in Dorney in the 50s. B J Barksfield was a grocer and baker immediately next to the Palmer Arms public house. It was run by Roger and Olive Stacey and Roger was a baker. In fact, the old bread ovens are probably still there in the front room unless the later owners who turned it into a private house did away with it all.

Olive had an out-going personality and was always 'on show'. She was a singer and her shrill soprano voice was dominant in church on Sundays. She would also dress up in fishnet stockings and appear in Variety type shows with Arthur Woodley (a farmer who lived on the Common) in the old village hall by the gates to the Common.

There was also a Post Office and shop in the house opposite the White Heather Garage. It was run by Mr Whattam, a very precise man who wore a white linen suit and a straw hat behind the counter in the summer. He was a Peter Sellers type character ("Would you mind putting a quieter nib in your pen, Mr Meekie") but clinically efficient and a village stalwart.

The White Heather Garage also had a motor accessory shop in the building that faces on to the road. It was run by the Quaterman family who were principally builders - old man Quaterman built Flaxford and my father bought it from him in 1937. He leased it to the actor David Niven during WWII.

The daughter Peggy Quaterman married John Williams, a wartime RAF engineer and John and Peggy ran it for many years.

Con Williamson was married to Lambert Williamson. He was involved in the film industry as a Music Director. He did the music for the film Moulin Rouge among many others.

I hope this all helps..?

All the best,

Simon Ames

"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2011

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work, or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

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Annual Parish Meeting
Village Hall 8 p.m.
DDHS Cheese and Wine Evening with Speaker
Village Hall 8 p.m.
Lent Lunch Old Dimmings Village Rd. 12-2 p.m.
Lent Lunch Dormouse Oak Stubbs Lane 12-2 p.m.
Eton Wick History Group Meeting
Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Dorney Street Party

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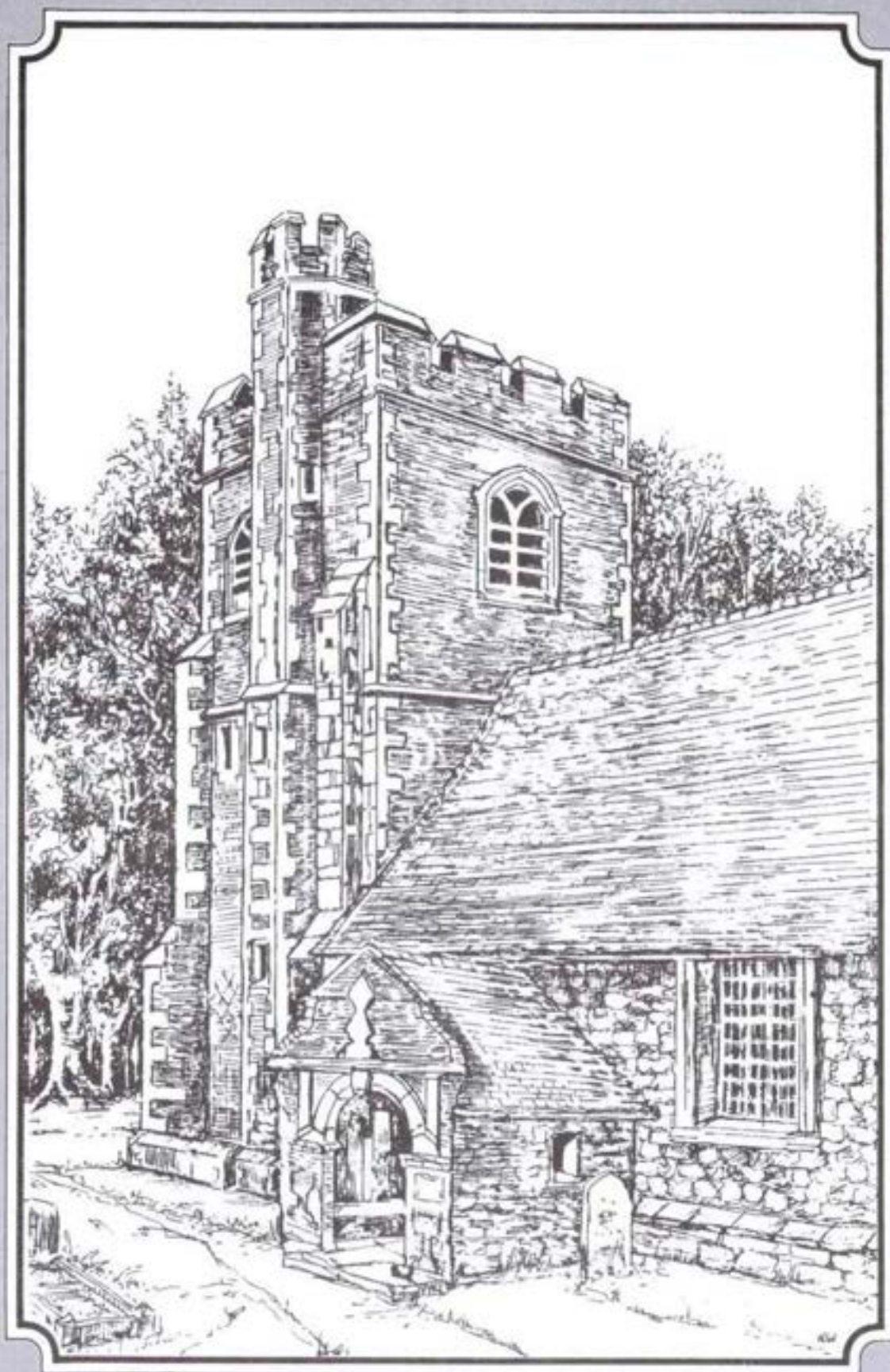
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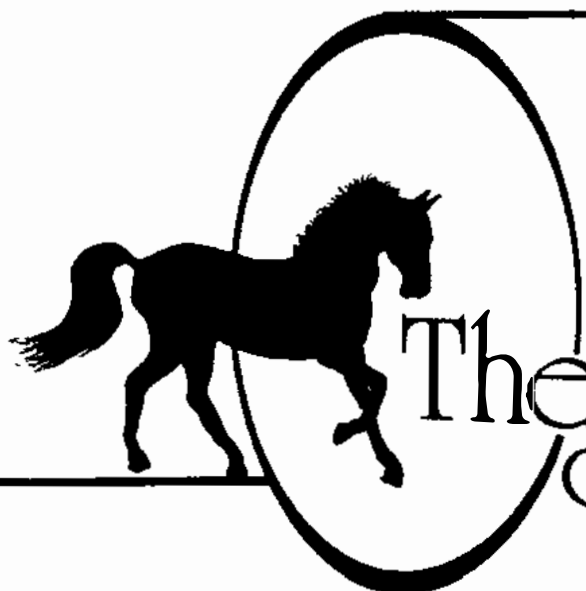
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The Presentation by the Dorney Village Hall Management Committee regarding the rebuilding/restoration of our village hall attracted hardly a score of parishioners to the village hall on Friday 11th. March. A very disappointing turn-out and a discouraging lack of support for the members of a dedicated Committee who have spent many hours on this project.

The minutes of this meeting can be found on page 7 of this issue, and so I will not go into too much detail here. Suffice to say, that of three proposed options the meeting rejected No.1 and voted on:- 2.Upgrade and extend the present building £320,000. 3.A completely new building £660,000. There was a clear majority for option 2.

Funding is to be achieved by applying for grants from The National Lottery, SBDC, BCC, Landfill Taxes, Trusts sympathetic to Community Projects and the balance by a Loan. At present, it is estimated that a loan of £190,000 may be required, repayment of which will necessitate an increase of £22.58 (£1.88 per month) on our Council Tax.

I rather doubted the assertion, made from the floor, that some residents could not afford this increase, although there will be residents who may be *unwilling* to afford it. We are all feeling the effects of 'cuts' and diminishing financial returns, but I would consider myself mean spirited if I was unwilling to give 50p a week for the benefit of the parish. In fact, I would be prepared to make it £1 a week and go for option 3.

There were a few more people at the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd. March, but not enough to make one feel that parishioners in general have a great interest in local matters. Congratulations were expressed for the achievements of the 'Playground 4 Dorney' committee in obtaining £133,000 funding from various sources to furnish the children's playground. You can read the Playground's annual report on page 12.

I was very pleased when DPC's chairman paid tribute to John Farrell. John is the man you see around the parish keeping everywhere neat and tidy, verges, hedgerows, repairing fences, washing road signs, etc. etc. etc. Even in the extremely inclement weather of last December he was still out and about doing what he could. I have been aware of his conscientious commitment for some time and from the applause at the chairman's remarks it is evident that John's good-husbandry is appreciated by us all.

Ian Barham, Buckinghamshire Manager for the 2012 Games and Sean Rooney, Localities and Traffic Manager for Buckinghamshire were at the meeting to give us an update on the Rowing Olympics plans and travel arrangements, and they promised to keep us fully (?) informed in the months to come. They said that their knowledge of overall planning was limited, due to security restrictions, and they could not divulge certain known (to them) details because the same security restrictions apply. 'Security' has also been used as an excuse to bar our Parish Council from the local Olympics planning meetings and there is considerable resentment by the Parish Council and Dorney residents that they are denied consultative input in matters that affect the parish. Is 'security' really a worry at this early stage, or is it a 'secrecy' complex?

I hope you have been watching Twenty Twelve on BBC4 on Monday evenings. Is it a parody? And is it responsible for the secrecy complex?

PLEASE NOTE

Due to foreseen circumstances, the May edition of this magazine will not be available for circulation until 7th. May, at the earliest.

Revd Lucy Holt writes:

The end of the month sees with it great celebration, with not only the Royal Wedding, but also the greatest celebration in the Christian calendar, Easter. I am sure there will be much pomp and ceremony on 29th April and if you enter into it you will enjoy the atmosphere and the street parties that have been planned by this celebration. Most of us love a good party and birthdays, anniversaries, weddings are good reasons to do just that, to party and to celebrate. But what about Easter? The message of Easter is one of triumph and celebration, but perhaps it is an uncomfortable one as we have to get through the pain of Good Friday in order to realize the true meaning behind our celebration; the true meaning of forgiveness, eternal life and triumph over death. This year we are trying a new way to celebrate this with a sunrise service at Boveney Church by the river. Why not join us as we use the sun coming up to remind us of the start of the story of Easter day and the powerful reminder that Jesus indeed rose from the dead. It may be a bit early, but we are going to lay on breakfast at the end!

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| 6.30 pm | Healing Communion | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Wednesday 6th April

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 10th April

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

Sunday 17th April Palm Sunday

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Combined Family Communion | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 20th April

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Thursday 21st April Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Informal supper and Communion for Maundy Thursday - venue to be confirmed phone Lucy on 01753 852268 for more information

Friday 22nd April Good Friday

11am Reflective service with Children's activities St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 24th April Easter Sunday

5.45am Sunrise Service

9.30am Family Communion

11.00am Family Communion

Boveney Church

St James the Less Dorney

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday May 1st

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

11.00 am 'Our Space' Family Service

St James the Less Dorney

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday May 4th

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday May 8th

9.30 am Holy Communion

11.00 am Family Communion

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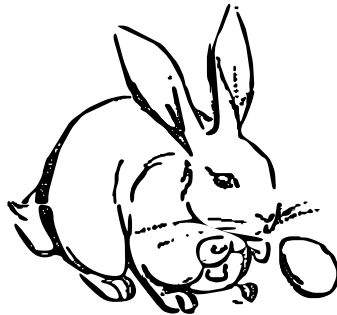
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Village Hall Development Public Meeting 8 PM Friday, 11 March 2011

The meeting opened with a brief reprise of the Village Hall Trust's objectives which included not only keeping the village hall in good repair but also ensuring that the facility was suitable to meet the requirements of the inhabitants of Dorney and the surrounding neighbourhood. Regrettably, despite everyone's best endeavours, shortage of money and the passage of time had resulted in a building that was currently in poor repair and inappropriately configured to meet all the demands made of it.

There then followed a presentation by the chairman of the Village Hall Committee of three options for future development of the Village Hall ranging from the minimum necessary to repair the roof and meet minimum codes/standards, through to a complete replacement building. The costs estimates for each option were given as follows:

1. Roof repair and minimum upgrade to meet basic standards (£120,000)
2. More extensive upgrade and extension to provide additional hireable spaces (£320,000)
3. Completely new building to include additional area and additional hireable spaces (£660,000)

The meeting was reminded that a significant number of bookings were currently being turned away and the key to satisfying this demand was the provision of additional separate hireable spaces in the form of a second small hall and meeting room. Only Options 2 and 3 satisfied this need.

The Village Hall Committee proposed that Option 2 should be progressed on the basis that this provided the necessary additional facilities at least cost, and that "recycling" the building was a much greener option than a new build. It was emphasised, however, that the Village Hall Trust currently had insufficient funds for any of these options and the viability of the proposals will depend upon the availability of grants and local funding from the Parish Precept; priority naturally being given to raising the maximum money from grants.

Several useful comments were made by attendees and whilst there was some support for a completely new building there was a clear majority amongst those attending in favour of the Village Hall Committee's recommended option.

The Village Hall Committee therefore intends to progress the development of the Village Hall by refurbishment of the existing structure, extending in part to form a second hireable hall and small meeting room, improving the toilet facilities and kitchen and also upgrading insulation, electrics, heating and storage. On this basis, planning will be sought; grants applied for and tenders obtained over the coming months. Regular updates will be given in the Dorney Parish Magazine and it is hoped that the Village will continue to support the Committee's work towards a substantially improved facility capable of meeting the local community's needs for many years to come.

SSAFA – Forces Help

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On Sunday 1st. and Monday 2nd. May (May Bank Holiday weekend)
Dorney Church will be open for visitors.

Teas will be served in the church and locally made cakes, jams and chutneys will be on sale, together with asparagus (if in season).

It is the intention that money raised on those days will be allocated for use at Norton House where families stay while visiting their 'lads' injured serving in Afghanistan who are now convalescing in Headley Court nearby.

Our support will be a way of saying thank you.

Dorney Court is also open for visitors on 1st/2nd May.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that Catherine (Kate) Middleton's parents were married in St. James on a June day in 1980, with the reception being held in Dorney Court.

Ralph Liney

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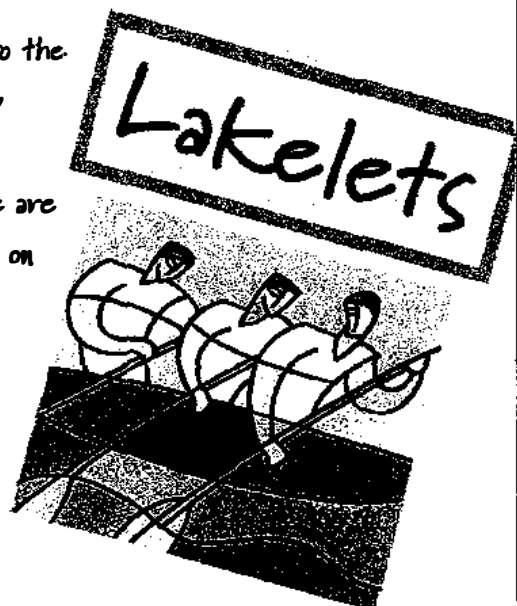
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More Dorney memories.

In the email from Simon Ames to Peter Bowman, which we published last month, reference was made to Lambert Williamson.

William Lambert Williamson, who lived in Village Road, composed/arranged/conducted the music for over fifty films. His wife, Con, played a leading role in all Parish activities, including the Dorney Players, and I had the pleasure of appearing opposite her in 'My Wife's Lodger.' She was 'the Wife' (Maggie Higginbotham) and I was 'Roger the Lodger.'

After the final performance of that play, in the old village hall, the cast and guests were invited back to 'Two Gates' where Bill entertained us at his grand piano, and encouraged with a glass or two of wine we sang a few songs.

Bill anticipated Britain joining the European Union (1st. January 1973) in the following verse for the **August 1972** edition of the Parish News. Ed.

UP THE SIX! (Or DIX as it may be)
(To the tune of "RULE BRITANNIA" if it fits)

"Achtung" "voici moi" again
with my European pen.
"Quelques pensees" for my tum
Common Market! Here we come!
Very "bonne chance" to him who tucks
into the "fromage" from Benelux.
A condiment we can't do without
"Deutschlands" tasty "sauerkraut."
Soon the time when everyone hasta
have a bash at succulent "pasta."
At "Ravioli" we'll not stoppo
very toothsome "ma non troppo."
Soon the time when everyone begs
for "le gout" of "Grenouilles" legs.
Nor should the palate e're demur
At the thought of snails "au beurre."
The "prix" of "busser" will not be low
"Quand nous l'achetons" by the "kilo."
All of which makes jolly good sense
"Honi soit qui mal y pense."

Wilhelm van Guillaume-fils.

Dorney Social Diary

Thursday 7th April
Monday 11th April
Wednesday 13th April

Sunday 24th April
Friday 29th April
Sunday 1st May)
Monday 2nd May)
Monday 9th May
Saturday 14th May

Wednesday 18th May
Saturday 21st May
Monday 23rd May

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Lent Lunch EtonDorney Centre 12-2 p.m.

Eton Wick History Group Meeting

Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt Dorney Court 3 p.m.

Dorney Street Party

SSAFA Teas & Produce Sale

Dorney Church

Coffee Afternoon Eton Dorney Centre

Family Fun Afternoon

Eton Wick School 2-5 p.m.

DDHS Garden Visit

TVAP Sponsored Walk

Coffee Afternoon Eton Dorney Centre

Second Tuesday of each month (except August)

Eton Dorney Centre 8 p.m.

Second Monday of alternate months

i.e. May, July

Village Hall 8 p.m.

Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney

Second Tuesday in month 12.15 – 2.00

12/4 10/5 14/6 12/7 Outing.

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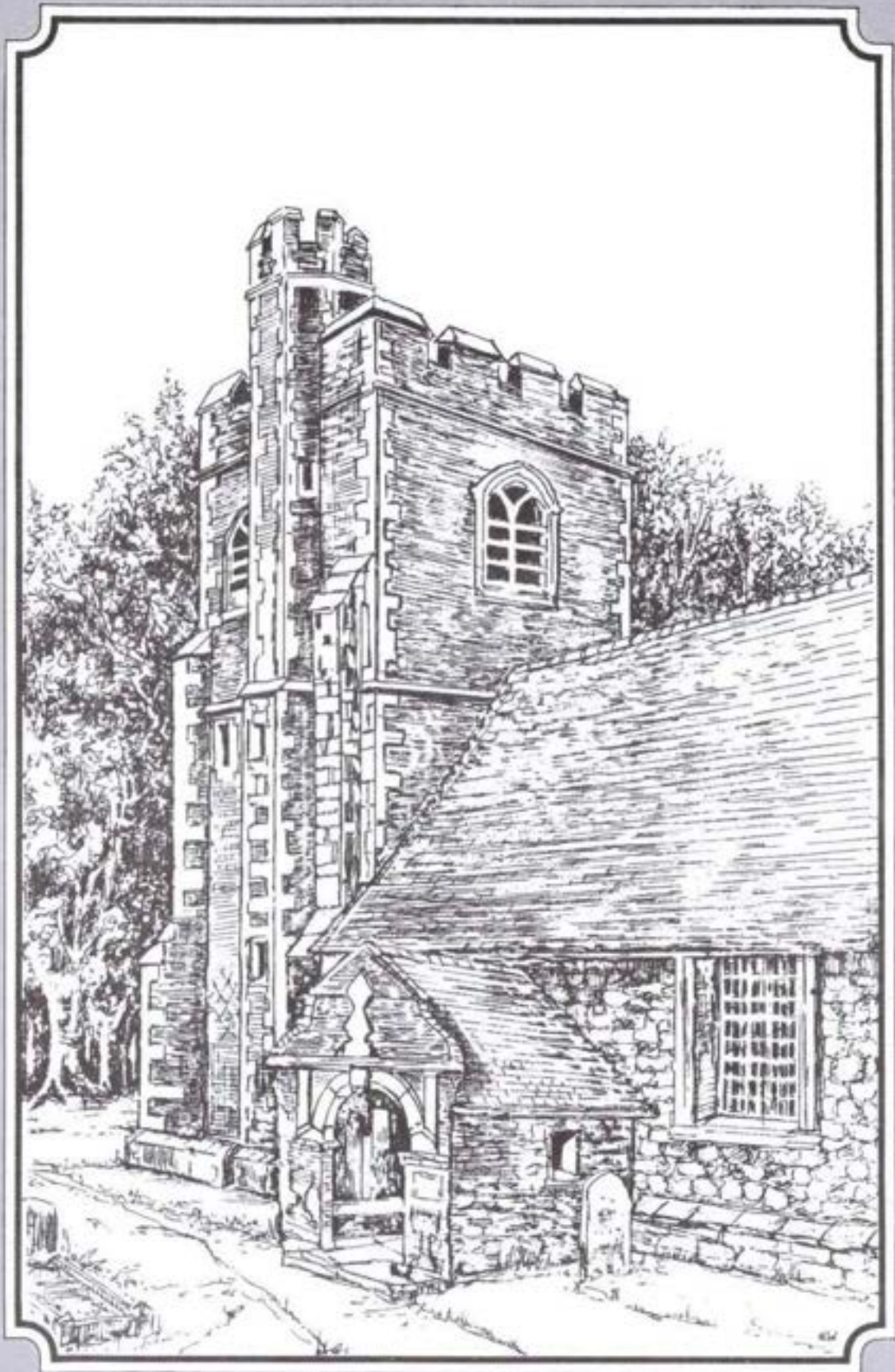
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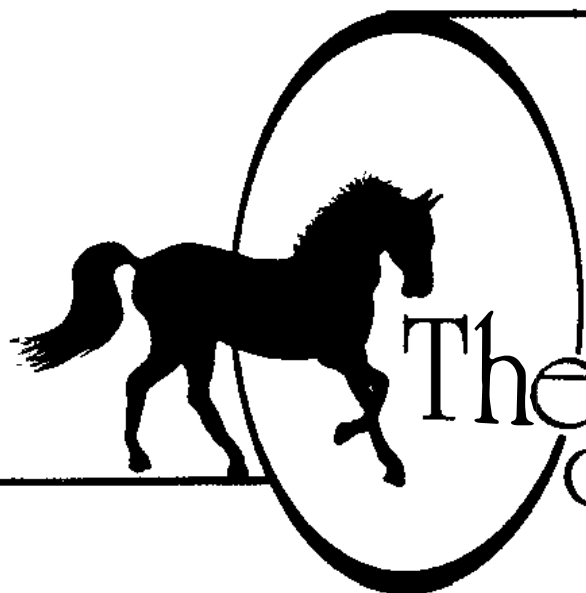
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| Sunday | 10.30am | Morning Service and Sunday School |
| | 6.30pm | Evening Service |

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| Sunday Mass | 9.00am |
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| Saturday | 6pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.45am and 6pm | Mass |

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I have just returned from holiday and so was out of the country for the royal wedding *and* for the Dorney Street Party. Worldwide TV coverage ensured that I didn't miss seeing the William and Catherine nuptials, but the Dorney Party was not even mentioned on the news. From all reports the parish event was a particularly jolly, festive gathering of friends and neighbours, where, entering into the spirit of the day, everyone fully enjoyed the party atmosphere and many suggested that something similar should be arranged more often, and not be solely dependent upon a royal occasion. Everyone has been fulsome in expressing their appreciation and thanks to Leanne Kittel and her committee for organised the whole thing. I'm sorry I missed it!

Amongst my mail I found the letter from SBDC advising me that formal objections to the LOCOG application for certain licensable activities at Dorney Lake must be received at the Council Offices by the close of business on 16th May 2011.

I do appreciate that a whole day watching rowing could become rather tedious and that Films/Recorded Music/Performance of Dance/Alcohol are obviously needed to relieve the boredom, but I see that the premises license application covers 1st. July 2012 to 30th. September 2012, a period of thirteen weeks. During that period, the Olympic and Paralympic Games take place on a total of nineteen days.

Now I don't know whether recorded music etc. will be too disturbing to local residents, but personally I am prepared to put up with it for the period of the Games. What I would object to, is that licensable activities take place in the ten fallow weeks. I hope LOCOG or the College have nothing in mind.

If you go down to the beach today you're sure of a big surprise.

Many years ago, when my daughters were very young, we were bathing in the sea at Bournemouth when to our disgust we became aware of raw sewage being washed up on to the beach. My letter to Bournemouth Council brought the reply that this could happen on an adverse wind and tide. Reports published this week, reveal that our Bournemouth experience is now commonplace on many English beaches. There are more than 15,000 sewage and floodwater overflows that pour untreated sewage and storm water into the river network and along the coastline. More than 450 affect designated bathing areas. Instead of taking measures to prevent this pollution, councils are applying to remove their beaches from the list of designated bathing waters. It is disgraceful that councils and the environment agency continue to offload waste in this way, and draconian penalties should be levied against the offenders.

Our thanks to Mrs. Jacqui Leishman who has kindly agreed to deliver the Parish Magazine to subscribers in Ashford Lane.

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Revd Lucy Holt writes:

I am not a great gardener but even I will no doubt spend a bit of time in my garden this month. I am sure a few of you will do too particularly over our holiday weekends, clearing up and replanting our beds with the joy and anticipation of being able to see what has been dormant coming back to life again. In the Christian church we remain in the Easter season until Pentecost and are reminded each week of the truth of the resurrection with the words Alleluia echoing through our liturgy. The truth of the resurrection makes us aware of rebirth and the clearing away of the things that are not of God to make way for his Holy Spirit to change and restore us. Like our gardens we need to "weed out" things which stop us developing those bad habits or attitudes. The joy is that like our gardens when we make time and sometime a fair amount of effort to do this the results can be glorious as we begin to reflect God in the world and be in Jesus' words salt and light.

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Church Services in May 2011**Sunday 1st May**

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Wednesday 4th May

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Sunday 8th May

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Sunday 15th May

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Worshipping Together (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 18th May

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Sunday 22nd May

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| 9.30am | Morning Worship | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Sunday 29th May

11.00am Holy Communion

St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

Wednesday 1st June

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 5th June

9.30 am Family Communion

St James the Less Dorney

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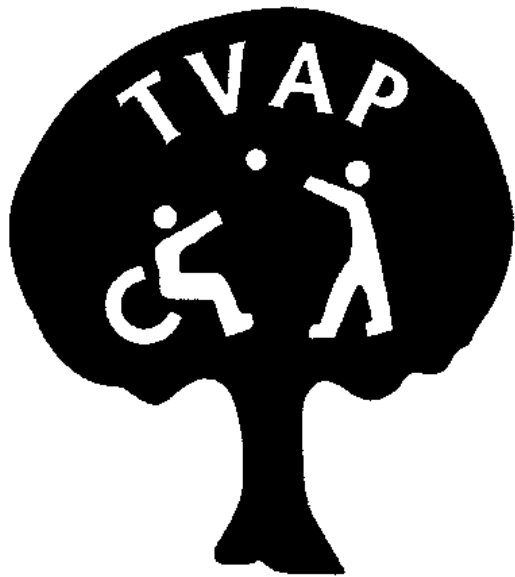


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Jean Tyler

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Dorney Street Party...What a memorable day!

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For the committee and helpers 11.00 o'clock saw a brief break to see the beautiful couple exchange vows within the magnificent Westminster Abbey. Whilst munching our bacon rolls and coffee, courtesy of a busy Mary Baker and Mrs Oxlade...., the ladies admired the dress and the men commented on the proud father of the bride. A brief break but a memory to treasure.

Final preparations and we were ready to go at 14.00. A champagne and bucks fizz reception and a guest book started the celebrations in true wedding style. Residents arrived with donations, cakes and many kind words for the committee. People were generous beyond expectation. The area was decorated in true street party style, finished off with the surprise arrival of an ex Dorney resident and now a Chelsea pensioner in full uniform! Children were dressed as princesses, kings and army personnel and had faces painted to add to the decor of the day.

Special thanks has to go to Whitty The Clown (David Whittard) who gave his time free of charge to the day and certainly made a huge difference to the smooth consistent running of the day's activities and entertained children and adults alike. Thanks also to the Palmer Arms who enabled a free running Pimms table for all to enjoy through the day! 15.30 saw Mary and her team serving coffee and cakes supplied by the Dorney Court Kitchen Garden and generous residents. This really was a day of community gathering; a party for the community, by the community.

Dorney did the newly-wed couple proud but also succeeded more importantly in bringing its residents together for a fun filled day. In 1977 I was lucky enough to enjoy my own street party for the Queen's jubilee, (and pictures supplied by Jean Tyler saw Dorney doing just the same) although at a tender age of 4 I still hold memories of the day and pictures help me to recall the events of the day. With the help of Scott our professional photographer on the day, and a personalised commemorative mug, I hope that the children and adults went away taking their own memories of the Dorney Street Party of 2011, to celebrate the wedding of The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. Good luck to our happy couple and here's to more events in the not too distant future.

A final word goes to the team of people that made this happen, without them the day would not have been the success it most certainly was. Leon Williams, Zoe Gilbert, Jo Ellis, Mary Baker, Alan Russell, Sonia Mead, Shirley Hewitt-Teale, Trudi Harwood, Andrew Purdie

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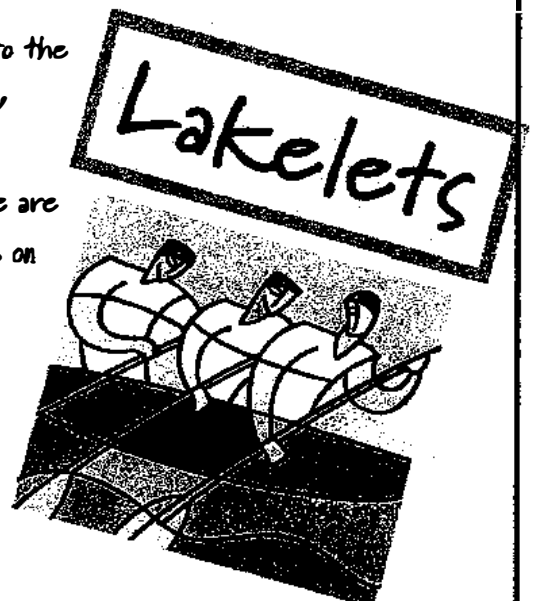
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Dorney and the Bulldog Spirit

We're very lucky that a group of residents took the considerable trouble of organising a Street Party on April 29. It was a sobering thought that the writer of the announcement in the previous DPN implied that the year of the last such local event - 1977 - represented the 'good old days'. That year doesn't seem very *old* and I don't recall many of us at the time felt particularly *good*. Also, from David Bowie downwards, 'glam' was then the male watchword, so it's sad only ladies were invited to dress with 'sparkle'!

It was fun to mingle with old and new friends (not to mention the scoffing of scrumptious cakes). That nuptial feel good factor has been seen as a reflection of the British at their best.

Cake eating might not be the finest national attribute, but the bulldog spirit aroused at the annual Parish Council meeting in March seemed to me to be very British, as LOCOG's apparent determination to exclude the Parish Council and other local interests from all infrastructure discussions prior to the Games was exposed. We're happy with the Lake and sort of proud of the Olympics, but don't exploit us, and don't ignore or patronise our representatives seemed to be the sentiment.

Two fundamentals bubbled up to the surface, two decades after the village united under the DROPET banner. 'They' can't take us for granted, and, anyway, should such an international facility be shoe-horned into a rural corner of Bucks, based as the project was on the fundamental untruth that the 'trench' was for the use of 'our boys'.

I've been re-reading the Proof of Evidence the village presented to the appeal in 1992. We must have had very efficient tea leaves because we were remarkably accurate in our predictions. Our 'identity....would cease to exist' - we predicted that signs to Dorney would be re-written as 'the National Rowing Centre...with the village merely an attachment to it.' But we didn't predict that 'they' would be even more daring and rename us as the fictitious 'Eton-Dorney'.

The village was expendable then and little changes. Nothing should obstruct Eton's and now LOCOG's agenda. Eric Anderson, then the headmaster, said *on TV* that 'you have to balance in these things the *disadvantages to those few people living nearby* against the very big advantages for the country as a whole of having a really good sheet of still water in the south of England.' We laconically observed that 'this comment appears to be somewhat contrary to the presentation by Lord Charteris to Dorney residents.' To remind you, his Lordship had told us the facility was to be 'essentially for Eton College use' but 'local schools and local clubs should be invited to use the course.'

So if in 2011 Dorney can dig out its bunting and union flags from 1977, perhaps it's time to retrieve all those posters and campaigning leaflets from 1992....but you never know, they still might consult our Council and repay us with all that Olympic legacy.....

Peter Bowman (peter.bowman@virgin.net)

Dorney Social Diary

Monday 9th May
Saturday 14th May

Wednesday 18th May

Saturday 21st May

Sunday 22nd May

Monday 23rd May
Wednesday 25th May

Saturday 3rd September

Coffee Afternoon Eton Dorney Centre
Family Fun Afternoon

Eton Wick School 2-5 p.m.

DDHS Garden Visit

Maryfield, Taplow 2.15 p.m.

TVAP Sponsored Walk

Dorney School May Fayre

Best Kept Village Tidy Up

Meet Village Hall 9.30 a.m.

Coffee Afternoon Eton Dorney Centre

Eton Wick History Group Meeting

Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.

Dorney Fete & DDHS Annual Show

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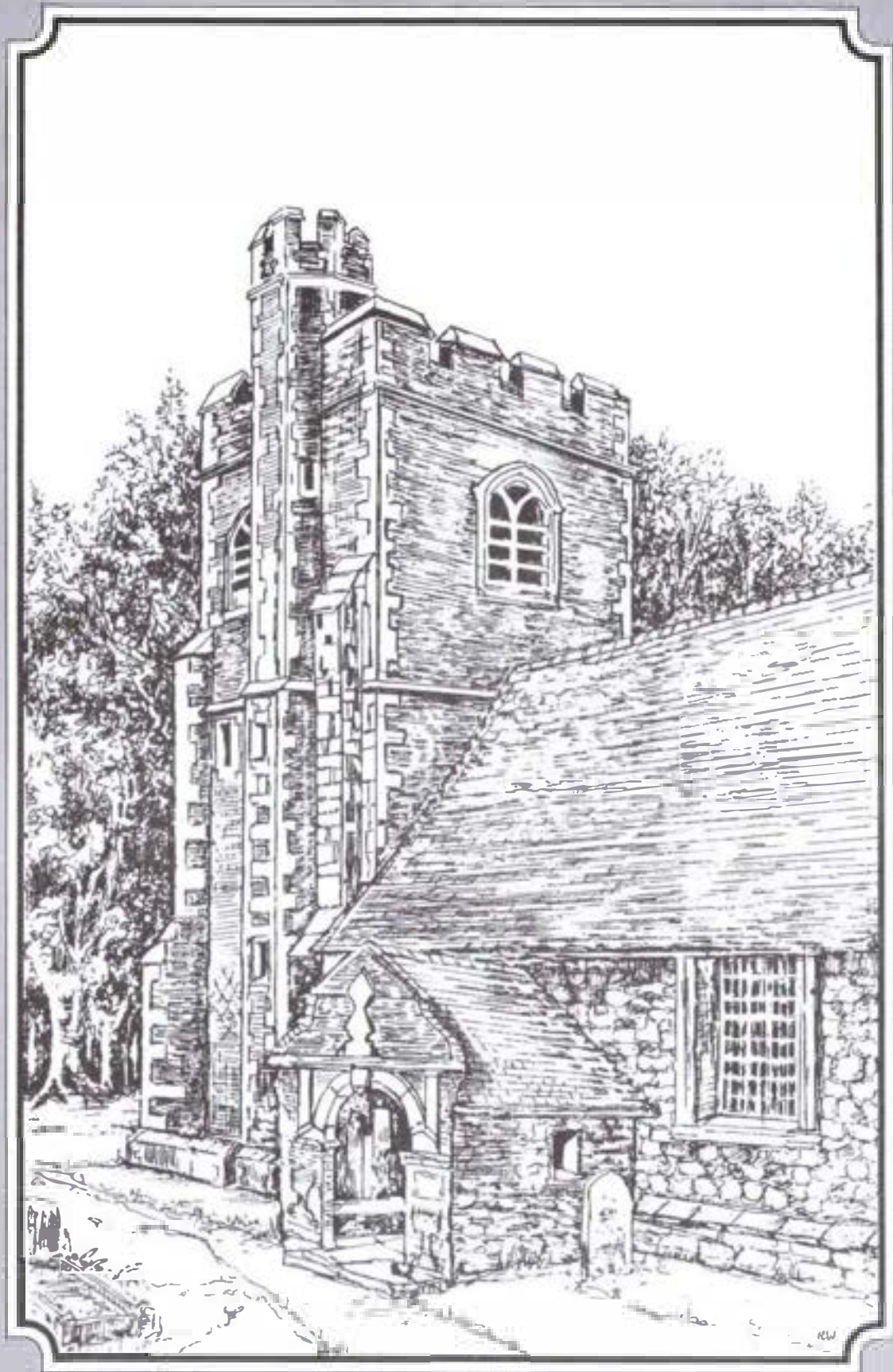
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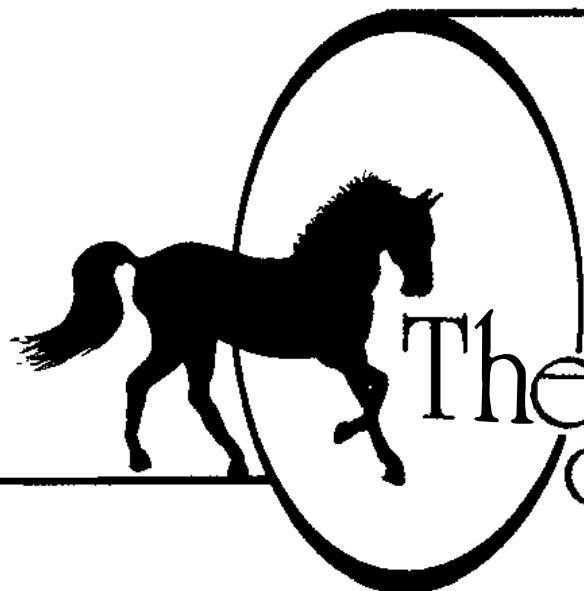
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In the October 2008 issue of this magazine I expressed my pleasure that there were plans for the resurrection of Skindles, once the 'Jewel of Maidenhead.' A new luxury 120 bedroom hotel with 'stunning architecture' was incorporated in the plans for the development of the site of the old Taplow Paper Mill. And it was not just the hotel that was to be 'luxury', the whole 23-hectare development, incorporating hundreds of homes and businesses, marinas, river walkways, gardens etc, was marketed as a 'luxury resort'. There was opposition to the scheme, but generally it was felt that it "could be worse." Unfortunately, the developers went into administration, and in July 2009 the plans were scrapped.

It is now reported that Barrett Homes has been working with landowners National Grid and Taplow Investments Ltd. on a comprehensive brief to guide development. Initial plans for 240-300 houses and flats have been announced. At a recent Taplow Parish Council meeting, Frank Browne of consultants Curtin & Co. (acting for the developer) assured residents, "Barrett Homes is committed to developing a very high quality development. They're not proposing to go significantly above the height of existing buildings, but it's an ambitious proposal and it'll include some large buildings."

I am disappointed to learn that the plans contain no proposals for Skindles. For thirty years or so we have watched this once famous and fashionable hotel rot away. It is shameful that this prime site, this gateway to Maidenhead, has been allowed to deteriorate and become such an eyesore. Surely the granting of a licence for development of the Mill Lane site should depend upon the incorporation of a first class hotel, one worthy of the Skindles legacy.

Residents are invited to attend a public exhibition on the Severnside part of the site to discuss every aspect of the proposed development including the effect of increased traffic on the A4. The date has not been confirmed, but developers have pencilled in 9th June.

Thinking of increased traffic on the A4 brings up the old perennial – Taplow Car Boot Sale. I understand that on the Easter and May Bank Holiday Mondays, the car boot sale caused, again, traffic gridlock on the A4. Local drivers are often greatly inconvenienced by it and yet past reports from the police indicate that when they investigate they find the traffic flowing quite satisfactorily! But in the police report on page 17 you will read that they admit that there have been some traffic 'issues' on TCBS days and they invite you to report if you have any TCBS 'concerns.'

Please make sure that you take up this invitation, for when our county councillor, Dev Dhillon, asked for support in his attempts to prohibit or curtail the Taplow Car Boot Sale, he received little, if any, response from Dorney residents.

The Best Kept Village Competition judges will be around in June. Make them happy!

Revd Lucy Holt writes:

The summer is fast approaching and we have already started planning for our annual RiverReach holiday club. This year it will be held from 26th to 28th July and invitations will be going out shortly through our local schools. The theme is to be "To infinity and beyond" and we will be space travellers looking down on the earth and seeing all that God created. The three days consist of games, songs, stories, craft and cooking activities and an opportunity to explore the theme in a fun way. If you have children aged 5-9 who are not in our local schools who would like to be part of the fun then please do contact me for more details. This is a free holiday club and funded by the Easter Egg Hunt and donations.

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St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am 'Our Space' Family Service

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

6.30 pm Informal Service

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 12th June

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am Holy Communion (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday 15th June

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 19th June

9.30am Holy Communion

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11.00am Worshipping Together (children's groups)

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11.00am Holy Communion (children's groups)

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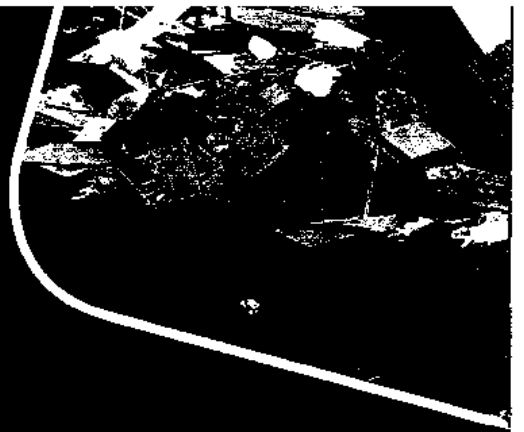
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May 18, 2011

Dear Editor

2011 Best Kept Village Competition

A revised map has been submitted to the organisers of this competition. We have added some new features which may help us gain additional marks, such as the enlarged playground facilities in Trumper's Field and the tree planting along Richmond Path.

The Pineapple and The Palmer Arms were already flagged (under areas surrounding pubs) and we decided to add the other two major businesses in Dorney namely The White Heather Garage and the newly renamed Dorney Court Kitchen Garden. Both are very attractive buildings which enhance the village. We hope this may give the judges an incentive to enter and see both Dorney Court and the Kitchen Garden Café.

Please keep up the good work on your frontage. Judging is in June.

Nick Teale

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Holding a torch for Seb Coe?

I work as a freelance. Just recently, I had an interesting assignment. I joined an 'army of enforcers'. Not my usual line of business, but that's what the *Telegraph* called us. In everyday parlance, I was a Census Collector.

Our induction seemed to prepare us for either a population of recalcitrant, forgetful children, big bald men with bigger, balder dogs or anti state anarchists. Of course, the reality is that the British (well, the South Bucks) population is rather wonderful.

At the risk of writing a very cosy column, I learnt that our corner of the county is even more appealing than I've always believed, with hidden areas of places like Beaconsfield on a par with Oxford or the best of Cotswold small towns. Also, whatever the *Telegraph* or the anarchist bloggers say, people are civic minded and generally sympathetic to our project. Somebody said that it was great to have an event in which the whole population, humble and haughty, could take part.

There is one national project, just announced, which is quite the reverse...the chance to be an Olympic torchbearer this time next year. Many people feel uneasy about aspects of the Games, but you have to respect traditions like the torch relay, which have been followed since the mists of antiquity, or, well since Dr Goebbels introduced it for the 1936 Berlin Games. Remembering those stern faced Chinese security guards who accompanied the Torch to these shores in 2008, it's a great relief that this time three quarters of the 8,000 torch bearers will be selected by high minded, disinterested bodies dedicated to the nation's physical wellbeing like Coca Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung.

I've always worked in advertising and media, and I'm proud, to take one example, that a compelling combination of creative ads and targeting expertise (reaching young males, for instance) has allowed the commercial media coverage of sport to attain such scope and excellence. But is this aspect of these Games just one materialistic step too far? *Chariots of Fire* it isn't.

I bet many of us who love both sport and our neighbourhood feel uneasy about our scepticism about the Games intrusion into Dorney (oops, sorry, into Eton Dorney). But, it seems, that our old friend LOCOG is proving even more evasive and threatening to the residents surrounding Greenwich Park, scene of the equestrian events. Meetings of Greenwich Council and LOCOG drop-in sessions are proving stormy. At least here in Dorney we have a purpose built facility, unlike Greenwich, and however nervous rowers get before events, human competitors apparently don't generate 'waste' to quite the same degree as do their equine equivalents.

It's all so familiar....the number of extra lorry journeys to remove manure, the cutting back of three times as many 'veteran' trees as forecast, when and where will security fencing prevent access to what is a public park. The questions mount up.

Dorney's not unique. I almost feel sorry for Lord Seb....

Peter Bowman peter.bowman@virgin.net

Dorney Court Kitchen Garden

Well the season is now in full flow, the house has opened its doors, the nursery is looking spectacular and people are enjoying cream teas in the seamlessly never ending sunshine we have been experiencing. We have witnessed some spectacular changes in the kitchen garden over the past month and the excitement has grown as we approach our very first harvest. At the time of writing this we have just picked our first strawberries to garnish the cream teas, our first radishes to put on the freshly prepared lunchtime salads and the beetroot, spinach, rhubarb, courgettes and potatoes are all showing signs that they will be ready within the next week or two. The kitchen garden takes the phrase "local produce" to a whole new level, allowing us to pick the salad, vegetables and herbs each morning that we wish to use in the café that day. This means we are able to create fantastic fresh dishes full of real flavour and the nourishing goodness that only comes from newly harvested produce. It is a very exciting concept that is already showing signs of being a real success.

The nursery has also seen a transformation since the New Year. We are getting bundles of new stock in each week that look absolutely stunning and so healthy. We have an ever expanding area dedicated to growing your own fruit, vegetables and herbs. This combined with our expanding team of knowledgeable staff on hand to give you guidance and advice means it has never been a better time to give it a go and grow your own fresh produce to cook with at home. You would be surprised at how little space you need to get yourself started.

The garden talks are still proving to be very popular. There was nearly a mini riot when we announced that we would not be able to hold the talk on the first Tuesday of May, however we are pleased to announce that the first Tuesday of June will bring with it a talk on stunning small trees for any garden. Our speaker will be none other than our resident plant expert and nursery manager Kirstie Kerr and we all look forward to hearing what she has to say on the subject. A full line-up of forthcoming events is listed at the end of this article.

As the summer holidays rapidly approach, we are busy preparing for the kids gardening sessions we plan to hold where we will invite parents and kids to come along to educational workshops in the kitchen garden. These fun sessions will show kids all about where and how food is grown. We will get them planting seeds, watering their plants, picking and eating some produce, rooting around for insects and worms and generally getting them to have fun in the great outdoors! If you would like to bring your kids along to one of these sessions then please do send an email to info@dckg.co.uk and we will be sure to let you know the dates when they get released.

Calendar of forthcoming events:

Friday May 27th – Talk on "Preparing proper coffee at home" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available) Speaker: Stretch

Friday June 3rd – Talk on “Trends from Chelsea this year” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available) Speaker: Kirstie Kerr

Tuesday June 7th – Talk on “Stunning small trees for any garden” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available) Speaker: Kirstie Kerr

Tuesday June 7th – Evening talk on “Stunning small trees for any garden” £5 per ticket meet in the café at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A glass of wine and nibbles will be provided. Speaker: Kirstie Kerr

Wednesday June 22nd – Dorney Court Kitchen Garden will be running a stall at the Burnham market in support of “Eco Week”

Thursday June 23rd – We will be holding an evening talk with wine and nibbles for “Eco Week” where we will be showcasing the great invention that is The Hairy Pot and telling you everything there is to know about them.

Dorney Fete

Saturday 3rd September 12.30 – 3 p.m.

**Dorney Youth Club will be staging the Fete again this year on
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The Horticultural Society visits Maryfield

This year, the annual Society garden visit on the afternoon of May 18 was memorable. Much fun was had, and lovely cake was eaten, but even more important, a hidden gem of a garden (and house) was revealed on our doorsteps....well, up the road in Taplow.

Maryfield sits at the top end of the High Street. The house is of Victorian vintage and seems (to my eyes) to float above the village and the 2 acre garden which surrounds it on three sides. I'd never seen the house before, even though it has commanding vistas looking southwards over the Thames Valley to Windsor.

In the past it has served as the wartime HQ of the exiled Dutch high command and a home for nurses at the Red Cross Hospital, but for the past several years has been the beautiful home of Jacqueline and Roger Andrews. The gardens are opened under the National Gardens Scheme 'open for charity' programme. The Society's thanks are extended to Roger Andrews, who personally conducted us around his garden.

That garden, according to Roger, is a constant work in progress. He shared with us the vision of various horticultural designers who had inspired him – Roger himself has created stands at the Chelsea show. I'm sure all those who accompanied him admired and enjoyed the lily pond with its generous borders, the walled vegetable garden and the herbaceous planting area.

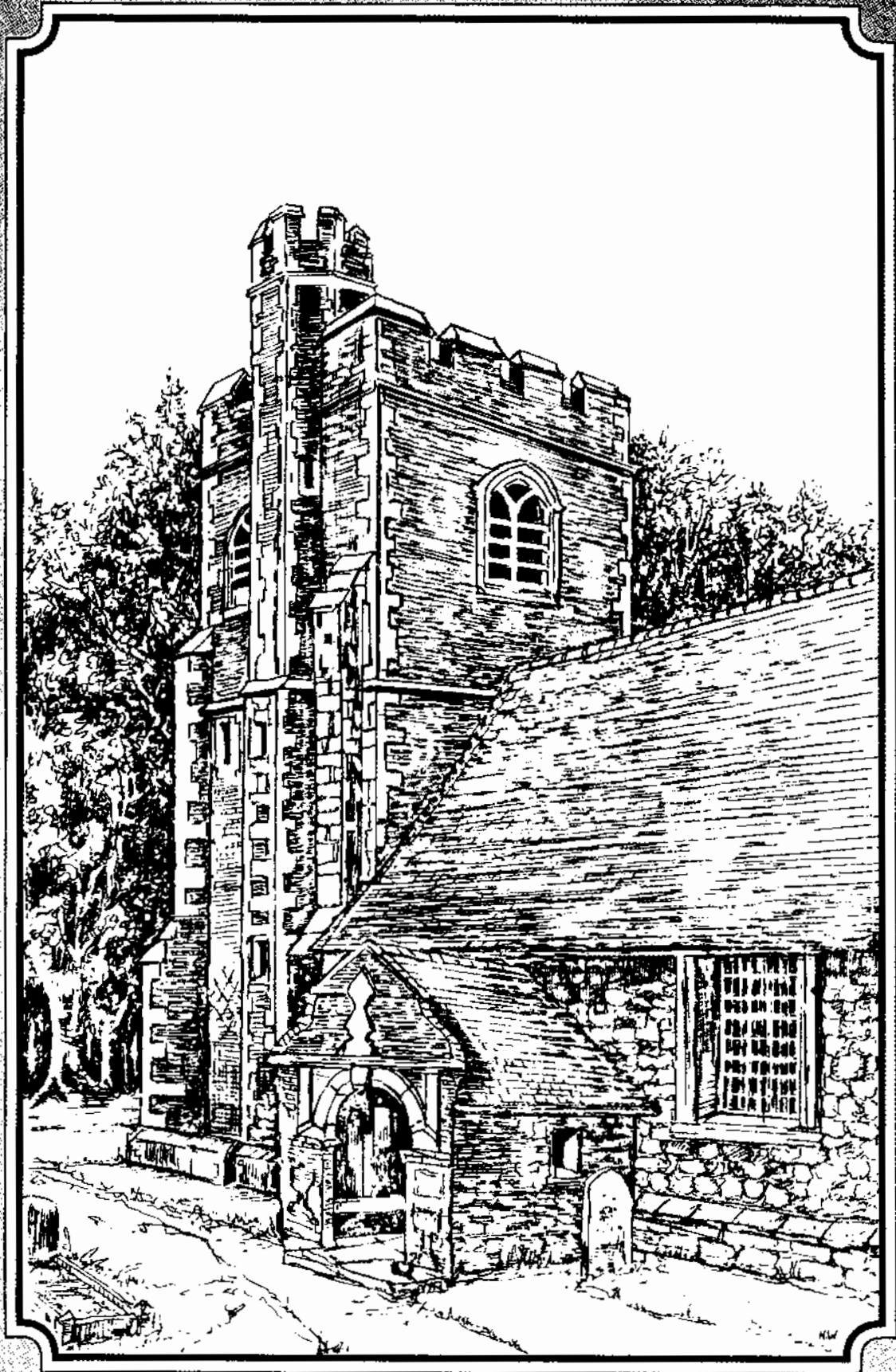
I can also recommend the tea and homemade cake provided to visitors!

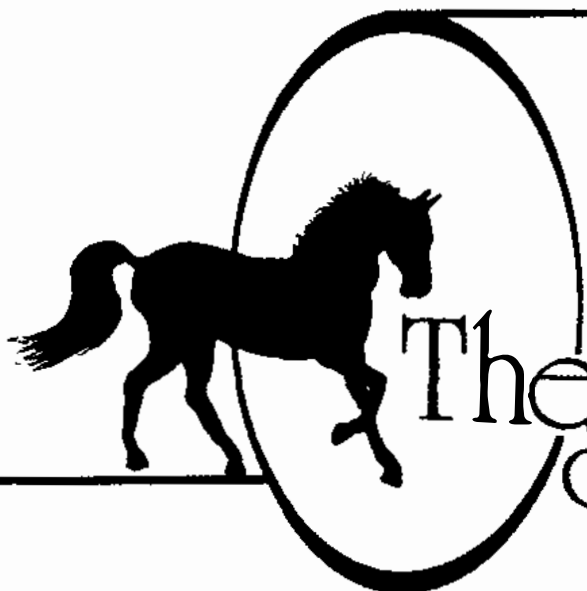
Over 40 members enjoyed the visit. If you're not already a member of Dorney & District Horticultural Society, and would like to join, please call Louise Whaley on 01628 625589.

Peter Bowman

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If you are annoyed when you read that the Rowing Olympics are to take place at Eton Dorney you will be even more piqued by the Windsor 2012 Legacy Group's assertion that – Quote :- Windsor is hosting the rowing and sprint kayaking events at Dorney Lake, with 30,000+ visitors a day expected and the press of the world. It is likely to be the largest event Windsor will ever see, *in most people's lifetime*. – Unquote.

Now the nub of this group's surprising claim, that Windsor is hosting the events at Dorney Lake, is to persuade the ODA that it entitles them to a lasting legacy from the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games. Excited by the temporary footbridge that will bring spectators from Windsor Racecourse to the rowing lake, they are campaigning for a **permanent** and more grandiose footbridge from Sutherland Grange in West Windsor to the North bank of the Thames, enabling better access to Dorney Lake, the Jubilee River and beyond.

I'm afraid I do not share any of their enthusiasm for this proposed project. This is a very one-way deal. Windsorians may be envious of the delights of Dorney, but to walk from our river bank to a car park in a meadow in West Windsor is hardly quid pro quo.

As to a legacy for hosting the Games, then Dorney *must* be the obvious recipient. The estimated cost of the Windsor pretenders' project, ranges from £1.5m to £6m. In comparison, a new village hall for Dorney is a most reasonable inheritance.

The World Rowing Junior Championships at Dorney Lake will be held over four days from the 4th – 7th August, **2011**. 600+ junior athletes representing around 50 countries will be competing.

Entrance for spectators is by the main gate and parking is on site.

A licence to permit, amongst other things, Live Music, Recorded Music and the Supply of Alcohol (as for the Olympics in 2012) has been applied for.

It could be an 'interesting' four days!

As far as I know, the Windsor Legacy Group has not yet claimed that Windsor is hosting the Junior Championships!!

An appreciative audience attended the recent Thames Valley Police Community Briefing Event entitled Delivering a Safe and Secure Games. The message for local residents was that we must all play our part in local security, particularly in the lead up to, and during, the Rowing Olympics. The police rely on our local knowledge and awareness and we should not hesitate in informing them of anything that may arouse our suspicions. Raising a false alarm is better than turning a blind eye.

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Revd Lucy Holt Writes:

In our house we are just coming to the end of the exam period and recovering from the stress that this has posed on our home. As a parent you go through the process with your children and yet you have to let them get on with it themselves, you can support them but you obviously can't do it for them. This letting go as a parent can be quite a painful process as I am sure many of you will be aware of. It strikes me though when we experience this with our own children how God feels about each of us. He has given us free will so we are responsible for our own actions no matter what those may be. Yet as our Heavenly parent he is there celebrating our successes and realising our pain at our mistakes. Just as we want our children to turn to us and to share with us what they are going through it is the same with God. He longs for us to share everything with him and has promised that he will be there for us - by the still or troubled water. I do hope that this summer period may be good for all, bringing the necessary exam results for our young people, and the holiday period may give much refreshment to all.

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Church Services in July and August 2011

Sunday 3rd July

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00 am | Open Space (All Age Family Service) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |
| 6.30 pm | Informal Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Wednesday 6th July

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 10th July

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

Sunday 17th July

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Worshipping Together (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 20th July

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 24th July

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

Sunday 31st July

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Evangelist Eton

Wednesday 3rd August

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 7th August

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am Open Space (All Age Family Service)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 14th August

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday 17th August

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 21st August

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Worshipping Together

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 28th August

9.30am Morning Worship

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11.00am Holy Communion

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Sunday 4th September

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South Bucks District Council's Sports Development Summer Holiday Programme

The Sports Development Team is changing its 'Chillin' in the Park' Summer Holiday Programme to have a more Olympic theme this year to reflect the events in 2012

This year's FREE 'Games in the Park' will provide fun and games in Olympic Sports such as athletics, tennis, basketball and cycling. Art will also be available.

Below are a selection of dates and venues close to Dorney, visit www.southbucks.gov.uk for a view of all dates:

Mon 01 & Thurs 11 Aug. Burnham Park

Tues 02 & Wed 10 Aug. Dorney: Trumpers Field

Thurs 04 Aug. Taplow: Phoenix RFC

Tues 16 Aug. Stoke Poges: Bell's Hill Recreation Ground

Wed 17 Aug. George Green: Harvey Memorial Recreation

10am - 3pm (Arts 11am-2pm) Ages 6-16yrs (under 8's must be accompanied by an adult)

In addition to 'Games in the Park', the team will be delivering two weeks of skate boarding and bmx at 'Sk8 Weekz':

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**Regards
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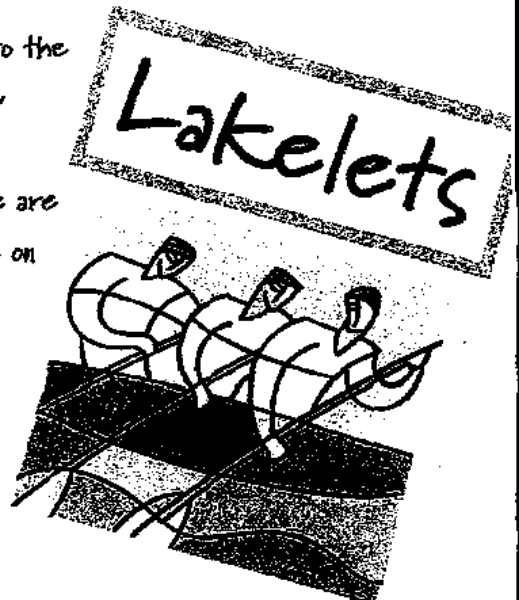
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Marooned in Dorney

I was on *Desert Island Discs* last week. I've waited a lifetime for the call from Radio 4, but then came the email telling me that Kirsty Young would interview me in the famous studio in Broadcasting House the next day. The producer wondered whether that 'would put me out' but I assured her that it would not.

There I was on the morrow discussing my selections with Ms Young, who told me all about the legends who had occupied the very same chair in which I was sitting. What happened next? Well, it wasn't the alarm clock ringing to rouse me from my blissful reverie. After a quarter of an hour's recording, my wife and I wandered off to enjoy a pizza and a much needed (and deserved) glass of Merlot.

15 minutes, you will say.....but surely celebrity guests have three quarters of an hour to expand on their choice of 8 'gramophone records' to sustain them during their exile on the fabled desert island? I admit this was no ordinary edition of the programme. It was *'Your Desert Island Discs'*, a special based on the 27,000 people who posted their 8 selections on the programme's website. I feel very humble because only a handful of us got to share our choice with the Radio 4 audience. I'm an unrepentant blues and rock fan - which was slightly at variance with the mainstream response, which nominated Vaughan Williams, Elgar & Beethoven as their top three choices - but the programme's splendid production team wanted me to talk about my long term relationship with *Nkosi Sikeleli Africa*, the glorious hymn which is now the national anthem of South Africa.

I like the programme and I love music, and choosing your 8 tracks, especially with friends, is a bit of a fun party game. The selections can reveal much about people. I reckon our editor, being a navy man, might go for a stirring rendition of 'A Life on the Ocean Wave'. Thinking of other DPN contributors, Tony Dixon-Smith would plump for the great tunes of Broadway like Lerner-Loewe or Gershwin, while Geoffrey Atkinson, our own thespian, might select witty musical comedy from the likes of Noel Coward. The Revd Lucy, I'm sure, prefers a rousing spiritual like 'If I had a Hammer', while Joy Richmond I see as a bit of a jiver in her younger days, who probably has a soft spot for Elvis or Cliff.

A few years ago, we held a 'desert island party' at our house aiming to interweave everybody's nominated choice. The idea is great fun, but I think the logistics of handling sundry discs and tapes rather defeated us. Today, a play list on your laptop would make it easy. If anybody is of a like mind and feels like emailing me their choices, we might have an archive to rival the BBC. We could return to this subject, and, who knows, it could be the basis for a community event in the Village Hall!

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Dorney Social Diary

Wednesday 13th July

Eton Wick History Group Meeting

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Saturday 3rd September

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News From Dorney Court Kitchen Garden

With Wimbledon officially marking the end of our long dry spring and the onset of much needed rain, many people will be kicking back to watch Andy Murray's campaign from the comfort of their sitting room...but not us! Now is the perfect time to get out into the garden and get feeding and weeding your parched lawns. Also we are coming to that time of year where we need to start feeding our vegetables and hanging baskets. Compost contains approximately 4-6 weeks' worth of food in it which, if you planted during April or early May this year, will now be depleted. There are many ways you can feed your plants (liquid, granular etc) but all plants do need continuous feeding through their growing and flowering season to produce the best blooms or the biggest vegetables. Tomorite will work wonders on your tomatoes and now is the perfect time to give them that extra boost they need.

In the Kitchen Garden we have some exciting new crops coming through. Our courgettes are beginning to go berserk and we are harvesting them at a rate of knots as they are proving to be in very high demand with our customers wanting to buy them for cooking at home. With our peas beginning to come through now and with an abundance of different varieties of mint growing in our herb garden, expect to be tasting some fantastic fresh soups in our restaurant this month.

Over the course of the coming weeks, we are excited to announce that we will be making arrangements for the arrival of our new family of chickens. With such an abundance of names put forward at our launch weekend, we have plenty to choose from and will certainly be waiting until they arrive to make sure the name suits the chicken! In the meantime it's not too late to put forward a suggestion, allow your imagination run wild and let us know what you come up with next time you're in!

Events coming up at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden:

Sunday July 31st : Thames Valley Morgan Club is coming to Dorney! There will be an exciting collection of Morgan sports cars on display at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden for you to walk around, admire and sit in. They will be displayed from 11am on the grass opposite our tea garden.

We are very excited to announce the launch of "Drawing on Nature" this summer. We will be holding a series of practical workshops for people of all ages, run by the extremely talented artist and model maker Paul Robbins. These fun workshops are open to all ages and will, like the title suggests, be designed around the inspirational surroundings here at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden. If you would like to find out more, please email us at info@dckg.co.uk or pop by and speak to one of the team.

The next edition of the Dorney Parish Magazine will contain our new line-up of talks which will recommence again this autumn. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to hear then please do pop in and see us or send an email to info@dckg.co.uk with your suggestions.

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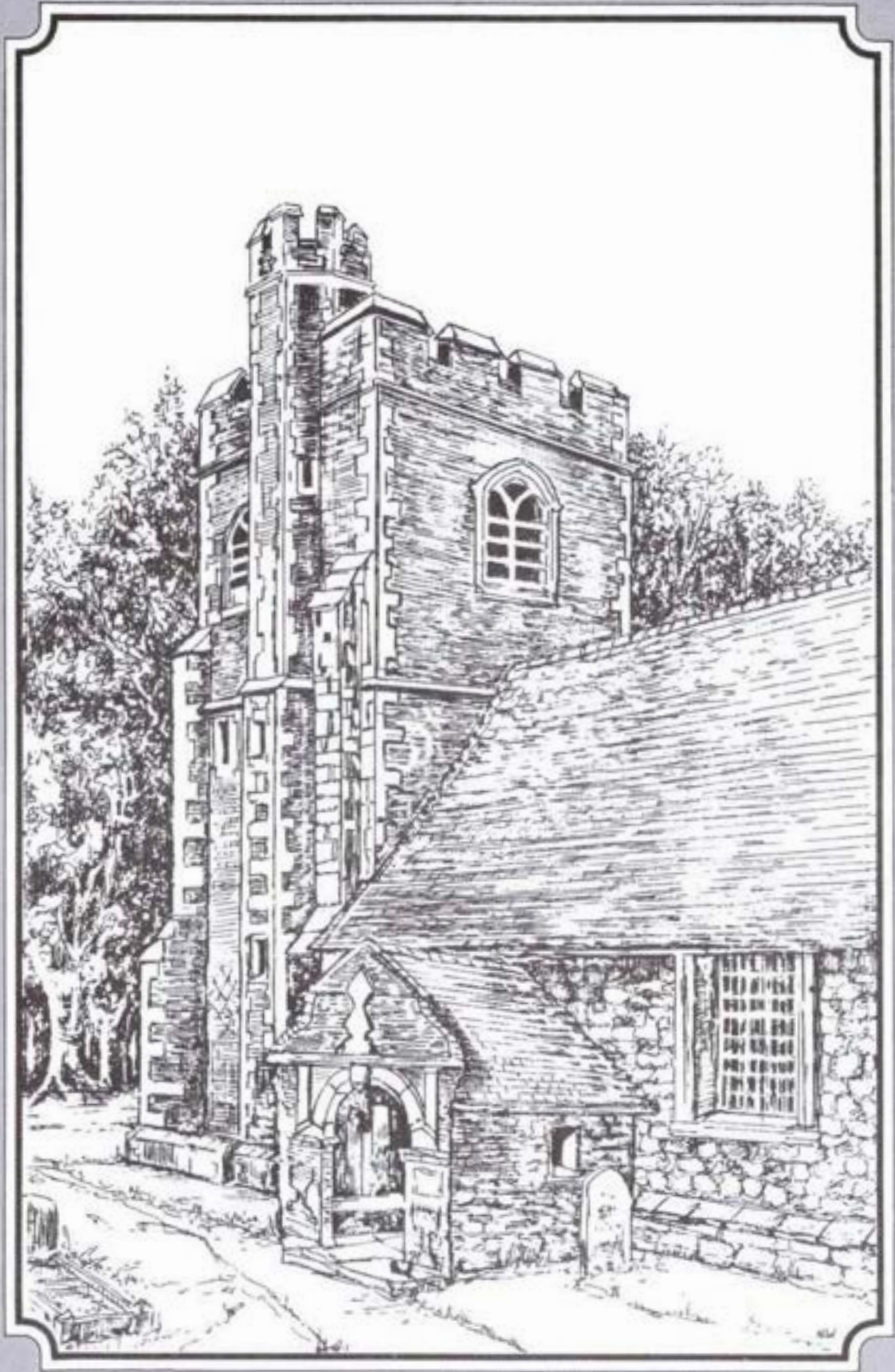
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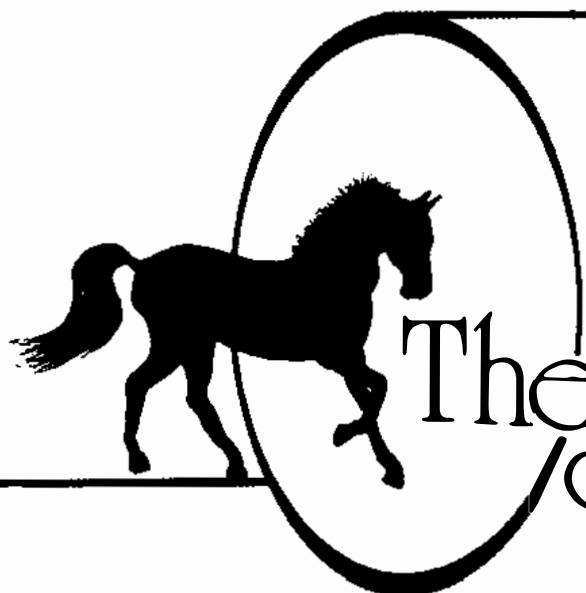
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Over the last few years, the leaves of many local horse-chestnut trees have turned from green to brown in mid to late summer, and this week, driving along Court Lane, I find that the overhead canopy is of a distinctively autumnal hue. Having witnessed the ravages that Dutch Elm Disease wrought upon the parish environment, I become rather concerned whenever local trees appear in some way blighted.

Resorting to the internet, I learn that horse-chestnuts are currently under threat from two diseases, the more serious Bleeding Canker (if you'll pardon the expression) is a fungal pathogen known as *Phytophthora* and causes bleeding cankers on the stem and scaffold branches. If the areas of bark killed are extensive, large trees will die.

Our local trees are probably afflicted by the less serious, horse chestnut leaf miner – *Cameraria ohridella*. This moth, first observed in Macedonia in the late 1970s, spread across Europe and was found established in Wimbledon in 2002. Since then, it has ranged across the country. The damage caused by the larvae can be striking, severely damaged leaves shrivel and turn brown by late summer and fall early, well before normal leaf fall in the autumn.

Although this affliction is spoiling the summer beauty of Dorney horse-chestnut trees it is comforting to learn that despite the trees' poor appearance, there is no evidence that the larvae damage leads to a decline in tree health, the development of dieback, or tree death. Trees survive repeated infestations and re-flush normally in the following year.

Whether, with this annual flushing, the trees can eventually overcome *Cameraria ohridella* remains to be seen. In the meantime, whilst the appearance of early autumn is disappointing, it is preferable to the consequences of Bleeding Canker. A tree with brownish leaves is better than a dead tree.

In June, Geoffrey Atkinson wrote of "the disgusting piles of litter along the river bank." Well, rubbish left by visitors to the river is not confined to the river bank, as residents in Dorney Reach Road are frequently made aware. Fishermen, walkers, some swimmers and occasional canoeists park their cars here to access The Snicket (I blame the free distribution of the 'Dorney Walks Map') .

Many of these visitors deposit their unwanted 'remains of the day' around The Snicket entrance and along the pavement before driving off. This morning I gathered a few squashed drinks cans, two cigarette packets, cellophane sweet packets, a plastic bag filled with polystyrene boxes containing remnants of a takeaway meal and an empty plastic engine-oil bottle.

It seems that many people have no compunction at dropping litter wherever they may be. I believe Nick Teale regularly fills a bag or two with rubbish on his morning run through the parish and a recent mowing of the Common revealed an almost continuous line of discarded plastic bottles in the grass along the roadside. The selfish and anti-social 'litterati' have little regard for the environment or for their fellow men. I suppose this is a facet of what has been recently labelled 'The Me Society.'

Revd Lucy Holt Writes:

As I write, the recent outbreak of trouble on the streets of our cities is still very much on our minds. I have to say I am grateful I live in a village location rather than an inner city. There are obviously a raft of reasons why such trouble happened and we will all have our pet theories and even, like the politicians, potential solutions. One reason I am sure to add to the debate is the breakdown of family and family values that has been so prevalent in our society over the last couple of decades. It is difficult to parent these days with the pressures that are on our young people and it must be especially difficult where there is little family support present. So what can we do? I am sure one thing, rather than just to criticise what has happened, is to pray for the young people of our country and for those who work with them. Another would be to support and encourage those who work with our young people in different ways. Personally I would like to publicly thank those in Dorney and Dorney Reach who work in different ways with our own young people. We are indeed blessed to have such a wonderful local school giving a good start in life and where they learn moral values. I would also like to praise and thank Alan Russell and his team who run our local youth club. If each community were to take supporting family life seriously, then I am sure that we will begin to see a difference in our society.

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Sunday 4th September

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00 am | Our Space (All Age Family Service) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |
| 6.30 pm | Informal Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Wednesday 7th September

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 11th September

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

Sunday 18th September

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Combined Worship (Songs of Praise) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 21st September

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 25th September

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| 9.30am | Harvest Festival | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |



almost Like Being in



You will know of Brigadoon, the enchanted small Scottish Highland village that only comes to life for one day every hundred years.

But have you heard of Dorney Wick? No? Well, when I found on the 'World Rowing' website that it lies within the vicinity of our own village, I realised that Dorney Wick together with Eton Dorney are enchanted places which come to life not just for one day, and not once every hundred years, but at times of imminent great aquatic sporting contests.

Within one of these two enchanted places lies an enchanted lake, chosen by LOCOG as the venue for the Olympic rowing events.

This is disappointing, for we have a perfectly adequate lake and were expecting to host the Olympic rowing here, in DORNEY.

I say disappointing, but I suppose that if it means that we will escape the Olympic hordes, then perhaps we should be grateful.

Ed.

Dorney Youth Club's Christmas Show outing.

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Extracts from the Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on **Tuesday 12th July 2011** at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors K Harris (chaired the meeting), A Purdie, P Smith, Mrs Kittel, Mr Nelson, Ms Foxley and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Cllr A Dhillon, Windsor Legacy Group (Mike Moss, Peter Brown, Dan and Ron) and Stephen

Election of Chairman for the ensuing year – At the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Purdie, Cllr Harris was elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Declaration of Acceptance - Cllr Harris read and signed the declaration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - A presentation was given by Windsor Legacy Group regarding their proposals for an Olympic Legacy Bridge over the Thames from Windsor to Dorney. Proposed designs and locations of the bridge are appended together with their Objectives and Outcomes for the Windsor Community. The cost of the bridge is estimated at £4million and as yet no permission has been granted from the landowners. The Windsor Legacy Group is discussing this proposal with the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) at beginning of September. Mr Harris raised concerns that a bridge may not be a benefit for the community of Dorney and Dorney Parish Council will consider this proposal and respond accordingly.

Report from SBDC – Cllr A Dhillon reported that he will be attending an ODA Transport Engagement meeting this coming Friday. Cllr Harris asked for 3 questions to be raised:- (i) Where will the northern pedestrian entrance be located and who will be allowed to use this access? (ii) How will access be distributed between residents, customers and spectators? (iii) How will the ODA restrict traffic coming through Eton?

Apologies received from Cllr D Dhillon and PCSO O'Connor.

Election of Vice-Chairman – At the proposition of Cllr Foxley, seconded by Cllr Harris, Cllr Purdie was elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Chairman's Report – Cllr Harris reported that the proposals from the Windsor Legacy Group will be put on the next Council agenda. He asked for the Clerk to thank the Group for their presentation and that the Council will respond after it has been discussed although Parish Council does have concerns about this proposal.

Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – Cllr Easton reported that the Dorney Village Hall Committee has just received the plans from the architect. After hearing about the possibility of funding available from the 2012 Olympic Legacy, he will ask the Committee to approach the ODA for funding.

Resolved if the Playground4Dorney Management Committee will organise for 2 signs to close the park when grass cutting takes place then Mr Harris will arrange for John Farrell to cut the grass in the playground.

Dorney Olympic Countdown Committee – Playground4Dorney Charity was approached by Ian Barham from the Olympic Management Committee to see how it can help this charity to become involved with the run-up to the 2012 Olympics. A group was set up with all the non-profit making organisations; membership being Playground4Dorney, Dorney Youth Club, Dorney Tennis Club, Dorney Horticultural

Society, Dorney Church, Dorney Walk to School Group, Dorney Village Hall Committee and Dorney School plus NAG, ODA and Ian Barham. A week-end event has been arranged to mark the 'one year' run up to the Olympics. It is now a registered committee. The ODA Engagement Officer and Dorney Lake Management are offering support for the week-end and Jill Palmer has offered the use of Dorney Court. During the week-end activities there will be a consultation by the ODA with residents about the Olympics and to find out what legacy the community would like in Dorney. – Update on events taking place can be found on the Web site –

www.dorneyolympics.org.uk.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – To consider an event for Dorney in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in 2012 – Deferred to the next Council meeting in September.

Correspondence – News Update regarding the Olympics from Ian Barham:- (i) Olympic Route Network Engagement will be consulting the community at the event this week-end, (ii) Travel Advice for Business supporting local businesses to operate at Game Time – copies can be found on www.london2012.com/traveladvicebusiness and (iii) The BBC has expressed an interest in setting up an outside broadcast location in Dorney possibly at the Eton Dorney Centre.

Resolve any complaints received from residents – (a) Parking on verge outside Ashford Cottages by customers using the Pineapple PH and a request for posts to be installed to prevent this – Mr Smith reported that 5 posts will be required and he will find out the costs.

Date of next meeting – 8pm on 13th September, 2011 at the Eton Dorney Centre
Meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

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Dorney Olympics Weekend Starts with Bells and Whistles



Whilst we are more than aware of the disruption the Olympics is going to bring to our small village, we are also fully aware that this event is bigger than any of us and will go ahead whatever. Therefore, the Olympics committee set themselves up with the aim of bringing some fun and excitement into the village in the lead up to the games, to jump on the bandwagon (as many surrounding towns have done) and gain whatever legacy we can for our village. So started the plans for the Dorney Olympic Countdown Weekend. A matter of 5 weeks to arrange but with lots of dedicated volunteers we made it and certainly made a start to what we intend to see much more of in the coming months.

On the Friday, Harcourt Road had to be closed off by police on the first morning of the countdown weekend, when an estimated 300 excited participants walked to Dorney school. There were horns and whistling and a chorus of "Dorney, Dorney" shouts before the group, consisting of top Olympic and Paralympics athletes, residents, school children, teachers, friends and relatives, turned into Harcourt Close and finally into Dorney School where breakfast awaited the children on their last day before the summer holidays. Mary Baker, the organiser of the walk to school since 2006, who has braved wind, rain, snow and sun every Wednesday and Friday during school terms had her moment of glory for years of never-ending commitment. She walked proudly ahead with the original Olympic torch of the Athens 2004 Olympic games in her hand followed by Ian Rose, a Paralympics Judo silver medallist and David Lister, a member of the British Rowing team in Barcelona 1992. Ian Rose said: "I couldn't wait to get my hands on the Olympic torch. This is a very special day for me. Even as an athlete I have never been able to even touch an Olympic torch."

Personally, I have never experienced a community event as uplifting as this before. It brought tears to my eyes when I saw the sheer number of people and heard the children shout: "Dorney, Dorney". Following the breakfast, Ian Rose addressed the children and told his amazing life story with losing his right eye as a child to cancer, how he was bullied at school, started Judo, gained his confidence, trained hard and won a silver medal. You could hear a needle drop and following his speech the questions by the children would not stop. Who knows, one day it may be one of them? The afternoon continued with about 300 people joining the last day of school village party on and around Dorney playground. A truly wonderful start.

The 'Sports Day'

The Countdown weekend continued on Saturday with Tennis competitions, a fantastically organised run from Dorney Lake to Trumpers Field and a rowing challenge. By this time the press had heard of the events and the BBC were present filming the events of the day and interviewing residents.

Our run saw participants presented with medals and T-Shirts and due to the hard work of Alan Russell and his team of marshals, runners were given timed return with the hope of improving times in our next running event!! Times were as below:

| Name | Number | Distance | Time | Age |
|-----------------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Alfie Russell | 533 | 1k | 9.43 | u10 |
| Abigail Purdie | 534 | 1k | 9.43 | u10 |
| Thomas Russell | 535 | 1k | 9.44 | u10 |
| William Smith | 536 | 1k | 10.24 | u10 |
| Trudi Harwood | 537 | 1k | 11.52 | adult |
| Ben Scott | 538 | 1k | 13.5 | u10 |
| Harry Scott | 539 | 1k | 11.29 | u6 |
| Jack Kittel | 502 | 2.5k | 16.09 | u14 |
| Isabella Purdie | 506 | 2.5k | 16.09 | u10 |
| Leanne Kittel | 504 | 2.5k | 16.1 | adult |
| Liam Harwood | 501 | 2.5k | 16.5 | u14 |
| Chris Stanton | 507 | 5.5k | 24.29 | adult |
| Bill Milman | 511 | 5.5k | 24.32 | adult |
| Kristin Purdie | 505 | 5.5k | 24.33 | adult |
| Martin Kittel | 503 | 5.5k | 26.09 | adult |
| Murial Pepler | 508 | 5.5k | 01:03.1 | Senior |
| David Pepler | 510 | 5.5k | 01:03.1 | senior |
| Penny Dollimore | 509 | 5.5k | 01:03:01 | senior |

For me there were two major highlights of the day, firstly that our tennis courts were occupied from morning to evening with budding tennis players aged from 2 upwards. We have a fantastic facility here and with the help of Charlie Coish we intend to build upon this for residents.

Secondly the rowing challenge. We were fortunate enough to have Terry from the Lake, a gold medallist rowing coach, supervising the "Rowing to Stratford Event" along with Dorney residents David Lister and his wife Helen, both members of the British Rowing team in Barcelona 1992. The event was so popular on day one that residents managed to row to Stratford and back again in one day! A great achievement!

Residents were also able to get more information from the Olympics Delivery Authority, who were present for questions on the Friday and Saturday of the weekend.

Olympic Countdown Weekend Ends With Gold



Olympic gold medallist Mark Hunter, the reigning Olympic champion in the men's light weight double scull, joined an excited crowd on the last day of the Dorney Olympic Countdown Weekend, the Family Fun Day. He set the children a 100m rowing challenge, which they enthusiastically embraced on the 6 Ergo machines in Dorney Village Hall. He was absolutely wonderful with the children, encouraging them and giving lots of support. Despite his gruelling training for the forthcoming 2011 World Rowing Championships in Bled, Slovenia, he spent time opening the playground, giving lots of signatures and having himself photographed with all the local admirers. He showed the children his gold medals and even opened the iPlay. The iPlay is the 3rd and final instalment of Dorney playground and most costly piece of equipment the playground now owns. Mark seemingly enjoyed the summer party and the welcoming local spirit and said: "It's wonderful to see Dorney embracing the Olympic games and the rowing so much. The kids have been really great and the iPlay is a fantastic piece of kit. It will give them an excellent opportunity to exercise and get fit." He then even had a go on the iplay and really enjoyed the game. Mark captured the hearts and minds of the local community and children and will surely be supported by a lot of residents when he does his rowing in Slovenia and hopefully qualifies for London 2012.

His father, Terry Hunter, a renowned local rowing coach, had already kindly given up his time on Saturday and Sunday to oversee the rowing challenge in Dorney village hall. Young and old joined in to row to the Olympic village in Stratford and overall during the 2 days, rowed there and back twice, well in excess of 200km!

The family fun day saw a lot of other highlights. Lots of free events including a free bouncy castle, free face painting and some great games sponsored by Cadbury's, 2 different teams, "spots and stripes" challenged each other in a series of competitions. One of the best was Sumo wrestling, but also the tug of war and a number of smaller games were all heavily frequented. People got themselves comfortable and either had a picnic or enjoyed the food provided inexpensively by the Olympic countdown committee.

A big thank you does not only go to the organisers of the Olympic countdown weekend, but also to all the helpers, athletes, the school, visitors and Cadbury's, who sponsored some of the games.

Here is to more fun events in the future, hope you can join us.....

Leanne Kittel

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Tony Dixon-Smith

Much AAdo About Nothing!

No, that is not a spelling mistake. After all, it was the Automobile Association that scattered cones, diversion signs, and even traffic lights all over Dorney and South Taplow at the end of July and the start of August to prepare us for the huge crowds expected at the World Rowing Junior Championships (WRJC). Our road on Dorney Common initially had two big red signs saying "ROAD CLOSED" these were quickly followed by more signs listing those who were permitted to ignore the order, e.g. residents and businesses. The signs did not give permission for dog walkers, cattle or horses to use the road, but happily they still kept coming. So that's moo! woof! and thrice neigh! to the dear old AA.

The odd thing was that no one seemed to know when the event was due to happen. The AA started to put up signs on the 30th July, but the Dorney Lake website said it would run from the 4th to the 7th of August. They must have been a bit startled on the day before that, when bus loads of athletes turned up, because the WRJC site announced that the event was starting on the 3rd.

I have to say that despite all the build up, we hardly noticed any serious problems. Traffic seemed normal, and everyone I have spoken to from other parts of the parish says much the same thing. Of course there were some heavy vehicles bringing grand stands, crush barriers, portaloos, marquees and boats, but where were the massive crowds of spectators?

The crowd noise was no worse than any other competition day – unpleasant but not unbearable. When I pedalled down to have a look, I couldn't see any spectators in the stand or anywhere else on the site for that matter. Was there any press coverage? I saw one short clip on TV with a bored looking reporter standing in front of the empty water saying he was talking to us from ETON rowing Lake which is enough to make any Dorney resident cross.

OK, so I know this was just a rehearsal for the big event. I am sure that traffic control will be vital when the real thing happens in 2012, but was it really necessary? At one point cones were placed along the pavement outside The Pineapple pub to stop customers who normally park there quite legitimately. Why did Sainsbury's customers from the Village have to turn left onto the A4?

In my view, the exercise was ill conceived, silly and unnecessarily intrusive, but as I watch the build up to the Olympics in London, with all the privileged traffic lanes for officials, that will cause grave problems for people who live and work there, I realize that there is a dreadful inevitability about it.

Geoffrey Atkinson

Dorney History Group
www.dorneyhistory.co.uk

In 2010 a small group of us met up one evening to discuss the possibility of setting up a Dorney History Group along the lines of the well-established Eton Wick History Group. Local history is of great interest to many people – those living in the area, those whose families have lived in the area in the past and those who have an interest in village life in general.

The Founder Members at the first meeting were John Barker, Bill Dax, Jill Dax, Robbie Gibbs, Jean Tyler, Peter Tyler, Karen Williams and Tom Williams.

We met a few times and started to pull together some of the published Dorney History that was available both in the Village and at the Aylesbury Records Office. Karen Williams developed the website and we started to populate it with some of this information.

We consulted with Jill Palmer at that time regarding the huge amount of information about the Village that resides in the historical archives at Dorney Court. Jill advised us that an archivist was, coincidentally, just starting work on bringing all the records together and that this work would probably be completed in the middle of 2012. When the work is completed we will be advised on what can be accessed and the process of researching the documents, some of which will be very fragile.

Even though that is some time away we felt that we should start work on certain Village history projects, formalise the Group and seek input and involvement from others who are interested in the subject.

So, what might be the stated purpose of the Dorney History Group and how might we go about researching and publishing the history of the Village and surrounding areas?

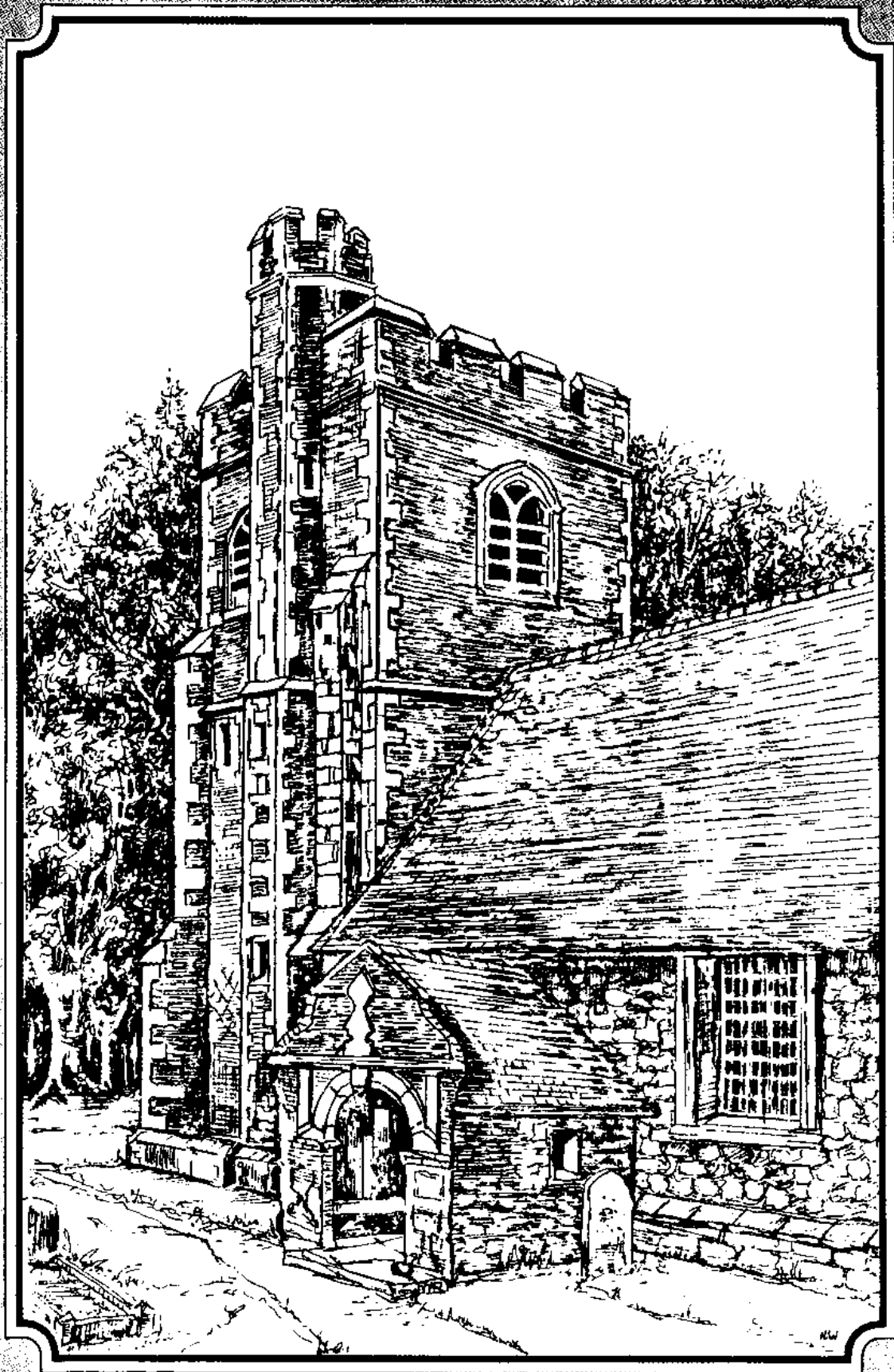
The Purpose: To research and record local history for Dorney Village (including Dorney Common), Dorney Reach, Boveney and Lake End and to provide the information online for access by all.

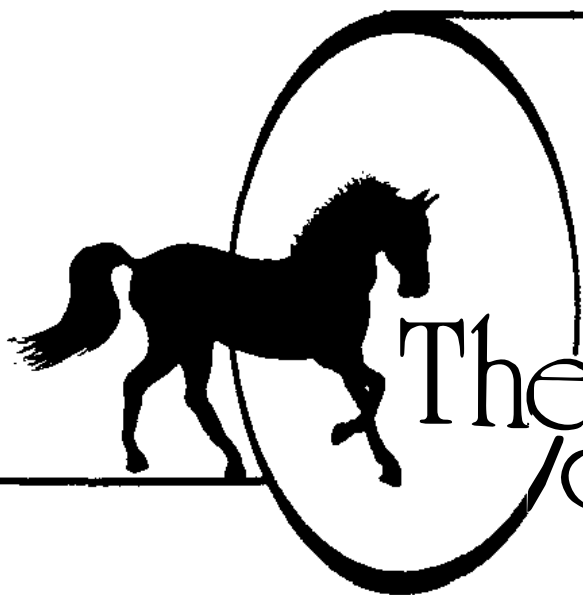
How might we go about this? Our initial thoughts are listed below:

- Develop a website that leads people easily and quickly to what they are interested in.
- Provide regular features in the Dorney Parish News that would link to greater detail on the website.
- Establish a series of regular meetings at various locations to bring people who are interested in local history together - in a social gathering.

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EDITORIAL

I thought I was beginning to understand the transport plans for visitors to the Rowing Olympics, but a report in this week's local newspaper makes me think otherwise.

Weren't all visitors to be picked up from outlying railway stations or from outlying park-and-ride centres and be bussed to Windsor Racecourse from whence they would walk across the temporary footbridge to the Olympic Rowing site? Now, it is reported, applications have been submitted on behalf of the Olympic Delivery Authority for temporary parking sites to be set up in Stafferton Way and Braywick Road and are awaiting approval by our neighbouring Royal Borough. Catering for more than 1,300 vehicles between them, spectators would be shuttled to and from Dorney Lake using specially-designated buses.

I imagine, or hope, that this report is misleading and that spectators using these proposed parking sites will be bussed to Windsor Racecourse, but in the ever changing transport saga I must not make assumptions.

Having written the above, I received, just before going to press, the TVP 'Delivering a Safe & Secure Games' Newsletter 3, where the last paragraph 'Park and Rides' deals with this subject. The BBC website given has more detail and you will find an extract on page 8. I suggest, too, that you look at the SBDC webpage, 'proposed traffic plans'.

Have you seen it – the Beast of Berkshire? It is reported that the 'Big Cat' which has been sighted in 24 encounters in the Thames Valley was seen on Common Road, Dorney at 12.45am on Thursday 15th September. The lady who saw it said: "It was moving at a fast walk in the direction of Dorney and was being tailed by a police car." She goes on to say that, "it was a very large black animal, about the size of a male deer, with small pointed ears".

Apparently a 'large cat' was also spotted on Common Road in August, last year. Was that when the UFO was also sighted?!!

I'm sure Conan Doyle could have woven an exciting mystery around it, but what a pity that 'The Cat' didn't turn up when the Best Kept Village judges were doing their rounds, it could have gained us a few vital Primary Features points.

If you are of a certain age (and perhaps even if you're not) you will be aware that the Air Transport Auxiliary's headquarters was at White Waltham airfield, just 30 seconds flying by Spitfire from Maidenhead Heritage Centre, where you will find the world's only dedicated exhibition and archive for the ATA, including **Grandma Flew Spitfires**. A new and permanent display including the opportunity to fly a **Spitfire simulator**, and imagine you are one of the intrepid men and women of ATA.

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Revd Lucy Holt Writes:

The Church of St James the Less has been a focal point in the village for hundreds of years thanks to all those who have supported it down the centuries. It is the responsibility of the Church Council (PCC) to maintain the building and we get no financial support from the Diocese or the wider Church of England. We have just had our five yearly architect's inspection of the Church and unfortunately this has brought to light some rather urgent work that needs doing on the tower. He has given us an estimated figure of around £65,000 to complete this work which includes the hire of scaffolding etc. As you can imagine this is a shock to the PCC and we are in the process of considering applying for grants and fundraising to meet such an amount. I hope that the village will support this activity and if anyone is able to offer assistance in terms of helping to fundraise or apply for grants we would be grateful to receive your offers of help. We will be launching an appeal shortly but in the meantime if anyone feels able to donate towards this repair and renovation please do see myself or one of the churchwardens – Gill Hayton or David Pepler.

For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site: stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Church Services in October 2011

Sunday 2nd October

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00 am | Our Space (All Age Family Service) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 5th October

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 9th October

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |
| 6.30 pm | Informal Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Sunday 16th October

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Worshipping Together (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 19th October

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 23rd October

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| 9.30am | Morning Worship | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Sunday 30th October

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|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11.00am | Combined Holy communion | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Further Dimmings,
Village Road,
Dorney.

From John Barker.

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I feel I should use this magazine to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their offers of help and the kind words of sympathy following the big bonfire early on Sunday morning at Further Dimmings.

4 9 11 will ever remain in my memory (But it will not become my new pin number).

All the pitched roof of the house is now on the first floor covering everything below. One can stand on the debris to see the stars.

Downstairs is intact from fire damage, but very sodden.

My sincere thanks to the two county fire services for endangering themselves in entering the blazing building and salvaging practically all the downstairs furniture.

My insurance company had, within hours, a Fire Damage Team on site that shored up a ceiling and had a temporary electric supply, so reactivating the security system. They even provided a van on the Monday to move essential items over the road to my new abode.

But this is where I broke the rules by using my own initiative to find accommodation so near without their prior approval.

After 43 years in the property there is obviously a lot of clutter to move before the refurbishing commences, but it is my intention to restore Further Dimmings to its former self as soon as possible.

Lastly, two unknown ladies lent us two blankets in the early phase of the blaze. Would they call round to collect these as I have them safe and sound.

The greatest blessing is that nobody was hurt, and material items can be replaced.

Again, best wishes and grateful thanks to one and all.

John Barker

September 12, 2011

Dear Editor

Best Kept Village Competition
Certificate of Merit 2011

Yes! We won a Certificate of Merit for our efforts and the highest score since I have been involved! Here is the updated schedule of marks per category:

| Primary Features | Possible Marks | Actual 2011 | Actual 2010 | Actual 2009 | Actual 2008 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1A Places of worship/graveyard/cemetery | 10 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 1B Common, green, playing field | 20 | 18 | 14 | 15 | 9 |
| 1C Village hall, community hall, church hall | 20 | 18 | 16 | 16 | 10 |
| 1D Boundary hedges, verges, ditches, fences and defined wildlife conservation areas | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| Secondary Features | | | | | |
| 2A areas surrounding inns, hotels, pubs, shops | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| 2B Bus shelters, telephone kiosks, notice boards, toilets | 10 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| 2C Ancillary features e.g. war memorial, pond, stream, village pump | 10 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| Bonus Points | | | | | |
| 3 Additional marks for overall appearance and evidence of community effort (marks may be deducted for inadequate maps) | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| | 100 | 85 | 74 | 83 | 60 |

This is what the judges said:

Cat1) Primary features

1a) St James' Church. Building fabric and surrounding grounds were tidy. Separate graveyard was well maintained.

1b) Very good feature upon the verge whilst entering the village, by the left hand side comprising of six stone troughs containing bedding plants. War memorial green well kept and tidy. Adventure playground (Retreat Play Area) in course of construction/completion. Good facility.

1c) Village Hall – Well maintained surrounds. Hall fabric around guttering area could do with some remedial attention?

1d) Boundary verges very well maintained. Dorney wetlands car park – a good natural area set aside for wildlife conservation. Richmond Path – area well managed, new planting evidence.

Cat2) Secondary Features

2a) Palmer Arms – clean, tidy surrounds White Heather Garage – a character feature and tidy area.

2b) Notice Board (Village Road) had Best Kept Village on display along with other up to date information. Notice Board by village hall was newsworthy. Telephone kiosk – 'phone unserviceable. Surroundings not looked after. Bus shelters-satisfactory, but with evidence of discarded glass bottles. Undergrowth surrounding the features not managed.

2c) War memorial – smart appearance and maintained

Cat3) Overall Appearance/Community Effort.

3) Boundary areas are particularly well looked after. Good evidence of community spirit.

Amazingly the 'phone kiosks in Village Road and Lake End Road have since been painted, but, sadly, not the one in Harcourt Road at time of writing. Perhaps a re-build or demolition of the bus shelter opposite Harcourt Road is due!

Well done everyone and particularly to John Farrell, our Parish Council groundsman. Thanks to all, once again, for a second Certificate of Merit in four years.

Nick Teale

Heroes & Villains

In mid September, a hero visited - or more precisely, swam through - Dorney Reach. In the same week, by way of contrast I came across 3 bits of villainy. Not of the life threatening kind, you understand, but more of the boo-hiss pantomime mean spirited kind.

David Walliams, the comedian, took 8 days to swim 140 miles down the Thames, from the river's source to Westminster Bridge, raising £2m for Sport Relief. At around 1.30 on Saturday, September 10 he arrived in the Reach, breaking for lunch at Monkey Island. I wondered whether the village had ever welcomed such a combination of celebrity, heroism and eccentric good nature, and there was indeed a cheerful bunch of villagers along the Thames Path to cheer him on. We rushed to the waterside prompted by Twitter tweets from similar crowds upriver - here, after last month's urban horrors, was a friendly crowd boosted by positive use of mobile technology.

If David, and his supporters get a thumbs up, my thumbs down goes to the British Olympic Association, South Bucks District Council and the Dept of Transport. Now, I admit, I don't have the responsibility of running a sporting event apparently designed to serve major sponsors & media interests, or provide services in the face of savage cuts, but these bodies' actual or mooted policies defy common sense.

The *Maidenhead Advertiser* group, and indeed, all of our local papers, will not be allowed to cover the rowing events taking place in their backyard. No accreditation has been issued, so no local reporters or photographers....and this policy is duplicated across all regional centres and even the capital. The Olympics Minister, Hugh Robertson, said that the policy reflected criteria like circulation size, publishing frequency and past coverage of the Games, thus missing the point that some vital media are *local* and *weekly*. I bet the Advertiser now really regrets not sending a reporter to Beijing....

On a personal note, I often used to stop off briefly in Burnham High Street....after all, there was a free half hour's parking available in the Summers Road car park. If that was abolished, as it was by SBDC last January, then you would think little revenue would be raised, but under pressure local retailers would suffer. Well, according to the *Burnham Advertiser*, that's what's happened with parking tickets down by over half over the first three months in return for the princely extra returns of around £400. A petition has now been launched by the local paper in alliance with the Burnham High Street Association.

Did you know that Taplow and Burnham railway stations, much used by Dorney residents, are in category E? It appears likely that the transport secretary will accept a recommendation that E class stations, including our local stops, will become unmanned and reliant on ticket machines. Leaving aside 1000 lost jobs, which I suppose is the point, these machines I know from regular personal experience *don't work*. The queues at Paddington necessary to buy tickets and convince a sceptical & harassed collector that there really are no tickets at Taplow are terrible to imagine.

Cuts are a reality and efficiency a constant goal, but what sort of world do these policy makers want to live in? Bland & beige coverage of the 'McDonald's Games'? Emptying high streets? Impersonal (literally) railway stations? A few moments on the riverside that Saturday lunchtime to me offered a better alternative.

Peter Bowman

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Delivering a Safe & Secure Games – Eton Dorney Newsletter 3 –September 2011



Welcome to our third monthly bulletin as the follow up to our Delivering a Safe and Secure Games presentations.

End of the Summer Events

Now that the international canoe event which we used in a similar fashion to the World Rowing Junior Championships (see last edition) and the South Coast Rowing Championships are over, life around the rowing lake should be quieter for you and us. We would be interested in any feedback that local residents/businesses feel would be relevant for us. The BBC's take on the canoe event can be found at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport1/hi/canoeing/14776446.stm>

However, security guards from G4S will remain at the lake as certain bits of the infrastructure (that you might notice) used for these 'test' events will remain in place until after the Paralympic Games next year.

Extension to the Local Neighbourhood Teams

Later this month we will be augmenting the local neighbourhood teams on both sides of the river with 12 dedicated officers from the Special Constabulary (volunteer officers). They will be in place until after the Paralympic Games to provide additional patrols and deal with local problems including those already identified locally through the various neighbourhood action groups that cover the 'footprint' around the Dorney Lake. This will include Burnham, Eton and south Slough to the north and Bray, Clewer and Dedworth to the south. On their first patrol they dealt with two youths in a suspicious vehicle so are already proving their worth. Further details of these officers will be provided in the next bulletin.

Dorney Distraction Burglary

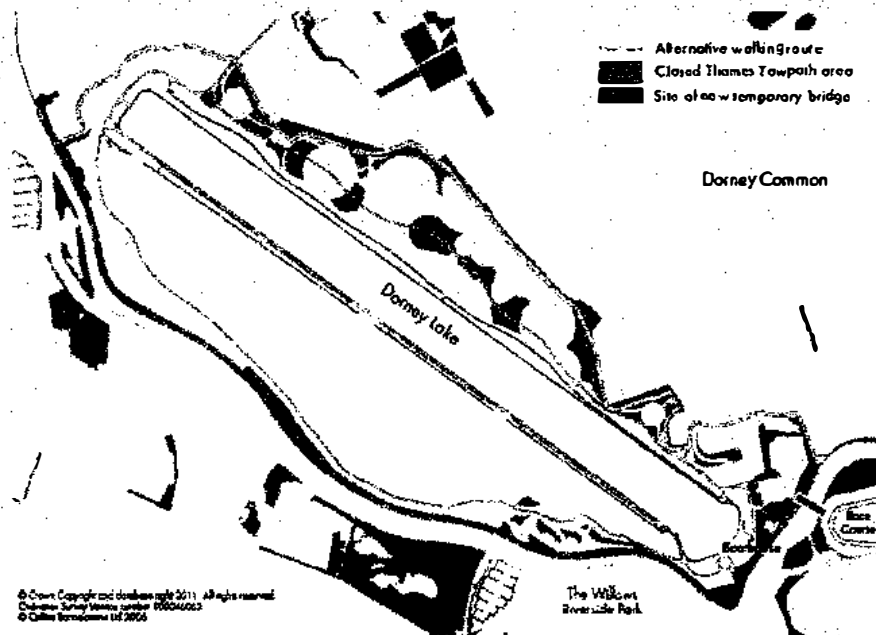
Thank-you to the resident (and subscriber to this bulletin) who phoned in about some suspicious tradesmen working at a neighbour's house in Boveney Road. They turned out to have stolen some money at the address and three people were arrested.

Suspicious Vehicle

In a similar vein thank-you to the caller who rang in about a suspicious van by St Mary's Church, Boveney. Whilst it turned out to be a contractor for the World Rowing Junior Championships we always take these calls seriously.

LOCOG Update Bulletin

For those who have not received the leaflet through the door, LOCOG have produced a double sided A4 leaflet entitled 'In your Area' dated August 2011. This gives details of the temporary spectator bridge they intend to install and the diversion to the River Thames towpath along the permissive path that surrounds the northern boundary of the lake which has already commenced (from the 5th September). A diagram cut from this leaflet is shown below. This towpath closure is covered by an order from Bucks County Council. This leaflet does not appear to be on their website, but we can e-mail/post you a copy if required.



Park and Rides

As explained at our original event, the LOCOG transport plan, whilst not finalised yet, is planning that in order to reduce traffic congestion on the roads around the venue it is the intention to ban spectator parking at Dorney Lake and Windsor Racecourse and use a system of Park and Rides. Details of these Park and Rides in Maidenhead, Slough and Windsor Great Park have been released (courtesy of the BBC again!) At the time of writing we still expect LOCOG/ODA to hold further consultation events this autumn about Local Area Traffic Plan arrangements.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-14911974>

Send feedback/questions on the contents of this bulletin to:

TVPOlympics@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The above map is originally in colour and when reproduced here in black and white is of little value. I suggest you click on to the TVPOlympic webpage. Ed.

Olympics 2012: Park and ride schemes for Dorney Lake events

Dorney Lake is the venue for the rowing and kayak events at the Olympics

Four temporary park and ride sites are being set up in Berkshire to get 30,000 fans to Olympic 2012 rowing events.

Braywick Park and Stafferton Way, Maidenhead, Upton Court Park, Slough and Windsor Great Park will be used to help spectators attending by road.

Buses will travel to Windsor Racecourse where a temporary bridge over the Thames will give access to Dorney Lake.

Phil Bicknell from Windsor and Maidenhead council said any temporary road disruptions would be worth it.

The councillor, in charge of highways, transport and the environment at the Conservative-run council added: "We can't have hundreds and thousands of cars all over the place so it makes sense to satellite park them and then free shuttle bus them in."

"But to have this event going on once in your lifetime in your own back garden is an amazing thing."

'No confidence'

However, Taplow resident Robin White told the BBC that people living around Dorney Lake had not been given enough information about the plans.

"The locals are frightened to death about what's going to happen," he said.

"I've been told I shan't be able to turn left off my drive because I'm on the main Bath Road."

"Don't get me wrong, I love sport. I want it to be a success but I've got no confidence in what these people are doing."

Dorney Lake is the venue for the rowing and kayak events in the Olympic and Paralympic Games between 28 July and 3 September 2012.

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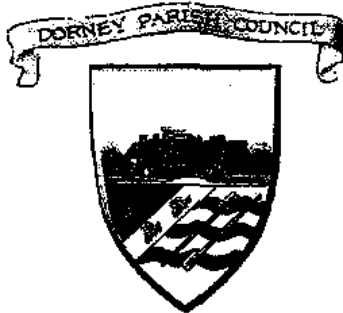
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Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on **Tuesday 13th September 2011** at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors K Harris (chaired the meeting), A Purdie, P Smith, Mrs Kittel, Ms Foxley and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Cllr A Dhillon, Cllr D Dhillon and Mr Fielder

54 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Mr Fielder has raised a petition with 36 signatures to request Bucks CC to upgrade the footpath that runs parallel to the River Thames between "Round Moor Stream" bridge through to "Boveney Church". Mr Fielder stated that he has been campaigning for three years as the footpath is dangerous, being uneven and slippery. The petition also requests for 'No Cycling' signs to be erected. Dorney Parish Council is happy to endorse this petition and Mr Fielder has asked Cllr D Dhillon to present the petition to Bucks CC. Mr Fielder invited Parish Councillors to walk the footpath with him this coming Thursday.

SBDC report - Cllr A Dhillon reported that there have been very few meetings over the summer months but he did attend an ODA meeting on the transport network for the Olympics.

Bucks CC report - Cllr D Dhillon reported that (i) he is happy to present Mr Fielder's petition to County and also the Dorney School's petition regards adding Harcourt Lane and the School to the gritting route. With reference to the grit bins that Cllr D Dhillon has sourced for the Parish, Mr Harris reported that the suggested locations for the bins are not recommended by Highways. It was delegated to Mr Harris to find alternative suitable locations; (ii) Western Railway - the bid for improving the roads around Taplow Station was not successful. There will be a second chance to bid but the date for this is not yet known; (iii) the new Leader of Bucks CC, Cllr Tett, would like to visit Dorney on 23rd February, 2012 and meet the councillors. It was suggested that he should attend a Council meeting as a good way to meet all the councillors; (iv) Regards the proposed new electoral boundaries, Dorney and South Bumbam Ward will have one county councillor to represent 7670 electorates; (v) A Task and Finish Group meeting was held by the ODA on 5/6th September. Topics raised were (a) Trading Standards with reference to counterfeits, (b) Promoting businesses, (c) Spectators who have already received a ticket were advised not to use Taplow Station and (d) Concern regards Taplow Car Boot sale being held at the same time as the Olympics. Concern was raised at this Council meeting that the Parish Council had not been invited. (vi) Money raised by councils to oppose the HS2 development may possibly be illegal, (vii) Eric Pickles is attempting to condense the National Planning Policy Framework from 1000 to 65 pages. There is opposition to this proposal as it will give developers greater power and threaten Green Belt land, (viii) Orchard Herb Farm now has an even greater bund of recycled material. Cllr D Dhillon will check with Planning Authority that the Certificate of Lawfulness allows this level of activity..

55 Apologies received from Mr Nelson and PCSO O'Connor.

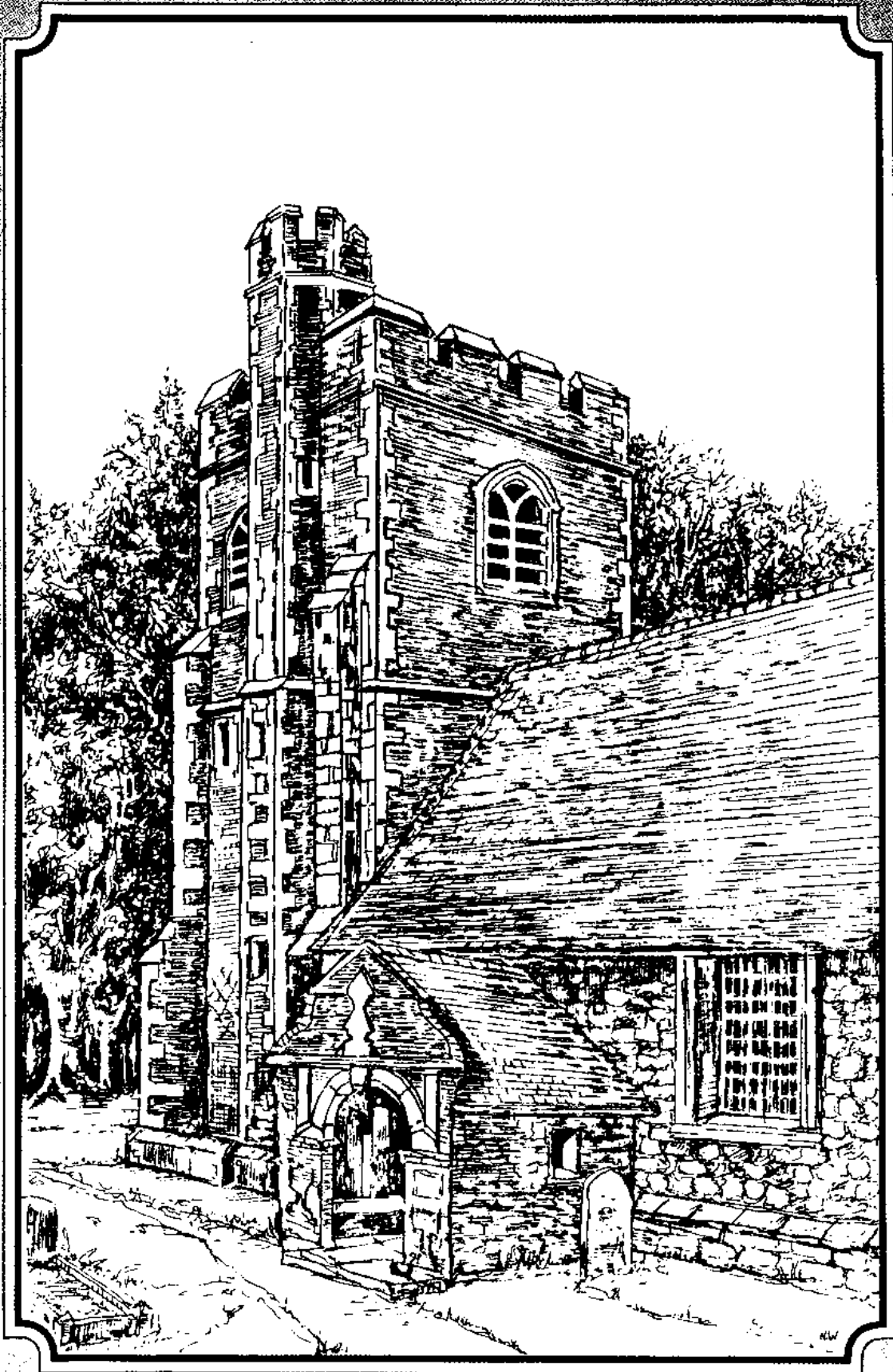
56 Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 10th July 2011.

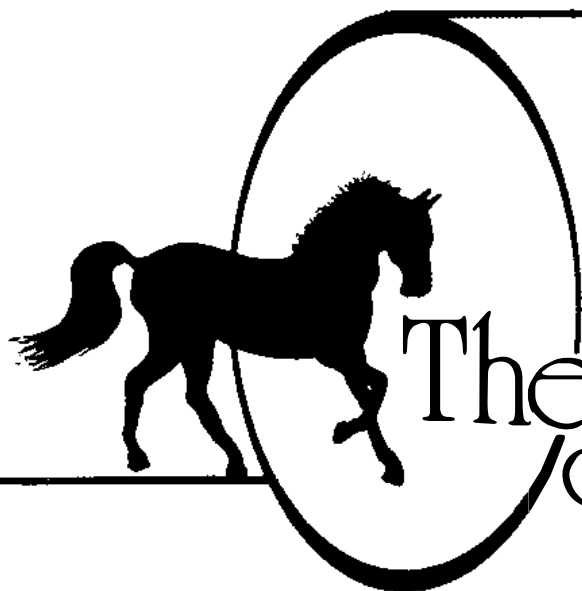
57 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda - Cllr Easton disclosed an interest in Agenda Item 60 regards the Village Hall.

58 Clerk's Report - (a) The presentation of redevelopment proposals for the Bishop Centre, Taplow has been postponed to the October meeting (b) July and August Maintenance visits have been undertaken by Wyevale regards tree watering (c) Neighbourhood Policing letter and Crime report provided by PCSO O'Connor (appended).

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EDITORIAL

The mobile phone is one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest, boon to everyday living and although I own one of the cheapest and most basic models, which enables me to do little more than send and accept phone calls and messages, and although I only use it perhaps once a week, the advantage of possessing the means of instant communication is incalculable.

Would that such a device had been freely available during my working lifetime, when travel to and from my office in London was, as now, dependant upon the vagaries of rail and tube travel. Now, if you are being met at Taplow station and the train from Paddington is cancelled or running late, you call up your spouse, or whoever is meeting you, on your mobile and rearrange things. Prior to mobiles, on occasions when the rail network had gone haywire, long queues would form on the Paddington forecourt (quaintly known as 'The Lawn') to ring home from the public phone booth. Successful contact depended upon patience, the right change to pay for the call, and getting to the phone before your 'chauffeur' had left for your local station. If the train broke down during its homeward journey you were really stymied! Regular travellers soon learned that the answer was to get a bicycle or, when one could afford it, a second car to leave at the station. Nevertheless, many a dinner or social evening was ruined for the sake of a phone call.

Today, 91% of adults in the UK own/use a mobile phone and ever advancing technology enables users to conduct many aspects of their social and business life and needs from a small keypad. Recent research confirms that people have become inseparable from their mobile phones and the average Briton spends six years of their life accessing them. Talking, texting, searching and downloading 'apps', visiting websites, social networking and online shopping are all now, apparently, vital ingredients of daily life, but as the research report says, "Six years is a significant chunk of time – it's the same amount of time as it takes to train to be a doctor and almost as long as most people spend in secondary education."

It does not seem so many years ago that not every home had a landline telephone and when I came to live in Dorney Reach in the mid 1950s the red telephone box in Harcourt Road provided the only means of telephone communication for many local residents – usually only used in emergencies. Such inconvenience is now just a memory, but one that increases our appreciation of 'mobiles'. An appreciation that is tempered by the realisation that a device originally designed to help us keep in touch with one another has come to dominate the lives of so many.

Revd Lucy Holt Writes:

November is a month with a great deal of emphasis on remembrance as we not only have our annual Remembrance service but also remember All Saints day on 1st November. In my role I am often called to pay tribute at funerals to individuals and I jokingly say I want to be able to write my own eulogy. It is interesting what people are remembered for and it is more often not what they achieved but what attributes and goodwill they shared with others. If we want to be remembered in the future in a positive way then I think we could do not much better than to follow this advice from one great Saint – Mother Teresa who wrote these words:

"People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site: stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Church Services in November 2011

Wednesday 2nd November

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 6th November

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| 9.30 am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00 am | Our Space Family Service | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |
| 6.30 pm | Evening Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |

Sunday 13th November (Remembrance Sunday)

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 10.55 am | Remembrance Service | St John the Evangelist Eton |
| 3.00pm | Ecumenical Remembrance Service | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Wednesday 16th November

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion (said BCP) | St John the Evangelist Eton |
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Sunday 20th November

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| 9.30am | Holy Communion | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Worshipping Together (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |

Sunday 27th November (Advent Sunday)

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| 9.30am | Morning Worship | St James the Less Dorney |
| 11.00am | Holy Communion (children's groups) | St John the Baptist Eton Wick |



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PRESS RELEASE

ALTAR FRONTAL DEDICATION AT DORNEY CHURCH

A new altar frontal will be dedicated in St James the Less church, Dorney on Sunday, 23rd October by the Archdeacon of Buckingham, The Venerable Karen Gorham. The hand made embroidered frontal has taken two years to make and is the work of a team of ladies at Dorney church. Those who contributed to the work are Christine Chant, Raya Halstead, Gill Hayton, Jean Liney, Muriel Pepler, Mena Tretheway, and Angie Wood-Dow.

The altar frontal design (not for publication) is shown below.

For photograph opportunity please contact Gill Hayton on 01628 623769

Note to Editors: Dorney Church has, until now, lacked a green altar frontal. These are individually made and are therefore expensive.

Gill Hayton (Mrs)
Churchwarden

Editor's Note.

This press release carried a photograph of the new Altar Frontal showing a green background with gold detail. It is very beautiful and a black and white reproduction did not do it justice and so I decided not to print it.

I received the following note from Gill Hayton:—"Dorney Church has lacked a green altar frontal so we decided to make ourselves one! Please note that, because of the way altar frontal colours are used in churches, after Sunday (23rd Oct) the green colour will not be used again until the New Year. Green will be used again from Sunday 5th February to Sunday 19th February (then we change to purple for Lent). Green is used again after Trinity Sunday."

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How can we prepare for this winter? If you are a neighbour to an older resident, regularly checking that they have supplies in would be a great help. Make sure you have exchanged phone numbers so you can keep in regular contact. Perhaps heat up food if they are off-colour or find it a struggle.

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NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER

Wednesday 14th. December

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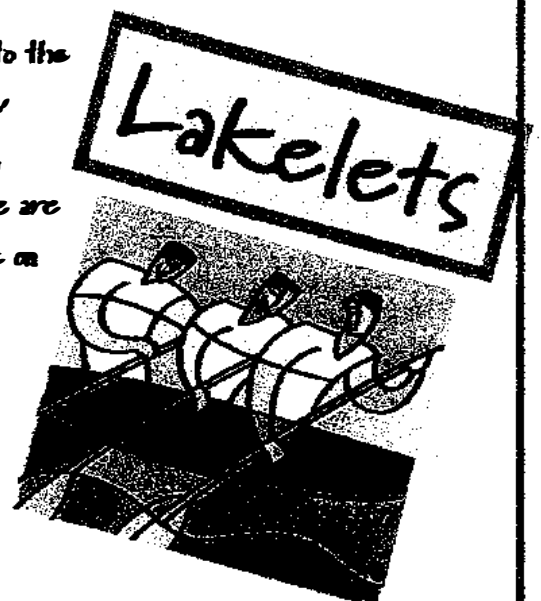
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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
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HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgeries will be held on:

- Saturday 26th November between 10-11am at Starbucks, Sainsburys, Taplow
Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have or alternatively you can e-mail us at:
taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

GOOD NEWS: PCSO Angela O'Connell received a commendation award at a ceremony held on 27th September for her commitment and work carried out as a PCSO in the Taplow & Dorney area. Several other officers from Burnham also received awards which were all presented by Chief Inspector Kate Ford at a ceremony held at Burnham Cricket Club.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – ASB has been on an all time low at the moment however, with the forthcoming holiday events (Halloween and Firework night) increased patrols are planned around peak times. If you experience any problems then please contact us on 08458 505 505.

Litter/Parking – Thames21 have this month been carrying out litter picks around the area of the Jubilee River working closely with local residents who have kindly volunteered their time to help. The NAG are still working closely with First Great Western, Taplow Parish Council and South Bucks Council to try to reduce the parking in Station Road and Institute Road, Taplow.

2012 Olympics – Later this month there will be an additional 12 dedicated officers from the Special Constabulary (volunteer Officers) who will be in place until after the Paralympic Games to provide additional patrols around the "footprint" of Dorney Lake. This will include Burnham, Eton and South Slough, Bray, Clewer and Dedworth.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.30pm Pineapple, Lake End Road, Dorney.

Burglary – please be aware of bogus doorstep callers who offer to carry out work to your properties. We recently had a distraction burglary in Dorney which, thanks to watchful neighbours resulted in three arrests. If you would like any crime reduction advice please contact the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to pop round.

There has been a recent high increase in burglaries in both Taplow and Burnham at properties where double glazed front doors are locked from the inside by pushing up the door handle. Implements are being put through letter boxes to pull down the door handle and access is then easily gained. Please use a key to deadlock your door or alternatively, cover your letter box with a metal box guard.

Crime Update

Seven people have been recently charged by South Bucks CID for "Conspiracy to commit burglary". This is in relation to a series of 15 separate commercial burglaries where cigarettes were stolen, across Bucks/Berks and Oxfordshire between Jan and March 2011. This also included more locally overnight burglaries to Sainsbury's in Farnham Common, Nisa in Burnham and Stoke Poges Post Office. Of the 7 local offenders charged, 5 have since been remanded to prison to await trial.

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

For crime information in your area, go to: <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalley.police.co.uk

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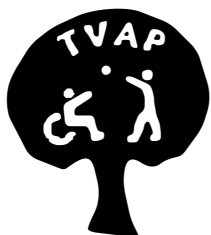
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Oh Yes, I Remember It Well.....

Recently I attended a splendid meeting about securing local residents some kind of legacy from the 2012 Olympics. One lady said she had clear memories of the excitement surrounding the last London Games in 1948. This made me ponder on my recall of Games in the past.

The first I genuinely remember were the Melbourne Games in 1956. No breakfast TV then, but I do remember morning updates on the BBC Home Service. I recall Chris Brasher being disqualified in the steeplechase. A doleful pattern of sporting controversy was set which has carried on right down to Wayne Rooney and the Welsh rugby skipper. I was in hospital having my tonsils extracted while watching the 1960 Rome games on the ward's small, flickering black and white TV. I therefore learnt in adolescence that if you could muster evidence of 'feeling under the weather', you could watch unending sport on TV.

1964 in Tokyo was the first modern TV games. I watched non-stop. There was a British engaged couple, Robbie Brightwell and Anne Packer (she was from Reading and won a gold medal in the 800m). This might have been the last time UK athletes looked either like Biggles or a lady gym teacher. In later years, the turbulent outside world impinged on the innocent world of sport, with a succession of atrocities and boycotts. Sometimes I was inspired, like the iconic protest of the black American medal winners, Carlos and Smith in 1968, but then there were the murders of athlete hostages in 1972. By 1976, I was married and we regularly went to athletics at Crystal Palace, but clashes we'd seen there weren't repeated in Montreal because of boycotts.

Like the decade itself, the 80s games to me were forgettable. 2012 should be free of wider problems, even if the locals do rise up against road closures, but the media coverage will be top notch. We spent the 1996 Atlanta games in a motel near Disneyland – US coverage then made me eternally grateful for the BBC and Sky.

The Olympics are a metaphor for life as a whole. Games in faraway places we never thought we'd ever visit were followed by 1960s & 1970s turbulence and angst. I went on a tour of the 1972 Munich stadium and it was about as architecturally distinguished as Nicholson's Walk. Then the Games seemed to brighten up and went to a succession of great, vibrant cities that we'd actually been privileged to visit on our travels – Barcelona, Sydney, Beijing.

But I'd been touched by the Olympics before all this. My family hail from Cambridge, a bit of a rowing centre. My Dad had pasted some 'snaps' in an album of indistinct monochrome rowers and proudly printed 'the British Olympic Crew 1952 in training'. As the eight swept up the River Cam, you can see a four year old me looking on. Top rowers didn't mind training on rivers in those days! But therein lies another difference (hopefully) between 2012 and the past. That year in Helsinki, British rowers won not one medal, not even a bronze.

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PARISH PUMP

Extracts from the Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting
held at the Eton Dorney Centre on Tuesday 11th October, 2011 at 8 pm



Present:- Councillors K Harris (chaired the meeting), A Purdie, P Smith, Mrs Kittel, Ms Foxley and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Mr Russell

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Nick Duffield, Portfolio Director of Land Securities, owners of the Bishop Centre, gave a presentation on redevelopment proposals for the Bishop Centre at Taplow - The site has been in a state of decline for some time and there is now a proposed planning application to redevelop it with Tesco's being the main retail outlet. His company is trying to relocate the existing small independent retail outlets to Burnham Village Centre. The proposed Tesco's is one of the best schemes in the country being a timber framed building, with a fully glazed frontage, rain water harvesting and extensive landscape provision along the Bath Road and Hitcham Road. Car park space has increased from 385 to 440 spaces but it is believed that this Tesco's outlet will not generate more shoppers but will just relocate where customers shop. Also seeking to support local communities and engaging with schools and other organisations. Highways consultants have ensured that traffic impact is acceptable and compliant with SBDC's criteria. The consultants have also taken into consideration the effect of the Taplow Car Boot Sales that take place nearby. Concern was raised by Dorney Parish Council about the effect of traffic on Dorney particularly cars using Marsh Lane and Village Road as a rat run. Mr Duffield was unable to respond to specific traffic enquiries but agreed to bring the Highways Consultant to the next Council meeting. In the mean time he asked councillors to email him with specific Highways issues. If permission is granted for this development, the Bishop Centre will close on 29th December and the site is anticipated to be vacant by April. Building work will start in the summer 2012 and be completed the following year. Mr Harris thanked Mr Duffield for his presentation.

Dan Eldworthy, Transport Engagement Manager for the ODA gave an update on transport issues with regards the 2012 Olympics. He circulated the Olympic Route Network for the Games Families to travel to the site. He stated there will be no traffic restrictions between Court Lane, Village Lane and Marsh Lane and vehicles will be able to turn right out of Marsh Lane on to Harcourt Road. He will check if there will be temporary traffic lights at Lake End Road. Games Family traffic will intermingle with normal traffic and there should be a free flow of traffic due to parking restrictions along the roads. The Local Area Traffic Management Plan has not yet been finalised but this will incorporate permits schemes and enforcement. The proposed scheme should be released in November 2011 for consultation with the local communities. He was pleased to announce that they have secured a site at the Bishop Centre to promote the Olympics and to be a point of information. Also, there is good contact with the local media to promote the games. The number of PCSO's for the area will be increased in the near future to provide local information and to 'police' the area. Pedestrians will be encouraged to use the south entrance through Windsor racecourse but some will be allowed through the north entrance. There are 4 Park and Ride sites with a possible fifth still under discussion. The Torch Relay will come through Dorney (possibly 10th July 2012). Bucks CC have a 2012 Engagement Team to co-ordinate events and engage with the community. There will be big screens for the finals at Aylesbury, High Wycombe and Amersham. LOCOG are producing a regular E-Newsletter and a paper newsletter will be published periodically. Mr Eldworthy ended by saying Ian Barham will be attending the next Council meeting.

Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – Resolved to (1) Councillors of Dorney Parish will give their full support to Dorney Village Hall Committee to assist in moving forward with the democratic process and financial challenges for the rebuilding or repair of the Village Hall.

(2) Councillors of Dorney Parish Council support the process of public consultation and application for a grant or loan for the rebuilding or repair of the Village Hall

(3) Councillors of Dorney Parish agree in principle to apply for a £200,000 loan from the PWLB subject to the following criteria being met:-

(a) The Parish Council carries out a public consultation to find out if the community agrees to an increase in precept for the refurbishment of the Village Hall.

(b) To agree an acceptable level of response and level of agreement from the questionnaire that meets the criteria of the lender in order to proceed with the application for the loan.

(c) To ensure the length of the loan is equal to the length of the warranty of the life expectancy of the building.

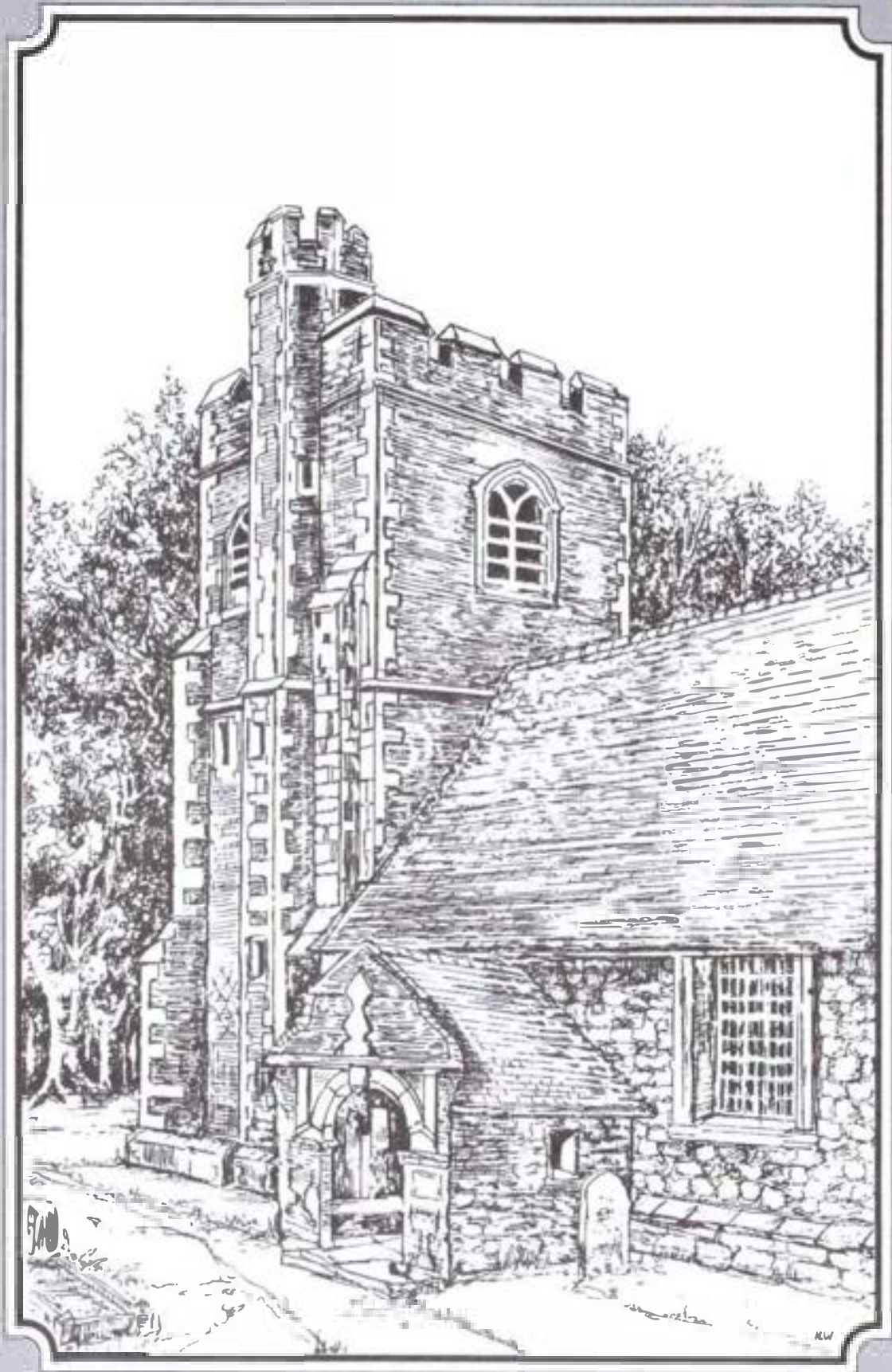
(d) The Village Hall Committee seeks 3 quotes for the building work.

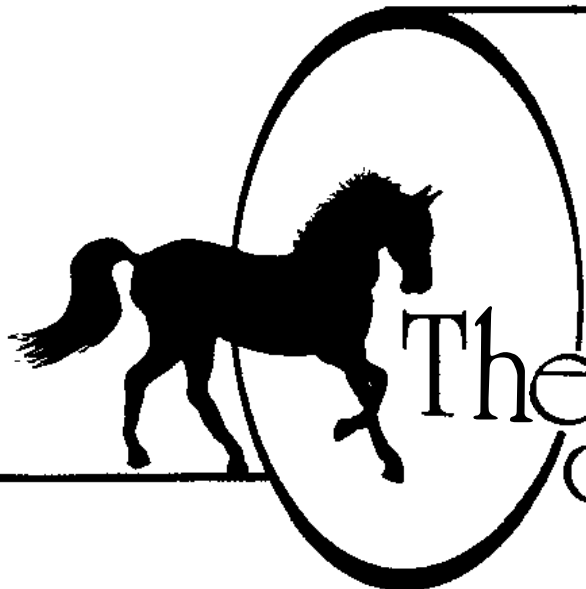
(e) The Village Hall Committee is successful in obtaining grants and funding of £100,000 towards the cost of the building work.

(f) The Village Hall Committee produces an acceptable business plan and financial forecast which satisfies an Auditor or Chartered Accountant, as to the evidence, risks and general feasibility and viability of the scheme. This is also to ensure the Villagers are satisfied that the costings, financial forecast and financial risks have been fully explored.

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| Saturday | 6pm | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 9.45am and 6pm | Mass |

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EDITORIAL

You will read in the Parish Council Minutes in this issue that the M4 is to be resurfaced between junctions 8/9 and 6 and that the Clerk has been asked to ensure that the Highways Agency uses low noise tarmac. The work was scheduled to commence on 16th November and is, presumably, now completed.

If you have not noticed a reduction in traffic noise it is because our expectations were unfounded. It transpires that resurfacing was only between junctions 6 and 7 and perhaps up to the Jubilee River bridge. And, although low noise tarmac was to be used, the work was confined to 'patching', and only on the eastbound lanes. The road was no doubt closed from junction 8/9 to facilitate the work. It is very disappointing, a low noise surface over the Thames bridge would have been a wonderful present, and not just for Christmas!

We thank everyone associated with this magazine, DPC, local organisations, regular contributors, advertisers and distributors. After decades of delivering the magazine, John and Mary Jackman have had to retire from their round. We are indebted to them for being part of the delivery 'team' for so many years, and wish them well. Harry McGuinness has very kindly volunteered to take over John and Mary's 'customers'.

Distributors will be asking for your subscription for 2012 in February. Despite inflation, there will be no price increase, and £5 will secure your access to local news, events and opinions for the whole year!

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**Christmas and New Year Refuse and Recycling Collection Dates.
All refuse, green waste and recycling collections will be as follows**

| Normal Collection Day | Revised Collection Day |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 28th December | Thursday 29th December |
| Wednesday 4th January | Thursday 5th January |



A Very Happy Christmas and New Year.



Revd Lucy Holt writes:

I am looking forward in a few weeks to switching on our Christmas lights outside the Vicarage. I am probably a bit of a big kid but I do love Christmas lights giving one a warm feeling in the dark days of winter. Lights at Christmas though point to a profound truth which is at the heart of the Christmas message – Jesus Light in our darkness. The message that Jesus the Light of the World came into the world born as the baby at Bethlehem. Light is important in our lives to show us where to go and to help us and keep us safe. In the same way at Christmas we celebrate Jesus the Light of the World who by coming to the earth showed us the way we should live and showed God's ultimate care and love for the world. Please do join us this Christmas in celebrating once more this great truth.

Revd Lucy Holt

For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site: www.stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Church Services in December 2011 and January 2012



Sunday 4th December

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)
11.00 am 'Our Space' Family Service
6.30 pm Advent Carol Service

St James the Less Dorney
St John the Baptist Eton Wick
St John the Evangelist Eton

Wednesday 7th December

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 11th December

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Communion

St James the Less Dorney
St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 18th December

11.00 am Morning Worship with carols
4.30 pm Crib Service
6.30 pm Carol Service

St John the Evangelist Eton
St John the Baptist Eton Wick
St James the Less Dorney

Wednesday 21st December

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Christingle Service
5.30 pm Christingle Service
11.30 pm Midnight Communion
11.30 pm Midnight Communion



St John the Baptist Eton Wick
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Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

9.00 am Family Communion

St James the Less Dorney

10.15 am Family Service followed by Communion

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 1st January

11.00 am Combined Family Communion Service

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday 4th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 8th January

9.30 am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00 am Family Communion

St John the Baptist Eton Wick



Sunday 15th January

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Worshipping Together (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Wednesday 18th January

10.00 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist Eton

Sunday 22nd January

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion (children's groups)

St John the Baptist Eton Wick

Sunday 29th January

11.00 am Combined Service

St John the Evangelist Eton

Boveney Church

We had hoped to hold a carol service at Boveney again this year. Unfortunately due to continued work on the inside of the building we are unable to have a service at this Church. Hopefully when all the work is finished next year we will hold a special service to mark the end of this phase of restoration.

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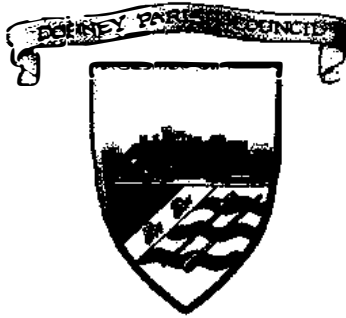
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Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on Tuesday 8th November, 2011 at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors K Harris (chaired the meeting), A Purdie, P Smith, Mrs Kittel, Mr E Nelson and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Mrs Williams, Ian Barham.

95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Ian Barham, Buckinghamshire Manager for the 2012 Games, reported that there is a £50,000 legacy for 4 main community events. The Torch Relay will come through Dorney on 10th July 2012. It will be visiting the lake and the community of Dorney will be invited to this event i.e. residents and school children. Regarding Traffic Management, there has been no final decision on the issuing of permits as this will depend on the location of check points. There will be a public consultation on the Olympic Route network on 21st November. There will be no stopping in Marsh Lane, Court Lane and Lake End during the event which will be enforced by Thames Valley Police Authority. In the New Year there will be a 4 week consultation on the Local Area Traffic Management Plan. There will be no restrictions to visiting the area for residents and their visitors. The local businesses, Park and Ride and the Pineapple PH, have raised concerns and LOCOG is meeting with them. The detailed operation of the event is still on-going but LOCOG will ensure disruption is minimised to residents and businesses. This week LOCOG are looking at the 'Look & Feel' resource e.g. planting schemes (working with local horticultural groups) and an educational art programme (working with the school). The proposed schemes will come back to the community to be finalised. There will be a Business Information Workshop on 23rd November from 1 to 4.30pm at Burnham Park Hall to promote the benefits of the Olympics to local businesses.

The following concerns were raised which Ian Barham will investigate and report back (i) travelling to Church on Sundays during the event, (ii) disabled access from Windsor Station via footpath, (iii) loss of internet access on local communications during the games, (iv) unable to access the Local Events programme.

Report from SBDC: Cllr A Dhillon reported that the planning permission for the 2.5m sleeper wall at Orchard Herbs Farm was permitted. The Parish Council objected to this and is concerned that the conditions of this permission are being flouted as there is now hardstanding outside the sleeper walls with caravans that people are living in. Mr Smith again raised the issue that the Certificate of Lawfulness of Use has been breached and SBDC, like Taplow Car Boot Sales, are allowing the situation to get out of hand. Cllr A Dhillon will pursue this with SBDC. The only alternative will be for Dorney Parish Council to take the matter to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Bucks County Council's report: Cllr D Dhillon urged councillors to respond to the Budget consultation. He reported that M4 Junction 9/8 to 6 is due to be resurfaced. The Clerk was asked to ensure that the Highways Agency uses low noise tarmac. Also Cllr Dhillon reported that he has not received the petition from the school for the gritting of roads. Mrs Kittel will organise for this to be addressed.

Mr Harris asked Cllr D Dhillon to investigate the reasons that it took the Fire Brigade 45 minutes to respond to a house fire in the village and the fact the water hydrant was not working.

96 Apologies received from Mrs Foxley.

97 Resolved to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meetings held on the 11th October 2011 after amending Minute 81. 3 (c) to delete 'warranty' and to state '...length of the life expectancy'..

98 Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda - Cllr Easton disclosed an interest in Agenda Item 102 regards the Village Hall.

99 Clerk's Report – (a) No response as yet from Ms Nimmo (ODA) regarding letter with reference setting up a meeting to discuss a legacy for Dorney, (b) Press release from Chief Inspector Kate Ford – Following the opening of Taplow Police Base on 21st October 2011, staff from Burnham Police Station will be relocating to Taplow after the 2012 Olympics, (c) WRG (Waste Recycling Group) have been awarded the new contract for BCC's ten household waste recycling centres which will result in an anticipated saving of 30% of approved budget and an improved service.

100 Chairman's Report – Mr Harris raised concern about the misrepresentation of the facts regards the press report on the Village Hall after the last Council meeting.

101 To resolve to respond to the presentations on the redevelopment proposals for the Bishop Centre, Taplow. Mr Harris was disappointed that the Highways Consultant was not present at this meeting to answer the Highways's issues so no response was made.

102 Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – Resolved to (a) agree the method regarding the Parish Council's public consultation to find out if the community agrees to an increase in precept for the refurbishment of the Village Hall as follows:- A postal vote will be sent to everyone on the electoral role with a postal return, (b) agree an acceptable level of response and level of agreement from the questionnaire in order to proceed with applying for the loan as follows - Non-repliers and spoiled returns will not be counted, over 50% of the replies will carry the vote for or against. Mrs Kittel will produce a questionnaire for approval at the next council meeting to be sent out early in the New Year.

Update from the Village Hall Committee – The Business Plan is 75% completed and the financial projections are being drawn up. There is a cost involved to pay for an architect to draw up the tender documents but accurate costs are needed for the grant applications.

9.50pm Mr Easton left the meeting.

103 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – Mrs Kittel reported that the proposals are to have a hog roast and street party with Diamond Jubilee mugs to present to the children. The exact costs are not yet known. It was resolved that the Parish Council will underwrite any loss up to a limit of £500.

104 Resolved that individual councillors will respond to the Public Consultation on the 'Buckinghamshire County Council's Consultation on Budget Priorities 2012/13'.

105 Resolved to delegate to Mr Nelson to submit comments on the 'Scrutiny Review into Transport for Buckinghamshire services'.

106. Resolved not to respond to the Street Light Energy Saving Trial Consultation.

107. Planning of community events up to 2012 Olympics – Mrs Kittel has been doing a lot of networking and is pleased that the Olympics Committee now recognises Dorney and are keen to ensure the local community are involved.

108. Planning

a. Resolved to note planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council – None received.

b. Resolved to consider and comment on applications – None received..

109 Finance

a) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for November 2011 in the sum of £1362.24 net as appended.

b) Resolved to receive list of income for November 2011 – None received.

c) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.

110 Correspondence – None

111 Circulars to receive and note November circulars as per attached list.

112 Member's Reports

None available. Mrs Kittel offered to be the Parish Council's representative at the NAG's meetings.

113 Resolved any complaints received from residents – None.

114 Maintenance and Highway employee/work – Unfortunately the Highway's employee is unwell and will not be at work for a while.

Date of next meeting – 8pm on 13th December, 2011 and Finance meeting on 22nd November at the Eton Dorney Centre

Meeting closed at 10.10 p.m.

Chairman **Date**

Dorney Social Diary

Thursday 1st December

Saturday 10th December

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th December

New Year's Eve

Wednesday 11th January

Saturday 11th February

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

**DORNEY VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

DORNEY OVER 60's CLUB

**DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB
DORNEY SHORT MAT
BOWLS CLUB
DORNEY TENNIS COURT**

**DORNEY YOUTH CLUB
(for children of the parish)**

BROWNIES

**LITTLE FISHES
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Songs, stories, treasure hunts, fun
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VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

**Dorney History Group Coffee Morning
Eton Dorney Centre 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

**TVAP Taplow Youth Choir Concert
Windsor Methodist Church,
Alma Road 7.30 p.m.**

**Eton Dorney Centre Over 60s Christmas Lunch
Eton Dorney Centre 12 noon.**

**Eton Wick History Group Meeting
Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.**

**Children's Christmas Disco
Village Hall 5-6.30 p.m. & 7-8.30 p.m.**

Dance Party. Village Hall 8 p.m.

**Eton Wick History Group Meeting
Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.**

Valentine Dance. Village Hall 8 p.m.

**Second Tuesday of each month (except August)
Eton Dorney Centre 8 p.m.**

**Second Monday of alternate months
i.e. January, March
Village Hall 8 p.m.**

**Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney
Second Tuesday in month 12.15 – 2.00**

13/12 Christmas lunch 12 noon

10/1 14/2 13/3 10/3 8/5 12/6

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**Every Sunday Village Hall
7 - 10 p.m.**

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(between 4.30-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday)

**Every Thursday evening during term time
in hut in grounds of Dorney School
6-16 year olds in two groups
contact Alan Russell 01628 784515**

**Every Thursday Village Hall
6-7.30 p.m.**

**Every Wednesday
(Term time only)**

**St. John's Church, Eton Wick
10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.**

Dawn Russell 01628 784515



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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PLAYGROUND 4 DORNEY

Dear Residents,

In order to continue to raise funds to maintain our playground, the committee is holding a Children's Christmas Disco in the village hall on Friday 16th December 2011. All details are below and tickets are available to buy at the Tuck Shop after school (village hall) or alternatively see one of the committee members: Leanne Kittel 07919484855, Jo Ellis, Zoe Gilbert or Leon Williams. We do hope to see your children there and as always thank you so very much for your support.

Christmas Disco

Friday 16th December, Dorney Village Hall

Session 1: 17.00-18.30 for school year 2

Session 2: 19.00-20.30 for year 3 upwards

* Includes disco with laser lighting & smoke fog, hot dog & drink
cost from £5.00 (includes 1 session)

Ticket also available for children, refreshments available for adults



playground4dorney.org.uk
or 07919484855 for more info



Session 1: 17.00-18.30 for preschool children to year 2

Session 2: 19.00-20.30 for school year 3 upwards

Tickets are priced at just £5.00 and now include:

Disco, with laser lighting, fog snow and bubble machine

Pizza and pasta

Face painting, Prizes

The Tuck Shop will be available for the purchase of drinks sweets etc

The kitchen will be open for adults to purchase warm mulled wine and mince pies, tea, coffee or hot chocolate and Baileys!

(N.B All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult)

www.playground4dorney.org.uk for any further details

Dorney History Group

It is unlikely, but should this issue of the DPN be circulated before the end of the month you are reminded of the **Coffee Morning** at the **Eton Dorney Centre** on **Thursday 1st December from 10.30am to 12.30pm** and you are invited to this informal get-together to discover who has knowledge to share and who is interested in learning more about the history of the Parish.

THE SUMMER OF 2012 WILL BE MOMENTOUS AND EXCITING.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee; British Open Golf Championship, Wimbledon; 2012 Olympics and Paralympics...the eyes of the world will be on the United Kingdom and millions of people of all ages will be part of the celebrations. South Bucks will, of course, be a very special place with the Olympic and Paralympic Rowing venue at Dorney on our doorstep. There are many ways of joining in with the excitement of the games and below are just a few ideas to get you started.

LONDON 2012 LOCAL LEADERS

If you have an idea of how you want to celebrate the Games within your community or are keen on creating your own events but need a little inspiration, why not sign up to LOCOG and become a London 2012 Local Leader and get both ideas and support. The LOCOG web site has some ideas from communities across the UK who have already signed up. You know what will work in your community and you know how to make it happen, so don't hold back. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the UK and South Bucks and with your help we can really make these games local!

ETON DORNEY CALLING

There are still Games related volunteer opportunities for local young people. If you are 16-18 years of age why not check out the following website www.eton-dorney-ambassadors.org. To date over 300 people have applied to be an Ambassador Greeter for the Dorney venue. So if you would like to be part of the action and gain an NVQ qualification in Spectator Safety in the process, then visit the above website and see how.

YOUNG GAMESMAKERS NEEDED

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) are on the lookout for Young Gamesmakers, teams of 16-18 years olds, who are interested in volunteering opportunities to work at the Olympic Park in London. There are 2000 places earmarked and Gamesmakers are seen as a vital component in ensuring a successful delivery of the Games. For further information visit the LOCOG website.

MANDEVILLE LEGACY PROGRAMME

Volunteer supporters are needed to assist with the Mandeville Legacy Programme. If you are interested in assisting with unearthing and preserving the stories and images behind the Paralympic Games here in Buckinghamshire, the birthplace of the Paralympics, please contact Laura Cotton at lcotton@buckscc.gov.uk.

SOUTH BUCKS GRANT SUPPORT

South Bucks District Council is proud to be a host district for the London 2012 Games, and to help residents become involved in the games South Bucks District Council are offering two grant schemes in the lead up to the games. The first is 'The 2012 Games Community Initiatives' - Community groups, clubs, Town and Parish Councils can apply for funding for projects/events open to the wider public, which will be held within South Bucks and which relate to the 2012 Games. Applications need to demonstrate a clear link to the Olympic and Paralympic Games with inspired opportunities and/ or offer a lasting legacy for the residents of South Bucks. The second scheme is the **Chairman's Sports Grant** to support local talented young sportsmen and women - this special grant has been launched to support local athletes in their pursuit to be the best. Whether it is support with purchasing specialist equipment, specialist training, or help towards getting to that all important competition, this grant is there to support you. The grant is available to applicants who have, through recommendation, the potential to represent Great Britain or England in their chosen sport. All applicants must reside or be training at a club within the district and be under 21 years of age.

For further information about either of these grant schemes please visit www.southbucks.gov.uk and click on the 2012 logo on the front page or telephone 01895 837306

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Then we will complete a short walk around the village, singing outside as many homes as is possible bringing hearty Christmas tidings.

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

11th February:- Valentine Dance. Village Hall

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At Dorney Village Hall

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Bring drinking water and a mat or towel

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You Couldn't Make It Up.....

I started writing this column because it seemed to me that the village, and in particular the Parish Council, faced events & challenges which seemed unreal, or even surreal. As they say in the tabloids, 'You Couldn't Make It Up'.

There seems to be a steady stream of YCMIU moments, and most surround the coming Olympics. This week I did a typical village-y type thing. Hearing that there might be Horticultural Society involvement in proposed celebratory planting in Lake End Road, I rang a fellow villager for a gentle update. Simultaneously, I heard a main TV news bulletin. The recently ex-defence secretary asked his successor, perhaps mischievously, whether Olympic events were to be defended by ground-to-air missiles. The minister assured his honourable friend that this was indeed the case.

Reflecting on what could possibly motivate politicians to inflict such a danger on the English countryside, I noticed a rash of similar opinions in the media. *'The Games that lost touch with reality'* was the headline in The Independent. The MP for Hackney revealed that less than 10% of jobs generated by Games construction went to London's East End.

I don't believe LOCOG deserves or honours the efforts of local residents – and Dorney clearly has plenty of them – who want to ensure legacy and celebration. The latest published minutes of the PC stated that 'the Torch Relay will come through Dorney'. But last week, the local paper quoted one Annabel Gunnell of LOCOG that 'residents would have to wait until next year to find out if Dorney would be included.' That's bad enough, but the true YCMIU moment came with the same day's announcement that the Torch would be carried through the *East Enders* fictional Walford by a Mitchell brother. Literally, they are 'losing touch with reality'.

Local businesses queue up to complain that they have no idea of the negative (or, less likely, positive) impact of the event. But they too must wait until 'next year' to know the full impact of the 'proposed introduction of traffic management measures on sections of the Olympic Route Network.....on the A4 Bath Road west of Huntercombe Spur' (to quote the rather sinister sounding Traffic Regulation Order issued by the Olympic Delivery Authority.)

It also emerged recently that the government had spent three quarters of a million quid on tickets to 'woo international dignitaries and business executives'. Actually, even I will concede that a degree of 'wooing' and certainly rewarding those who have worked on the Games, might be just about in order. It's interesting that twice as many tickets have been purchased by the Government for beach volleyball as for rowing. Why should that be? But the true YCMIU moment came from rumours that Sepp Blatter of FIFA's limousine could be one of those taking advantage of those 'traffic management measures' west of Huntercombe Spur.....

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Dorney Village Hall Management Committee

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13 November 2011

The Editor
Dorney Parish News

Dear Editor

I wonder if I could use your magazine to make a plea for help. I am writing this to you on a sunny Sunday afternoon but we are being told that we are going to have a winter colder than that of last year!!

My parents live in Dorney Reach and currently have carers visiting the house four times a day to feed them and get my mother up, washed and dressed and then to put her to bed. I am concerned that if we have some really bad weather and the carers cannot get through to Dorney they will be left with no assistance. I live in Warwick so would not be able to get there to help.

I was wondering if there is a carer in the village who would be willing to provide paid help if the weather was so bad that the current carers could not attend. Obviously this would be a short notice situation. If anyone feels they are able to help please could they contact me at the above address, or via e-mail on lizziwaters@yahoo.co.uk or by phone on 01926 479051.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Liz Waters

ETON DORNEY CENTRE OVER 60's LUNCH CLUB

Christmas Lunch at the Eton Dorney Centre on Tuesday 13th Dec 2011.

Please join us from 12 noon for a glass of sherry and to eat at 12.30.

There will be other surprises and more...

Cost £5.50

Please contact Lili Hles at 01628 662823



Christmas Day Lunch

If you know anyone who will be alone on Christmas Day, they may like to join in the festivities at the Salvation Army.



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Keep Warm, Keep Well! – Tips for keeping warm this winter!!!

Heat your home well

Set your thermostat between 18-21centigrade/64-70 Fahrenheit. You'll stay warm and keep your bills low. If you feel cold at night, use a hot water bottle and extra blankets.

Get financial support

There are grants, benefits and advice available to make your home energy efficient, improve your heating or help with bills. Make sure you claim all of the benefits you are entitled to. Just ring the Welfare benefits team on (01296) 382309. If you're eligible for a Winter Fuel Payment, make sure you have received it.

Eat Well

Food is a vital source of energy, which helps to keep your body warm. Try to make sure you and your family have hot meals and hot drinks regularly throughout the day.

Get a flu jab

Have a long term health condition or are over 65? You can get a free injection from your GP.

Look after yourself and others

Remember to wrap up warm if you need to go outside on cold days. If you have older neighbours or relatives look out for them during winter to make sure they are safe and well. On really cold/icy days don't go out unless necessary, and make sure you have plenty of provisions in case it snows unexpectedly.

Make life difficult for the distraction burglar!

A distraction burglary is when someone calls at a door where they think someone vulnerable may live; this may be an older person or someone with a disability. Follow these simple steps to protect yourself and your home:

Lock: Keep all doors and windows locked when not in use. Don't leave the keys in the lock but do keep them near the door or window in case of an emergency such as a fire.

Stop: Before you answer the door, stop and think - are you expecting anyone, or has anyone sent you a letter making an appointment? Before answering the door check that the back door is locked. If possible check through the spy hole or glass panel to see if you recognise the person.

Chain: If you decide to open the door, place the door bar or chain on first.

Check: If someone looks official, question them as to whom they are, where they are from, why they are calling then ask for ID. Take the ID, close the door, then look up the organisation or company in the phone book or ring directory enquires and ask them to confirm the phone number on the card. Or set up a password scheme with anyone that visits your home.

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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

Thursday 1st December between 11-2pm at Sainsburys, Taplow, the beat team will be carrying out a Winter Car Campaign with Bucks County Road Safety Officers please come along and get a free ice scraper!!

Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have or alternatively you can e-mail us at:

Taplow&domeyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – For the Halloween and Firework period there will be increased patrols by all the neighbourhood teams in and around the area. If you experience any problems then please call us on 08458 505 505.

Vehicle Crime

We are still experiencing vehicle crime in the Dorney and Taplow areas, many of our car parks are isolated and remote. Please ensure that you remove all valuables from your vehicle when left unattended.

Burglary

The Neighbourhood team recently carried out a Darker Nights Event at Sainsburys in Taplow providing crime reduction advice in relation to going home to dark properties with the nights drawing in. They also provided Select DNA property marking kits and timers to local residents.

NAG Priorities

Litter/Parking /Olympics The NAG are still working on these long term issues. If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Thursday 9th December 2011 at Dorney Combined School, Dorney.

Thames Valley goes live with 101

Thames Valley Police is due to go live with 101, the new national single non emergency number on 14th November 2011, this will replace the 08458 505 505 number. Both numbers will run side by side until March 2012. Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call no matter what time of day the call is made or the duration of the call.

Crime Update

Stanley Butler was charged with an attempted burglary in Hag Hill Lane in Taplow. Jack Yarrow has been sentenced to a 12 Month Community Order, complete 80 hours community service and £250 fines for a Theft from a Motor Vehicle in Taplow. And a third male is currently under investigation for a distraction burglary in Dorney

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

For crime information in your area, go to: <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow&domeyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

Invitation for Dorney Families



Complimentary photographic session

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New Year's Day Concert

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ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP MEETING

Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 14th. December

ETON COLLEGE CHAPEL – fascinating facts.

Speaker: Mrs. Penny Hatfield JP

Wednesday 11th. January

MAIL ALONG THE OLD BATH ROAD

(leading to the Royal Mail and the modern postal service)

Speaker: Mr. Tony King

The Return of the Technophobe

A few months ago, in this worthy publication, I had a rant about the relentless march of technology. I still dislike my new computer programme, and I can't even pretend that I am getting better at operating it. "Windows" have surely never been so opaque since they were blacked out during the Blitz.

Now I have a new challenge to face up to. It is called a motor car. I have been driving for over 50 years. The improvements introduced in that time have been terrific. Comfort, safety, and, latterly, fueleconomy and emission controls have just got better and better. It would seem however that fine engineers, designers and technicians are now taking second place to gadgeteers (I think that is a new word. My computer spell check is having hysterics.)

Having been given a very generous deal for my replacement car, I won't be churlish enough to say what make it is, but you may well spot me on the road. If you see a small black and silver vehicle in the village, with its hazard lights flashing for no apparent reason, that'll be me. I will have been trying to turn the radio on which is hard to do without touching the red switch. Or I may be trying to get out. To do this, I have to press a button on the dashboard just next to the hazard light control and, in the dark – well, need I say more?

The instruction manual for the combined radio, DVD, telephone and navigation system is 110 close-typed pages long. You can, apparently give the screen verbal instructions, but when I tried, she just told me to repeat myself. Perhaps the lady who provides the voice doesn't understand my theatrical diction. Driving was all so much easier (and safer) when I had a simple dashboard radio and a separate sat-nav that I put postal codes into. This one won't take full UK post codes – at least not when I try. I expect I am going to have to get one of my grandchildren to show me how to do it.

The saddest thing about all this so called progress is that much that was good is swept aside to make way for "improvements". A major benefit of the small car I have just replaced with a newer model is that it was easy to park. I almost got stuck today, though, when I tried to do a "u" turn that would have been easy in my old car. It's back to three pointers, from now on, I'm afraid. I suppose that's why the hazard warning switch is in such a prominent position. Heigh-Ho!

Geoffrey Atkinson



Delivering a Safe & Secure Games – Eton Dorney Newsletter 5 – November 2011



Welcome to our fifth monthly bulletin as the follow up to our 'Delivering a Safe and Secure Games' presentations.

Apologies for the late arrival of this edition of the bulletin. The Torch Relay announcement has coincided with an increase in our workload for this area of the Games along with the testing and exercise programme. A large exercise was held at our new base at Taplow in early November for 120 multi agency partners. The exercise tested plans should a large scale incident happen on the Windsor Racecourse transport hub and was based on some of the issues we covered at the Delivering a Safe and Secure Games sessions in June.

Special Constabulary Update – Special Inspector Ben Clarke

The Special Constabulary Olympic Neighbourhood team is now firmly established and in the first two months have contributed more than 750 hours of additional policing to the area – more than 500 of which have been spent out on high visibility operational patrols.

During this period, the team has also made good use of the provided pedal cycles, including a day of training which involved ten officers conducting a 15 mile patrol route through the neighbourhood.

They have been well placed to respond to any reported incidents within the neighbourhood and conducted several good stop-checks that have resulted in the detection of a drugs offence, the prevention of fly tipping and some important intelligence being gathered.

Vehicle Crime

We have had one car broken into in the area of Dorney Lake in the last month. As ever please report any suspicious activity you see in the area. We are always happy to check out such reports no matter what the outcome.

Olympic Route Network and Local Area Traffic Management Plan

Following the consultation exercise the Olympic Delivery Agency (ODA) held in Dorney in July, the ODA have updated their plans for the Olympic Route Network (ORN) into Dorney. The ORN is the route used by competitors/official and in essence is M4 J7, A4, Marsh Lane, Lake End Road and Court Lane. Draft documents and maps can be found at <http://www.london2012.com/olympic-route-network/consultation.html>. Note representations need to be made by the 21st November.

The Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATMP) is concerned with all the traffic flow and parking issues around the venue including the park and ride sites. The ODA will be conducting a communication exercise later this month to be followed with a four week consultation exercise in January/February.

LOCOG Businesses Keep on Running Bulletin

Whilst on traffic issues LOCOG have also issued a 'Keep on Running Bulletin for Businesses'

<http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/business-network/travel-advice-for-business/maps/map26-eton-domey.pdf>. Even if you have not got a business the document does give a list of event times each day which may help in planning your journey around the area at the relevant time. Rebecca Dengler, the officer from the Olympic Delivery Authority responsible for the Travel Advice for Business programme, will be part of a team of local partners available at Burnham Park Hall from 1300-1630 on November 23rd as part of a business advice and drop in workshop.

Bucks County Council 'Live Sites'

Buckinghamshire County Council are working on hiring a large broadcast screen for community focussed Olympic / Paralympic events around the county. It is hoped that one of these may be in Burnham on August 4th 2012.

LOCOG Local Leaders Project

If you are interested in organising an Olympic / Paralympic related event in your community LOCOG have released some guidance and useful materials see <http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/local-leaders/>. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport are keen for communities to hold street parties for both the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics / Paralympics and are trying to make the process for road closures easier. Please contact your local authority for details.

Local 2012 Ambassador Scheme

Almost 400 people have now expressed an interest in becoming part of the Local London 2012 Eton Dorney Ambassador programme. As well as being part of the official welcome to visitors to the area, ambassadors will receive NVQ Event Management qualifications as part of their training. The scheme is open to anybody aged 16 or above.

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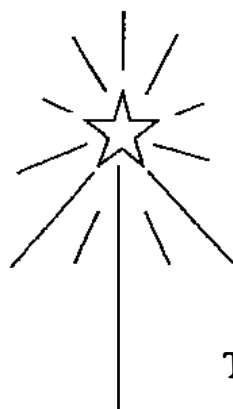
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Dorney Court Kitchen Garden – Christmas 2011

We are very excited about Christmas at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden. We have so much happening we wanted to take this opportunity to fill you in on all our upcoming seasonal events.

Christmas Lunch Sunday Nov 27th to Sat Dec 24th: You can treat yourself to one of our famous Christmas lunches. Booking in advance only (book early for Sundays as they are always a sell-out)

Wreath Workshops Saturday Nov 26th and Wednesday November 30th (10am-midday): A fantastic opportunity to make a Christmas wreath for your front door with expert tuition to guide you. £35 per ticket includes winter warming hot drink and mince pie. Spaces limited, call 01628 669999.

Late Night Shopping and Food Sampling Wednesday November 30th (5.30pm-7pm): Join us for a fun filled festive evening where you can meet our local suppliers and sample their fantastic array of Christmas food and drink. Enjoy a glass of mulled wine and kick off your Christmas shopping in style. Entry and sampling free of charge.

Arrival of Father Christmas Saturday Dec 3rd (11am): Join us in welcoming Father Christmas and his merry gang of elves to Dorney Court Kitchen Garden – Arrive early, you wouldn't want to miss him! We will have kids craft workshops running all day, call 01628 669999 to book your places.

Santa's Grotto First three weekends of December (Midday-4pm) £3: Come and visit Father Christmas in his magical Christmas Grotto and have your photo taken with him by one of his helpful elves.

Carols in the Kitchen Garden Saturday December 17th (5.30pm) £3: Join us for a magical evening of carol singing around our beautiful Christmas tree in the Kitchen Garden. We will be joined by the Salvation Army's fifteen piece brass band and church choir. Soup and Mulled wine will be available on the evening and all ticket money raised goes to the Salvation Army. Tickets in advance only, call 01628 669999.

Breakfast with Father Christmas Christmas Eve (9.30am) £12: Begin the Christmas magic with a delicious Christmas eve breakfast and a visit from Father Christmas and his elves. Then enjoy story time before he has to rush off and deliver presents to all those who have been good this year! Breakfast is accompanied by a glass of bubbly for the adults. Booking in advance only – 01628 669999.

Our opening times will be as normal up to December 23rd. On Christmas Eve we will be closing at 2pm and reopening again on January 2nd (9am-5pm) to a weeklong enormous sale. From Monday January 2nd to Sunday January 8th we will be offering a massive 40% off everything! (excluding food and drink in the café) Take advantage of this once a year opportunity to grab genuine bargains and stock up for the coming spring. The Monday early birds will certainly get the best worms!

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We really appreciate all the support you have shown us during our first year here in Dorney and hope you all like the direction we are taking this beautiful venue. There are many very exciting things we are working on for the coming year which we are sure you will love. Here's to a great 2012!

Ryan and Stretch

Dear Editor,

NATURE + HEAVENLY SURPRISE

October was generally mild and pleasant and up to mid-November it has been similar, encouraging roses; Chinese lanterns; green allanet; white alyssum; heather; chrysanthus; Michaelmas daisies; primulas; spindle berries; periwinkle; forget-me-not and early winter jasmine to thrive.

Fruit was plentiful this year, with many cooking apples weighing 1lb plus each – delicious! Nature is already giving warnings of possible sudden change climate wise. There are a lot of berries this year. Friends in the Isle of Skye say geese are already flying south and a chap who has a fig-leaf palm (*Fatsia japonica*) says it is already in full bloom a month early which only happens before a harsh winter. A climate scientist has indicated that the Arctic is already freezing at a rapid rate, indicating that the Earth is generally cooling, not warming. British climate is never easy to predict; surrounded by water; a Gulf Stream; Arctic Streams; varying winds; giving us a uniqueness and unpredictability – we really are special! But we can cope, can't we?

The garden birds are thriving in this current mild weather, with plenty of goldfinches targeting the teasel seeds. Red Kites and buzzards are much in evidence especially in the Rowing Trench parkland. Hundreds of starlings gathered in the mighty oaks of Dorney Village Memorial Garden, singing their hearts out on the morning of 11-11-11 – what a fitting tribute!

Soon the Christmas stories will be with us – Father Christmas; Snow White; Cinderella; The Three Kings of Orient, and others. But what about Ali Baba and his Forty Thieves? They were met by St. Peter at the Golden Gates of Heaven. Peter said, "What do you want?" Ali Baba replied, "We want to come in." Peter told them to wait by the gates whilst he spoke to God. Peter said to God. "We've got Ali Baba and his forty mates waiting by the Golden Gates wanting to come in." God replied, "We don't want that lot in here, tell them to clear off." Peter left to deliver the message, returning shortly afterwards, and said, "God, they've gone!" God replied, "Who's gone? Ali Baba and his forty mates?" Peter said, "No, no, the Golden Gates!"

So, is it easier to get into Heaven, now the Golden Gates have gone, allegedly? Only one person in Dorney Parish could possibly answer that, but I won't give you her name as she will probably be very busy with forthcoming Christmas events. But word has it, and you didn't hear it from me, that she makes a delicious bacon sandwich- that must be Heaven! I'll finish with the carol "Do You Hear What I Hear" composed in 1962 by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Baker.

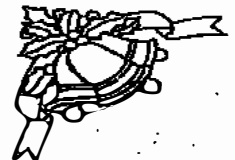
Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see
Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see.
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite
With a tail as big as a kite.

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear
Ringin' through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear.
A song, a song, high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea.

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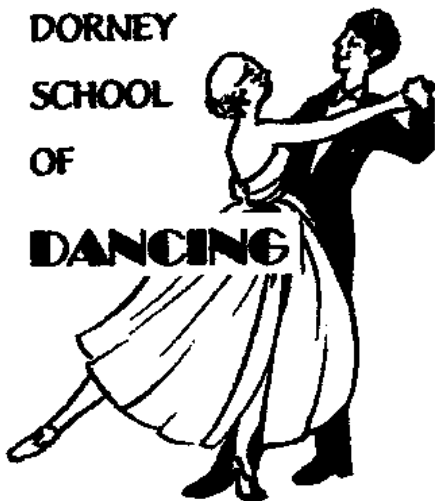
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(g) The Village Hall Committee produces a workable management plan to ensure the business plan and financial forecast is achieved.

(h) To ensure all legal aspects are covered.

Tree and hedge planting at the Picnic Park, Richmond Path and a few in Meadow Way/Harcourt Road.
Mrs Easton has raised concern about the condition of the hedgerow and trees and the maintenance programme. It was agreed that the hedgerow which has died back should be replaced as recommended by Wyevalle and to monitor the trees to ensure they are still alive in the spring. Mrs Easton has announced that she would like to retire as Tree Warden. Dorney Parish Council thanked Mrs Easton for all her hard work and will advertise in local newsletters for a volunteer.

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Dorney Olympic Countdown Group

Minutes from meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 at 7:30pm

Venue: Hut at Dorney School

Represented: Playground4Dorney, St James Church, Dorney Village Hall, Parish Council, Walk to School, Reactivate Bucks, Cadburys Spot v Strips, Cyclewise, Dorney Horticultural Society and local residents

Leanne Kittel chaired the meeting and started with an update from Ian Barham from Bucks 2012

- Dorney School is now registered with the get set network. Mrs Grove does still need to return agreement form to complete registration according to get set records.
- Again to confirm there is very little hope of a permanent bridge from Windsor to Dorney as an Olympic legacy.
- BBC news want a location in the village, currently looking at Eton Dorney centre. Mrs Grove has also offered the school as a venue. BBC sports and ITV are also looking for a suitable off site venue for the rowing.
- Look & Feel project for the Olympics is currently under way and in its consultation stages. Considering a Public Art installation for all local groups to contribute to i.e. school, youth club, church etc... Locations have been considered, one of which is the wall at the main T junction between Court Lane and Lake End Road. Bunting, flags etc for residential streets. Planting area which may be near Eton Dorney Centre junction with Lake End Road.
- Bucks 2012 are looking for volunteers as meet & greet marshals from the area. LK to advertise this in the next Parish Mag.
- Other main consideration at the moment is the transport; only other news on transport at present is that restrictions will be from 7am to 7pm every day.
- ODA are in the process of setting up a drop in centre at the Bishop Centre, presumably until Jan 2012 when the Centre closes.
- Other information not relating to the Olympics is there may be moneys available from the redevelopment of the Bishop Centre.
- The Olympic Torch will come through Dorney on 10th July 2012.
- Ian confirmed Trumper's Field as a location for a big screen to view the games is a no go. There will be one at Burnham Park Hall. As alternative for Dorney residents only is a screen inside the Village Hall showing the Games? Subject to the Hall being available.
- Bucks 2012 are arranging a Cultural weekend of the history of the paralympics. They would like input from the newly formed Dorney History Society. It was mentioned that Taplow Court also had previous involvement in an Olympic games

Events Actioned:

Steve (Cyclewise) – Offers the Dorney School the bike ability course (cycling proficiency) which is fully funded

Committee agree on events for the year dates to be confirmed:

1. Two Olympic themed walks to school – on the 10th July (Tuesday) the day the torch is coming through the village and the last day of summer term.
2. Family walk around Dorney with a treasure hunt and possibly finishing with a picnic or at the Palmer Arms.
3. Dragon Boat race which the lake are happy to host (Summer event) with Hog roast.
4. Family Fun Day – with Cadburys spots v stripes.

5. Street Party for Queen's Diamond jubilee (not an Olympic event but it will be arranged by the same people so agreed to list it as an event).
6. Village Fete – in conjunction with the DHS annual show. Note to DHS – before setting the calendar of events for 2012 make sure the dates are not clashing with the Olympics (e.g. normally the first Saturday of Sept – believe this is the opening of the Paralympics, suggest the previous weekend?).
7. A party for Dorney residents at the lake to tour the venue or view the opening/closing ceremonies at the Lake. Need to press Locog to make this one happen.

Sports events:

1. Cycle Event level 1 – off road (ideal for school years 5 & 6)
2. Virtual reality cycle ride – ideal for the winter
3. Historical cycle tour of Dorney
4. Reactivate Bucks will support:
 - a. Setting up a jogging club
 - b. Nordic walking taster
 - c. Zumba taster & more
 - d. Tennis coaching
5. Other taster events to include:
 - a. Fitness class – Lisa a local instructor to run
 - b. Bowls club
 - c. Badminton Club
 - d. Tennis Club (local to support by gaining funds for some equipment)
6. Cadburys are currently running an indoor activity called 'in it to win it' until December. Ideally would like arrange this but may be short on time.
7. Tree walk of the Lake including the school, warden at the lake could do this or woodland trust.
8. DHS arrange a local annual event normally in May and perhaps this could have an Olympic theme and tie in with the above event.

AOB: Note Jill Palmer had offered the use of Dorney Court for an event.

There are a lot of events listed and we may need to combine them to make it all happen

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The last few months have produced dreadful reports about abuse of older people. Sadly, there is nothing new in this, and unless attitudes change the situation will only get worse. Everyone is living longer, often becoming increasingly frail, both physically and mentally, as they do so, and the age gap between carers and frail old patients is becoming so wide that the relationship can become almost impossible. After all, a 30 year old nurse has absolutely nothing in common with an incontinent, senile, disabled 80 year old. Or has she? I believe that abuse stops when carers recognise that they are looking after people who have been young and full of hope and energy, just like themselves.

When I was working, I was in charge of 4 residential centres for adults of all ages, the "young disabled" and the "dementia" units were among my favourite places to visit. Residents in the latter were in advanced stages of Alzheimer's or similar debilitating diseases. Some of them looked very frail, but there were smiles and even laughter. The staff treated them with respect and affection. We always asked families to bring in photos of the residents when they were young. Wedding photos were on many of the bedside lockers. These pictures of youth helped all the staff to identify with the residents as real people like themselves. Also carers and nurses were carefully selected for their compassion and sense of humour, as well as their experience. Most stayed with us for decades.

We believed that however serious memory loss was, there was always something there. Often music brought back memories. There was one old lady who couldn't speak and didn't remember any of her family, but if we asked, she could sing "Phil the Fluter's Ball" from end to end. One visitor used to bring a tape recorder and play 30's dance music. Then she and her totally senile husband would waltz together romantically on the terrace outside the Unit.

I had a wonderful experience this year when I revisited our Southport care centre for the first time since I retired 8 years ago. Before I left a lady had been admitted following a massive stroke. She had serious brain damage and almost no speech. I often set residents like her a fun challenge to aim towards as part of their recovery. I gave her a word to try to say and promised that I would give her a kiss when she said it to me. She didn't manage it before I retired, but this time she was still there, looking extremely frail and confused, but when she recognised me she smiled lopsidedly and very slowly said the word at the top of this page. I wasn't the only one crying with pleasure when I gave her the promised plonker. Caring for the very old and frail can and should be fun for the carer and the cared for.

Geoffrey Atkinson

Dorney Social Diary

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Friday 25th November

Thursday 1st December

Saturday 10th December

Wednesday 14th December

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Dorney Court Kitchen Garden Update

With the threat of frosts around the corner, there is still plenty to do in your garden to prepare for this year's winter season. Now is the time to protect your delicate plants by insulating them or moving them under cover. Mulching with bark can also help create a blanket of protection over the root system protecting it from cold weather damage. It is a good idea to gently dig in a slow release fertiliser first which provides a consistent food source throughout the year. Greenhouse glass should be cleaned and sterilised which helps with pest prevention and also allows more valuable sunlight in during those cold winter days. Insulating with bubble polythene is a cost effective way of keeping your plants snug and protected from draughts and the cold. It is also a great time to plant or transplant trees and shrubs as they approach their dormancy period. The trick for a successful transfer is to dig a large root ball (keeping as many of the roots intact as possible) and planting it straight back into the ground with a transplanting fertiliser ensuring that the roots are moist.

This is the time of year when rural birds move into gardens in greater numbers. Some birds will be arriving from the continent looking for our warmer winters (!) and although there are some natural foods available such as cotoneaster, pyracantha, berberis and holly, birds are often reliant on feeders to get them through the winter months. Suet balls are a great source of fat and so are peanuts which can attract a whole range of birds including tits, greenfinches, house sparrows, nuthatches, great spotted woodpeckers and siskins. Birds are a welcome addition to any garden and can really provide enjoyment on a cold bleak winter's day.

Our Christmas line-up has now been confirmed and we have got an action packed couple of months planned for you. Obviously the most important and exciting is the arrival of Santa! He will be arriving here at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden on Saturday December 3rd with his merry band of helpers to say hi to kids and take their requests for Christmas prezzies this year. We will also have a Santa's Grotto open each weekend in December for any children who have been good this year to put in their requests. Father Christmas will make his final appearance on the morning of Saturday December 24th where kids can have the opportunity to have breakfast with Santa before he sets off on his epic journey from chimney pot to chimney pot delivering presents to all! We will also be cooking Christmas lunches each weekend from the end of November with live entertainment from the very talented bell ringers, the local choir and others still to be confirmed. We will also be holding wreath and tree decorating workshops throughout late November and December. Finally we are planning to hold a festive food evening where you will be able to meet our local suppliers and try samples of the fantastic food they make. Expect a very merry evening with lots of mulled wine and mince pies!

Finally, thanks to all who turned up to last month's talk on "Planting Brilliant Bulbs for a Sensational Spring". It is great to see the return of our evening talks and what a wonderful evening we had for the first one. Our guests enjoyed a sunset stroll around the Kitchen Garden before the talk began as we made the most of the last of the warm summer weather. The next talk is on the evening of Tuesday November 1st and is all about "Birdcare in your Back Garden". Our speaker will be none other than our very own Nursery Manager Kirstie Kerr who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area. Tickets are available in advance from the gift shop. We hope to see you there.

Dear Editor,

NATURE + PLONKERIZATION

September ended in glorious form and October started likewise, remaining generally mild, encouraging pink flock; yellow evening primrose; pink Japanese anemones; green alkanet; roses; geraniums; primulas; spindle berries; pink scillas; orange mountain ash berries; dandelions and daisies, plus lots of blackberries and apples. Even horse chestnut sticky buds have shown spring-like leaf appearance.

Still no sign of greenfinches. If you have any visiting your garden, remember to change their drinking water daily to aid their survival. A spotted woodpecker has made a perfect 2" diameter hole in a main branch of one of my healthy cherry trees. It was the wood chippings on the lawn at the base of the tree which drew my attention. Keeping a reasonable distance, I observed him through binoculars busily working away inside the cherry branch – what a carpenter he is! In the village, plenty of sightings of red kites and buzzards taking the southerly breezes to scout the area for tasty snacks. Our robin Bobby junior gives a brief whistle to let you know he's with you when gardening commences, then continues to serenade you whilst you sweep up the leaves etc., darting in and out as tasty morsels are uncovered. He's a lovely companion.

Regimental Sergeant Major speaks, "Parade! Atten....tion! Parade! Stand atease!" The R.S.M.'s "ease" raised an octave – indicating he was most annoyed, and his 'tache' bristled like a hedgehog. "Has anyone been watching the World Cup Rugby from New Zealand?" Most hands shot up. "Any comments about England's shambles?" Weak management; lack of discipline; no curfews; unfit through booze and womanizing; lack of media awareness, were some of the observations made. "Quite right!" said the R.S.M. "...some of the England team brought shame on themselves, their families and their country. See what happens when you mess around in a plonkerized manner – we couldn't even get through the quarter-finals. I am hopping mad! What am I?" "Hopping mad, Sergeant Major" chorused the Squad. "Let that be a lesson to you all. Remember, you are a team – you are there for one another and you are there to win, whether in sport or the theatre of action." One rookie piped up, "Sergeant Major, my mum said in future they should send an R.S.M. out with the England rugby squad to ensure discipline and winning results." "Good idea, lad and thank your dear Mum for that fine suggestion!" The R.S.M.'s chest noticeably expanded at the thought. "In conclusion, my lovely boys and girls, let us hope England have learned a lesson and will win the Rugby World Cup in four years'time."

Finally, here we go with 'Autumn Leaves' composed in 1947 by Johnny Mercer and Joseph Kosma.

The falling leaves drift by my window
The autumn leaves of red and gold.
I see your lips, the summer kisses
The sun-burned hands I used to hold.
Since you went away, the days grow long
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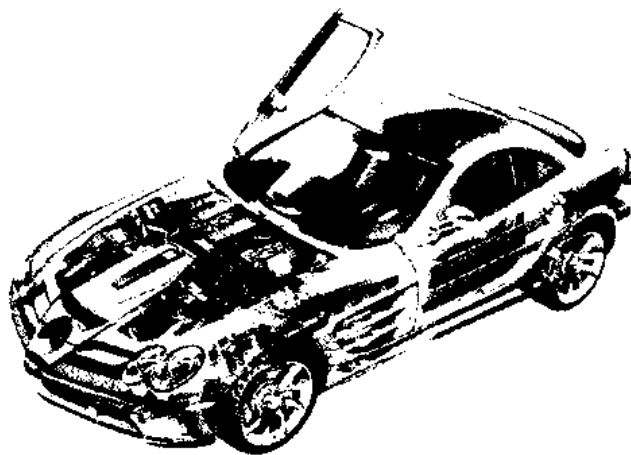
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- 59 Chairman's Report** – Mr Harris reported that there has been a misunderstanding regards the mowing of Trumpers Field Play area so 3 hours overtime will be paid as a one-off payment. In future the work will be included in the routine work.
- 60 Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall** – Cllr Easton reported that the Planning application has now been submitted and to be considered under Agenda Item 69. The plans only include an increase of 2 sq m so should be compliant to Green Belt regulations. The total cost will be £300,000 and the proposal by the Village Hall Committee is for £100,000 to come from grants and £200,000 to come from Dorney Parish Council via a loan from the PWLB. The loan will raise the precept as previously discussed in the Village Hall presentation. The Village Hall Committee would like a Letter of Intent from Dorney Parish Council regards the loan subject to normal legal and financial issues first being resolved. Mr Harris raised concern at this point as the Parish Council will need to seek legal advice regards the feasibility of doing this and also may need to consult with the community regards the substantial increase in the precept being acceptable. The Clerk will seek advice on this matter and hopefully report back to the next meeting. Mr Russell from the Village Hall Committee is looking for grants and Mrs Kittel offered her assistance after having previous experience of this in her successful attempt at acquiring grants for the playground equipment at Trumpers Field.
- 61 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations** – To consider an event for Dorney in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Mrs Kittel agreed to organise an event under the umbrella of a committee similar to the 'Olympics Countdown' committee which encompasses all the different committees from the voluntary groups already set up in Dorney. Ms Foxley offered to set up and host a web site for this.
- 62 Resolved** to respond to the presentation from the Windsor Legacy Group for a proposed permanent bridge from Windsor to Dorney as follows:- 'Although a permanent bridge across the River Thames is a nice idea, this is not a suitable proposition for the Parish of Dorney. Dorney does not have the infrastructure in place to cope with the increase in traffic and parking. Also such a facility will be misused by private individuals as easy access and exit to Dorney will encourage an increase in crime. A permanent bridge will have no lasting benefit to Dorney as a legacy from the 2012 Olympics'. It was also resolved to write to the ODA regards a legacy for Dorney.
- 63 Best Kept Village Competition** – Resolved to write to Nick Teale and thank him for his work and send him the Certificate of Merit.
- 64 Resolved** to agree to the "Review of Polling District & Polling Places" as required by SBDC.
- 65 Resolved** to agree to "Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire: Draft Recommendations".
- 66 Resolved** to respond to the request from South Bucks Partnership and SBALC to review the potential change of emphasis on the way LAFs should operate in light of the change of leadership at Bucks CC as follows:- 'The policy of Dorney Parish Council is to follow the recommendations of SBALC on this matter'.
- 67 To resolve** to respond to the Public Stage Consultation (Regulation 27) on Buckinghamshire Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Submission Development Plan Document by 14th October 2011. It was delegated to Mr Smith to submit a proposed response to the next Council meeting.
- 68 Planning**
- a. Resolved to note planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council – (appended).
 - b. Resolved to consider and comment on applications – (appended).
- 69 Finance**
- a) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for August/September 2011 in the sum of £1665.66 net as appended.
 - b) Resolved to receive list of income for August/September 2011 in the sum of £1976.00 net as appended.
 - c) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.
 - d) Resolved to monitor budget for 2011-12 as appended.
- 70 Correspondence** – (a) Diversion of Thames Towpath around the northern edge of the venue from 5th September 2011 to November 2012, (b) Temporary Footpath closure to prohibit anyone proceeding except for access, in that length of Public Footpath No. 18 which commences at its junction with Footpath No 8/2 to junction of Footpath No. 10 to facilitate towpath improvement for the Olympics – Noted.
- 71 Circulars** to receive and note August/September circulars as per attached list.
- 72 Member's Reports**
- a) Neighbourhood Action Group – Meeting date changed to 16th September, 2011.

- b) SBALC – None.
- c) South Bucks Partnership – None.
- d) Local Area Forum – None

73 **Resolve any complaints received from residents** – (a) Mr Fielder's complaint regarding the condition of the footpath that runs parallel to the River Thames between "Round Moor Stream" bridge through to "Boveney Church" was noted and his petition endorsed; (b) Loud music from the Edwardian marquee located outside the Parish was noted and (c) Ms Foxley reported that a local resident has complained about parking along the Village Road on Sunday afternoons. Ms Foxley will ask the resident to write to the Parish Council with information.

74 **Maintenance and Highway employee/work** – Footpath from Marsh Lane to the Jubilee is overgrown and needs cutting back.

Date of next meeting – 8pm on 11th October, 2011 at the Eton Dorney Centre

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.



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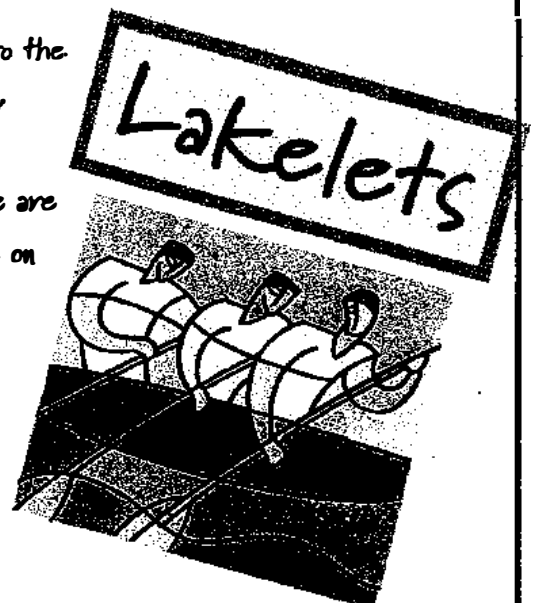
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NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – There have been no reports of disorder in South Bucks during the unrest in London and other areas. Neighbourhood staff were supported by Patrol Officers and Special Constables to provide reassurance on foot patrols and to continue to engage with small numbers of young people, with no issues arising.

Litter/Parking – The Environment Agency have now completed the repairs in the Jubilee Car Park in Marsh Lane, Taplow where a recent amount of fly tipping/criminal damage had occurred. Joint patrols will continue in the area. Thames21 are planning on doing a joint clear up with local residents/NAG in the coming months – more details to follow next month.

2012 Olympics – The Junior World Rowing Championships have now taken place with no disruption to residents. We have experienced some bike theft in the area which is currently being addressed by the Neighbourhood Team.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the Neighbourhood Team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Monday 17th October 2011 at 1.30pm at Dorney School.

Burglary – A joint Neighbourhood policing operation has recently been carried out in the Dorney area in response to two burglaries and criminal damage to vehicle. Crime Operation signs are now in place in the village and plain clothed and uniformed patrols are being carried out.

Lead Theft – We have again been experiencing a spate of lead theft in the area, please be aware of people working on roofs removing lead – if in doubt call the non-emergency number 08458 505 505.

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You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

Constitution Hill

An odd title, I agree, but my theme this month is the misery of motoring nowadays. When I was still working, I was asked onto the organizing committee for the 50th anniversary celebration of VJ Day. There was a service, and a veteran's march past outside Buckingham Palace, and we actually sat next to Dame Vera Lynn in the grandstand at the bottom of Constitution Hill. It was very moving seeing all the veterans waving at, and cheering her as they marched by. Then came the parade of old cars and lorries that I had helped to organize. I remember thinking how elegant they looked. What a joy motoring must have been in the days when they were new, and there were so few of them about.

I got my first car in 1958, it was a pre war Morris 8. I happily drove everywhere for business and pleasure from then on until I retired 8 years ago. There were sometimes traffic jams, of course, but they weren't part of every journey as they seem to be now. My successor can't follow in my tyre tracks round the country, and the misery of today's driving is the only thing that makes me glad to be part of life's scrappage scheme.

But it isn't just the cities and motorways that are becoming impassable. Even our local journeys can be slow, exacerbated by speed bumps, car boot sales and increasing activity at Eton Dorney Lake. (I only called it that to wind our editor up – actually I usually refer to it as the Dorney Rowing Trench. That winds Eton up). There was a time when the only thing that regularly caused traffic jams in Dorney was cattle on The Common. Now all the roads leading in and out of the area are constantly jammed, and for no apparent reason.

One of the worst problems has been caused by the road works on the Windsor By-Pass. I used it every day when I was working in Sunninghill and the journey never took more than 20 minutes. Now I have to allow at least half an hour because of the hold-ups at that chaotic roundabout. I was interested to see that The Windsor Express is running a competition to rename the by-pass. In view of the fact that the elegant tree lined road running past Buckingham Palace is called "Constitution Hill", wouldn't it be appropriate to call the ugly traffic jammed road that runs past Windsor Castle, "Constipation Hill"?

Geoffrey Atkinson

DORNEY FETE – SATURDAY 3rd. SEPTEMBER – CAKE STALL

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As summer draws to a close and the kids go back to school, autumn seems to be rapidly setting in with trees showing some stunning autumnal colours. Of course this brings with it the never ending raking of leaves into piles which Harry our friendly Golden Retriever takes great pleasure in jumping on to redistribute!

We have recently taken delivery of a fantastic range of bulbs this year and have set up a step by step guide on planting pots for some great winter and spring colour. Our monthly talks are starting up again with the first one "Planting bulbs for a stunning Spring" being on Tuesday October 4th. As usual there will be a free afternoon talk at 2pm (table reservations available for lunch) and an evening talk at 7.30pm (arrive from 7pm) which is £5 per head and includes a glass of fine wine and some nibbles. We are expecting both sessions to be busy so book early to secure your place.

We have also taken delivery of a healthy collection of super berries and fruit trees (including Espaliers and Step-overs). Now is the perfect time to plant them and specialist advice is always at hand in the nursery to help you choose and grow the right varieties.

As much as it pains us to even mention the word "Christmas," we are getting really excited about some of the ideas being thrown around. Christmas is going to be very special at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden this year. We have big plans for decorations and we will be buying in lots of traditional, really good quality gifts and stocking fillers to transform the gift shop and nursery. Santa's Grotto will be back this year with several opportunities for the kids (or adults!) to meet Father Christmas himself. We will also be hosting various workshops including "How to make your own wreath" and "How to decorate a tree" and will also be holding tasting and sampling evenings to get everyone in the festive spirit. The team in the restaurant will, as always, be creating a superb Christmas meal which will no doubt include sprouts which are furiously growing away in our kitchen garden. One idea which we would welcome feedback from is to have a "real ice rink" within the Walled Garden over the Christmas period. We can't think of a more beautiful location to host a winter wonderland and would really appreciate you popping by to let us know what you think of the idea.

Dorney Social Diary

Saturday 8th October

Wednesday 26th October

Friday 25th November

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The 58th Annual Horticultural Show, Saturday September 3rd.

I helped one exhibitor transfer his entries from the car park into the hall. For some reason, the words of William Blake's *Jerusalem* ran through my mind..... 'bring me my marrows of desire'....these were formidable vegetables. They were grown by Glyn Jones of Eton Wick. Rather fittingly, Glyn was declared the Overall Show Winner and received his cup from Dorney & District Horticultural Society's President, Yvonne Povey. Once again, John Akerman picked up the DDHS Cup for most entries, with 26 first prizes from 33 entries.

As always, the Show encouraged a large number of entrants across a variety of classes. In fact, 41 exhibitors entered 89 classes with a total of 376 individual entries. The judges – Robin Russell, Pam Sanders, Andrea Alsworth and Jan Bowman – spent Saturday morning sifting through the entries, villagers were free to inspect the entries after lunch, with numbers no doubt boosted by the Annual Fete in full swing on Trumper's Field, and the winners reaped their reward as prizes (in the form of a brand new set of commemorative medals) and cups were then presented.

The Society truly appreciates the efforts of well established entrants in the Fruit & Vegetable section, and of course, Dorney School works hard to boost the number of young entrants. We'd love to see an even wider cross section of residents perhaps expand classes like Adult Handicrafts in 2012.

The Results

Adults

Best Exhibit - 'Fruit & Vegetables' = Don Wilson
Best Entry - 'Collection of Vegetables' = John Akerman
Overall Winner Div. 1 (Fruit & Vegetables) = John Akerman
Best Entry 'Planted Patio Container' = Valerie Bishop
Winner 'Floral Decoration' = Valerie Bishop
Overall Winner 'Domestic Section' = Robina Jones
Best 'Colour Photograph Exhibit' = Valerie Brewer

Exhibitor with the Most Entries = John Akerman

Overall Show Winner = Glyn Jones

Children

Best Exhibit 'Children's Handwriting' = Sasha Hardins Hubbard
Best 'Natural History Exhibit' = Libby Messitt
Best 'Handicraft Exhibit' = Isabella Purdy
Best Exhibit 'Picture or Painting' = Romilly Hunter

Peter Bowman

Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney

Dear Editor,

After a mixed summer and the coolest for eighteen years, some plants thrived well, such as clover; gladioli; spindle berries; lilac flavoured water mint, seen by the small Rowing Trench pond; orange Chinese lantern; yellow evening primrose; a resurgence of green alkanet with small white-centred blue flowers; pink Japanese anemones; white Russian vine; autumn crocus and pink scillas.

Has anyone seen green finches in their garden this year? A deadly virus attacked them last year, and I haven't seen one this year. Other species are thriving well including blackbirds; sparrows; chaffinches; wrens; hedge accentors; starlings; ring doves; wood pigeons; magpies and crows. Many sightings of red kites in the Lake End Road area on the way to Sainsbury's. Bobby, our garden robin, has left several offspring, one of which is Bobby junior. He is smart and into everything, inspecting every piece of gardening equipment, whether it's gloves; bucket; hoe; rake etc. He sits close by and serenades you whilst you work, anticipating that you will unearth tasty morsels, which he will seize with lightning speed. He's a real character and treasure.

This is a serious question for which I hope learned readers will provide a measured answer. Recently, up to mid-September as I write this letter, we have experienced disturbed and turbulent windy weather. Why has it been given female names? For example, we suffered the tail-end of hurricane 'Irene' and hurricane 'Katia' and the major current crossing the Pacific and causing turbulence is 'La Nina' – all female – and all COLD, WET AND WINDY! Where and who decides these weather pattern names and are the ladies satisfied to be so tagged?

As the questioner, I couldn't possibly comment, though for deigning to even ask this strategic question, I have taken the precaution of alerting C.H.I.P.S. – the Critical Handbagging Incident Prevention Squad – for word has it throughout the land that no male has ever survived a handbagging. Security staff are on 'Red Alert' so no handbagging in the aisles of Sainsbury's please. Thank you.

Two ladies who recently lost their husbands asked me to play the following lovely tune for them. Indeed anyone who has lost or is missing someone close or dear to them, this is for you too. It's called 'The Very Thought of You' composed in 1934 by English composer Ray Noble.

The very thought of you, and I forget to do
The little ordinary things that ev'ryone ought to do
I'm living in a kind of daydream, I'm happy as a king
And foolish tho' it may seem, to me, that's ev'ry thing
The mere idea of you, the longing here for you
You'll never know how slow the moments go 'till I'm near to you
I see your face in ev'ry flower, your eyes in stars above
It's just the thought of you, the very thought of you, my love.

It really is a beautiful melody, with fine lyrics.

Regards,
Tony Dixon-Smith (D.D.)

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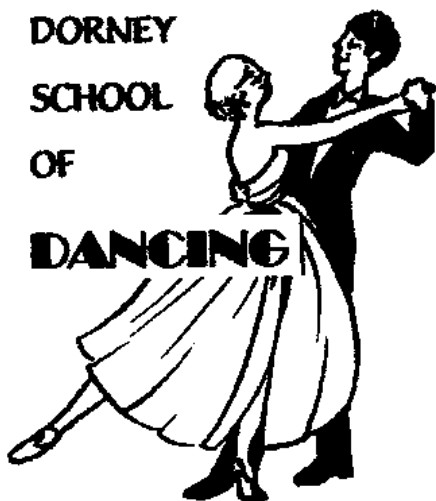
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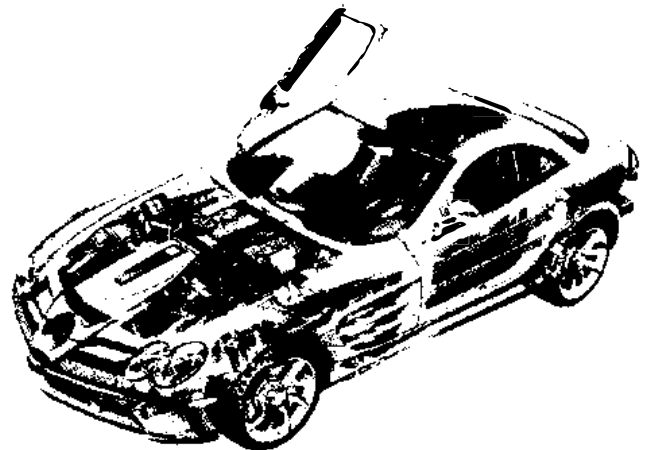
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- To research certain aspects of the history of the area as individual projects.
- To promote the Group and its work at suitable village events – fetes etc.
- To liaise closely with the Eton Wick History Group and other neighbouring groups.

A list of possible subjects for the Dorney Parish News features and the Website:

1. Dorney Court & the Manor Court Archives
2. Dorney Common & the Commoners
3. The Village School History
4. The many changes to the Dorney/Boveney/Lake End/Dorneywood Parish Boundaries
5. Dorney Waterways (other than the Thames and Jubilee River)
6. The Dorney Parish Council History
7. The 1836 Tithe Commutation Act and the 1840 Tithe Map of Dorney
8. Who lived where? – an analysis of the 1840-1911 Censuses
9. The Archaeological History of the Dorney area
10. The Natural History of Dorney Parish
11. A Bibliography of published material relating to the Area
12. St James the Less, Dorney
13. St Mary Magdalene, Boveney
14. The Memorial Garden
15. The Vicarage
16. Dorney Reach
17. The Businesses of Dorney – from the Farms to the present day
18. Dorney Lake
19. The Jubilee River

It is planned that The Dorney History Group will be formally established at the next meeting to which all those who are interested are invited. It is likely that this will be before Christmas – venue to be advised in a later edition of the Dorney Parish News. Should anyone be interested in further information or have any suggestions as to how the Group might proceed please email me on bill@daxfamily.com.

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Delivering a Safe & Secure Games – Eton Dorney* Newsletter 1 – July 2011



At the 'Delivering a Safe and Secure Games' seminars at Dorney Lake and Windsor Racecourse in June, we promised to provide monthly updates on preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic events at Dorney Lake from a police and partner perspective. Here is our first edition.

Note from John Turnbull, presenter and lead Thames Valley Police 2012 planner

'Thanks to the many of you who found the time to attend our sessions. We hope you found the content informative, covering subjects that may be unfamiliar to you and providing a better understanding of the impact of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in your community. We were keen that both they and this bulletin were community-based, drawing on the normal local policing arrangements and neighbourhood watch structure'.

'With just over 12 months to go before the Games, we want to provide information on developments, listen and help resolve your issues and build on the existing community cohesion in the footprint covered by the events which we realise is much wider than the two venues. As a return, we seek your assistance in providing us with information about any incidents ranging from anti-social behaviour to unusual activities by individuals you consider suspicious'.

'We have already spoken to partner agencies about this bulletin and they will be contributing to the content which should start to provide reassurance to some of your questions.'

'Strange men' at Dorney Lake

We have received several calls about men sitting in a car at Dorney Lake. These are in fact personnel from the security firm G4S who are providing 24-hour security at the lake in relation to equipment, including the big screen on the return island. Keep the calls coming in though, as we would rather have a chance to check anybody out rather than miss them altogether.

Travel plan

LOCOG has a page about travelling to the venue at www.london2012.com/visiting/getting-to-the-games/locations-of-venues/travel-to-eton-dorney.php which includes a map. As far as we are aware, the exact location of the pedestrian entrance on the North side has yet to be fixed and, in any case, this page will be updated as plans mature. LOCOG are holding two public engagement events on this subject at Trumpers Field, Dorney Reach, on Friday 22 July 3-5pm, and at Dorney Village Hall, Dorney Reach on Saturday 23 July 10am-3pm.

Parking

Parking restrictions will need to be put in place to prevent spectators parking in the environs of the lake and racecourse during Games time. Your representatives, through the Local Authorities, are keen to cause minimal disruption to residents and businesses. They are working with us and LOCOG/ ODA to come up with an acceptable plan. We will keep you updated through future editions of this bulletin.

Car boot sale

The Force (and councillor Dev Dhillon) is aware of the recent problems caused by traffic on the A4 Bath Road trying to get into Taplow car boot sale on recent Bank Holiday weekends. This will be factored in to our plans and we know LOCOG will be monitoring the situation during the test event.

World Rowing Junior Championship

The World Rowing Junior Championship takes place from 4 to 7 August. It is being run by GB Rowing – for more details see www.wrjc2011.com. The event is about half the size spectator-wise than the World Rowing Championships of 2006. The traffic plan developed by the organisers is the same as used before. Undue disruption is not expected following our debrief notes for that event. The canoe event at the beginning of September is a lot smaller and is not ticketed.

River use in Games time

In the last couple of weeks, we have had a further meeting with LOCOG and the Environment Agency to look at river traffic flow past the proposed canoe training area, and we have worked out a way to keep 2 way traffic past Queens Eyot and ensure safe navigation for everyone.

Dorney Parish Council meeting

On 14 June, LOCOG's Venue General and Operations managers attended the Dorney Parish Council monthly meeting and answered questions around the temporary bridge, Big Meadow, transport, consultation, legacy, and helicopter movements. It should be remembered that their planning one year out is not complete and some points were taken away for consideration.

Burnham Upper School

Students at Burnham Upper School are in the process of designing and clearing cycle routes from the Burnham/Slough area to the lake which they launched at the Burnham Carnival on 9 July.

Stolen bike

A couple of weeks ago, a silver 'Giant' men's mountain bike with a black saddle was stolen from Dorney Lake. If seen, please contact us on 0845 8 505 505.

Send feedback/questions on contents of this bulletin to:

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****Please note that we are using the term 'Eton Dorney' as a way to describe the footprint of the Impact of the Games events in Thames Valley Police's area!***

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Delivering a Safe & Secure Games – Eton Dorney Newsletter 2 – August 2011



Following on from our 'Safe and Secure Games' seminars in June, herewith the second of our monthly newsletters from a police and partner perspective. Many thanks to those that provided feedback to the initial newsletter, which should have updated you on the range of topics that were discussed at the 'Eton Dorney' presentations. Communication is seen as crucial when planning something that will impact on people but it is often not managed particularly well. Hopefully the publication of this bulletin is seen as a positive move and an opportunity to address this and other issues and local concerns focusing on the 2012 Games or policing issues. This bulletin has now been distributed to not only local communities, but also to other groups and organisations for their information.

The planning for the Games is gathering pace as the reality that the Games are next year is starting to sink in. The 'One Year to Go' date has now been celebrated both at Dorney Lake and nationally linking into the launch of the 500 local ambassadors.

World Rowing Junior Championships

The beginning of the month saw the World Rowing Junior Championships, which gave both LOCOG and ourselves an opportunity to test certain aspects of the plan and to observe a large rowing competition at the rowing centre. We were able to arrange an observer programme allowing many of our key planners and commanders to visit the venue, liaise with the Environment Agency regarding the river community, visit Royal Holloway College, assess the transport arrangements and link with LOCOG staff who will be involved next year. From our point of view the event passed off well, but we are keen to receive any feedback or comments from readers so that we can refine our plans.

The Highways Agency were running livetime traffic flow monitoring on the Sunday including the A4 with its additional traffic restrictions.

On the Monday night before the Championships started a number of white push bikes displaying a small BMW badge (as below) were stolen from the site. Although two people have been arrested and a couple recovered there are still a few outstanding. Please contact us on our normal number 08458 505505 if seen or you have any other information.



Traffic Consultation

We hope that some of you managed to find the time to visit the LOCOG travel public engagement sessions at Dorney Village Hall (and maybe take part in the static rowing event!). Whilst it was mainly regarding the major roads on the Olympic Route Network we understand that LOCOG intend to hold further consultation sessions to look at the more local traffic plan for Dorney and Windsor later in the year.

The local authorities around the venue have jointly launched a search for 500 volunteers to act as 'Meeters and Greeters' around the venue and transport hubs during Games time. This is in addition to the LOCOG 'Games Makers' volunteer programme. Training, uniform etc will be provided. For more details go to <http://www.windsor.gov.uk/2012/volunteering>

Venue Build Programme

We understand that part of the build programme for Dorney will now start later next month with some footpath upgrades and preparatory work for the temporary bridge. Please remain careful / vigilant around building sites in public areas.

Recent Nationwide Disorder

Some of our team have been abstracted to the recent disorder which affected some of the cities / towns within TVP, albeit to a much smaller extent than seen on the national news. Although we still see our main planning issue as the prevention of terrorism in Games time as per our briefing sessions, we have a long history of dealing with protest within Thames Valley and our planning for next year has always included the capacity to deal with such events.

Finally

Well done to the children of Dorney School on their last 'Walk to School' of 2010/11 with Paralympic gold medal winning athlete Ian Rose and the 2004 Athens torch.

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Cox & Box was Arthur Sullivan's first successful comic opera, an entertaining musical farce with a libretto by F.C. Burnand, written five years before his first collaboration with W.S. Gilbert. It tells the story of a landlord who lets a room to two lodgers, one who works at night and one who works during the day. When one of them has the day off, they meet each other in the room and tempers flare! Maggie Kearney is directing. Elizabeth Slade is music directing for both halves of the Victorian Theatre Evening.

* Geoffrey Atkinson plays the Lord Chamberlain (the villain of the piece)

Dorney Social Diary

Saturday 3rd September
Wednesday 14th September

Friday 23rd September

Saturday 8th October

Friday 25th November

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Village Hall 8 p.m.
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ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP MEETING

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Wednesday 14th. September

CLEWER – THE OLDEST VILLAGE IN THE AREA – A CONDENSED HISTORY

Speaker: John Denham

Every Little Hurts

August in 1911, a hundred years ago, apparently, was blazing hot. This typified the high Edwardian summer, when nothing much happened in the languid English countryside. The pattern continues - after all, avid DPN readers must go two whole summer months between issues.

Times have indeed changed. Much has come to pass since last we went to press. We've had an Olympic Countdown weekend involving real live Olympians and have been rewarded by LOCOG revealing in person, here in the village, the transport and access plans for next summer. A dry run for the Games, the World Rowing Junior Championships seemed to pass without undue calamity. The Windsor 2012 Legacy Group met with the PC, and it seems their plans for the unwelcome legacy of a permanent bridge might be quietly forgotten. Plans for the extended Village Hall, which the *Advertiser* quoted at £300k, have been submitted to SBDC.

All this may have been anticipated, but in mid June I didn't expect that we'd have a local campaign running against Tesco. Land Securities who own the Bishop Centre in Taplow have issued notices to quit to existing tenants by early next year and invited the retail behemoth to dominate what looks like a revamped bog-standard retail park. Already there have been on-site presentations, a well attended public meeting in Burnham Park Hall and a Facebook campaign with 800 supporters.

I've repeated the mantra that residents need to be kept informed and not taken for granted and that the internet can be a means to address this. The planning section of the South Bucks website is where comment on the Hall plans should be made by mid September, but it's an opportunity for many to see for the first time the pretty impressive plans for front and side extensions to the existing single-storey building.

LOCOG were pretty good in Trumper's Field - at one stage I had five of them talking to one of me. On their website, grit your teeth and find out about 'travel to Eton Dorney'. Don't drive, they say...there will be no parking or spectator access to the north of the site. Is it too optimistic to expect no disruption to Dorney, at least from spectators? On their downloadable map for travelers, it's strangely re-assuring to see no Marsh Lane, and Dorney Reach has disappeared.

The presentation at the Bishop Centre was not impressive. The sole Tesco representative hardly won over sceptical locals by referring to some as 'nimbys'. One of the owner's staff said full consultation had happened with Dorney PC (it hadn't) and one said it was the PC's fault it hadn't (it wasn't). Claiming that planning applications would be submitted in September (they won't) probably was to scare off opponents. Taplow PC had been briefed about a rather smaller undertaking than the monster residents were now promised. I dislike Tesco because they bully and disrupt local communities, but the main argument of the embryonic protest movement that 'we've got enough supermarkets in the area' is nimby-ish. Even Tesco have the right to compete for market share. Salvation, if that is how you see fending them off, will come from the utter incapacity of the Bath Road to absorb any more traffic as other developments impinge on this fragile corridor.

Peter Bowman peter.bowman@virgin.net <http://twitter.com/peterbowman>

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – Increased patrols are now in place to target hot spot locations at peak times with the summer holidays now upon us. The neighbourhood team are encouraging residents to contact us if they are experiencing any ASB related issues. The Neighbourhood team have recently dealt with a young male involved in anti-social behaviour in the Maypole Road area and a penalty notice has been issued. Also, an S59 warning was issued to another male in the Taplow area for driving in an anti-social manner.

Litter/Parking – The Environment Agency are currently working to improve the Jubilee Car Park in Marsh Lane, Taplow where a recent amount of fly tipping/criminal damage has occurred. This area has now been cleared and joint patrols are being conducted in the area.

2012 Olympics – A New priority has been started with the forthcoming Olympics, the NAG have agreed to team up with a group of residents in Dorney who have started a local group called "Dorney Olympic Countdown". A recent Torch bearers walk was carried out on 22.7.11 with over 90 children from the local school taking part and two Olympians carrying the original torch from the 2004 Olympics. On Saturday 23rd July a sporting weekend was held in Dorney where the Neighbourhood Police Team assisted in rowing the 58,000km!! Well they managed 2000km anyway.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.30pm Pineapple, Lake End Road, Dorney.

Offenders brought to justice: A male was arrested for Theft from a motor vehicle in Burnham/Taplow and the property recovered, this is now being investigated by the local priority crime team. Two prolific shoplifters who have been targeting Sainsbury's in Taplow have now been arrested and charged with at least eight offences of shoplifting.

Clear Car. As you will have seen from the local press the Neighbourhood team are working hard to raise awareness about leaving valuables and belongings on display in vehicles. We are averaging approximately 10 thefts from motor vehicles a month, however the Neighbourhood Team have identified over 113 vehicles this month who are potential targets.

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You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

The Horticultural Society visits Polesden Lacey

'A gift of hospitality amounting to positive genius.' Well, that may well sum up an outing of the Dorney & District Horticultural Society, but, in reality, it was Edward VII's assessment of Polesden Lacey's most famous hostess, Mrs Greville. This National Trust property just down the M25 welcomed us in regal fashion, and made for a memorable annual Coach Outing on June 26.

There is every reason for the horticulturalist to visit this Edwardian country estate nestling in the Surrey hills near Dorking. The Edwardian Garden extends to 30 acres with 10 acres of lawns and elegant grass terraces, including a walled rose garden and summer border and winter displays.

It was hot, and the house was cool. Members lingered indoors during the heat of the midday sun, and were rewarded with an unspoilt presentation of Edwardian society. Mrs Greville's rise was worthy of a genteel soap opera, but once at the apex of society, she enjoyed the trust & affection of successive crowned heads. Those of us fresh from a viewing of the 'The King's Speech' were intrigued that the house was the 1923 honeymoon destination of the future George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

After the house, rose gardens and wooded terraces were explored. Before long, the 'gift of hospitality' was again sampled. A cold drink, or two, or several, saw many of us through a sultry Edwardian afternoon. This lovely venue, an hour or so from Dorney, would, I'm sure be recommended by any of those who made this trip.

Thanks are especially due to Ralph Liney, our former president, who identified the venue and set up the trip. Louise Whaley was an organisational tower of strength with her clipboard & laptop.

Around 40 members enjoyed the visit. If you're not already a member of Dorney & District Horticultural Society, and would like to join, please call Louise Whaley on 01628 625589.

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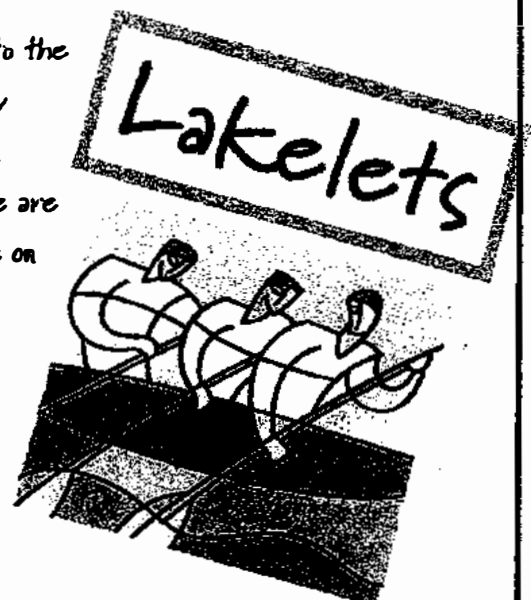
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News From Dorney Court Kitchen Garden

Well, summer is now in full swing, the kids are on their school holidays and gardeners are reaping the rewards of all their hard preparation in Spring. Dorney Court Kitchen Garden has really blossomed this summer with our sunken garden full of blooms and the vegetable patches giving us a great crop for their first year of harvest.

A huge congratulations goes out to Ryan and Caroline who had a beautiful little baby girl on July 16th called Annabelle Beth Wasmuth. It took a new baby for Ryan to take some time off from work (and Harry his soppy Golden Retriever was certainly missed) but they both want to thank everyone who forwarded their congratulations.

In the nursery we are well stocked with a beautiful selection of perennials to add colour to your borders. In particular we have a stunning and unusual selection of Echinacea just in, along with a whole variety of colourful dahlias and to commemorate the birth of Annabelle Wasmuth we have just received fresh stock of the very popular Hydrangea Annabelle which can be seen in full bloom growing in our kitchen garden.

The café and restaurant at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden has gone from strength to strength over the past few months and we are very pleased to welcome our new chef Rupert Sadler who has recently joined Liz and the team. Rupert has a great pedigree having trained for several years in a Michelin star restaurant on the Isles of Scilly. He is bringing some great ideas to the table and has recently launched our new Saturday Seasonal Menu which is based solely around what is in season, perfectly ripe and ready to be harvested from our kitchen garden. The feedback so far has been overwhelming with people really appreciating the freshness of the produce used and the sensational tastes that you only get from food fresh from the ground. If you haven't popped down to try the new Saturday menu yet, give us a call on 01628 669999 and we can reserve you a table. If you bring the voucher at the bottom of this article, we will give you 20% off the cost of your main course.

The "Drawing on Nature" workshops have been a great hit with people of all ages and abilities getting involved and enjoying Paul Robben's truly unique style of teaching art. There are still some spaces left on Thursday September 1st and Thursday September 8th so do give us a call if you are tempted to try your skills. Tickets are £25 and include a coffee and a bun, all materials, tuition and your finished masterpiece. There is both a morning session (10am-Midday) and afternoon session (2-4pm) and tickets can be reserved by ringing one of the team or sending an email to info@dckg.co.uk.

Our popular evening talks will be returning to Dorney Court Kitchen Garden on Tuesday October 4th. The topic of the first one will be "Brilliant Bulbs, Planting for a Sensational Spring" and will cover everything you need to know about planting and caring for bulbs. As always we will be providing delicious canapés and local wine from the Chiltern Wine Valley near Henley. We anticipate the evening to fill up very quickly and spaces are numbered so book early to secure your ticket.

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Dear Editor,

NATURE NOTES + LOVING TRUST

After a warm, dry spring, voices could be heard..... "we need the rain." The indigenous folk of England know that come the summer season we have cricket; golf; Wimbledon tennis; racing at Ascot; garden parties etc, and at any one of these events the rain will surely come – and indeed it did. Oh ye of little faith! Perhaps the weather whingers should get in touch with the Almighty, and if they need help I'm sure the Revd. Lucy would guide them on all matters ethereal.

Lavatera; Chinese lantern; resurgence of dark blue Canterbury bells; roses; yellow fleabane; foxglove; periwinkle; yellow multi-headed tansy; yellow groundsel; yellow cat's ear (dandelion-like plant which invades lawns); tall yellow hawkweed with dandelion-like heads and a beautiful sent of almond which attracts hover flies (gardener's friends); mauve and purple buddleia (attracts butterflies and bees); pink and mauve wild sweet-pea; mauve knapweed; gladioli; blue succory (medicinal); scented mauve willow herb; mountain ash berries; bulrushes galore; all fared well in our more temperate English summer, so far. Plenty of sparrows; robins; blue and great tits; blackbirds; chaffinches; wrens; hedge accentors; starlings; along with jays; woodpeckers (green and spotted); ring doves; wood pigeons; magpies plus three young crows. So more pairs of eyes to watch out for the hawk brigade.

Some eccentric Government-paid climate warmers are now reversing their opinion and telling us that we could be in for at least a ten-year cooling-off period. I suspect their Government funds have been withdrawn.

Recently there was consternation amongst the womenfolk of a Wiltshire village. About a dozen of them had noticed that their menfolk were regularly leaving home around 7 pm "....to help Jim with his latest engineering project," and returning well after 10 pm, weekends and Bank Holidays included. One wife suspected her husband of having an affair and checked with Bert the local newsagent if he was delivering to a 'new woman' in the area. No, confirmed Bert – the only change was that Mrs. Brown had stopped her Sunday newspaper as she was fed up reading about 'rotten and corrupt MPs interrogating rotten and corrupt Bankers and Police Chiefs interrogating rotten and corrupt news editors and hackers' and she felt they should all be sent to the Tower and OFF WITH THEIR HEADS! So several of the wives agreed to confront their menfolk. Have you been seeing another woman? Yes! What is her name? Victoria. Where does she live? Down the road in Didcot in the sidings. Why does she live there? Well, she's a big girl, she's a 120 ton locomotive! Built in 1934, she was in need of TLC to restore her to her former beauty and working order. The menfolk then asked their wives "You do trust me don't you dear"? "Yes, of course," they replied. FIBBERS ALL! Will those womenfolk get to heaven? We shall see. Finally, Alison will be seven on Tuesday September 6th and asked me to play a special Birthday song for her. With pleasure!

*Today is Tuesday, you know what that means
We're gonna have a special guest
So get out the broom and sweep the place clean
And dust off the mat, so the "Welcome" can be seen.
Roll out the carpet, strike up the band, and give out with a Hip! Hooray!
Wiggle your ears like good mouseketeers
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*From Walt Disney's The Mickey Mouse Club. Composed by Jimmie Dodd (1955)

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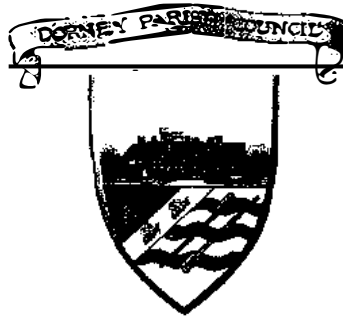
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Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on **Tuesday 14th June 2011** at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors Purdie (chaired the meeting), K Harris, P Smith, Mrs Kittel and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Cllr D Dhillon, Cllr A Dhillon, James Egan (Venue Manager for the 2012 Olympics) Ben Emerson (Operations Manager for 2012 Olympics), Inspector Richard Brown (concerned with public safety and security at the 2012 Olympics) and 2 members of the public.

16 Election of Chairman for the ensuing year – Resolved to defer this until the next meeting and Mr Purdie will continue to be Chairman until then.

17 Declaration of Acceptance of Office of newly-elected chairman. Deferred until the next meeting.

18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Egan explained he is now the Venue Manager at Dorney Rowing Lake for the 2012 Olympics and meeting the Parish Council will be the start of greater communications between the Parish Council and LOCOG. Mr Purdie enquired about the movement afoot to change the planning application from a temporary to permanent footbridge across the Thames from Windsor to Dorney. Insp Brown informed the Council that although there was a desire from residents on the Windsor side for a permanent bridge, the costs would increase 8 fold and they were unable to raise this money so no longer pursuing this option.

Mr Smith declared a pecuniary interest in the 2012 Olympics due to his business connections.

Mr Smith enquired if Boveney Road was earmarked for the pedestrian access on the Dorney side. Mr Egan was unable to confirm this as they were also looking at the possibility of using Big Meadow but the final decision will be made in a couple of months. For the Paralympics the main operational park and ride will be transferred from Windsor Racecourse to Big Meadow. Mr Easton expressed concern that a statement on security has been issued but there has not been a consultation process. Mr Purdie asked about the legacy from the 2012 Olympics as although the provision of flowers has been agreed there was also the possibility of a roundabout at Court Lane/Lake End Road with a 'structure' in the centre to reflect the Olympics being held at Dorney. Although it was not in his remit, Mr Egan would look in to this and report back. Insp. Brown advised that Ian Barham, Bucks Manager for the 2012 Olympics, should be approached as he has a substantial amount of money for this purpose. Mr Hall, a local resident, raised the question about helicopter traffic regarding the amount of movement and location of a landing pad. Mr Egan would find out about this and report back. It was concluded that Mr Egan would attend Council meetings on a regular basis to improve communication and transparency of information. Mr Purdie thanked Mr Egan, Mr Emerson and Insp. Brown for attending.

SBDC report – Cllr A Dhillon had 2 issues to report:- (i) A misunderstanding regards planning permission at Harcourt Road. The applicants believed they would be permitted planning permission and were ready to commence building works when they found out their planning application was refused. Cllr A Dhillon has taken this up with the Planning Officer; (ii) Orchard Farm – a large pile of hardcore has been stored. He contacted the Environmental Health and the Enforcement Officers but it was permitted. Mr Smith expressed concern that this was allowed as under the Certificate of

Lawfulness the only material allowed should be incidental to their building business and not to store material for recycling or sorting.

Bucks CC report: -Cllr D Dhillon reported that (i) There has been a major change at County with Martin Tett being the new leader resulting also in changes in committees; (ii) Cllr D Dhillon has been examining the effects of Taplow Car Boot sales on traffic over the last 3 Sunday mornings but has not found a severe disruption to traffic flow as previously reported; (iii) Regarding the Localism Bill, parish and towns will be encouraged to look at neighbourhood planning; (iv) No Adult Care Centres will be closing in Bucks and all the centres are operating well; (v) Cllr D Dhillon has suggested to County that the roads requiring major repair in this area are the Bath Road (including signage) ready for the 2012 Olympics, Institute Road, Stomp Road and Boundary Road; (vi) The LAF co-ordinator, Stephen Young, is leaving so there may be changes to LAF in the future.

Mr Purdie asked Cllr D Dhillon if it was possible to have more funding under Devolved Powers now that Dorney Parish Council is mowing the grass verges on behalf of highways. Cllr D Dhillon will investigate.

19 Apologies were received from Mr Harris and Mr Nelson.

20 **Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda** – Mr Smith declared a pecuniary interest in items related to the 2012 Olympics due to business connections.

21 **Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.** Deferred until the next meeting.

22 **Clerk's Report** – The Clerk agreed to bring forward another watering session by Wyevale Landscape Group last month due to dry weather. Wyevale have suggested to concentrate on watering the trees in Trumpers Field if volunteers are available as these are more expensive to replace than the hedgerow. The Clerk will find out the cost of an additional watering session and Wyevale will consider carrying out one additional session at no cost if required, (b) local resident has asked for more information from the applicant about the new premises licence application for the Olympics. (c) Transport for Bucks 's third Local Transport Plan has now been published and can be viewed on www.bucksgov.uk/lt3 (c) Letter from Leader of Bucks C.C. informing residents on road improvements (as appended), (d) Windsor 2012 Legacy Group have asked to give a presentation regarding their campaign for a lasting legacy at Eton Dorney Lake for a permanent bridge across the Thames. The Clerk will ask for an update from Mr Harris to find out if this project is ongoing.

23 **Chairman's Report** – None.

24 **Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall** – Dorney Village Hall Committee has instructed an architect to produce new plans to include the extension to the original building. This will take 3 to 4 months.

25 **To resolve if Dorney Parish Council should take responsibility for the mowing of Trumpers Field Play area**

Mr Purdie and Mrs Kittel declared a non-pecuniary interest being members of the Play4Dorney Management Committee.

The Clerk will investigate the possibility of additional funding and, if this is available, to find out from the groundsman if he is willing to work additional hours to cover this work.

26 **Planning**

a. To note planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council – (appended).

b. To consider and comment on applications – (appended).

27 **Finance**

a) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for June 2011 in the sum of £2340.26 as appended.

b) Resolved to receive list of income for June 2011 in the sum of £7,325 net as appended.

c) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.

d) Resolved to monitor budget for 2011-12 as appended.

e) Resolved to approve the accounts as approved by the internal auditor (appended).

f) Resolved to approve and complete the Statement of Assurance for the Annual Return as appended.

28 **Correspondence** – The Community Activities Co-ordinator from SBDC has organised 'Games in the Park' at Trumpers Field on 2nd and 10th August, 2011.

29 Circulars to receive and note June circulars as per attached list.

30 Member's Reports

a) Neighbourhood Action Group – None.

b) SBALC – None.

c) South Bucks Partnership – None.

d) Local Area Forum – As reported by Cllr D Dhillon during the Public Participation at the beginning of the meeting.

31 Resolve any complaints received from residents – (a) Shrubbery needs cutting back at the side of 3 Ashford Cottages on the junction of Ashford Lane – There appears to be some confusion regarding this matter with the police, and the resident at 3 Ashford Cottages does not want the vegetation cut back; (b) Parking on verge outside Ashford Cottages by customers using the Pineapple PH and a request for posts to be installed to prevent this – Mr Smith recommended bollards. He will measure the area to find out how many are required. The epicormic growth at the base of the tree on the verge needs cutting back.

Mrs Kittel reported that she had received a complaint that the conifers along the boundary at the back of the Village Hall need cutting back. Mr Easton will investigate and report back.

32 Maintenance and Highway employee/work.

A car window was accidentally chipped whilst grass cutting work was being carried out by Dorney Parish Council. It was agreed to pay the £40 invoice received for repair work.

Mrs Kittel asked if the vegetation can be cut back along the west side of the footpath from Marsh Lane to Oak Stubbs Lane.

Date of next meeting – 8pm on 12th July, 2011 at the Eton Dorney Centre

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Christian Aid Collection

I should like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christian Aid collection organised by St James Church in Dorney Parish this year.
We raised a total of £558. Well done to all, and thank you.

Gill Hayton (Christian Aid co-ordinator)

Olympic Security

I was impressed and depressed in equal measure when I attended one of the Thames Valley Police half day briefing events about security. On the positive side, I thought that their attention to detail was really encouraging. We were told about all aspects of the terrorist, crime and even health threats. We were told what and who to report to the police, this included people taking inappropriate photographs that might be used in terrorist plans. I felt uncomfortable at that point because, about a month before, a cyclist had stopped and taken photos of mine and my neighbours' houses. I guess we are in rocket launching range of the grandstand. The presentations were really thorough, and I felt a great deal more confident by the end of the meeting. My only, albeit light hearted concern, was the bomb disposal man who talked about his "explosive dog". I think I know what that meant, but, even so I think we should all watch out for explosive cows on the Common next year, don't you? They could do a lot of damage if detonated.

I did have some serious reservations, though. Why??? Why, if the threat of terrorism and crime is so great to the venue and the surrounding area, is it going ahead at all? Why should our everyday life be so seriously threatened and disrupted in order to accommodate and finance a major terrorist or criminal target? We have already had to fight off extreme licensing applications. We still do not know how badly our freedom of movement will be affected. So why should this be? I accept that it is too late to stop the Olympic juggernaut now, but I just hope that the very real efforts being made by our excellent police to protect us all will prevail.

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Once upon a time upon a whim, I decided to treat all our family to a one off holiday in France. We found a magnificent 9 bedroom 'manoir' in Dinard, overlooking St Malo bay. It had its own, virtually private beach, and a big garden. It was love at first visit. We (11 adults & 5 children this time) have just returned from our eighteenth holiday there. Our photo albums, and now CDs, show grandchildren at all stages of development in the same, much loved locations. We have a picture of the house painted by my late sister on our wall. La Haute Guais, as it is called, has become our second home. My reason for writing this is to draw your attention to it. We love it so much that we are happy to promote it to others if only to ensure that it remains viable for the owner to continue to let it. If you have a large party of family and/or friends who love each others' company try googling Manoir de la Haute Guais. You will find a full description and photos there. I'll happily let you know more if you email me on geoffatkinson3@aol.com. I promise I am not on commission.

Geoffrey Atkinson

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

- Saturday 9th July 10-11am Café at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – Outreach workers have been working in the Taplow area engaging with local youths over the last month, they will continue to be out and about in the area at key times providing support and information over the next couple of months.

Litter/Parking – The neighbourhood team have recently arranged for a local offender to conduct a litter pick along the Jubilee River as part of reparation. The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) are continuing to work closely with the Environment Agency for long term solutions.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Wednesday 6th July 2011 at 7.30pm Oak & Saw Public House, Rectory Road, Taplow.

Burglary: The neighbourhood team have been running Operation Grinder to combat the spat of shed and garage breaks. They have been conducting plain clothes patrols at key times and have conducted joint operations at the Taplow car boot for any possible stolen items being sold. This has already proved a success as there has been a decrease in Burglaries over the area since this operation has started.

Currently, there are vast amounts of bicycles being stolen from garages and sheds in the Taplow area. The team have an engraver to post code bikes - if you are interested in having your bike post-coded, please contact the team either by calling 0845 8 505 505 or by e-mailing taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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Dear Editor,

NATURE NOTES + HIGH NOON VILLAGE ROAD

With the generally warm and dry May and up to mid-June, with the odd welcome shower, plants which have survived well include beautiful deep blue Canterbury bells; iris; foxgloves (bees love them); columbine; white flowered wild garlic; lords and ladies; varieties of roses including beautifully scented dog roses; violets; pink lavatera; yellow fleabane; yellow stone crop; yellow-centred white-flowered Chinese lantern; bluish-purple periwinkle; daisies and yellow pimpernel to name a few.

The good weather has also helped many bird chicks to survive. So far, sparrows; robins; starlings; blue and great tits; pied wagtail; hedge accentors, and no doubt soon to follow, blackbirds; wrens; goldfinches and chaffinches. The plumpest jay I've ever seen visited our back garden – what a beauty! The larger birds, such as magpies and crows' chicks no doubt will follow later.

Picture the scene: Clint Eastwood rides slowly into town, half-cigar held firmly between parched lips. Also in town are Ramon and Chico with their motley crew of swarthy bandittos. The target? The Bank of El Paso. Tension is mounting as Ennio Morricone's music begins to reach a crescendo. Forward now if you will to Dorney Village Road, May 2011. On one side, Bucks County Council Chief Executive Chris Williams with his henchmen Jim Stevens and Eric Meek of Transportation Dept. (new title?). On the other side, yours truly the Duke of Dorney with Mighty(Claws) Basil the big black cat and Anne (Whiplash) Robinson of BBC 1 TV's Watchdog. The target? The eight month badly pot-holed footpath opposite the red telephone and post box, Village Road, Dorney. Deadline? 31st May 2011, or else Anne and Co. swing into action.

May Bank Holiday passes peacefully, pot-holes still not done. Tuesday 31st. dawns, a cool north wind is blowing and tension is mounting. But wait, at High Noon, swinging round the bend in Village Road comes the Bucks C. C. Tarmac cavalry (the Macadams) just in the nick of time. Most assiduously, the pot-holes are filled. Job done, the Macadams ride off into the distance. Mighty Basil and myself agree to defer credit to Anne Robinson for getting the job done. Obviously, her reputation goes before her – what a gal!

By way of thanks to Anne, I will now play the following tune. 'The Deadwood Stage' (Whip-Crack-Away) composed in 1963 by Sammy Fain and Paul Francis Webster.

Oh! the Deadwood Stage is a-rollin' on over the plains
With the curtains flappin' and the driver a-slappin' the reins
Beautiful sky! A wonderful day!

Whip-crack-away! Whip-crack-away! Whip-crack-away!
We're headin' straight for town, loaded down with a fancy cargo
Care of Aylesbury Bucks County Council (Wells & Fargo Illinois – Boy!)

Oh! the Deadwood Stage is a comin' on over the crest
Like a homin' pigeon that's a-hankerin' after the nest
Twenty-three miles we've covered today
So, Whip-crack-away! Whip-crack-away! Whip-crack-away!

Regards,
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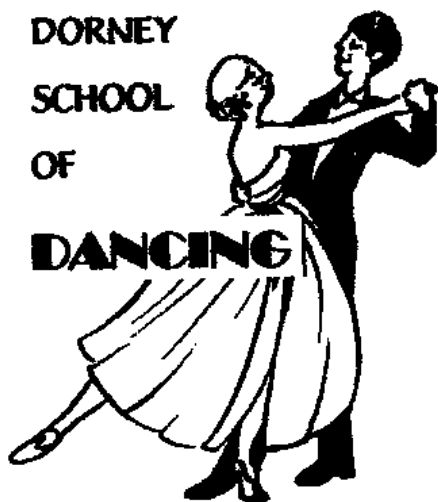
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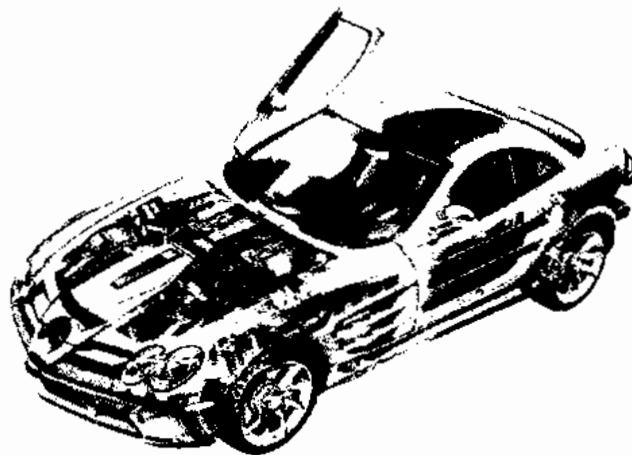
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Dorney Social Diary

JUNE

Sunday 26th June

Wednesday 13th July

Saturday 3rd September

BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGING

DDHS Coach Trip to Polesden Lacey
Meet top Harcourt Road 10 a.m.
Eton Wick History Group Meeting
Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Dorney Fete & DDHS Annual Show

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DORNEY OVER 60's CLUB

DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB DORNEY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB DORNEY TENNIS COURT

DORNEY YOUTH CLUB (for children of the parish)

BROWNIES

LITTLE FISHES For pre-school children (and parents or carers) Songs, stories, treasure hunts, fun and refreshments.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Second Tuesday of each month (except August)
Eton Dorney Centre 8 p.m.

Second Monday of alternate months
i.e. July September
Village Hall 8 p.m.

Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney
Second Tuesday in month 12.15 – 2.00
14/6 12/7 Outing.

No lunch club in August. 13/9 11/10 8/11
13/12 Christmas lunch

Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m.

Every Sunday Village Hall
7 - 10 p.m.

Telephone 01628 629381
(between 4.30-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday)

Every Thursday evening during term time
in hut in grounds of Dorney School
6-16 year olds in two groups
contact Alan Russell 01628 784515

Every Thursday Village Hall
6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday
(Term time only)

St. John's Church, Eton Wick
10 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Dawn Russell 01628 784515

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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NATURE IN DORNEY REACH

I felt I wanted to let everyone know of the wonderful happening in the front garden of 31 Harcourt Road on the 30th April.

There were lots of insects in the warm morning air so I thought nothing of it UNTIL..... what I took to be a brown puddle appeared on my front lawn, small at first but then it grew warranting a closer look. The puddle comprised hundreds of bees! They had obviously swarmed from the colony that has lived in the Indian Bean tree for the past 5 years. I rang the local police number [08458 505 505] as they have a list of local Beekeepers - 3 calls later I found a local Beekeeper living in Bracknell [Mr. Roberts - 01344 641495] who could come to take the swarm.

The process was amazing, he arrived with a swarm box and laid it on its side near the swarm. This box had two new frames and two older frames that still had the scent of the bees. An orderly line was then formed by gently shepherding the bees into an orderly column. {Mr. Roberts just touched the outside bees with his hands, he did not receive any stings because the bees were full of honey eaten before they swarmed.}

As the bees went into the box, he saw the queen and gently helped her in, the remaining bees followed. I saw some drones who had mated with the queen and were dying. In all it took approximately 45 minutes for all the bees to enter the swarm box. Some sentry bees stayed on the outside of the frame and faced heads up over the entrance to the frame. Then a further row of bees put their heads under the first row of bee's wings and so on until they formed a cover. They do this so that any rain slides down their wings and does not enter the hive.

Did you know that as many as 6 new queens are produced by the colony in spring. As each swarm they take some of the original colony with them. The first is the prime swarm when almost half of the bees depart. Later new queens take fewer as they leave.

The colony living in the Indian Bean tree appears to be as active as ever and as long as we humans do not get in the way of their flight path they leave us alone.

Oh! the mice in my shed enjoyed the feast I gave them in the form of trays of seed in compost - 1 runner bean and 2 sweet corn were the only vegetables left - kind neighbours supplied me with further seeds and all is back on track.

Joy Richmond

PS. Yesterday a moving carpet of ants and flying ants appeared in the breakfast room.

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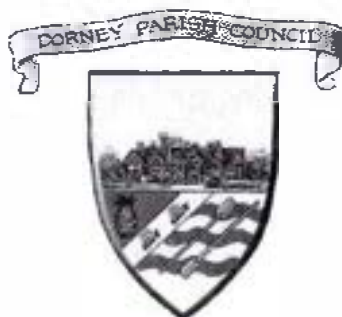
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Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on **Tuesday 10th May 2011** at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors Purdie(chaired the meeting), K Harris, P Smith, Mrs Kittel and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk) and PCSO O'Connor.

At the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Easton, it was agreed to elect Cllr Purdie as Chairman until the next council meeting.

Declaration of Acceptance was made by the newly-elected chairman.

Co-option of councillors – At the proposition of Cllr Purdie, seconded by Cllr Easton, it was agreed to co-opt Mr Harris and Ms Foxley as councillors onto Dorney Parish Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PCSO O'Connor circulated the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Newsletter as attached. She reported that crime figures have increased during the warmer weather and that members of the public still leave possessions on display in their cars. Cllr Harris raised concern about the spate of burglaries but PCSO O'Connor was unable to provide further details as they were in the process of being investigated.

Apologies were received from Cllr Foxley, Cllr Nelson, Cllr D Dhillon and Cllr A Dhillon.

Resolved to receive and approve the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 12th April 2011.

Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – None.

Election of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year – There were no nominations for Vice-Chairman.

To receive, and in so far as is required, approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 12th April 2011. (copy previously circulated).

Resolved to fix the amount of the Chairman's allowance in pursuance of section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 at the budgeted amount of £150.

Finance Committee – Resolved that all councillors are members of the Finance Committee.

To appoint representatives on the undermentioned bodies:-

- (a) Rowing Lake Committee – No representatives were appointed as this Committee no longer meets. The Clerk will invite the 2012 Olympic Venue Manager to the next Council meeting for updates.
- (b) SBALC – To appoint Cllr Purdie and Cllr Ms Foxley.
- (c) South Bucks Partnership – To appoint Cllr Smith and Cllr Mrs Kittel.
- (d) Neighbourhood Action Group – To appoint Cllr Harris

Resolved to fix the dates and times of meetings of the Council for the ensuing year - to be 2nd Tuesday of every month except August – (at the Eton Dorney Centre). Annual Electors meeting Wednesday 21st March 2012 in Dorney Village Hall. Finance Meeting to set budget and precept and review internal audit plan and risk assessments etc - Tuesday 22nd November 2011 held in Eton Dorney Centre.

Resolved that the newly elected members are the authorised signatories on the Council's bank accounts with Investec and the Bank of Ireland. These are Mr Purdie, Mr Easton, Mrs Kittel, Ms Foxley, Mr Nelson, Mr Smith and Mr Harris.

Clerk's Report – (a) Clean up day on 22nd May is being organised by Nick Hewitt-Teale, (b) The Landscape Group reported that the trees and hedges in Meadow Lane and the picnic area were watered on 19th April, 2011. There is a 3 year contract in place for maintenance of the newly planted trees in Marsh Lane which includes the replacement of any dead trees.

Chairman's Report – Nothing to report.

Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – No further updates.

Delegated budget Fund – Resolved that the following bids are put forward for Delegated Budget on Transportation:- (i) new lamp post at Southfield Close (next to cattle grid), (ii) new bollards at Jubilee River. The Clerk and Cllr Harris will find the costs associated with these works.

Resolved to make no comment on the Application for the Grant of a new Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003 for Eton College Rowing Centre as appended although it was noted that 7 am start was very early for an alcohol licence.

Planning

- a. To note planning issues, decisions and appeals recently notified by South Bucks District Council as on list appended.
- b. To consider and comment upon applications on the list appended.

Finance

a) Insurance renewal from 1st June 2011. Resolved to renew the insurance with Peter Came & Company on a 3 year Long Term Agreement after consideration of removing street lights and sports equipment from the sum insured.

b) Resolved to authorise payment of Accounts for May 2011 in the sum of £1468.48 net.

c) Resolved to receive list of income for May 2011 - None.

d) Resolved to receive recent bank statements and Chairman to sign reconciliations

e) Resolved to allow 4 days additional work for the Highways Attendant if additional work is required for the

Best Kept Village Competition.

Correspondence- CPRE informing everyone that the official consultation on HS2 is underway and a series of roadshows are being held along the proposed route.

Circulars To receive and note May circulars as per attached list.

Member's Reports –No further meetings have been held of the following Committees.

a) Neighbourhood Action Group

b) SBALC

c) South Bucks Partnership

d) Local Area Forum

Resolve any complaints received from residents – (a) Shrubbery needs cutting back at the side of 3 Ashford Cottages on the junction of Ashford Lane. This is the responsibility of Lord of the Manor. (b) Parking on verge outside Ashford Cottages by customers using the Pineapple PH and a request for posts to be installed. Cllr Smith will investigate and report back, (c) Grade 1 potholes in Boveney Road at the junction of Lock Path and collapsed road by Ehn Farm Bungalow – This will be reported to Bucks CC

Maintenance and Highway employee/work. – As per schedule.

Date of next meeting – 8pm on 14th June 2011
at the Eton Dorney Centre

Meeting ended 9.47 pm.



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HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

Saturday 11th June between 1-2pm at Bishops Centre, Taplow

Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have or alternatively you can e-mail us at:

Taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – Over the Easter holidays we have seen a reduction in ASB in the area, however there have still been issues of youths swimming in Dorney Lake and causing criminal damage to property. Patrols have been increased during the warmer weather and Banning Letters are being issued to anyone caught. Although Dorney Lake is a beautiful location and the water is very inviting during the warmer weather it is also very dangerous, there are underground cables in the water that could cause serious harm. Please remind your families of the dangers of swimming in open water and the potential consequences of bridge jumping!

Litter/Parking – The Neighbourhood Action Group(NAG) are looking into getting young offenders to conduct a community clear up along the Jubilee River from Taplow to Dorney. A proposal was also presented to the Environment Agency from Dorney School recommending benches and litter bins, which is now under consideration.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting.

Car Crime – Vehicle crime has increased over the last month, mainly due to number plate thefts. Number plates are stolen to either change identities of other stolen vehicles or disguise cars for other crimes such as ram-raiding or petrol theft. To prevent being a victim of number plate theft, tamper proof screws can be purchased from local DIY stores and if buying a new car you can have theft resistant number plates fitted.

In addition the Neighbourhood team are still carrying out patrols of all the car parks in the area identifying where items are being left on display. Using the 'clear car campaign', letters are then sent to owners in the hope of reducing crime. 23 vehicles were identified during April compared to 55 in March as potential target vehicles!

Crime Information

Our Priority Crime Team have successfully charged and remanded an offender for a Burglary in Marsh Lane, Taplow.

With the warmer weather still upon us we would like to remind all residents to be vigilant when in the garden or going away to ensure that all windows and doors are locked to prevent any unwanted visitors!

Car Boot

As most of you are aware the Car Boot is back and over the last couple of weeks there have been some traffic issues, this has also been impacted by the warm weather and more people coming to the area to enjoy walks along the river. The Neighbourhood Team are working with the organisers to try to ease the problems. If you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx>

For crime information in your area, go to: <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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The Breeze network

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- Fun and local bike rides led by women, for women
- Information on female friendly bike shops, bike hire and re-cycle schemes
- Mass participation bike rides across the country
- Easy to use website and registration process
- Cycle training – more female instructors trained by British Cycling to help women get on their bike

Being part of the Breeze network

British Cycling are investing lottery funding from Sport England in providing free national governing body training, kit and ongoing support to the network of volunteer Breeze champions. In return we hope you will provide some straightforward information, promote the Breeze network and deliver around 14 rides a year in your local area.

Breeze champions will help other women to enjoy the fun, fresh air and freedom offered by bikes rides. This network of Breeze champions are vital to the success of the network.

To find out more [e-mail:breeze@britishcycling.org.uk](mailto:breeze@britishcycling.org.uk)

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BREEZE Women's Champions - Local Training

BREEZE - British Cycling's new network of local bike rides for women is launching soon.

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Local champions help other women get on their bikes for fun. The small group bike rides are free, informal and social.

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Generating Rubbish.

Last week, the front page story in the Burnham Advertiser carried the headline **“Hydro weir plan is outrageous”**. This referred to the Environment Agency proposal to harness the river flow at various locks, including Boveney, to generate electricity. The outraged organisation was The Angling Trust whose concern was that the EA had not considered “the impact on fish”. I can’t decide which a fish would prefer, death by turbine or by being dragged out of the river with a hook in its mouth. I shouldn’t think there is much in it really.

I’m with Mr Derek Paxton. He is quoted, in the paper, as saying “I’m all for it as I can’t see it being very intrusive and you’ve got to be in favour of anything eco-friendly.” Of course he is right. The river is a natural source of energy which can be tapped without any significant visual impact, or indeed interruption to the flow of the Thames. Of course it will be a pity if fish stocks decline (which I rather doubt), but I am afraid that I can’t feel sorry for all the anglers. Let me stress the word “all”, because I am sure that most treat the environment with respect. There is, however, a significant minority who certainly don’t. The disgusting piles of litter they leave along the river bank would not be missed. One early morning, I watched one angler clearing his pitch by throwing all his litter, including beer cans, papers and sandwich packs into the river. I wasn’t brave enough to challenge him because he was a lot bigger than I am, but I’ll be glad if he never comes back.

I called this piece “Generating Rubbish” because that is exactly what some anglers are doing. Surely, we would be much better generating electricity even if it makes the fishing less attractive.

Whilst on the subject of eco-friendly power, what school of thought are you in regarding wind turbines? I admit that I quite like them. Currently, from my window here, I can see the chimneys of the power plant in Slough, electricity poles and cables, and even the sewage farm. Ugly though they all are, none of them distracts from the overall beauty of my view across Dorney Common. So I can’t help agreeing with the suggestion, once made by our next door neighbour, that a couple of elegant wind turbines on top of the mound of spoil that was created when the Jubilee River was dug could almost enhance the scene. Heaven knows, the wind that howls across the Common and the water in the Thames might, together, power the whole of Dorney. Well, perhaps not.

Geoffrey Atkinson

Dear Editor,

NATURE NOTES + SAFETY FIRST + PEACE

The generally mild and dry weather has encouraged tulips; wallflowers; soldiers and sailors; woodland bluebells; yellow reflex stonecrop; mauve chive flowers (bees love them) variety of columbines; dog roses; ox-eye daisies; periwinkle; green-leaved alkanet; pink honesty; deep blue iris; lupins and foxgloves to flourish.

The weather, too, has helped bird chicks to thrive, helped of course by extra tit-bits and water supplied by caring householders. Several bird incidents took place. A ring dove, usually a timid bird, chased off a magpie from his feeding patch. Another magpie created a larder of food, taking bread from the bird stand and burying it in soft soil outside my kitchen whilst I was doing the washing-up, as men invariably do these days. The following morning, the same magpie dug up the bread, dipped it in the nearby bowl of water, and flew off to feed its chicks – clever bird! Recently, two red kites were circling above the house, when one came much lower, just above roof height. Suddenly from nowhere our two local crows appeared like lightning and chased them off. These crows are fearless in defence of their realm, especially when their chicks are in the nest.

R.S.M. speaks, "Parade! Atten....tion! Parade! Stand at ...ease! Now my lovely boys, this early evening we haven't got a full squad as Miss Gunner Cheeseman is sitting her Grade 6 music exam in London accompanied by two female colleagues for moral support – let's all wish her well. Others are still training on Bodmin Moor. So, gentlemen we shall retire to the club for a jar or two, whilst I give you some fatherly advice and you can all buy me a drink. Parade! To the club at the double!" No further encouragement was needed. "Now my lovely boys, listen carefully to what I have to say, your future happiness could depend on it. In times of stress with your wives, partners, girlfriends, avoid at all costs the following terms. 1. Calm down, dear. 2. You sound just like your mother, and 3. Do try to be reasonable dear." "Yes Sergeant Major, my dad would agree with you, and he says the following terms are most useful for a quiet life. 1. Yes, dear. 2. Just coming, dear and 3. Yes, how right you are." "Your father is a very wise and cautious man, securing himself longevity, peace and contentment."

So to help bring back happy memories especially for those who have survived life's course, I'll play the following duet,

'I Remember it Well,' by Alan Jay Lerner and Fred Loewe (1947).

(He) We met at nine. (She) We met at eight

(He) I was on time (She) No, you were late

(He) Ah yes! I remember it well – we dined with friends

(She) We dined alone (He) A tenor sang (She) A baritone

(He) Ah yes! I remember it well – that dazzling April moon!

(She) There was none that night, and the month was June

(He) That's right! That's right!

(She) It warms my heart to know that you remember still the way you do

(He) Ah yes! I remember it well.

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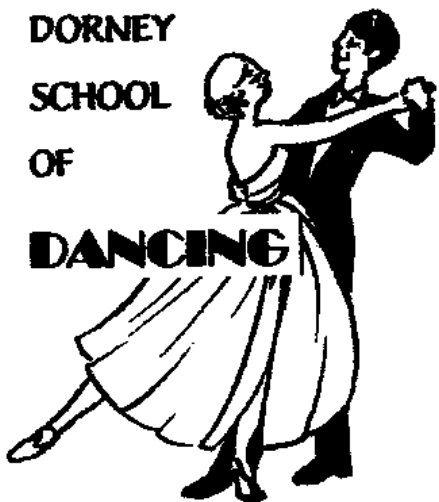


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April 27, 2011

Dear Editor

2011 Best Kept Village Competition

The Dorney Parish Council has entered this South Bucks competition again this year. The judging is in June.

At least three out of four features must be present for a village to enter:

- Place of worship with graveyard or cemetery
- Commons/ greens/ playing field/ park
- Village or town hall/community centre/church hall
- Boundary hedges, road verges, ditches, fences and designated wildlife area.

Additional marks are awarded for areas surrounding pubs, bus shelters, phone kiosks and notice boards. We also have one "ancillary feature", the war memorial grounds in Village Road.

The awards are for BEST KEPT village, not for pretty or attractive villages. Care, concern, maintenance and community effort are what the judges are looking for.

We can show evidence of community involvement by:

- keeping house frontages tidy, check the weeds between wall and pavement
- no overhanging hedges
- litter free

Please join Alan Russell and me on Sunday May 22nd from 09.30 am at the Village Hall for a general tidy-up. From there we can move on to the graveyard in Court Lane, or to wherever else needs attention.

Please bring trimmers, shears and anything else you think may be useful!

If you are aware of any other areas which need attention please contact Alan or me.

With your help we may be able to better the certificate of merit we won in 2009!
Thank you

Nick Teale

Contact

Nick on 01628 605177 for Dorney Village

Alan on 01628 784515 for Dorney Reach

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team

THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

Saturday 14th May between 1-2pm at Sainsbury's, Lake End Road, Taplow

Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have or alternatively you can e-mail us at:

Taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – Due to the rise of anti-social behaviour and arsons in Taplow, the Neighbourhood Team have increased ASB patrols in the affected areas in the evenings and weekends. A letter drop was also carried out in the Hag Hill area by officers and the ASB Team giving advice about how to deal with anti-social behaviour. Also home visits have been carried out to repeat offenders and warnings issued and local outreach workers have been out and about in the evening engaging with local youths.

Litter/Parking – The Neighbourhood Action Group(NAG) are working together with other agencies looking at long term approaches to these issues. If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Tuesday 12 April 2011 at 7.30pm Taplow Village Hall, Taplow.

Clear Car Campaign - During March vehicle crime went down from five to three vehicles being broken into in the Taplow & Dorney area. The neighbourhood team are patrolling the car parks and identifying potential target vehicles where items are being left on display. Using the 'clear car campaign', letters are then sent to owners in the hope of reducing crime. Fifty five vehicles were identified during March as potential target vehicles!

You said we did!

The Neighbourhood team have been working with local residents in Amerden Way, Taplow to reduce speeding on the lane and to remind visitors that this is a bridleway. We are pleased to announce that new signage is soon to be put up in the area along with speed limit reminders.

Crime Information

A drugs' warrant was executed in the Taplow area which resulted in one offender being investigated.

Sheduction

In view of the recent number of shed breaks in the Taplow/Dorney area here are a few useful tips provided by South Bucks Community Safety Team:

- Make sure that you lock your shed, use strong padlocks and other locks. Fix padlock protectors to all padlocks and replace exposed screws with coach bolts.
- Fit an alarm these are cheap to install and can be effective.
- Security mark the contents of your shed and make a note of serial numbers
- Check that your insurance covers thefts from your shed/garden
- Fit an external security light
- Make sure that you put tools away – a burglar could use your tools to break into your home.
- Secure windows to prevent anyone from seeing into your shed by covering windows
- Try to secure items such as bicycles to the structure of the building.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the South Bucks Community Safety Team on 01895 837200 or communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk

Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour.

More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link:

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/nnwebportal/startup.aspx>

For crime information in your area, go to: <http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow&dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

It's 7 o'clock in the morning – Fancy a glass of Gin?

When I was still a working man, I was once invited to the Henley Regatta by one of our suppliers. I wasn't at all keen to go. Why would I want to watch a load of lycra clad rowers sweating up and down the Thames? I admitted to my would-be host that I am not a sports enthusiast and he replied, jovially, "don't worry old chap, nobody ever watches the races, we are all far too busy eating, drinking and chatting for that". It was true. I had a grand day out – excellent food and drink, and hardly a glimpse of the river, let alone anyone rowing on it.

The Olympic rowing is far more serious, of course. The only reason to go to Dorney Lake next year will be to watch flashing oar blades and medals. Or will it? Did you get one of those letters from South Bucks District Council asking for your views about an application by LOCOG for a drinks, music, dancing and film licence to run between 1.7.2012 and 30.9.2012? If granted, alcohol will start flowing at 7am. Blimey it will be lonely for athletes going for gold with tipsy crowds wandering about all over Dorney singing, dancing and waving glasses about.

Alright, I know I'm exaggerating, but I still think that there is a serious side to this. The three months covered by the licence application, as well as the months before and after the event, will be very trying for us local residents. I was appalled, when I attended the Parish Council AGM, by how little the Bucks manager for the Olympics could (or would) tell us about the likely impact on our day to day lives. Which roads will be shut, and which will be jammed by traffic? How much noise will we need to tolerate? (The PA system is already very intrusive at some events, but this will be made to seem quite quiet by the 2012 Games). What precautions are being made against terrorism? I know that the police are holding seminars about this, but the fact that they need to do so is, in itself, cause for concern. Should I already be watching everyone passing my house for suspicious behaviour? What is suspicious behaviour anyway? Wearing a balaclava in a heat wave?

I do think that we all need to keep asking questions. I know that many – perhaps most local residents are proud that we will soon be hosting part of The Games. But this is our home. We must make sure that in the nations' single minded determination to make 2012 a huge success, we are not ploughed under a great tide of noise, inconvenience, traffic jams, litter, loutish behaviour and crime.

Geoffrey Atkinson.

The Dorney Street Party

We had a wonderful afternoon at The Dorney Street Party which was well supported by old and young from the Parish. The Committee had worked very hard to make it happen, and the weather was much kinder than in 1977. It was good to have had the opportunity to meet up with old friends and to make new acquaintances. The afternoon helped revive some of the community spirit which was evident in Dorney when we moved here fifty years ago. Well done to Leanne Kittel and her committee.

Hopefully we can build on this foundation and have more celebrations to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games next year.

Jean and Peter Tyler.

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Dorney Court Kitchen Garden – The Grand Opening

After much hard work and long days (and nights) the team at Dorney Court Kitchen Garden managed to finish in time for the grand opening and renaming ceremony on Saturday April 16th. The weather for the weekend couldn't have been better with brilliant sunshine and warm temperatures. Jill Palmer was there to cut the ribbon in front of an excited crowd, eager to have a look around the new kitchen garden. The turnout for the weekend was fantastic and Ryan and Stretch want to thank everyone who came along to show their support. Dorney resident and West End star Amy Lennox along with guitarist Alex Colman created an amazing atmosphere in the kitchen garden playing to crowds on picnic blankets all afternoon on the Saturday and Sunday. The new children's play area was a hit with parents who managed to get some quiet time whilst their kids burnt some energy on the climbing frame. There were also some mini John Deere tractors in the kitchen garden itself which were definitely a highlight with the kids. There were plenty of applicants for the two competitions with "Guess the size of the sunflower" entries ranging from a rather small 1 metre 42 cm to an ambitious 4 metres! Be sure to pop by and see how they progress over the summer. The "Name our Chickens" competition saw some whacky names being suggested, the winners will be decided when the hens are introduced to the kitchen garden this summer. Some amusing names put forward included "Tikka", "Nugget", "Will and Kate", "Giblet" and "Chaz n Dave" whilst some slightly more alternative suggestions included "Lord Waffleton-Buck", "Nana", "Lovely" and "Hebe". Watch this space to see the eclectic range of names chosen for the new family of hens moving to Dorney.

The vision for Dorney Court Kitchen Garden is very exciting. The boys are passionate about growing a sustainable business that not only supports local producers but where possible grows its own produce on site. This ensures the freshest ingredients are used in the kitchen, food miles are kept to a minimum and more money is injected into the local economy. Growing produce on site also opens up the opportunities to hold educational workshops for children who can gain hands on experience about where food comes from and the cycle of food from seed to plate. They want the plant nursery to be an inspirational place full of great quality plants including unique varieties not found in regular garden centres. You won't find A-Z supermarket shelves of plants here but instead be welcomed by beautiful displays and creative ideas for your garden.

Diary of upcoming events :

Friday May 6th – Talk on "Caring for hanging baskets" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday May 13th – Talk on "Conifers, not just for the winter garden" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday May 20th – Talk on "Mulch and Manures" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday May 27th – Talk on "Preparing proper coffee at home" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday June 3rd – Talk on "Trends from Chelsea this year" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Tuesday June 7th – Talk on "Stunning small trees for any garden" Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available) Speaker: Kirstie Kerr

Tuesday June 7th – Evening talk on "Stunning small trees for any garden" £5 per ticket meet in the café at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A glass of wine and nibbles will be provided. Speaker: Kirstie Kerr

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Please call Louise Whaley 01628 625589 or Ron Alsworth 01628 669988

if you wish to put your name down for this visit

We will meet in the car park at Maryfield at 2-15pm on Wednesday 18th May.

Dorney Parish AGM Key Facts & Briefing Update March 2011

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Dorney Lake Venue Planning

James Egan has been appointed by LOCOG as the venue manager for Dorney Lake.

James.egan@london2012.com

Construction work on the temporary River Thames Crossing will commence Winter 2011, installation of the temporary overlay at Dorney Lake will commence Spring 2011 and will be removed from September 2012

Transport Hub & Spectator Entrance

Windsor Racecourse will be the Main Spectator entrance for the Olympic Games, Big Meadow located alongside the main Dorney Lake venue entrance will be the main transport hub for the Paralympic Games.

Spectators will be able to access the venue via any public entrance although the pedestrian entrance to the north of the venue will not be advertised outside of the local community. The final location of the northern pedestrian spectator entrance for the Olympic Games has not been confirmed. Buckinghamshire County Council and South Bucks District Council are pressing LOCOG for this outstanding item to be considered as a matter of urgency.

Only members of the Olympic Family including athletes, coaches and accredited IOC officials will be entitled to use the main venue entrance.

Transport Planning

Murray Smith has been appointed as the venue transport lead for Dorney Lake and the transport planning teams at LOCOG and the ODA have now merged to assist communications and planning. Murray.smith@london2012.com

Community Engagement on the Olympic Route Network and the Local Area Traffic Management Plan will take place this summer. All of the Dorney Parish will be included in the managed zone to support movement through the Olympic Route Network.

Transport for Buckinghamshire Officers are currently taking direct role in the engagement programme and are currently working with the LOCOG transport team, Thames Valley Police and other partners to consider the detail of the Local Area Traffic Management Plan.

Last Mile

LOCOG will be looking at supporting a programme of activities to support spectator movement along the last mile into venues. This programme will include stewarding, crowd control measures, toilet & refreshment facilities.

London 2012 Test Events

Two test events will be held at Dorney Lake this summer the World Junior Rowing Championships August 3rd -7th and a smaller Canoeing Test Event September 1st-4th. The Transport for Buckinghamshire Team have already met with Rowing Test Event organisers and the South Bucks District Council Safety Advisory Group will be meeting with the team in May to consider the final event management plans.

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Look & Feel

Funding has been secured for the "Look & Feel" programme supporting the areas surrounding the Olympic & Paralympic Venues. Both Dorney and Dorney Reach will be fully included in this programme and consultation will be undertaken with the Parish to determine local requirements. Further details of potential look options will be announced in April 2011.

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Only areas immediately adjacent to the venue have been included in the proposed restricted zone for Dorney Lake. The full consultation Document now available at

<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7759.aspx>

Consultation open until May 30th 2011 – Hard copies of maps & full consultation documents available from Mandy Davis at South Bucks District Council

Ticketing

Tickets for the Olympic Games events are now on sale. Applicants have up to April 26th to register their applications for tickets. Prices for the events at Dorney Lake start at £20 rising up to £200 for the top tickets on the rowing finals days.

Tickets for the Paralympic Rowing Competitions will go on sale in September 2011

<http://www.tickets.london2012.com>

Torch Relay

Announcement of Torch Relay Evening Stops to be made May 18th. Consultation on the daytime stops and the route will commence with local authorities from June 2011 with the final route expected to be announced early in 2012.

Details of the nomination process for the 8000 torch bearers will commence on May 18th and will be open until June 18th 2011.

Additional nominees will be selected from nominees from Sponsors, Schools in the Get Set network and Inspire Mark Projects

Parallel Events & Open Weekend

The London 2012 Open Weekend 2011 will take place between July 22nd-24th 2011 marking the 1 year countdown to the Olympic Games. Events can register at www.london2012.com

Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney

Dear Editor,

NATURE + CHANGE IN LAW

March usually roars in like a lion, but this year padded in like a pussy cat and very nice too, continuing in similar vein up to mid-April so far. It's as if spring said "...everybody out," as the plants, birds and ourselves enjoyed many lovely days.

Daffodils; narcissi; tulips; violets; pansies; primroses; hyacinths; great hyacinths (deep blue); periwinkle; celandine; daisies; dandelions; wallflowers; blue pheasant eye; green-leaved alkanet with dainty blue and white flowers; blue and mauve soldiers and sailors; honesty, along with lilac blossom; wisteria; kerria; forsythia; quince; cherry; apple; pear and mirabelle blossoms – all burst forth to greet our lovely spring-like weather – what a picture!

Anyone living close to Dorney Village Road Memorial Garden will have heard 'Albert', our dominant singing blackbird. He's a cracker, with perfect tone, pitch and extensive melodic repertoire. He has to be a King's College Cambridge man, along with 'Bobby' the robin from the Royal Robin College of Music – only the best for Dorney and Dorney Parish. The pair of them started an early morning chorus, around 5am from mid-March onwards, a perfect start to lovely days. They were quickly followed by thrush; blue and great tits; wrens; starlings; sparrows and the rest of the chorus. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Duck and friend landed in the back garden as I was putting out the bird food. Obviously they thought "We'll have some of that!" It's wonderful in Dorney to be so close to nature.

Whilst hundreds of teachers are leaving the profession as a result of some pupils' violent behaviour, a school governor is blaming the weather for the pupils' behaviour. Well, why not? The same excuse could be used for the non-payment of gas; electric; water; income-tax and council tax. "How does the prisoner at the bar plead?" "Not guilty, your Honour, as I was suffering from I.C.V." The judge turns to his learned clerk. "What's I.C.V?" "It's Increased Climate Variability, your Honour". "Never heard of it – could be an awkward case this one." "Right, case dismissed! – next".

The E.U. law makers have now established that Cumberland Sausages must come from Cumbria; Cheshire Cheese from Cheshire; Cornish Pasties from Cornwall, and Mars Bars from? "What do you reckon, Churchill?" "Ooh No!" "So we have a problem?" "Ooh Yes!" "...and what about Milky Way and Galaxy Chocolate?" "Hmmm" "Shall we call in the Daleks?" "Ooh Yes!"

The following tune might help sum it all up. It's called "Undecided", composed in 1939 by Sid Robin and Charles Shavers:-

First you say you do, and then you don't
And then you say you will, and then you won't
You're undecided now, so what are you gonna do?
I've been sitting on a fence and it doesn't make much sense
'Cos you keep me in suspense and you know it
Then you promise to return, when you don't I really burn
Well I guess I'll never learn and I show it.
If you've got a heart and if you're kind
Then don't keep us apart, make up your mind
You're undecided now, so what are you gonna do?

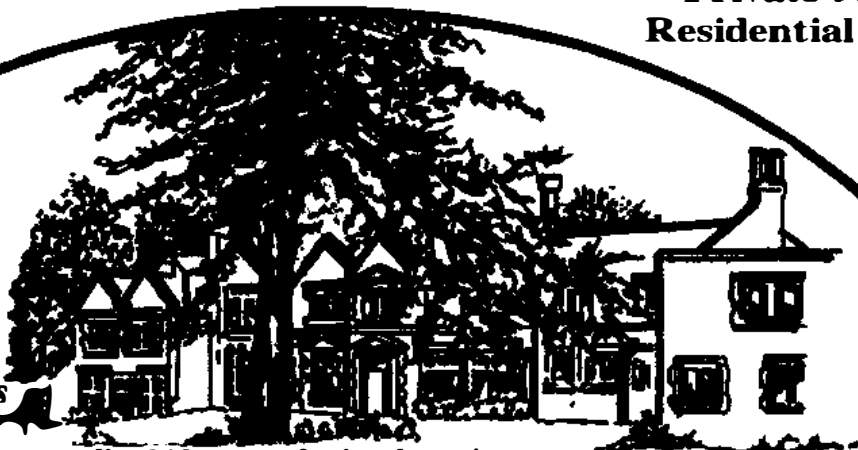
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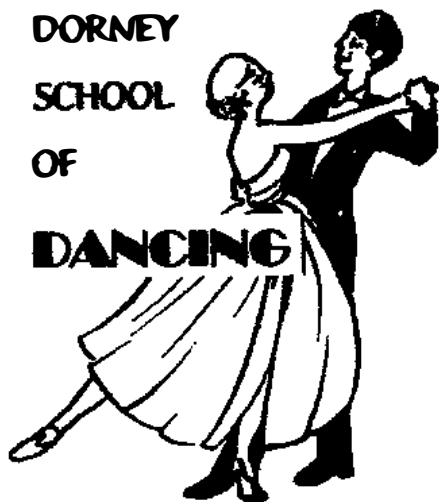
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Ladies why not dress for the occasion with as much sparkle as you like
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To help us calculate numbers for the day, please register your intention to attend at our website as detailed above.

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PLAYGROUND DORNEY

The Dorney Playground Management Group (register charity 1131683), otherwise known as Playground4dorney held their AGM on February 15th to reflect the year just past and plan the forthcoming year.

2010 was a very successful and busy time, with the installation of phase one junior equipment and phase two toddler equipment. A big thank you to all our supporters and in particular our funding partners who made it all possible:

Phase One - PlayEngland & South Bucks District Council.

Phase Two - Veolia Environment Trust, Buckinghamshire Foundation and a number of private donors.

The great news is thanks to our successful funding applications, we can now install the final phase three of our playground project this spring.

The charity trustees worked really hard throughout the year to maintain the playground to a high standard and organized a number of fund raising events to cover the ongoing running cost of the playground.

This year we will continue to organize such events and here are some dates for your diary:

- End of term Summer BBQ - Friday 22nd July 2011 from 3pm on Trumpers Field
- Halloween - Monday 31st October 2011 - 1st session 16.30-18.00 and 2nd session 18.30-20.00
- Christmas Disco - Friday 16th December 2011 - 1st session 17.00-18.30 and 2nd session 19.00-20.30

The Charity trustees are Leanne Kittel (Chairperson), Leon Williams (Treasurer), Zoe Gilbert (Secretary), Andrew Purdie (Trustee) and Trudi Hardwood (Trustee). Kelly Broyhill has decided to stand down from the charity as she has moved out of the area, but we would like to thank Kelly for her hard work in helping to get us this far. We would like to welcome Jo Ellis to the charity, who has volunteered to become a trustee.

We look forward to 2011 and what successes it can bring.

Dorney Playground Management Group

The future is bright, the future is www.dorney.com

Dorney needs a website. Or, to put it another way, there is a need for another means of communication to supplement the splendid magazine you're now holding, and a village site is probably the answer. I know that if you call for something, you might be expected to complete the project, but here I have little skill to offer. It seems most village sites result from alliances between parish councils, interest groups and, most importantly, dedicated amateurs.

Three factors influence this call. A walk or pub visit outside the parish usually generates a quick search for online information, and you become aware of what nearby villages are up to. Also, we need a home for the content villagers could easily generate. Ask, as I did about Dorney shops or amateur dramatics, and the emails arrive - and here's where I thank Sandy McCabe, Jean Tyler, Jill Dax and Simon Ames for the information they have supplied. But, the main trigger for me was the recent open meeting organised by the Village Hall Management Committee, which looked pretty ill-attended. One resident wondered if the new plans or the detailed presentation could be made available to residents - and, of course, they should be. We just need the appropriate medium....

Later this month, those who attended that Friday meeting plus one or two more, will go to the annual Parish Council meeting in the same place. Only a fraction of the population will be involved in important deliberations. Sharing is the watch word these days, and the Playground for Dorney group has blazed a trail with their splendid website.

Elsewhere in Bucks we have <http://www.farnhamswebzine.org.uk/> 'sharing life in our community', while <http://www.littlechalfont.org.uk/> proclaims that 'by posting comments about the village, we have put together a community vision for Little Chalfont.' Closer to home, <http://www.taplow.org.uk/> links to a 'forum for people to have their say about the local area'. I now know a lot more about the complex Skindles/Paper Mill issue.....

Now, fair enough, these are bigger communities, with flourishing community groups, and, notwithstanding the efforts of Bill Dax, we in Dorney only have steam driven broadband, but perhaps the existing, and I would say under-utilised sites for the Parish Council and Village Hall, both part of <http://www.bucksinfo.net/> could be beefed up.

A web practitioner said to me the other day, rather colourfully, 'the internet is like living in small towns in medieval times, where everybody knew each other, & we are craftsmen learning a new culture.' Only a few want to go to a meeting on a cold Friday evening, but everybody wants to see a new Village Hall design they might very well like, or to hear about a council tax increase some might oppose and many might support.

Peter Bowman

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Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgery will be held on:

Saturday 16th April between 1-2pm at Coffee shop, Bishops Centre, Taplow

Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have or alternatively you can e-mail us at

taplow@dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Antisocial Behaviour – Antisocial behaviour appears to be on the increase around the Hag Hill Lane and Hitcham Lane areas, the team are continuing to patrol hot spot locations and have also carried ASB home visits to main offenders. We would like residents to continue to contact us should they experience any issues.

Litter/Parking – The Neighbourhood Action Group are working together with other agencies looking at long term approaches to these issues. If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting on Tuesday 12th April 2011 at 7.30pm Taplow Village Hall, Taplow.

Clear Car Campaign - During February we had over 5 vehicles broken into in the Taplow & Dorney area where items have been left on display, this is also likely to rise with the weather improving and more people venturing into the area to enjoy the scenery. The neighbourhood team are patrolling the car parks and identifying potential target vehicles where items are being left on display, the clear car campaign letters are then sent to owners in the hope of reducing crime. Please ensure that when you leave your vehicle all valuables are out of sight or taken with you – **DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CAR CRIME**

Road Safety Operation

The Burnham and Taplow Neighbourhood Teams recently carried out a joint road safety operation in the Taplow area working with VOSA and the Environment Agency. 20 fines were issued for no seat belts, 12 for using mobile phones and 16 other vehicles were stopped for other road traffic offences/vehicle defects. A second operation is planned for March!

Crime Information

We have had four Burglary/shed breaks in the Taplow/Dorney area during February and the NHPT are advising that when leaving your property you ensure all doors and windows are locked. If you need any crime reduction advice then please contact the Neighbourhood team for information.

Operation 'Green Stick' has been successful through several arrests being made and offenders being charged for theft offences. One male has also now been arrested and remanded for Burglary in the Dorney area.

If you are interested in signing up to community messaging please contact the Neighbourhood team. For crime information in your area, go to:

<http://maps.police.uk/view/thames-valley>

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow@dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

The Walled Garden Centre

Well the countdown is well and truly on to the launch of Dorney Court Kitchen Garden. There have been many long days (and nights!) working hard to get things ready for the big weekend. Those of you who have been popping in over the past month will have seen Ryan and our landscaping team progress at the rate of knots. Our new children's adventure play area recently had its topping out ceremony after we managed to negotiate the roof up through the trees and into place. As we write this the Kitchen Garden is now taking shape but is still very much a building site. The central seating area and water feature have been excavated and the edging has been laid. This has brought the schematic to life and you can now really visualise how the area will be used.

With the successful launch of our new coffee and the stunning feedback we have received, our attention will now be turning to tea. Although Stretch is a coffee nut through and through, he also has a fair bit to say on teas too! Keep your eyes peeled this month for the launch of our new ethically sourced whole leaf teas, each encased in its own biodegradable tea temple. As the weather begins to warm up and the sun starts to shine we have begun to start serving cream teas again. Liz has been hard at work in the kitchen perfecting her recipe and we are now proud to say that all our scones are homemade and baked in-house. This combined with our new whole leaf tea range will make for a fantastic cream tea.

Out in the nursery things are really beginning to come to life. Kirstie and the team have been busy stocking up with some fantastic new and unusual varieties of plants and shrubs. We are particularly excited about the Michelia, a stunning evergreen shrub with elegant, cup-shaped fragrant white flowers in spring. If you have a wish list for anything unusual and exciting you would like for your garden then please do pop in and we will do our very best to source it for you.

We have had some really positive feedback on our garden talks to date and there was a great turn out to our first evening talk last month on roses. The next one will be about clematis on Tuesday April 5th. The full schedule of events for the month of April is as follows:

Friday April 1st – Talk on “Gardening Myths.” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Tuesday April 5th – Talk on “Clematis ” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Tuesday April 5th – Evening talk on “Clematis” £5 per ticket meet in the café at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. A glass of wine and nibbles will be provided.

Friday April 8th – Talk on “Planting Pots” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday April 15th - Talk on “How to restore a kitchen garden in 7 weeks!” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Saturday 16th and Sunday April 17th – Launch Weekend. We will be showcasing the restoration of Dorney Court's Kitchen Garden along with our new look and name. We hope you will join us to celebrate in a weekend of fun and activities in particular at 11am on the Saturday for the ribbon cutting ceremony and the official opening of the Kitchen Garden.

Friday April 22nd – “Compost, mulch and manure” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Friday April 29th -“Wedding inspired flowers” Free of charge meet in the café at 2pm (Lunch reservations available)

Once again thanks for all your support, we look forward to seeing you soon.

Ryan and Stretch 01628 669999

Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting

held at the Eton Dorney Centre on **Tuesday 8th March 2011** at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors K Harris(chaired the meeting), A Purdie, P Smith and G Easton.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk).



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -

PCSO O'Connell was unable to attend but provided the March Newsletter produced by Taplow and Dorney Neighbourhood Police Team.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Foxley, Cllr Nelson, County Cllr Dhillon and District Cllr Peter Adams.

Resolved to receive and approve the **minutes** of the previous meeting held on the 8th February 2011.

Disclosure of interest in items on the agenda – Cllr Easton declared an interest in Agenda Item 182 regarding Dorney Village Hall and Cllr Purdie in Agenda Item 185 regarding Meadow Way Street Party.

Clerk's Report - (a) Bucks CC Press release – School Crossing Patrol Service is secure; b) CPRE Branch meeting on 12th March 2011 at Wendover Memorial Hall will include a presentation on Waste Incinerator at Calvert and Housing Development at Fleet Marston and High Speed Rail and HS2; (c) Freedom of Information - Regarding the annual renewal registration fee of £35 it is a legal requirement for parish council's to register under the Data Protection Act where any personal information is processed on a computer system in relation to local services provided. The registration fees are used to fund the UK Data Protection operations conducted by the Information Commissioner's Office; (d) (g) Invitation from Bucks CC on Governments consultation on High Speed 2 Summit from 2 to 4 pm on 15th April at Oculus, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road HP19 8FF (Aylesbury Vale) and ; (h) Nomination Packs for Parish Council elections have been distributed.

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk reported that no applications have been received.

Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – The Village Hall Committee will be presenting the available options at a meeting this Friday. Three options (i) Patch up and redecorate, (ii) Refurbish and extend, (iii) Complete rebuild (Big Lottery Grant not available as affluent area). All options have now been costed. Cllr Harris mentioned that he has read an article about a new village hall having been built in Larchfield (Maidenhead area) for £174,000.

Update on tree planting - Cllr Easton reported that all the trees have been planted and the invoice has now been received for this work. Cllr Harris was thanked for sorting out fence line with Thames Water in Marsh Lane.

To consider the Speed Enforcement Report from PCSO O'Connell - **Noted**.

To consider a donation to the Meadow Way Street Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding in April – To note that the street party is in the area around the Village Hall and should be named 'Dorney Street Party' which is open to all residents of Dorney. It was agreed to donate £200.

Resolved not to continue receiving 8 copies per quarter of the Local Council Review. A copy is available in the circulation box if required.

Planning – (a) **Resolved** to note planning issues and decisions recently notified by South Bucks District Council – As appended.

(b) **Resolved** to comment on planning applications as appended.

Finance

a) **Resolved** to authorise payment of Accounts for March 2011 in the sum of £1303.08 net (appended).

b) **Resolved** to receive income for March 2011 - None.

c) **Resolved** to monitor the budget for 2010/2011 to 8th March 2011 (appended).

d) **Resolved** to receive recent bank statements and chairman to sign reconciliations.

Correspondence for Action – a) Bucks CC consultation on the future of home to school transport in Bucks from 1 to 28th March is available on www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay.- **Noted**; (b) Have your say on the future of West London's Waste- Consultation from 9th February to 25th March 2011 and is available on www.wlwp.net- **Noted** and; (c) NALC Policy Consultation on Community Right to Buy – Assets of Community Value and Community Right to Challenge - **Noted**.

To receive and note March circulars – Noted.

Member's Reports

- a) Rowing Lake Committee meetings - No meeting has been held. It was agreed to write a letter to the Managing Director of Dorney Lake to ask for the meetings to be reconvened.
- b) Neighbourhood Action Group – Cllr Harris will attend the next meeting.
- c) SBALC – Cllr Purdie will be attending the next meeting.
- d) South Bucks Partnership – Cllr Smith is unable to attend the next meeting.
- e) Local Area Forum – Cllr Dhillon to report at the next meeting.

Resolve any complaints received from residents – None

Maintenance and Highway employee/work – Mr Harris reported that bus stop and benches will be painted this month.

Date of next meeting – – 8pm on 12th April 2011 at the Eton Dorney Centre and the Annual Meeting of Electorates will be held at 8pm on 23rd March 2011 at Dorney Village Hall

Meeting ended 9.27 pm.

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Monday 11th April at Eton Dorney Centre

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As an avid computer user, I really loved my old machine. I knew my way round it, and spent hours enjoying the skills it gave me. Of course, a lot of those hours were spent waiting for the internet, but thanks to Mr Dax's splendid efforts to get a faster service for Dorney, I thought that would soon be a problem of the past. Then suddenly my computer died . Wow! That was scary. Instant impotence and amnesia set in as the systems and memories become unuseable.

Happily we know a man who can, and a shiny new machine soon arrived. He salvaged my old memories, and installed the latest programmes and I was tickled pink by its speed. I used to turn my old machine on, and then go and make a cup of coffee while it wound itself up to face the outside world, now I can get on line in under a minute. All other applications are quick too. It is splendid - or it would be if they hadn't changed the programmes. I used to use Windows XP now I've got Windows 7, and I have no idea how to use it properly. The same mad nerds who keep "improving" all the electronic gadgets that are replacing human activity have been at work. As I write this, I am confronted by forty options to change the lay out. In addition there are six more tabs I can press to give me further variations. Searching for basic functions can consume more time than was saved by the faster operating speeds.

Another piece of technology that is wonderful until it goes wrong is a burglar alarm. We are waiting for yet another visit from the engineer as I write this. The principle of a good alarm is that it notifies the emergency services as soon as it rings. They will phone your mobile (if you can find it) before sending someone to catch the intruder. All very reassuring when it works, but for some reason, yet to be sorted out, ours went off at the same time on two successive mornings just as I was getting bathed. Racing about with no clothes on to stop it ringing and then trying to answer the mobile phone two days in a row was not good for my morale and, once again, I found myself cursing technology.

All this electronic drama has been going on during the run of the play that I have been doing in Henley, so it did not do much for my jangling nerves. Perhaps it isn't surprising then that , despite all the beneficial electronic gadgetry developed in my lifetime, I am now looking back somewhat wistfully to the days when we only had the wireless, a typewriter and a dear old dial telephone to worry about.

Geoffrey (Technophobe) Atkinson

Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney

Dear Editor,

NATURE + HAPPY MEMORIES

As I write this letter up to mid March, the weather has generally been dry and sunny to which many plants have responded, including daffodils; tulips; primroses; crocus; hyacinths; violets, soldiers and sailors (pulmonaria); periwinkle and miniature rhododendron, giving the oncoming spring a splash of colour.

The wild birds too have been busy nest-building and calling for mates – love is in the air. From March 2nd to 6th, I didn't hear nor see our resident Memorial Garden crows. I became quite concerned thinking we had lost them. But on March 7th, early morning feeding time, I heard, much to my relief the usual 'knew' call they make. I can only guess they must have been collecting nesting materials. Anyway, good to see them back, as they do help smaller wild birds by seeing off invading hawks.

Recently, whilst working in my back garden around 5.30 pm, our resident blackbird was merrily singing away, when I responded by whistling back to him. He then responded as I altered the song rhythm, gaining another response from him, when suddenly our resident robin joined in. It was five-plus minutes of joy and fun with the 'Dorney Trio' in perfect polyphonic harmony; and that takes practice!

Whilst listening to the Classic FM music radio programme, a listener emailed the presenter with the following puzzle. When one sees murals and pictures of Heaven, often you will see depicted angels blowing trumpets and cherubs playing harps. What musical instrument could be played in Hell? A listener responded "The Bagpipes!" Don't tell the Black Watch. May I suggest the Vuvuzela, as blown in the last World Football Cup in South Africa. It would certainly raise an interesting competition between Heaven and Hell. Perhaps Harry Hill could take this on..."Fight!"

On the radio, I recently heard a song which brought back happy memories of my female piano teacher and three other older ladies whom I met either at college or at work in my younger days. They all had a big influence on me and encouraged the love of music. By way of thanks to them all and indeed my good parents who encouraged the love of music from an early age (bless them all) I'll now play this tune which captures those wonderful early days and perhaps bring back happy memories to others. Here we go with 'I Recall A Gypsy Woman,' by Bob Mc Dill and Allen Reynolds (1970) and well sung by Don Williams:-

**Silver coins that jingle jangle
Fancy shoes that dance in time
Oh the secrets of her dark eyes
They did sing a gypsy rhyme
Yellow clover-entangled blossoms
In a meadow silky green
Where she held me in her bosom
Just a boy of seventeen
I recall a gypsy woman
Silver spangles in her eyes
Ivory skin against the moonlight
And the taste of life's sweet wine.**

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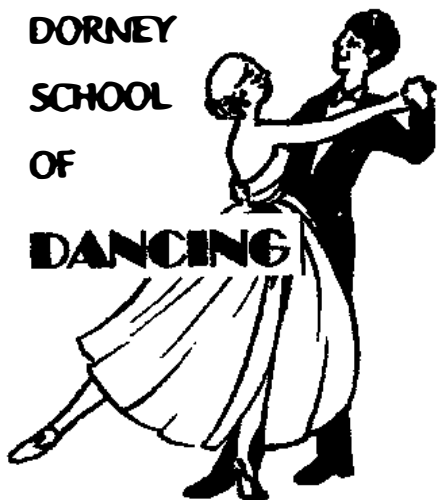
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consider all the proposed possible
alternatives.**

Dorney Tree Planting

Two years plus ago I went on a Tree Wardens' course sponsored by the Tree Council in Windsor Great Park. I met some of the senior officials, (including the Tree Warden from the Archers, John Stokes, who is a leading figure, and a great source of inspiration). They told me the dates to apply for grants, and together with Glenda our Clerk and the whole Parish Council we set about looking for funding for the three projects; the one along Marsh Lane, the one in Meadow Way, and the last one for the Picnic Park, which was particularly championed by Ken Richmond.

There are now apple trees etc. in the Picnic Park, 2 rowans in Meadow Way and an avenue of 21 limes, together with an indigenous mixed hedge including hazel hawthorn etc., alongside the Richmond Path.

There are so many people to thank for their help and support: particularly Highways, Thames Water, Dev Dhillon and the BCC who were instigational on many fronts, Tree Council, SBDC, our village Horticultural Society, and especially our own Parish Council and Clerk, and my husband. They and many others have all helped to create a Highway for Nature and restore the balance.

Now begins the long-winded bit of form filling to collect the grants and show evidence of what we have achieved, but hopefully these plants will flourish with locals' help and the maintenance contract.

On another tack; if in the summer months people could water trees outside their houses, this would certainly be a help.

Good wishes and thanks, from your Tree Warden

Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter

Welcome to the latest newsletter from the Taplow & Dorney Neighbourhood Team
THAMES VALLEY POLICE 0845 8 505 505 CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111

HAVE YOUR SAY

The next beat surgeries will be held on:

Wednesday 16th March between 5.30-6.30pm at Taplow Railway Station

Saturday 16th April between 1-2pm at Coffee shop, Bishop's Centre, Taplow.

Please feel free to come along and meet your neighbourhood police team and discuss any issues or concerns you have, or alternatively you can e-mail us at taplow@domeyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Have Your Say online

You can now send non-emergency messages to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. A number of people have already sent their concerns using this method. Please allow some time for us to get back to you as we do check our mail box only at certain times of the day.

GOOD NEWS

Kate Ford has taken over from Paul Cook as he has now retired as South Bucks area Commander. Kate Ford has been deputy commander for Slough since May 2008 and previously also worked in Maidenhead, Windsor, Slough and Bracknell.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITIES

Antisocial Behaviour – We are continuing to see a reduction in anti social behaviour mainly due to the work carried out with the local youths and the NHPT. However the team are continuing to patrol hot spot locations and would like residents to continue to contact us should they experience any issues.

Litter – The recent issue of litter in the Amerden Lane area has now been cleared with the help of Taplow Parish Council.

Parking – Further work has now been carried out in relation to Parking in Station Road/Institute Road; the NHPT and local councillors recently attended the location to discuss long term solutions. Suggestions have also been made to the Railway Authorities for improvements to the station car park, including cheaper parking.

If you are interested in becoming involved in tackling these new priorities then please contact the neighbourhood team or come along to the next NAG meeting.

Crime Information

Burglary is still an issue in the Taplow/Dorney area and the NHPT are advising that when leaving your property you ensure all doors and windows are locked. We have a limited number of **FREE** timer switches donated by South Bucks District Council Community Safety Team. These are a great way to making your property appear to have somebody in when you are out especially if you are not due home during the hours of darkness. If you are interested in obtaining one please contact one of the Neighbourhood Officers via the e-mail below or attend one of the have your say meetings as listed.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A DISTRACTION BURGLAR

Sometimes people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home. They are known as "distraction burglars" or "bogus callers" whose only aim is to get into homes to distract you and steal money/valuables.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from authorities such as the council, they can be male or female and may ask to use the bathroom or look for a lost pet to gain entry to your home.

If you are expecting the caller, remember to check their identification carefully or the password you have agreed before you let them in and **ALWAYS PUT THE CHAIN ON THE DOOR FIRST.**

DOMESTIC ABUSE

During January we have seen a small rise in domestic abuse in the area, If you are a victim of domestic abuse, there is help and support available to you. Domestic abuse is a crime and you do not have to put up with it. Alternatively if you think a friend or family member is experiencing domestic violence then there are things you can do to help. Please visit our website www.thamesvalley.police.uk/reduction/domestic or call 08458 505 505

Partnership activity

Although graffiti reports are down, for a small deposit a graffiti kit is available from South Bucks District Council's Community Safety Team. For more information, please contact 01895 837200 or email communitysafety@southbucks.gov.uk

If you have any queries or questions regarding neighbourhood policing or any police matter, please feel free to contact the Taplow & Dorney neighbourhood policing team on 0845 8 505 505, or contact us via e-mail on: taplow@dorneyNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

You can also find us on the Neighbourhood pages: www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk

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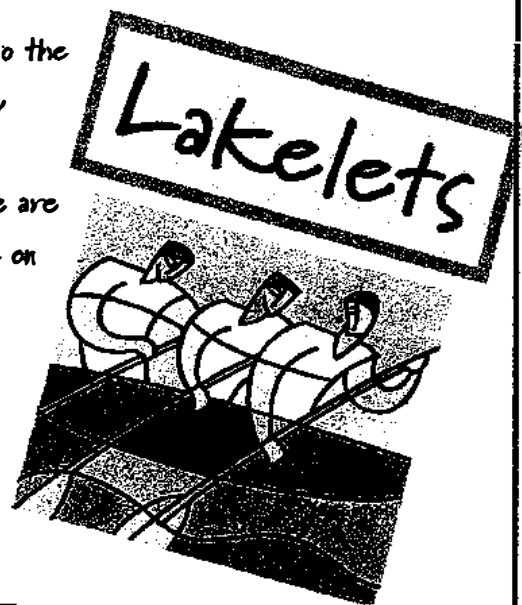
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Taplow Choir – A Festival of Choirs

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 23rd March

8 p.m. Village Hall

Thoughts on football and functionaries

Many thanks to the readers of DPN who have commented on points raised in these articles. As a relative newcomer to the village - only here 25 years! - it's been illuminating to hear about bakers, post offices and the Dorney Players. Starting with this issue, I'm sure there will be more of this in the magazine.

In the rather more troubled present, last week saw the winding up of Windsor & Eton FC due to tax arrears of around a quarter of a million. I'm glad to be able to look back on occasional visits to their lovely little ground at Stag Meadow. Writers in these pages have remarked on the likely lack of any legacy for the area from the Olympics and the subsequent wealth flowing into the College which shares its locale with the football club. I wonder if any thought was given to distributing this sporting largesse so as to allow a club started 110 years ago to battle on....

Talking of current struggles.....I know 'Political Correctness' is often accused of 'going mad', but I'm rather a fan of an approach which is really about mutual respect between varying social and lifestyle groups. In that spirit, I'd like to propose another protected species - bureaucrats.

Let's hear it for the pen-pushers....what do we call them now, *mouse-movers*? I heard someone important from the Local Government Association say that most lost jobs were not of 'front-line staff' but were of 'back-office functions'. Apart from being horrible contemporary jargon, the logic of this attitude is to value say, traffic wardens over hospital administrators.

Enlightened politicians think they know that these functions should now be performed by computers, but in the last week or two computer generated letters have revealed horrid mistakes by my bank and my taxman, and booking a medical consultation online resulted in an appointment so far in the future that old age would have replaced the current problem by the time it came around. Of course, after a lengthy search I found real, helpful people, presumably functioning away in a back-room somewhere, who in various ways put me in better positions than I started from, with quick chats about Newcastle United and The Beatles thrown in. Computers aren't very good at chatting to customers....

Geoffrey Atkinson implied in the last issue of DPN that writing these columns led to 'grumpy thoughts'. Nothing is worse than a 'grumpy old man'. But hearing about a Dorney of recent memory where everybody knew each other, and presumably met in the post office or village shop, or recalling that people in their several hundreds supported their local football team, rather than relying on Sky Sports, can make you nostalgic, if not downright, well, grumpy.

Peter Bowman

peter.bowman@virgin.net

LENT LUNCHES 2011

The following lunches will be held in aid of charity during Lent this year:

Monday 21st March at The Church Room St Johns Eton Wick.

This will be hosted by Gill Jones and Lucy Holt and will be in aid of the Toybox Charity which works with street children in Guatamala.

Wednesday 30th March at Old Dimmings, Village Road, Dorney.

This will be hosted by Angie Wood-Dow and will be in aid of the Thames Valley Adventure Playground.

Thursday 7th April at Dormouse, Oak Stubbs Lane, Dorney Reach

This will be hosted by Jean Tyler and will be in aid of the WRVS York Centre in Maidenhead, to provide funding for automatic doors to assist disabled people.

At each of these a light lunch will be served from noon to 2 pm.

Please come along, bring your friends and meet some neighbours.

ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP MEETING

Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

NO MEETING IN MARCH

Wednesday 13th. April

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**Extracts from
Minutes of the Dorney Parish Council Meeting**



held at the Eton Dorney Centre on Tuesday 8th February 2011 at 8 pm

Present:- Councillors K Harris(chaired the meeting), A Purdie, and A Foxley.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Cllr Dhillon, PCSO O'Connell, Rev. Lucy Holt and Mrs Richmond.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Cllr Dhillon reported on the following matters:- (a) At present Bucks CC only have funding to carry out pothole repair on Class I potholes (12" in diameter and 2" in depth). He will investigate if Dorney Parish Council can carry out pothole repair under Devolved Powers. (b) He has been able to obtain 2 grit bins for Dorney. It was agreed that the locations should be near the school and the top end of Harcourt Road, (c) Great Western Railway have funds to upgrade Taplow Station and surrounds, (d) Permission has been granted to use the field at Big Meadow for parking during the ParaOlympics and (c) 2012 Olympics – Noise level and the security fencing agreed.

Rev. Lucy Holt spoke regarding the Elisabeth & Parker Sedings Charity. This Charity was registered with the Charity Commission in 1812 and has a small amount of money to distribute to the poor and needy in Dorney area. It is a Church based charity with 3 trustees. In the constitution of this charity it is the Parish Council's responsibility to elect the trustees. The former trustees have not met since 2001 and there is only one trustee remaining who is unable to continue. There is still money in the bank so in order to continue to operate new trustees need to be elected. Herself, Mrs Richmond and Mr Hatton (Church treasurer) are willing to be nominated as trustees. Rev. Holt assured the Council that the main beneficiaries will be mainly those people living in Dorney.

PCSO O'Connell circulated a report produced by Taplow and Dorney Neighbourhood Police Team which stated there has been a decrease in crime since the Christmas period. PCSO O'Connell reported that there is a new Chief Inspector in Burnham. She will also produce the last set of speeding figures from November to the Council.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Easton, Cllr Nelson and District Cllr Peter Adams.

Clerk's Report - a) Bucks CC has carried out a Budget Consultation which closed on 4th February; (b) Bucks Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2010- 2013 was emailed to councillors and a hard copy is available if required and (c) Sara Church has sent a letter introducing herself as the British Horse Society's Access and Bridleways Officer for Eton, Eton Wick and Dorney.

Buckinghamshire Chamber of Commerce – seeking the support of parishes to expand the Young Chamber network (appended). To refer this to Alan Russell who is involved in the Youth Work of the Parish.

Planning – The temporary footbridge for the 2012 Olympics will be erected in spring 2012 and removed between September to December 2012.

Maintenance and Highway employee/work – Maintenance work is going well.

Date of next meeting – – 8pm on 8th March 2011 at the Eton Dorney Centre and the Annual Meeting of Electorates will be held at 8pm on 23rd March 2011 at Dorney Village Hall

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It’s much of the addressed mail that bugs me, not the unaddressed items! Ed.

Dear Editor,

NATURE + ALTERNATIVE HISTORY

January 31st 2011 went out in a blaze of glory: a lovely mild day and from then on, through the first half of February, the southerly winds blew the cold northerlies back to where they belong. Nature suddenly responded with low-lying yellow aconites; snowdrops; crocus; wild primroses; pansies, all showing their heads, joined by hazel-nut; alder and silver birch catkins, whilst the tough yellow winter jasmine and mahonia continue to flower. Along the rowing trench roadway, multi-coloured dogwood bushes are now at their best – what a show!

Bird life also responded to the warmer southerly air, singing their love songs to attract mates, whilst busy nest building. Plenty of robins; sparrows; blackbirds as well as woodpeckers; wrens; hedge accentors; chaffinches; starlings; ring doves; magpies and our regular crows, as well as a host of blue, great and long-tailed tits.

R.S.M. speaks, "Parade! Atten....tion! Parade! Stand atease! Hands up those who haven't bothered to clean out their tit-bird boxes?" A couple of hands shot up. "What's your excuse lad?" "Well, Sergeant Major, it was very cold." "Cold lad, cold? Haven't you heard of global warming?" "Yes, Sergeant Major, but like yourself, my father says it's a load of rowlocks!" "Did you say rowlocks lad?" "Yes, Sergeant Major, as in rowing oars." The R.S.M.'s bristling 'tash twitched as a wry smile crossed his lips, acknowledging the subtleties of the English language. "What about you, Private, what's your excuse?" "I've been tired lately, Sergeant Major." "Tired lad, tired? Doing a Wills and Harry more like. This isn't Annabel's night club, this is a parade ground! Get fell in all of you, running on the spot, up! up! up! I'll give you tired and get those tit boxes cleaned out. Never mention the word 'tired' on the R.S.M.'s parade ground, otherwise you are all in for a right royal rollicking!"

Through school and college history lessons, many will have learned of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, its collapse brought on by over expansion, decadence and arrogance of the ruling elite. But wait – recently in the magazine Science, government paid eccentric academics wrote that the Roman Empire's downfall was also due toyes, you've guessed it..... global warming! But now they call it INCREASED CLIMATE VARIABILITY (I.C.V.) Have you got that? Is that why the Romans wore togas? I would suggest to anyone taking a history exam or degree, add in I.C.V. in your answer to possibly gain a valuable ten points or so.

Now, I want to know what really happened when the Vikings invaded our British Isles, allegedly raping and pillaging under the guise of pressure merchandizing, or was it due to.....? Who knows? Wait and see.

A lady correspondent recently wrote "Marriage is all about GIVE and TAKE. She GIVES the orders and he TAKES no notice." Yes, thank you madam, I couldn't possibly comment. Which brings me to the appropriate tune 'Love and Marriage' by Sammy Cahn and James Van Heusen (1955)

Love and marriage, love and marriage
Go together like a horse and carriage
This I tell you brother

Ya can't have one without the other.

Try, try, try to separate them, it's an illusion

Try, try, try and you will only come to this conclusion

Love and marriage, love and marriage

Go together like a horse and carriage

Dad was told by mother, you can't have one

You can't have none, you can't have one without the other.

Agreed, Churchill? "Oooh Yes!"

Regards,

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Being as passionate as they are, they like to talk about all things gardening. They were overwhelmed by the amount of people suggesting that Dorney should bring back gardening talks. So, they are planning to introduce a full menu of informative, educational and hopefully entertaining talks to suit all garden appetites. The garden centre will be hosting lunchtime short talks, evening talks with a glass of wine, hands on practical workshops and afternoon "Chat with the expert" sessions. These will be starting in the beginning of March just in time for the spring season. The emphasis in March will be on Roses – how to choose them, planting and aftercare techniques and exciting planting combinations. The timetable of confirmed events is below:

Tuesday March 1st – Lunchtime talk at 2pm (Free of Charge) >MONTHLY<

Tuesday March 1st – Evening talk at 7.30pm with Wine and refreshments (Ticket price to be confirmed) >MONTHLY<

Friday March 4th at 2pm – 15 minute feature spot on an aspect of the garden centre. (Free of Charge) >WEEKLY<

Wednesday March 16th at 2pm – 4.30pm. Practical Workshop for a small group led by a professional Gardener (charges to be advised but will include relevant materials and afternoon tea). Pre-booking required. >SIX PER YEAR<

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Wednesday 23rd. February

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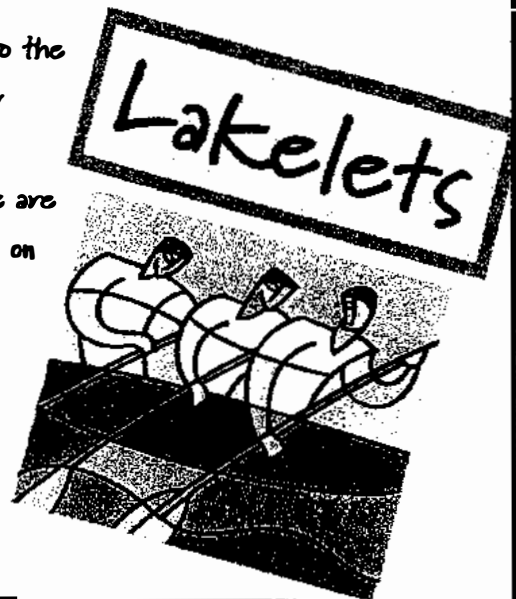
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Saturday 26th February

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Emails exchanged between Cllr. Andrew Purdie/Cllr. Eddie Nelson DPC and Chris Schwier,
Transport Localities Team Leader, Transport For Buckinghamshire.

Dear Chris,

It was reported at the last DPC meeting that Harcourt Road & Harcourt Close is not/has not been included upon the South Bucks gritting rota. The reason I have been given is that "the roads are not on a hill".

I would kindly ask that this decision is reconsidered with all haste. There are a number of special factors which need to be illuminated; above and beyond the financial cost of the salting/gritting.

1. There is a school in Harcourt Road/Close. Children, parents, teachers and coaches are often all using the entrance simultaneously. The adults are often in a hurry.
2. Harcourt Road is very narrow and can be difficult to navigate in normal circumstances. Two coaches cannot pass each other side to side in good conditions. The owners of vehicles park along the road making it effectively a single file road. Most people can control a skidding vehicle in an open space...but in a single file road, lined with trees?
3. Meadow way off Harcourt Road, is used by parents to park or to get to the village hall car park and loop around back to Marsh Lane.
4. There is a slope on Harcourt Road. In fact there are two notable inclines. One directly off Marsh Lane and one directly after Harcourt Close. I know you are aware that even a modest slope, when icy, can cause drivers to lose control.
5. The volume of school vehicles on these small roads compresses the snow, exacerbating the conditions. If this then freezes it is double the problem.

I have witnessed cars coming down Harcourt Road sideways on snowy or icy school days.

You may notice I have copied in the headmistress, youth club, playground committee and locally living councillors who I believe will all substantiate my concerns.

In summary: We have a mix of children with potentially out of control vehicles on a single file road! Please note: I believe an accident is just a matter of time unless this decision is reversed.

Rgds. Cllr. Andrew Purdie 18/12/10

Dear Cllr Purdie,

It is not because the road is not on a hill. We have a criteria for assessing roads for gritting, which includes: gradients, bends, service bus route, school bus route and more which can be seen if you follow the following link and then open the winter maintenance policy and operational plan at the bottom of the sheet. <http://www.transportforbucks.net/Winter-maintenance.aspx> Each of the criteria is then scored and roads receiving a score of above 28 are included on our precautionary salting routes, when we have snow fall we reduce these routes again.

I do not believe that Harcourt Road has sufficient of the criteria for it to qualify as a precautionary salting route. If you would like any further information or would like to speak to me please call me on 01494 586622.

Regards, Chris Schwier 20/12/10

Andrew,

Our winter maintenance officer has carried out the review of Harcourt Road, Harcourt Close, Meadow Way, Oak Stubbs Lane. Using the following laid down criteria the road scores 10 and that is for adjacent key facilities (School). For any road to be considered for inclusion on our precautionary salting routes it must score 28 or above. If you would like to discuss this further I am quite happy to meet and bring along the scoring mechanism for the assessment criteria.

Risk Assessment Criteria a. Traffic Flows b. Gradients c. Bends not subject to a speed limit
d. Community Link e. Previously salted route f. Regular or School Bus Routes g. Adjacent key facilities
h. Route efficiency and practicality i. Collision record

Regards, Chris Schwier 14/1/11

Chris.

Thank you for looking at it again. As you will no doubt guess I think the conclusion is, at best, misguided. The marking system is imperfect, and an executive decision needs to be made. DPC will continue to try to find ways to have a reversal of this decision, or put some other form of gritting in place.

I will again repeat my warning that this is an accident waiting to happen.

Rgds. Andrew Purdie 17/1/11

Dear Mr. Schwier,

I'd like to add my support to Cllr. Purdie's original email and would also like to thank you for your swift response.

As you suggested, I have looked at the link you provided to your Winter Maintenance Plan, and whilst fully understanding the need to have a list of single criteria to identify your Priority 1 precautionary salting network routes, you just agree that there are often circumstances when the sheer number of individual risk factors can lead you to a different conclusion - I believe that this is the case with Harcourt Rd!

Gradients - Harcourt Rd does have small gradients, but enough to stop cars - ask one or two of the people who have been stuck on it over this weekend.

School Bus route - I don't believe that Dorney School has a school bus, however, a mini bus does come down Harcourt Rd and Meadow Way that takes children to Burnham Grammar.

Community Link - (unsure of your definition) However, there are only two roads into Dorney Reach, and this is one of them.

Traffic Flows - Between the hours of 8.15 to 9.00 & 3.00 to 3.30 there are something in the region of 50 cars picking up children from Dorney School for each of these periods. When it snows, these cars can very quickly 'hard pack' the snow that can then remain there for a prolonged period.

I believe that the elements above, identified from your matrix, in conjunction with;

- very narrow road
- mature trees on one side of the road (no escape route from a sliding car / truck)
- limited alternative access for emergency vehicles

would suggest to me that Harcourt Rd, in Dorney Reach should be included in your Priority 1 precautionary salting network, or at the very least have a separate risk assessment carried out.

I do look forward to your reply.

If you do require any further information, please do get back to me.

Cllr. Eddie Nelson (Dorney Parish Council)

Over 60's Lunch Club

The Eton Dorney Centre Lunch Club for over 60's wants to thank all contributors for the Christmas raffle prizes.

We especially want to thank Dorney Pineapple Pub for the generous donation, which was put as the big raffle prize. Without it the day wouldn't have been as exciting as it was.

The whole day was a great success and it raised £136 which will make a great difference to the next year Lunch Club outing for our members.

More events to come, please watch this space and our website www.etonderney.org.uk

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Present:- Councillors K Harris(chaired the meeting), A Purdie, G Easton and E Nelson.

In Attendance:- Mrs S Moffat (Clerk), Cllr Dhillon, PCSO O'Connell, Austen Parry (Officer from Priority Crime Team), Viv Nicholas (Think!Burnham)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - PCSO O'Connell circulated a report produced by Taplow and Dorney Neighbourhood Police Team which stated there has been a high level of burglaries in Dorney over the Christmas period. Austen Parry, the Investigating Officer, explained that his team is working hard to arrest the culprits of these crimes. However, it is always difficult to prosecute suspected burglars successfully as it is dependent on forensic evidence and/or catching suspects in the vicinity of the burglary. The Crime Prevention Officer has visited vulnerable properties in Dorney and offered advice about additional security. Also Police Officers are tasked to visit and drive through the village to increase the police presence. Mr Nelson suggested an increase in the level of community networking may help to combat crime and this could be enhanced by using such things as twitter. Mr Harris raised the on-going problem of dangerous parking on the road by the entrance to Dorney Lake when the gate is closed which happened again over the Christmas period. PCSO O'Connell responded that she had received no complaints and would urge people to report any problems to the police so they are recorded.

Viv Nicholas from Think!Burnham gave an interesting presentation about community work this organisation has carried out in Burnham. It started 3 years ago from a Government initiative to set up a Market Town Health Check. As a result, working groups evolved covering transport, environmental, social and economic issues. At present the main focus is on the development of cycling within the community and Ecoweek.

Cllr Dhillon reported on the following matters; (a) Bucks CC has to make savings of £58 million over the next 3 years; (b) there is a Library and Transport Consultation being undertaken; (c) after the electoral review there is a reduction of 57 to 49 county councillors which will make a £100,000 saving. The exact electoral boundaries will be identified by the end of March; and (d) Cllr Dhillon suggested that it may be advisable to submit a petition from the school and local residents to encourage Bucks C.C. to add Harcourt Road to the gritting rota.

Apologies were received from Parish Councillors A Foxley, P Smith and District Cllr Peter Adams.

Clerk's Report – (a) Summary of the Localism Bill (appended), (b) Letter from Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport encouraging communities throughout the UK to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 (appended), (c) Update on Harcourt Road to be included in the gritting rota – Cllr Purdie has arranged for Highways to re-assess the situation, (d) Temporary 10MPH Speed Limit Order 2011 for approximately 3 nights at each site commencing on 10th January 2011 between 2000 and 0600 hours for 28 days along Dorney Hill North, Hedgerley, Dorney Hill South, Burnham, Collinswood Road, Burnham and Collinswood Road, Farnham Common, from its junction with M40 to its junction with Egypt Lane

Casual Vacancy – The Clerk reported that no applications have been received.

Rebuild of Dorney Village Hall – Mr Easton explained that the Village Hall Committee is seeking detailed costs for all the building options available. These costs include a condition survey, structural survey and asbestos survey. One option will include detailed costs to carry out the minimal refurbishment required e.g. disabled access and make safe the roof and electrics. Once the costs and plans of all the options are collated, the Committee is hoping to carry out a public consultation at the end of February. Mr Harris pointed out that the Parish Council would only be able to support a project which has a guaranteed lifespan the same as that of the loan from the Public Works Loan Board if the Committee wished to proceed along this route.

Speed Camera Awareness Signage – To consider erecting a road sign '30 for a reason' on Village Road, Dorney. Further information is required as to the exact location of the sign and whether the sign would be legal.

Why Doesn't Dorney Have A Village Shop?

They looked so enticing in the second hand book shop in Liverpool. A complete set of the iconic (at least to those who studied the subject in their long distant youth) Oxford History of England. I resolved to, one by one, purchase and maybe even read them. Volume 3 on the 12th century found its way into my Christmas stocking. I found myself stealing away from the celebratory throng from time to time to caress its blue covers and anticipate pleasures to come.

The final volume had been written by AJP Taylor, who some will remember as a kind of David Starkey of black and white TV. Reading it, I reflected on the development of Dorney and Slough. He identified in the 1930s a species of 'new Englishmen' who had their own early and spurious 'escape to the country'. They aspired to live 'within sight of green fields' though these 'smeared with ribbon building, could hardly be called the country'. They lived in a 'baronial mansion on a tiny scale' with 'ill fitting windows and doors'. Sounding just like the Slough scorned by Betjeman, 'these new settlements had no centres, no sense, & no communal spirit.' It's my understanding that at the time individuals like 'the old colonel' sought to preserve Dorney from such encroachment with a narrow barrier of green fields.

Now millions can enjoy their *Escape to the Country* via the TV programme of that name. Families from Ilford or Swindon search out their own haven in a real country location. Expectations are wide ranging and virtually universal. We must have seen hundreds of episodes, but I think Dorney has yet to be included. How would our parish measure up to the demands of another generation of new Englishmen?

Everybody prioritises a village pub, and we have two. Young families always want a 'good school', and we have the finest, and now there is the Playground. Would-be villagers on the show always intend to 'get involved'.....well, Dorney has a village hall used by many societies, and the development of the hall has been to the forefront of everybody's minds this past year. St James is the most beautiful of churches.

But, there is something missing. In each village in each episode, the camera lingers on the village shop which is invariably the beating heart of the village. Dorney has no such heart. Our festive visitors asked why we didn't have such a hub to our village. I replied that we did have a village shop, and it was called Sainsbury's. Well, that's now, but can anyone tell me why this has apparently always been so? Can anyone tell me whether there has ever been a 'Dorney Stores', and if not, why not?

Peter Bowman (peter.bowman@virgin.net)

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Grumpy Thoughts in a Barber's Chair

"Usual please Mike. Not too short at the back."

I'm entering 2011 in a mental muddle. Little seems to make sense in this nation of graduate leaders. Indeed the demonstrations in London over university fees may be the best example of this. If the disrespect, desecration and violence demonstrated by those young, would-be undergraduates is anything to go by, their schooling would seem to have been a complete waste of our money. It's ironic that, one day, a boy was campaigning for university education, and some days later he found himself completing his own education, at our expense, in H.M. Prison for trying to murder people with a fire extinguisher.

Then there's the NHS. Last month I developed a double hernia. My GP said that recent funding cuts meant that I couldn't have an operation on the NHS unless the hernias became strangulated. I do not have private health insurance because I was daft enough to think that's what 58 years of N.I. payments were for, so I am now £3,340 worse off having gone private. Surely it is barmy not to treat people early rather than to wait until their problem, whatever it may be, becomes a really expensive emergency?

No one can deny that times are tough, and this is when we rely more heavily on charities. I have reason to know this because I used to run one and the distress we saw, especially in the bad times, could be heart breaking. Mine was called BEN. We looked after people from the motor and allied industries and trades. We were voluntarily funded by employees, companies and other supporters. Trade Benevolent funds are amongst the oldest and the most British examples of care. Almost every major employment sector has one. Now, however, The Attorney General has referred them to the Charity Tribunal to see if they "satisfy the public benefit test". In other words should they enjoy charity tax concessions such as Gift Aid if they limit their benefits to a certain group of employees, past and present, and their dependents. If it is decided that they should not, the work of these charities would implode causing chaos in UK care as tens of thousands of families lose their support. Perhaps our government in its youthful wisdom will rule against benevolent funds. If they do, I trust they won't wear poppies next November. After all, the Royal British Legion is a benevolent fund with restricted beneficiaries, too.

This is not to say that charities are always right. The YWCA (founded in 1855) has recently changed its name? Understandably they thought that the initials we all know so well did not really explain what or who they are so they spent £60,000 on a new image to make it all much clearer. The new name is – wait for it – **"Platform 51"** and if that leaves you baffled they have added the explanatory strapline:- **"girls and women at heart."** Wow! I bet whoever dreamed that up took media studies at uni.

"Thanks, Mike. Great haircut. See you next month. 'Bye."

Geoffrey Atkinson

Wyndham, Village Road, Dorney

Dear Editor,

NATURE NOTES + TRAINING + ROMANCE

We certainly had a white, peaceful Christmas 2010. Peace and quiet throughout the parish thanks to a blanket of snow. No planes and few road vehicles, driving slowly and carefully well within 30 m.p.h. Idyllic, up to a point, for it was also the coldest December for 120 years. One of the Government-paid eccentric professors promoting 'global warming' was tackled on radio on that very point. "Ah, yes, freezing winters are all part of global warming," he said. So now you have the complete picture, so that's all right then. Any complaints, see the manager.

Our wild garden birds certainly went through a tough period. Early on, the snow wasn't too difficult to brush aside on the back lawn, making it easier for them to be fed and watered. Our special singing robin is still with us, joined by a couple of others, plus lots of sparrows; blue and great tits; blackbirds; pied wagtails; hedge accentors; wrens; thrushes; chaffinches; starlings; ring doves; wood pigeons; magpies and our two resident crows. One ring dove is quite a character – he shoos off the bigger wood pigeons when he's feeding.

Not too many plants around at present which is not surprising. However, yellow winter jasmine and yellow mahonia have survived well, and thanks to somewhat milder recent S W. winds, pansies and wild primrose are showing as I write in mid-January.

Regimental Sergeant Major (R.S.M.) speaks.... "Parade! Atten...tion! Parade! Stand atease!" R.S.M. casts a beady eye over the parade and notes some post-Christmas beer bellies as well as cake and chocolate tummies. "Well my lovely boys and girls, it looks as though you all had a good and plentiful Christmas, as I did. Indeed, Santa left me a lovely CD of Mr. Rossini's music.." "William Tell, Sergeant Major? "Yes, thank you Miss La De Da Gunner Cheeseman." The R.S.M. is glad to have her in his squad as she is a good pianist and a fountain of knowledge on matters cultural in inter-squad quizzes. R.S.M. "On the command..... commence... You will start running on the spot to the final movement of Rossini's William Tell – guaranteed to get you all back to parade fitness." The R.S.M.'s dashing 'tash twitched and a rare grin crossed his face as he pressed the C.D player's start button.

Those of you who wish to lose weight, I can recommend you run on the spot to any of Rossini's music.

Soon it will be St. Valentine's Day, February 14th, so here's a pleasant little tune to set the scene – 'The Lady's in Love with You' by Frank Loesser and Burton Lane (1939).

If there's a gleam in her eye, each time she straightens your tie
You'll know the lady's in love with you.

If she can dress for a date, without that waiting you hate
It means the lady's in love with you.

And when your friends ask you over to join their table
But she picks that far-a-way booth for two

Well sir, here's just how it stands
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What do you think, Churchill? "Oooh Yes!"

Regards,

Tony Dixon-Smith (D.D.)

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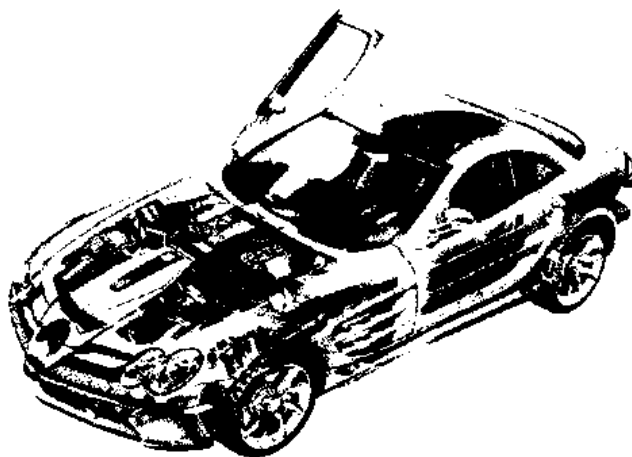
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