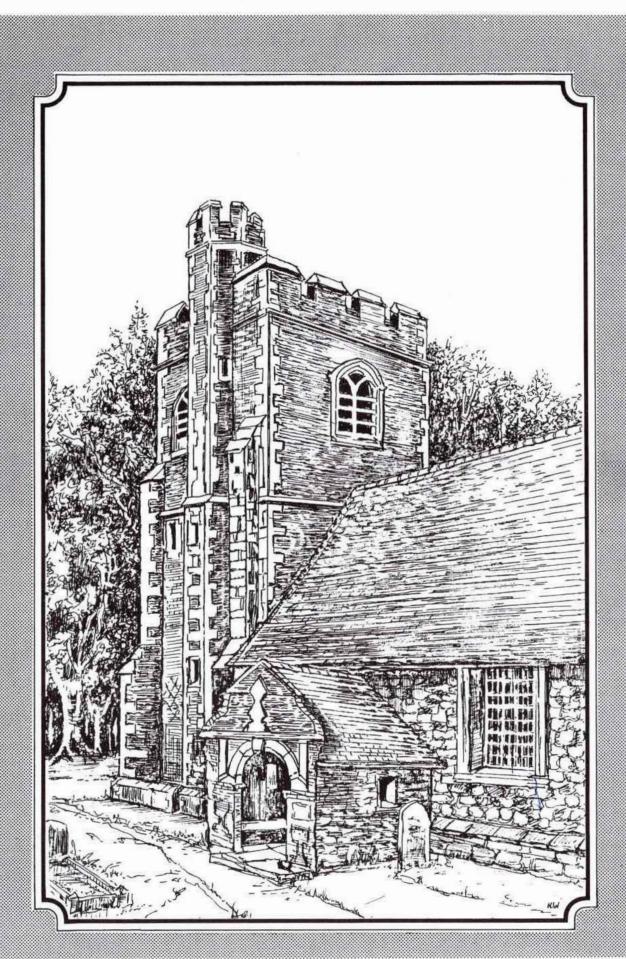
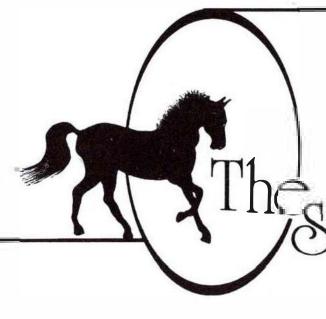
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EDITORIAL

The first issue of the year is an opportunity for me to express my thanks to all who contribute to this magazine and to those who bring it to your door. A copy falls on your doormat but perhaps you seldom see your distributor and so a chance to voice personal thanks may be rare. You will however get an opportunity this month when you will be asked for your £4 annual subscription. I hope, for their sakes, that the distributors find you in on their first call.

I wish particularly to acknowledge our debt to Lois Parker for her regular contribution - 'Nature Notes'. For the past twelve years Lois has written her monthly account. Her observations of the local countryside never cease to amaze me and without her notes I would be unaware of much of the natural wonders of the parish. To write these interesting pieces, often sprinkled with historical anecdotes, month in and month out is a major commitment and is very much appreciated by our readers.

I thank too another regular contributor, Kejers, whose tongue in cheek commentaries on local affairs are not to everyone's taste, but I am forever hopeful that they may induce some written reaction from our readers. More input into the magazine would be welcomed.

My final special thanks is to Nancy Wiltshire who, once again, has donated her time and artistic skills to create the art work for the advertisements on the cover pages.

why doesn't someone do something?????

An oft heard cry.

There is now an opportunity for a keen resident to be co-opted as a parish councillor until the elections in May 1999. Our present major concerns are plans for substantial environmental maintenance & improvements, plus the exciting Millennium projects. Not to mention the traffic calming ideas for the village. The person co-opted will have full input into our plans and may be able to head up a project of particular interest. We need some-one who can, generally, attend meetings on the evening of the second Tuesday of each month and spare a couple of hours a month on his or her selected project. The period of co-option is from now until the elections in May 1999, which represents an ideal opportunity for an interested person to give parish councilling a try for a shorter period than usual and without the formality of election. Meetings are friendly,

informal and non-political. For further information contact KenRichmond on (M'h'd) 626972, or any Parish Councillor.

Why not do it NOW?

Darred Parish Canal

'Be determined and confident' (Joshua 1:7 GNB)

A rather belated happy New Year to you all. The Christmas and New Year celebrations are almost forgotten as we become embroiled again in the busyness of daily life. However, the start of a new year gives us the opportunity of looking back, reviewing the activities and actions of the past year, and reassessing priorities for the new year. Never easy, but often essential for our own welfare and the welfare of those close to us. Changing situations require new approaches and priorities.

This process is also important in church life. It's easy to continue an established routine and set of activities, once good and effective, but if new challenges are to be embraced then some pruning may be necessary.

Over the autumn, in the Thursday evening study group, we have been thinking about what is involved in becoming a missionary church - a church which is effective in drawing alongside people in their daily lives, listening to their hopes and fears, and helping them to see the relevance of Christian faith for life today. It has been an interesting and challenging course. It has raised many questions. We continue to work through the answers. The one major point which has emerged is that genuine growth, both spiritual and numerical, will involve change. Change in our attitudes, approach and actions. Past patterns, once entirely appropriate, do not necessarily fit with life as it is today.

At our annual parochial meetings in April we will be presenting a parishes' mission statement, setting out the purpose of God's church in our communities as we approach the millennium. It is a yardstick against which we can assess our activities. I believe it will help us set priorities for the mission and ministry of the church here. Please note the date of those meetings and plan to attend one. At those meetings there will be information about our parishes' outreach week during the autumn of 1999. Planning for that has already begun!

As Joshua faced the immense challenge of leading God's people into the Promised Land, with all the change that would entail, he was told by God to be determined and confident - not because of his own abilities - but because God would be with him wherever he went.

God promises us his presence and his power as we rely upon him. So like Joshua, we too can be determined and confident as we face the changes and challenges of this year, in our personal lives and the life of the church.

With love

Paul.

Riverside Team 25th Anniversary

In May this year the Riverside Team celebrates 25 years of existence. To mark this anniversary there will be a special service at St.Mary's Datchet on Sunday 10th May 10.30am. Bishop John Bone, formerly bishop of Reading, will be preaching. Groups are being organised for the children, so all ages can attend. Following the service there will be lunch in Datchet (outside if fine). No other services are being held in team churches that morning.

Please put the date in your diary - more details nearer the time.

Church Services in February 1998

lst	9.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Domey
	11.00am	Combined Family Service	St. John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
4th	10,00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion with Sunday Followers	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00 a m	Holy Communion	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St.John the Evangelist Eton
15th	9.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday Followers	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.John the Evangelist Eton
25th	8.00pm	Riverside Team Ash Wednesday Service	Venue to be announced

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

March

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service at St. James Dorney

April

Wednesday 1st 8pm St. James Dorney APCM
Monday 6th - Thursday 9th Holy Week evening services
Friday 10th Good Friday all age worship
Sunday 12th Easter Day evening praise service at St. John's Eton
Monday 20th 8pm Eton/Eton Wick APCM at St. John's Eton Wick

May

Sunday 10th 10.30am Team 25th Anniversary Service + lunch at St.Mary's Datchet - no services in our churches that morning

Thursday 21st JPCC AGM at St. Many's Datchet including Holy Communion for Ascension Day

July

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes
Sunday 26th 3pm St. Mary's Boveney Patronal service
Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

EMMAUS - The way of faith Whole church Programme

Existing Programme

Ongoing Home groups

Weekly on Thursday evenings at Paul and Kate's

Weekly on Tuesday mornings

Needs venue, new day and new blood!

Monthly on Tuesday evenings at Rod and Penny's, the Informal Home Group Alpha courses

One or two a year, depending on take-up
Annual Alpha supper

What is Emmans?

Emmaus is a programme for churches of all denominations using the passage in Luke's gospel as its biblical model.

On the first Easter day two disciples of Jesus are travelling away from Jerusalem, dispirited after the crucifixion. The programme suggests that their real destination is not the village of Emmaus but a new experience of God. Like many people outside the church, they have a sense of God, they are disciples but maybe do not know what it really means to follow Jesus. Their current understanding of what God has done can only be found when the road of their life converges with that of the risen Christ. When this encounter takes place, they will be turned around and face back to Jerusalem. So the road to Emmaus becomes the way of faith.

Jesus comes alongside, unrecognised, meets them, walks with them, even in the

Jesus comes alongside, unrecognised, meets them, walks with them, even in the wrong direction, listens to them. CONTACT. At the heart of evangelism is relationship. We should not be in the business merely of telling people about God but of helping them to know God. So we need to go at their pace in their direction, as far as possible, with their agenda.

As the 2 talk with Jesus along the way, the conversation becomes a dialogue. Sharing where they are in faith becomes a journey to faith. NURTURE. It becomes an accompanied journey of sharing, instruction and explanation. It may be long or short but there need to be definite moments of recognition and commitment. For these 2, the breaking of bread. God is the evangelist and we need to trust him in this.

The 2 discover that their true direction is Jerusalem and set out to return in order to share what they have. GROWTH. A new life with Christ will lead to evangelism and growth.

Note also, when they return, they are met with WELCOME and LOVE. Something for the missionary church to take on board.

Emmaus material

This is divided into 3 stages.

CONTACT

With a view to inviting people to a nurture course later on, first build up relationships and friendship with those outside the church. Build stepping stones, trust, etc NURTURE

Starts when someone wants to explore Christian faith more seriously. A stage on the way where basics of faith looked at. There are 15 sessions under headings, What Christians believe, How Christians grow and Living the Christian life.

Nurture groups should become part of the church's ongoing programme and the whole church should be committed to them. For this purpose, it is suggested that those

on a nurture course should have a church sponsor and also that there could be an input into services at different stages.

GROWTH

All Christians need this! Those who have been through the nurture programme may stay together to form a group or groups to encourage and grow in faith. Others in the church may join in. There is Emmaus material for Growth groups too.

How Emmaus could fit for us.

- 1. CONTACT. As a church, we need to address this within our existing groups and formulate policies, encourage each other, etc.
- 2. NURTURE. Our Alpha courses really represent this but we need to make the whole process easier and more attractive.
- 3. GROWIH. Existing home groups can beneficially follow some Emmaus material:- both the Informal Monthly Home Group and the other weekly group(s).
- 4. It would be good to have a whole church policy and whole church involvement and support at one level or another.

Also, we need leaders. How do we grow them?

The aim will be to grow more groups and extend the kingdom of Christ.

Parish of Eton with Eton Wick and Boveney Parish of St.James the Less Dorney

Parishes' Prayer for the New Year 1998

Awaken us, Lord to your light, Open our eyes to your presence.

Awaken us, Lord to your love, Open our hearts to your indwelling.

Awaken us, Lord, to your life, Open our minds to your abiding.

Awaken us, Lord to your purpose, Open our wills to your guiding;

that in the days of this year
we may serve you with vision and boldness,
becoming the people you call us to be,
proclaiming your truth and beloing your
kingdom to grow in our communities. Amen.

LENT LUNCHES

Traditionally Charity Lunches are held during the season of Lent, and this year is no different.

A lunch will be held each Thursday from 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. and the proceeds raised given to the charity chosen by the hostess. Please come along and enjoy good company, an enjoyable lunch, and raise some money for needy causes.

The dates so far are:-

Thursday 26th February. Colin & Rosemary Morton, Dorney Vicarage

Mary Baker, Elm View, Marsh Lane Thursday 5th. March.

Angie Wood-Dow, Old Dimmings, Dorney Thursday 12th. March.



PARISH PUMP

Notes from the Parish Council Meetings 2nd Dec & 13th Jan

Millenium Heritage Projects

South Bucks District Council have confirmed availability of grants to be used for environmental improvements to the village, which the Parish Council would intend to use towards traffic calming.

Now the Christmas holidays are over it is hoped action on Millenium Projects will start to gather momentum.

Construction and gravel extraction are on line with the time-tables. A viewing platform, for public use, is to be built at the Boveney end of the rowing lake. It is hoped that an open day will be arranged during late spring or summer.

VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall New Year's Dance was very successful and £100 was donated to the MacMillan Trust from the proceeds. Coming events: Valentine's Day Dance, May and October dances.

<u>Parish Councillor Resignation</u>
<u>It is with regret that Counci</u>llor Millward's resignation, due to other pressures, has been accepted. We would like to thank her for all her bard work over the last few years and wish her well in the future.

If there is anyone in the village who can spare one evening a month and would like to join us on the Parish Council please contact the Chairman Mr Ken Richmond on 01628 626972

Anonymous Letters

It has been brought to our attention that someone has sent a letter purporting to be from the Parish Council on old Council note paper. If anyone receives a letter the authenticity of such being in doubt please contact any of the Parish Councillors and if necessary the matter will be reported to the police.

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From PADDY FIELDS to TOWER BLOCKS by Rod Dollimore

The second leg of the journey From PADDY FIELDS to TOWER BLOCKS took us 920 miles south from Seoul to the Republic of China, which is better known to most of us in the west as Taiwan. Although we may still think of the island as producing low-tech plastic toys they now mainly produce high-quality cameras, TVs and computers. This small island has one of the world's most dynamic economies, and is indeed, one of the Asian tigers. The Portuguese called Taiwan 'Formosa', or 'Beautiful Island', which if you can take the time to get out of the Taipei it certainly is.

Taipei City was our main destination, and on arrival in the bustling Airport we made our way to the Airport Bus. This 'luxury bus' turned out to be basic transport at its most basic and not exactly what we wanted late at night. It was noisy and very full, with hard seats and plenty of diesel fumes, but any concerns about slow progress were short lived as this old brute could keep up with the best Taiwan's motorway traffic. We sampled all three lanes in quick succession, and having completed that trick the driver amused himself by seeing how close he could travel to the car in front (at the highest speed possible). At last we arrived in the city centre and made our way the final few yards to our Hotel. The Hotel was very pleasant, although the surrounding area's earlier glories had obviously faded a bit with the passing of time. I always enjoy a guick walk around the block when I arrive somewhere new, and here on my doorstep were street hawkers selling all sorts of Chinese food, including 'thousand year' eggs (a speciality I smelt, and then declined). They were of course having to work hard to avoid being crowded out by McDonalds and Burger King selling that most common of all Far Eastern dishes! My return to the hotel was only hampered by the most enormous rat I have ever seen (although thankfully I'm not an expert) making its way into the hotel's underground car

The next day it was time for work. We made our way to the radio studios which were in a leafy village half-way up Yangmingshan Mountain, which gives marvellous views over the city. On the way up you pass the Grand Hotel, which is the grandest piece of Chinese kitsch you could ever see. It is enormous, with a gilded roof, and is, by local common consent, way over the top. We visited the impressive military Martyrs' Tomb, and the Film studios which are open as a theme park. The guidebook warns that these are not to be confused with those in Florida.

The Taiwanese comprise a minority of native islanders with considerable Portuguese influence from the time the island was known as Formosa, and also memories of the Colonial Japanese days. Taiwan has the best preserved Colonial Japanese architecture in the world, apparently the colonisation was very peaceful and so the property was not destroyed. We met some fascinating people, and were made very welcome everywhere we went. We spent one enjoyable evening visiting an outlying school where the children were learning English.

One lady we met, Margaret Pei, brought into sharp relief the passage of history. Most people nowadays think only of China as being the large Communist state we now know, with pernaps a little post-script about Chairman Mao, and Taiwan. This English lady had met, and married, a Chinese Naval officer in the 1930s. He had been visiting England to collect a new ship! In the great political changes that took place in China in the late 1940s he supported Chiang Kaisheck. The Navy defected to Mao, and Mr & Mrs Pei made their way to Taiwan with Chiang Kaisheck. They genuinely believed that the Chinese government in exile would soon return to the mainland, but almost 50 years later she is still there with her memories. When the Nationalist Government was exiled they took the greatest Chinese artifacts with them (around 750,000 items!). Taiwan consequently has one of the World's top four Museums ranking with the Louvre, the British Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

If you want to get out and about at night in Taipei the "in" place to go is a KTV (or Video Karaoke) bar. We've avoided this particular eastern offering so far, although perhaps on the final night of our travels...! Far more fascinating are the Temples and the street markets. The Lungshan Temple is a superb piece of architecture which is one of the most popular in the city. It is packed with worshippers all the time. Chants charm the ears while the air is heavy with incense and 'ghost money' smoke. (Ghost money is burnt so that dead relatives have some ready-cash in heaven, another local custom is to burn a large paper model of a smart car so that the ancestor can move around in style with their cash!). Some of the street markets are aimed directly at tourists, with all that the tourist might seek--and one or two things they'd rather not find. Snake Alley, near the Lungshan Temple, falls into this category, here you will find cures for all your ills. The problem is that the part of the animal required to cure your ailment is probably still quite happily attached when you first visit 'the quack'. I will say no more! The local street markets can offer other delights. They are great meeting places and carry on until 2 or 3 in the morning. We visited the one in Shihlin. Socialising is the thing here, and food is the best way to break down cultural barriers. Everything is available, and cooked in front of you, from the familiar fare of the local Chinese restaurant to more than a few slightly suspicious items. We particularly enjoyed the local speciality of pork dumplings. Who was it who ordered 80 of them though?

One activity with Thames Valley connections much in evidence in Taiwan is the manufacturing of computers. We met the Chairman of one large company, who has developed his firm from being a minor player in the 'clone' PC market into an innovative world class brand. We visited the production line, and saw his totally finished products coming off the line together with other virtually complete machines which were destined to reappear officially with leading Western names on them. They occupy a massive complex, and we visited him on a Saturday afternoon when there were few workers about. I remember seeing this highly successful entrepreneur walking around the headquarters of his empire turning off unnecessary electric lights.

One day we decided to go to the seaside. We didn't have a bucket and spade, but we had a few spare hours and the sense of adventure needed to try and buy a rail ticket! This is no more straight forward in the far-east than it is at home. Just combine our own complicated system of 'Blue-savers' and 'White-savers' together with a total inability to be able to read where or when you are going and great fun is guaranteed. We ended up in Keelung, the second largest port in Taiwan where Chiang Kaisheck and his Government had landed. It was not a splendid place, (second largest ports rarely are) the water had the consistency and colour of, well -Port, but we didn't taste it! - and so a bus ride was called for. The same language problems ensued, but we were soon on our way to Fulung, one of the main resorts in Taiwan which is very popular with surfers. It was October, and the season was over. Fulung had the same draw as most of our resorts have in October, but it had a wonderful and clean beach which looked as if it would be packed full in the summer. Back on the train, this time with assorted livestock, and back to Taipei, which was in full swing for the National Day celebrations. The decorations were bright and full of pageant. Unfortunately we couldn't get near them because of the high security surrounding the Presidential building. But they promised that the fireworks that night would be amongst the best we would ever see. Unfortunately they started 30 mins_after our plane took off for our next stop... Singapore.

Rod Dollimore

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

The 1998 programme of talks was issued at the Group's meeting on the 10th December, promising yet another year of interesting topics; the committee never seems to run short of subjects, despite the fact that this meeting marked the end of the 7th year of the Eton Wick Village History Group. It is hoped it may be possible to print the 1998 programme in full in this magazine.

Mary Gyngell has had her hip operation and is home - we wish her well. (Needless to say, she made the cakes again!) Congratulations to Vi Millis and her husband who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary and Vi's 90th birthday in January.

A man in Canada had sent Frank Bond an 1897 map of Boveney New Town and one of Windsor and a £1 note!

Tony Cullum then entertained the Group with a talk on the original "Christopher" Inn, which was situated opposite College Chapel in Eton. Mr. Cullum used the opportunity to take us on a journey through history, commencing with the Inn at Bethlehem at which there was no room and easing us through time, touching on maps of the 6,000 miles of excellent Roman roads in Britain, Hadrian's Wall and the other wall from the Clyde to the Forth. Soon we had left Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula and Claudius behind and were into stage-wagons, drawn by six or eight horses; and then the spring suspension stage coaches, high-perch phaetons, cabriolets and landaus - a trip from London to Bath would probably have been a three to four day journey - hence the need for coaching inns like 'The Christopher'. And, did you know the difference between a tollgate and a turnpike gate? (A turnpike gate is sturdier and had spikes on the top!) There was talk of Thomas Telford and also of John Macadam - who found that the secret of a good, lasting road was to dig down to a depth of 12", fill with granite chippings and leave it to the horses' hooves to grind it down into a solid base. And there were plenty of horses hooves pounding away, with over 1,000 vehicles leaving London every day in the early 1800s. Stagecoaches would leave Windsor at 7 am, 9 am and 3 pm and, in good conditions, would take about 4 hours to get to London.

There is mention of 'The Christopher' in 1511, when it was shown as a large complex of buildings with land leased with it "contained within 1 acre and occupied by Ruth Cox". The Inn has held various landlords including in 1636 Francis Dickin, from 1753 to 1775 a George King and, when the Inn finally closed, the landlord was a Jack Knight. For some time it was the only ale house in Eton which could offer bedrooms. In September 1803 a Baldwin's Bridge Trust dinner was held there at a cost of £5.6s.6d. plus 10/- for extras. In 1665 College boys were forbidden to go there, but it later became very popular with them and they would claim that they had to go there to meet friends coming from London, or to collect parcels from the mail. Eton's 'Pop' boys used to enjoy the food and ale there, particularly a drink (a bit like punch) called 'Bishop' at 12shillings per barrel.

Under the then Head Master, Dr. Hawtrey, the College obtained possession of the site in 1842 and it was used first as a French Pupil Room and then as a boarding house. Jack Knight, the former landlord, moved into 131 High Street and set up shop selling drinks to the boys; in 1871 his lease and goodwill were taken over by a Mrs. Emily Brown and in 1872 it was moved to the present Rowlands/Tap. The present 'Christopher' was opened in 1846 at 110 High Street and owes its existence to the closure of the old 'Christopher' - now called Hodgson House.

For the remaider of the evening, the Group repaired to the Small Meeting Room to enjoy a splendid buffet meal and Christmas punch.

The next Meeting will be on 21st January when the topic will be the 'HISTORY OF SALTERS STEAMERS' and the speaker will be Keith French.

Further information from:

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Eton Wick History Group Programme 1998

January 21st. History of Salters Steamers

Speaker.....Keith French

March 4th. Press Gangs

Speaker.....Dr. Judith Hunter

April 15th. History of local bridges

o'er Stream and River

Speaker....John Denham

May 27th. Village Shopkeepers =

Past and Present

July 8th. Local Fetes, Fairs,

Carnivals & Concerts

September16th. The decline of local farms

and Horticulture

Speaker.....Peter Tarrant

October 28th. Archaeology of the

Flood Relief Channel

Speaker Phil Cantrell

December 9th. Exhibition (Members)

Quiz - Punch & Ples

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank all who helped to make the New Year Dance a success - and all those who attended. This was a most enjoyable evening. Profit, after expenses are paid, goes to charity.

Lois Parker.

THANK YOU

A very belated letter to thank you all so much for such lovely presents on my 90th. birthday last November. An orchid, which had many, many flowers and will hopefully flower every year for many years, and a fascinating Garden Magazine which wafts you all over the world, to visit Tibetan gardens, and gardens and unusual plants in unusual places. Thank you so much for such pleasure-giving presents.

Brigit Ames.

NATURE NOTES

November/December

By mid November the golden leaves and white bark of birch trees were colourful when so many leaves had fallen. The three Spindle trees in Old Marsh Lane had plenty of bright, pink berries but those at the top of Marsh Lane had been trimmed too short to bear fruit.

Already fresh, green buds had appeared on Sycamore trees and catkins on Hazel bushes.

Whilst cycling in Marsh Lane a Kestrel flew straight in front of me and was soon harassed by noisy, angry Rooks which are abundant in the surrounding fields.

The weather has been right for fungi to appear as this was the mildest November for 100 years. There were many small toadstools, difficult to identify, common inkcaps, honey fungus and some cup fungi. There was an attractive stemless pink and white growth on our Lilac bush and a cup fungi growing on the side of the house. It was very sad to see a Muntjac deer lying dead on the road into Bray. It was the victim of an accident and the car which hit it must have been travelling very fast judging by the state of the body.

Whilst clearing up in the garden my husband disturbed a handsome black beetle, round in shape and with an indigo and purple sheen on the wing cases.

Lois Parker.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Friday 6th February Saturday 7th February

Saturday 14th February

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 25th March

Sunday 19th April

Friday 24th April

Saturday 16th May

Sunday 14th June

Sunday 19th July

Sunday 19th July

Saturday 5th September

Friday 18th September

Saturday 24th October

Friday 13th November

Meeting. Village Hall 8 p.m.

DDHS Spring Gardens Competition

DDHS Cheese & Wine Evening

DVHMC May Dance

DDHS Coach Trip to Warwickshire

DDHS Barbecue & Dance

DDHS Summer Gardens Competition

DDHS Annual Show

DDHS Harvest Supper

DVHMC Anniversary Dance

DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine

DDHS Steak Pie Supper & Quiz TVAP Auction of Promises*Dinner*Belly Dancer. Burnham Park Hall 7 p.m. DVHMC Valentine Dance

Village Hall 8 p.m.

Eton Wick Village History Group Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Dorney Parish Council Annual Parish

Meeting. Village Hall 8 p.m.

Dates of Church Events will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

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7.30-10.30 p.m.

Every Friday Dorney School

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Every Thursday Village Hall

6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the Vicarage

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NATURE NOTES

Wild Violets are still blooming in our garden. The mild weather means that other flowers such as Yarrow and Oxford Ragwort are doing well.

So far this winter, Redwings and Fieldfares have not appeared in our area. It has obviously been too mild for them.

Palm is already showing on Sallow Willows.

Gnats were flying in our garden in mid December. This is usually a sign that the following day will be fine - and it was.

The Starlings which nest under our gutters seem to be building a nest early, judging by the amount of straw which has fallen to the ground.

A spider has made a cocoon for its eggs in our Viburnham Fragrans bush. This bush has pink flowers which bloom from October until April and as the leaves do not appear until spring the cocoon was easy to see. I hope to see eggs hatch.

Thrushes come into a neighbour's garden which is good as they are becoming rare. I have seen no Greenfinches in our garden this winter.

The weather is still suitable for fungi. Wood Blewitts have shot up overnight. They are coloured pale violet but the caps become russet when the fungi ages. There are large numbers of Russula Pellica which is white with a funnel shaped cap. The cap has wavy edges and becomes brown when older.

Rain has made the moss along the edges of footpaths a bright green.

The wind has blown seeds of other plants into the prickly heads of teazels and these have germinated so that tender, new, green shoots are dangling out of the dead teazel heads.

Stickybuds are developing well. If the mild weather continues trees will come into leaf early.

I saw a Cormorant flying over the river so doubtless there are others around.

Lois Parker.

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8th January 1998

Dear Mr Belcher,

I am writing on behalf of the committee of SHOC to thank you and your village carol singers for raising £80 for our work with the homeless.

This Christmas was the sixth year our Shelter provided overnight accommodation and a warm friendly site during the day and night at Christmas time and wa had more guests than in previous years.

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Yours sincerely.

James Watts

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8th January, 1998

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On behalf of all the children and their families who come to stay at Helen House from time to time I send you our warmest wishes for 1998

Yours sincerely

Catherine Wilson

Catherine Wilson
Public Relations & Secretary

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Over the last year South Bucks Volunteer Bureau has supported over 120 charities and notfor-profit groups with volunteers. The voluntary work they do has varied from helping in an office to organizing safe cycling courses for children; from being a friendly visitor to elderly people in a residential home to helping disabled people ride a horse; from acting as an advocate to working in a museum; from taking decisions on a committee to making a survey of social needs in a given area.

Voluntary work is invaluable - it helps every one of our communities and is rewarding and fulfilling for the individual volunteer.

We have nearly 200 groups currently registered as needing volunteers. Help us to support groups such as Save The Children, RSPCA, Red Cross, Eating Disorders Association, Adult Literacy, Victim Support, PAT Dogs, Prince's Trust and many, many more. Give us a ring today to find out what they need and what you might like to offer? 01753 893793

Piece for Your Magazine

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WALLS UP

HURRAH!! eton college contractors have at last finished the Great Wall of Dorney. Brick for brick it probably took rather longer to build than the other, well known great wall in China. Now it only remains for something to be done to stop the flooding in Court Lane and the Parish could look quite respectable in the spring. Although I can foresee, in some parts of the parish, some conflict between the already long grass and the spring flowers.

JAM TOMORROW

I am (fairly) reliably informed that work on the M4 diversion which will enable construction of the Flood Relief bridge, is imminent. Actual bridge building will not start until early summer, with full restoration of the motorway by mid 1999. The environment agency claims that this diversion will cause no traffic problems, delays or tail-backs and therefore motorists will not be inclined to seek alternative "rat-rum" routes. Have you got your betting money ready?

EH?

The County Council nowconfirms that traffic lights will soon be installed at the junction of Marsh Lane/A4, despite suggestions that the £60,000 would better be spent on matters such as health, which are suffering huge cuts. These pleas obviously fell on deaf ears!

DE LIGHTS OF DORNEY

It is as well that the Parish Council will, by public demand, be discussing (again) traffic calming for Dorney Village; remember, residents rejected proposals made some three years ago. Road humps are now out of fashion as they cause more noise, vibration and pollution, but it should not be too difficult to find environmentally friendly methods to slow down traffic coming in from Dorney Common, particularly as the cattle will soon be out. The approach from Lake End is another can, as they say, of worms. But I have my own ideas, the most popular of which is to build a roundabout at the junction of Court Lane and Lake End/Village Road, as I suggested might happen, many years ago. You might prefer, instead, that the proposed Marsh Lane traffic lights be switched to this junction.

I am sure you will let me know.

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DORNEY ETON ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting heid at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 13th January 1998 at the Luxmoore's Room, Eton College

Present:

Ken Richmond

Rederick Watson

Eton College Bursar

Domey Parish Council - Chairman for the Meeting

Peregrine Palmer

Domey Court

Miss Elizabeth Matthews

Boveney

Colin Morton Keith Harris Eton Dorney Centre Dorney Commoners

Paul Oatway

Eton College - Boveney Ranger

Apologies:

Mrs. Margaret Wright

Domey Combined School

In Attendance: Jim Robson

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Bruce Brock
Brian Duckett
Philip Tilbury

Eton Aggregates
Glen Kemp Hankinson
H. J. Stribling & Pamters

I. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 14th October 1997 were taken as read and approved.

2. Matters Arising:

The Bursar explained to the Panel that the project was still on schedule, and a 'bar chart' would be produced for the Panel's next meeting, it would show the project remained on schedule.

3. The Programme - Progress Report:

Bruce Brock supplied annual figures for 'Material Processed' (647,000 tonnes) and 'Exported Material' (612,000). He then went on to outline the programme of works for the forthcoming year:

Gravel extraction in Areas 6, 7 and 8 to the west until Easter and in Areas 9 and 10 to start after Easter

Elizabeth Matthe ws asked, on behalf of the residents of Old Farm Corrages, if the bund to the rear of their properties could be reduced to its final levels as the noise and dust was not as bad as first thought and some view beyond the bund would be appreciated. It was agreed that this would be done within the works programme.

4. Highways - Landscaping and Accommodation Works - Completioo:

Brian Duckett explained to the Panel that the accommodation works were complete apart from a small section of the wall, which was to be finished by the end of that week. Ken Richmond told the Panel that the water build up on Court Lane/Lake End Road was said by the County Council to be caused by construction, and blockage of the gullies. He also informed the Panel that approval had been obtained from the County Council for the repositioning of the bus stop shelter approximately 2 - 3 feet further back, and for middly parking areas to be grasscreted or mounds put

in place to prevent parking, but such work must not interfere with the highways. These was some discussion about these proposals and Peregrine Palmer suggested waiting to see how the problem developed. Colin Morton asked Brian Duckett if the concrete posts remaining on site at the Eton Dorney Centre could be removed.

5. Plans for a Viewing Point:

The College's plans for a viewing point were discussed; and Keith Harris expressed concern about the barbed wire which it was proposed would top the fence surrounding the viewing point. The Bursar said that the Contractor was required to take reasonable steps to discourage entry onto the site

6. Plans for the Boathouse and Finish Area:

The Bursar introduced the College's architect, Philip Tilbury of Stribling and Partners, to the Panel; and went on to describe the proposal for the 'Finish' end, planned to be completed by the year 2000. Philip Tilbury outlined the characteristics of the proposed boathouse, which followed the footprint agreed at the Planning Inquiry, for aesthetic reasons it may be slightly curved. Provision was being made for weight and ergometer training for rowers. Mr. Richmond asked whether more land would be under concrete than was originally planned. The Bursar said that the tile/tarmac/concrete area (finish yet to be decided) would probably be about the same as that which appeared in the original plan. Mr. Harris and Mr. Richmond expressed surprise at the height of the boathouse canopy. The Bursar said that the height was not dissimilar to the conceptual drawing which appeared with the planning application. Philip Tilbury was undertaking a study of the setting of the boathouse in the surrounding landscape and this would be available shortly.

7. Footpath 10:

The Bursar had received a letter from Mrs. Shirley Hewitt-Teale, a Dorney Parish Councillor, asking about the condition of Footpath 10. The Bursar said that the College would expect to approve any proposal to change the nature of this pleasant rural path; he pointed out that the section on the Common could not be altered without the permission of the Lord of the Manor.

8. Correspondence:

Dr. Fladee of Dorney Reach had written to Mr. Richmond about what was, in his view, an unattractive green surface to the conveyor belt at the predominant right angle. The Bursar said that this was not on the Rowing Lake site, but undertook to write to Mr. Prior of Summerleaze supporting Dr. Fladee's request for screening.

9. Dates for Future Meetings:

The next Meeting will be held at Eton College on Tuesday, 14th April 1998.

10. Any Other Business:

Colin Morton asked the Panel, on behalf of Mrs. Brigit Ames, if an 'Open Day' could be arranged for viewing the archaeological artefacts and progress of the lake itself; she had been upset at not receiving a personal invitation to last year's Open Day. The Bursar said that the Information Centre and Viewing Point would be open in the Spring; it was anticipated that the Information Centre would be open from 2.00 p.m. until 3.00 p.m. on five days of the week. There would be no Archaeological Open Day since the Oxford Archaeological Unit would not be working on the Lake site in 1998. Bruce Brock said that the Eton Aggregates' postponed Open Day was now planned for April or May of 1998.

The Meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

World climates seem subject to quite dramatic changes over the recent past. Winter in Britain is nowhere near as harsh as it once was. In this part of Southern England snow, of any consequence, has been absent for some time although by the time you read this my comments may be proved to be premature. I do remember a year when snow made Marsh Lane impassable. Snowploughs were called out to clear a single lane for vehicles and we drove between banked up walls of snow that in places were as high as the roof of the car. It stayed frozen for days, if not weeks. Flooding was once a regular winter feature of the Thames Valley; none, in my lifetime, as devastating as the floods of 1947. As I need to fill what would otherwise be a blank page, and because a good historic account is always worth repeating, I have resurrected from our archives Miss Bennett's record of that winter in Dorney.

Eleanor Catherine Bennett was the Headmistress of the old Dorney School from 1919 to 1952. Ed.

FLOODS IN 1947

1947 was a year that the people of Dorney and the whole Thames Valley will always remember because of the great floods. Christmas was cold and stormy, and as the month of January advanced it became colder and frequent blustery snow storms swept the country. Water was frozen in ponds and everyone looked forward to warmer days.

At last, early in February, the temperature rose and the snow storms turned to sleet and late one Saturday night to heavy rain. Very soon it became clear that the water was not getting away through the frozen drains and ditches. Little trickles of water became small streams, and before we knew what was happening we found we were being surrounded by water and cut off from Eton Wick, Eton, Windsor and Maidenhead. We could get through via Lake End to Slough only in high motor lorries.

The whole of the Common was under water and Boveney Cottages were submerged up to the bedroom windows. The inhabitants were rescued by amphibians manned by soldiers and police. The people were taken to Slough and housed and fed till the end of the floods. Dorney street was under two to three feet of water; the shops were approached by raised boards, and no funerals could be held for three weeks. The school was closed and all farm work ceased. Large amounts of money were lost by the farmers who had crops and animals destroyed in the disaster.

After about a week the water began to recede, and then the clearing up operation began, some houses having as much as four feet of mud in their lower rooms. The American Red Cross sent gifts of tinned goods, for which we were most grateful.

E. C. B.

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1st February Epiphany 4

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Mr Liney

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11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge

8th February 9th Sunday before Easter

11.00 am Parish Communion

Sidesman Mrs Richmond Luke 8 v4-15
First Reader Mr Havton Proverbs 3 v1-8

Coffee Mrs Westendorp

Cleaning Mrs Robb

<u>15th February</u> <u>Sexagesima</u>

9.00am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick Cleaning Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

22nd February 7th Sunday before Easter

11.00am Parish Communion

Sidesman Mrs Ames

Welcoming & Gospel Mrs Baker John 8 v2-11
First Reader Mrs Dyson Numbers 15 v 32-36

Coffee Mr & Mrs Hayton

Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

1st March Lent 1

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11.00 am Parish Communion

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IF you have read this far you may be just the person needed by Dorney Parish Council to assist in preparing plans for traffic calming and environmental improvements as part of its Millennium projects. We wish to co-opt to the Council some-one who can attend meetings on the evening of the second Tuesday of every month and who can spare a further two or three hours a month helping implement the projects. The period of co-option is from now until the elections in May 1999; which represents an ideal opportunity for an interested person to give parish councilling a try, with only a short commitment. Is this you? Contact Ken Richmond on (Maidenhead) 626972, or any Parish Councillor, for further information.

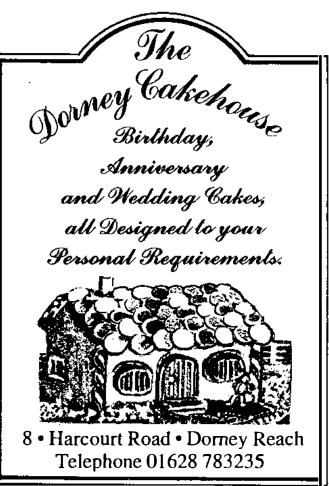
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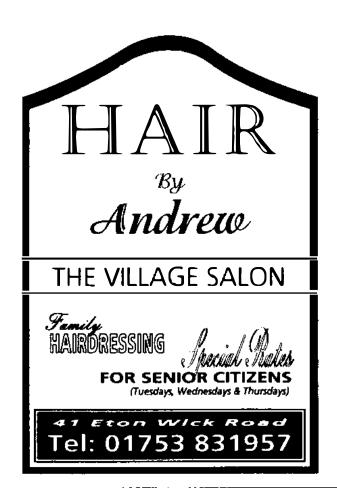


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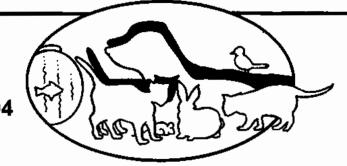
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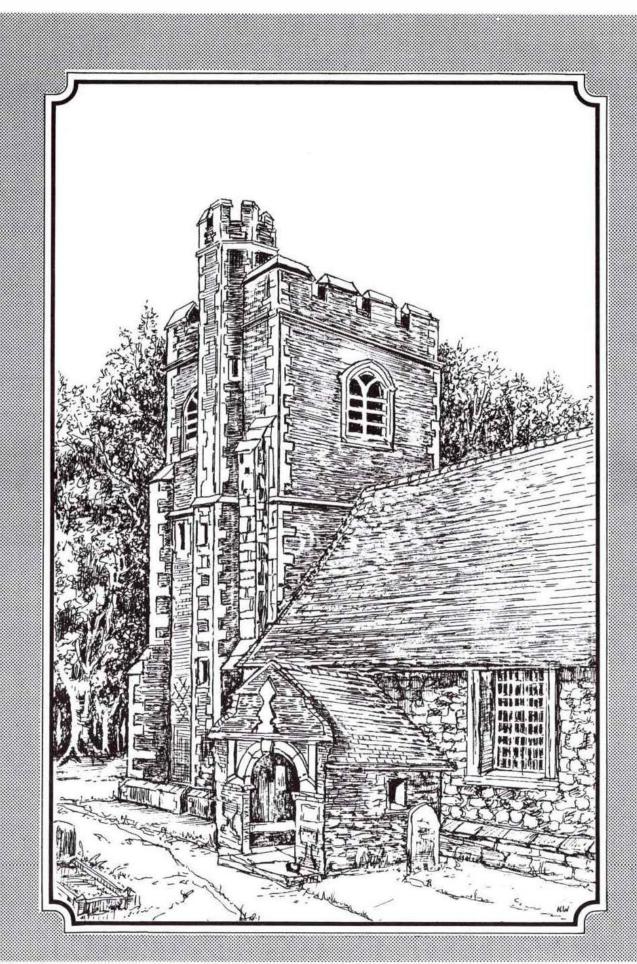
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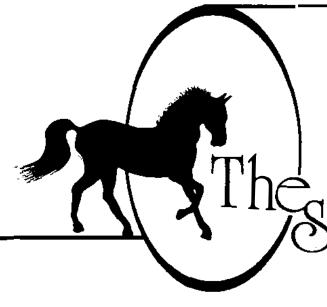
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EDITORIAL

The call, in our December issue, to be more appreciative of the parish environment has been aided by the Environment Agency's sympathetic approach to the local development of the flood alleviation channel.

A view from Dorney Reach is now unencumbered by unsightly vegetation. Instead, a charming gathering of site huts, of various hues - some in bright red for full visual effect - complement the turf-removed, exotically revealing curve of the intended M4 diversion and the huge pile of unwanted roots and branches that, until recently, were offensive hedge and copse. Travelling up Marsh Lane we find an area that has been tastefully cleared, in keeping with the thoughtful landscaping in Lake End Road, to accommodate the promised delightful water feature. In Marsh Lane, well ahead of time but in order to give maximum pleasure, that old scruffy hedge has been pulled out, affording wonderful sightings of motorway traffic.

I am sure the Agency's preservation of the countryside will be maintained in the months to come and we will have cause to thank them again in due course.

At the top of Marsh Lane where, as I understand, there is to be traffic lights, a pleasant, cobbled lay-by has been built. It will accommodate one vehicle only and I saw an official looking car with a coloured light on the roof, parked there. It is yet to be established whether this is simply a personalized parking facility or, in the light of local beautification, a work of sculptural art.

MILLENNIUM HERITAGE PROJECTS

At a meeting in February, it was noted that all projects were underway, although no expenditure can be incurred until grant aid is confirmed, hopefully this month. A paste up draft design will be prepared for the PARISH MAP and, later on, local artists will be asked to contribute vignettes. We are preparing a questionnaire for those who live in historic houses, so that details can appear in the Millennium PARISH BOOKLET, which is being prepared in association with the map.

If you have any treasured records, photographs etc. relating to the Parish, we may like to include them in the booklet or in a permanent PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION. Anything which you let us have will be copied and promptly returned; contributors will be acknowledged in the booklet or at the exhibition.

Are you prepared to walk particular parts of the Parish, in all seasons, to record what you see for the FLORA & FAUNA RECORD? Please let us know. A map of areas about which information is needed will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Eton Collegers will be interviewing residents about their views on old Dorney as part of the DORNEY VIDEO. We shall be pleased to hear from anyone with a story to tell. Work is progressing, using the 1951 census, on the GENEALOGY associated with one or two (old) names, familiar to the village.

Each of these projects has its own project leader. To get the best from these HERITAGE PROJECTS we need everyone in the community to be involved. If you have any ideas or think you can help, please come to the Annual Parish Meeting on March 25th, at the Village Hall, 8.pm; or telephone 01628 626972

Porney Porish Canall

Lent - a time for listening and learning

By the time you receive this magazine Lent will have begun. In some people's minds Lent is associated with giving something up - perhaps the eating of sweets or drinking of alcohol. While such discipline can have value, there is more to Lent than this. Traditionally, in the Church, it has been a period of spiritual preparation. Those who were to be baptised at Easter took part in a course of teaching and training during Lent. Baptised Christians used it to prepare for the celebration of Easter, by renewing their own spiritual disciplines of prayer, bible reading and fasting. It was a time for listening and learning.

Such a positive approach to Lent can be of value to us, wherever we are along the Christian road - just starting the journey or someway down the road. There is always more to discover about Christian faith - to listen and learn - standing still is not an option.

The Lent groups this year are designed to help us 'move on' from where we are. We are using material from the Emmaus Course, which Alison Hassall wrote about in last month's magazine. This course looks at differents aspects of Christian faith and life, and through engaging with scripture, group discussion and sharing of experiences, prayer and worship, aims to increase our understanding and deepen our faith.

I hope, that in addition to regular home group members, other people will join a group for the period of Lent. Details of the groups are shown at the bottom of this letter. If you've already missed one, don't worry, you can still join in. If you would like to take part but going out in the evening is impossible for you please let me know. We will try to arrange something if there are sufficient numbers.

Whether you come to a group or not consider how you can use this Lent as a time of listening and learning, and so arrive at Easter with your faith strengthened and renewed.

With love

Paul.

Lent Groups:

Tuesday 17th March 8pm at Rod & Penny Dollimore's 35 Tilstone Close Thursday 26th February, 5th, 19th, 26th March, 2nd April 8pm at The Vicarage Eton Wick

Moving On

As a number of you will already know Colin and Rosemary Morton will be leaving the Eton Dorney Centre in the near future. Colin has been offered the post of Warden at a 'house' for mature overseas students in Manchester, owned by the Methodist Church.

Colin and Rosemary have been friends to a large number of people, outside the church as well as in it. They have made a very real contribution to the life of the local community, and within the church they have helped in many ways, both pastoral and practical (will the Eton/Eton Wick magazine ever look the same without Colin's well chosen clip art to lighten the vicar's letter!) As Warden and Housekeeper at the Centre they have extended a warm welcome to all and vastly improved the physical state of the buildings, as a recent report highlighted. Our loss is Manchester's gain.

Please pray for them as they prepare to move, for Catherine as she continues to work at the Centre, and for those who will have to make decisions about the future use of the Centre and possible replacements for Colin and Rosemary.

Church Services in March 1998

1st	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Family Service with Baptism Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.John the Evangelist Eton
4th	10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
8th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion Morning Worship	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton
12th	8 ,00 pm	Parishes' Prayer Time	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
15th	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Worship with children's groups	St. James the Less Dorney St. John the Baptist Eton Wick
22nd	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Family Service for Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton
29th	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Worship with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

April

Wednesday 1st 8pm St.James Dorney APCM at the Eton Dorney Centre Easter Sunday 12th 3pm Easter Egg Hunt at Dorney Court (in aid of RiverReach) Monday 20th 8pm Eton/Eton Wick APCM at St.John's Eton Wick

May

Sunday 10th 10.30am Team 20th Anniversary Service + lunch at St.Mary's Datchet - no services in our churches that morning

Thursday 21st JPCC AGM at St.Mary's Datchet including Holy Communion for Ascension Day

June

Saturday 6th Riverside outing to Peterborough Cathedral
Sunday 14th 6.30pm Evening Praise at St.John's Eton Wick
Wednesday 24th 8.00pm Video on parenting at 69a Eton Wick Road - all welcome

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Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes
Sunday 26th 3pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal service
Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

Riverside Outing to Peterborough

Following the excellent support given in the past to various Cathedral visits a further one has been arranged for SATURDAY 6th JUNE 1998 to Peterborough.

An officially guided tour of Peterborough Cathedral has been arranged with the rest of the day at one's leisure. The cost of the excursion is £12 per person.

Booking forms and posters relating to the visit will be distributed in due course. Meanwhile kindly make a diary note of this event.

Holy Week and Easter Services:

5th April Palm Sunday

Mon. 6th - Wed. 8th

Thurs. 9th

11.00am Combined Family Service with Baptism St.John's Eton Wick

8.00pm Music & Meditation for Holy Week St.John's Eton 7.00pm Meal at Eton Dorney Centre followed by short service at

St.James Dorney

Good Friday 10th 11.00am Ecumenical act of worship and witness in Eton Wick followed

by lunch at the church. Afternoon meditation in the church.

Easter Day 12th 9.30am & 11am Family Communions at St.John's Eton Wick &

St.James Domey

6.30pm Easter Praise Service at St.John's Eton

Church Electoral Roll and Annual Meetings:

Prior to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (dates for these are in forthcoming events) we update our electoral roll. This roll represents the membership of the church - all those who regularly worship in one of our churches and in different ways contribute to the life and work of the church. If you're not sure whether you are on the electoral roll (there are separate rolls for the parish of Dorney and the parish of Eton and Eton Wick) or you would like to go onto the roll please contact the following:-

Eton/Eton Wick

Vivienne Gibson

Tel: (01753) 862764

Domey

Joy Richmond

Tel: (01628) 626972

Electoral roll forms are available in all our churches. If you would like to discuss church membership please contact Paul Reynolds (01753) 852268.

The Annual meetings are important as they provide the opportunity to review the church's work over the past year and consider the vision for the future. This year we will be presenting our Parishes' Mission Statement to the meetings (as mentioned in my letter in February's magazine). Please plan to attend one of the meetings and take your part in helping God's church in our communities to become more effective in its mission and ministry.

Paul Reynolds.

Riverside Team 20th Anniversary

In May this year the Riverside Team celebrates 20 years of existence. To mark this anniversary there will be a special service at St.Mary's Datchet on Sunday 10th May 10.30am. Bishop John Bone, formerly bishop of Reading, will be preaching. Groups are being organised for the children, so all ages can attend. Following the service there will be lunch in Datchet (outside if fine). No other services are being held in team churches that morning.

Please put the date in your diary - more details nearer the time.

Dorney Parish Council

Chairman: K. J. Richmond

Tel: 01628 26972

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 1997, IN DORNEY VILLAGE HALL STARTING PROMPTLY AT 8 PM

AGENDA

INTRODUCTION

I APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF 1997 MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr. Ken Richmond

4. FINANCE - BUDGET & PRECEPT

Cllr. Graham Easton

5. SPECIAL REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS:

I. Cllr. Keith HARRIS

MAINTENANCE, BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP.

2. Cllr. Ruth ROBINSON

MEMORIAL GARDENS, LIGHTING

3. Cllr. Shirley HEWITT-TEALE FOOTPATHS, TREES

4. Cllr. Charles COISH

DOG BYE LAWS, TENNIS PROJECT

6. MILLENIUM PROJECTS - I. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS CIIr. K Richmond
2. HERITAGE SBDC CIIr. J Richmond

- 7. REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
 - I. Eton Dorney Centre
 - 2. Neighbourhood Watch
 - 3. Village Hall
 - 4. Dorney School
 - 5. Horticultural Society
 - 6. Others (pse advise Clerk prior to meeting)
- 8. FLOOD CHANNEL & ROWING TRENCH
- 9. QUESTIONS TO:

I. COUNTY COUNCILLOR

(Clir. Mark Taylor)

2. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

(Cllr. Joy Richmond)

- 10. DOMINIC GRIEVES, MP.
- 11. OTHER BUSINESS at the discretion of the Chairman

THERE WILL BE AN INTERVAL FOR TEA & COFFEE (time permitting)

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA, IN ADVANCE AND TO ATTEND, ASK QUESTIONS AND VOTE



WINTER 1947

After reading the excerpt from Miss Bennett's diary I would like to record my memories of that dreadful winter.

The flood took place in March not February. Before that, ships bringing coal for the power stations had difficulty reaching London so electricity was off every day from 10 a.m. - 12 noon and from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret were on an official tour

of South Africa, and how we envied them. At that time my first husband had a smallholding in Marsh Lane. With our two small sons we lived with my mother and grandmother in this same house. Gran became ill with bronchitis. Fuel was rationed but extra was awarded for illness. It usually arrived when the worst of the illness had passed.

The flood began as a trickle across Marsh Lane at 11 p.m. By morning there was over 3ft. of water across the fields and Marsh Lane. The lock keeper at Bray Lock, Mr. Baldwin, punted across the fields to Philpott's shop. The water was almost up to the bend in the lane.

Our smallholding suffered as all our chickens were drowned and a clamp of mangolds was swept away. The cows were standing up to their stomachs in water and one decided to calve. The sanitary inspector came to the rescue. We arranged for our cows and Mr. Climo's to go to Mr. Dyke's farm at Taplow, so milking had to take place in the open. The calf was safely delivered. Part of what is now Dorney Reach Road was flooded and it was impossible to reach the post box which used to be there. As the floods began to recede a gale force wind, on a brilliant sunny day, blew tiles off our roof.

People whose houses had been flooded were granted extra soap and soap powder ration.

Loss of cattle fodder was serious as cattle cake was rationed and the hay, kale and mangolds grown by farmers was almost exhausted by the end of March.

All sorts of articles were left hanging in the hedgerows and the odour was most unpleasant.

Lois Parker.

LENT LUNCHES

Charity lunches are held every Thursday during Lent from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Funds raised will be given to a Charity chosen by the hostess.

Please come along and enjoy good company, an enjoyable lunch and raise some money for needy causes.

Thursday 5th. March. Mary Baker, Elm View, Marsh Lane, Dorney Reach

Thursday 12th. March. Angie Wood-Dow, Old Dimmings, Village Road, Dorney (in aid of Marie Curie Foundation)

Thursday 19th. March Sylvia Livsey, The Old Cottage, Village Road, Dorney (in aid of TVAP)

Thursday 26th. March Marion Hellmuth, Boskerris, 15, Marsh Lane, Dorney Reach

Thursday 2nd. April Mary Robb, The Chauntry, Lake End Road

THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 1998



New Parish Councillor

Mrs Jill Dix was welcomed at her first meeting and was co-opted as a full member of the Parish Council. It is good that the Council is up to full strength again.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on Wednesday, 25 March, in the Village Hall. The agenda with the Minutes of last year's meeting will be delivered to every household in the parish. Our new MP, Dominic Grieve, hopes to attend.

All residents are invited to come along to hear about the activities of the past year and plans for next year, as well as put forward their own views and ideas.

Tennis Courts

Councillors were disappointed to learn that the appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the tennis courts was not successful.

Millennium Environment Plan

At a special meeting earlier in February, the plan to improve the environment of the parish was discussed in detail; funding is available from South Bucks District Council to install some basic traffic calming, put up better village signs, and plant trees and shrubs. An officer from the County Highways department will visit shortly to give information and advice.

Millennium Heritage Projects

A special meeting of those involved and interested in these projects would be held to discuss progress made and the next steps to be taken. Applications have been made for grants to help finance these projects.

Dorney Common

On Sunday, 15 March, 10.30 am, residents are invited to join in the annual litter picking before the cows are put out. Plastic sacks will be provided.

Hedges

Now that spring is bringing plants back into growth, residents are reminded to take care that hedges on their boundaries do not obstruct footpaths or obscure sightlines for traffic.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 10 March, in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8 pm.

MAIDENHEAD MUSIC SOCIETY
Desborough Suite, Maidenhead
Monday 23rd. March at 7.45 p.m.

Lyndhurst Trio

Concert Champetre
Trio
Villa Lobos
Two songs
Variations on La ci daremala mano
And works by
Poulenc, Auric and Bozza

Tickets £6 (members) £9 (non-members)
May be bought at the door, from the Box Office at
Sheargold Pianos Ltd., Maidenhead. or ring 01628 622021

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Valentine Dance was a great success. The Committee would like to thank everyone who helped, preparing the hall, cleaning up after the dance and in other ways. The decorations were most attractive.

Profit goes to the upkeep of the hall.

Lois Parker.

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

At the meeting on the 21st January, Frank Bond gave a special welcome to Mrs. Bartlett from Boveney and Mr. and Mrs. Charlton from Stoke Poges. Mr. Bond referred to a letter received from American 'Montague' relatives of David Green, the Boveney Lock-keeper: the letter mentioned ancestors buried at Boveney in 1600; the letter even contained pages from a book which described "standing in the shade of a tree at Boveney Church by the graves". But, as we know, whilst there is a memorial board to the Montague family in the church, there is no sign of any 'grave' in the churchyard. Mrs. Joan Ballhatchet is going to explore the history of the church to try and discover whether there were ever any burials there and thus unravel the mystery.

The evening's speaker, Keith French, is a member of the Tarrant family (the oldest Eton Wick family); he is one of three brothers. Mr. French also has ancestors in Dorney going back to about 1700.

The topic for his talk was "A History of Salters Steamers" and Mr. French explained that whilst French Brothers was only 20 years old, Salters had been one of the greatest Victorian institutions ever created: at the turn of the century there were 250 passenger steamers registered on the river, a number of which were Salters'. The Salters were originally London publicans but a second generation became boatbuilders and subsequently moved to Oxford in 1850, by which time they were teetotal and there was no alcohol served on their boats until 1930, neither did they run trips on Sundays! In Oxford they also rented a University boathouse and built various rowing craft. Meanwhile a Henry Astrop started an Oxford to Kingston passenger service with a paddlesteamer called 'Isis'; similarly a Mr. Horsham contracted with Davis of Abingdon to build another paddlesteamer, 'The Thames', which carried 135 people; and later Salters were to buy this boat and another Horsham-built craft called 'The Alaska'. Nothing was heard of the paddlesteamers after 1905 but the 'Alaska' still exists today, it was restored about 15 - 20 years ago, and is in private ownership. Salters recognised and took advantage of the benefits of linking up with the railways, timing departures to follow train arrivals. Their trips to and from London involved many official stops, including stopping overnight at hotels, but the boats could also be flagged down from the bank and they would send a dinghy across to transport the casual passenger to the boat. New boats were always on order and came from various sources including Clark of Brimscombe, whose boats were so large that they had to be transported by road from Bristol without their sterns on, these were bolted on later; and from Baker of Iffley who used the Sissons design. Mr. French illustrated his talk with many slides of the various boats, describing the many changes in design and size and including the 90' x 14' 'Goring' which still exists today.

Salters were so successful that they were soon able to make boats for other river operators, such as Joseph Theophilus Mears, who operated 30 craft from Richmond downstream to Greenwich and upstream to Windsor; and for the Baptist Missionary Society for whom they were to build a 120' x 25' boat, disassemble and pack it for transport to the Belgian Congo where it was eventually re-assembled. Salters took over C. Maynard and Sons' Thameside offices in Windsor after the First World War, and did a roaring trade running passengers back and forth from Windsor Races.

However, the fact that Salters initially didn't run on Sundays had left an opening for Arthur Jacobs, who in 1923 moved to the promenade by the Thames Hotel; Jacobs had the 'Windsor Castle' built by Lance Summers on Jacobs Island, and then the 'Grand Duchess'. But, by 1930, Salters had bought his business out; in fact, Salters were constantly buying out smaller businesses.

The crews of the boats were very smartly turned out, although dress is casual now. They often lived on the boats, having cabins down below, and would work the boats all Summer, paint them for the first two months of Winter and then they would go and work in the coke and gas works until the Spring.

In 1977 the French brothers decided to operate passenger boats themselves and they bought a boathouse at Runnymede. Salters wouldn't sell them a passenger boat but there was one for sale in York, so up they went on a cheap day return, but the boat was too expensive and they returned home. Nevertheless, they made a bid of £3,250, which was accepted and so travelled up by overnight coach, arrived too early, slept on a station platform with a carrier bag containing £3,250 in cash as a pillow, eventually collected the boat and came back down in the lorry. The boat had dried out on the journey down and when it was lowered into the water it leaked very badly; the brothers decided to go for lunch to consider the situation (or perhaps to drown their sorrows) and when they returned the boat's timbers had swollen and it no longer leaked! The French Brothers called this, their first boat, the 'Lady Margaret Anne' after their mother. They went from strength to strength and by 1989 had a bigger fleet than Salters. Salters Steamers, although now much scaled down, is regarded as being one of the foremost (river) passenger steamer companies of its time.

A lively question and answer session followed Mr. French's talk; and on behalf of the Group Mr. Tony Cullum thanked him profusely.

The next Meeting will be on 4th March when the topic will be 'PRESS GANGS' and the speaker will be Dr. Judith Hunter.

Further information from:

Mr. Frank Bond Tel: 850960 Mrs. Joan Ballhatchet Tel: 850699

MAIDENHEAD DRAMA GUILD
Desborough Suite, Maidenhead
Wednesday 18th. March - Saturday 21st. March at 7.45 p.m.

WHEN WE ARE MARRIED by J. B Priestley

Tickets £7 Adults/£6 Concessions

Box Office 01628 522225 and at Hammicks, Nicholsons Walk

DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday 4th March Eton Wick Village History Group Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Dorney Parish Council Annual Parish Wednesday 25th March Meeting. Village Hall 8 p.m. St. James APCM Wednesday 1st April Eton/Dorney Centre at 8 p.m. Sunday 12th April Easter Egg Hunt Dorney Court 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. DDHS Spring Gardens Competition Sunday 19th April Friday 24th April DDHS Cheese & Wine Evening DVHMC May Dance DDHS Coach Trip to Warwickshire Saturday 16th May DDHS Barbecue & Dance Sunday 14th June Saturday 18th July Sunday 19th July DDHS Summer Gardens Competition Saturday 5th September DDHS Annual Show Friday 18th September DDHS Harvest Supposed DVHMC Anniversary DDHS Harvest Supper DVHMC Anniversary Dance

Dates of Church Events and LENT LUNCHES will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine

Friday 13th November

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month the Vicarage 8 p.m. DORNEY P.C.C. Second Monday of alternate months DORNEY VILLAGE HALL i.e. March, May, July MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Village Hall 8 p.m. Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney. DORNEY OVER 60's CLUB Tuesdays 12.15-2.00 Dates: 10/3 21/4 12/5 9/6 11/8 8/9 13/10 10/11 8/12 All dates may be subject to alteration. Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m. Every Sunday Village Hall DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB DORNEY BOWLS CLUB 7.30~10.30 p.m. **RAINBOWS** Every Friday Dorney School 3.30-4.30 p.m. Every Thursday Village Hall BROWNIES 6-7.30 p.m. **GUIDES** Every Wednesday the Vicarage 7.15-9 p.m. EXPLORERS. Christian) Youth Group) See Church diary/notice boards for (8-12 years old)) meeting place, dates & times VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS Anne Caldwell 01628 602706 DORNEY BABY SITTING CLUB Karen Jones 01628 625037

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Chief Co-ordinator: - Mike Hoile 01628 625407

TO REPORT ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS TELEPHONE LOCAL POLICE 01753 506000

TO REPORT INCIDENTS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE POLICE ACTION TELEPHONE 999



SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

An Inspector has agreed with the District Council that a pair of tennis courts proposed for Green Belt Trumpers Field would ruin the open aspect and the view from the towpath (and the M4!) and should therefore not be permitted.

Much more intrusive, of course, than the 2,000 square metre 50 foot high eton "Boat House" proposed as part of the rowing trench.

PHANTOM DIBBER

The number of sites which are being created by the environment agency seem to be on the increase. Even where there are no plans to start significant work for some months they cannot seem to resist making random small and large areas look like a scenario for world war three. And, it would appear, once a site, always a sight.

KEEP CALM

I note that the Parish Council plans for improvement of the environment include "traffic calming" in Village Road. This is said to be in response to demands from residents in the village, but I wonder if a majority will actually approve the final proposals, no matter how environmentally sympathetic they may be. I am particularly pleased to see that the Council has taken up my idea for a roundabout at Court Lane/Lake End Rd. Kejers Comer, pethaps?

PRAISED WITH FAINT DAMNS

I have to thank the Editor for the "acclamation" which he printed last month; I know that he values this column as a space filler, lessening his requirement to sell advertisements. As you would expect, I have passed on his remarks to the many contributors to this column, some of whom are surprised to have their serious writings described as "tongue in cheek".

> Kejers march •98

SLOUGH PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY
Slough Grammar School
Saturday 28th. March at 8 p.m.
(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Cornish Dances Cello Concerto on A minor Symphony No. 2 in E minor Arnold Schumann Rachmaninov

Tickets £8.50 & £5. Students £4

Box Office 01753 643521

also available at the door

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Eton College School Hall Saturday 28th. March at 7.30 p.m.

La Mer Fountains of Rome Bolero Debussy Respighi Ravel

Tickets £8. Concessions £5. Children age 12 & under £2 Available at the door or from Howard Rogers 01628 531209

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Thirteen hours after leaving Heathrow, our plane lands at Singapore for stage three of our excursion from Paddy Fields to Tower Blocks and we enter what I imagine might be 'Kejer's' idea of Utopia. No chewing gum (You get caned for that!), no McDonalds in the street (You get fined for that). The dogs can all seem to read the signs on the lampposts and make their way dutifully to the doggy loos. The T shirt says "it's a fine Country" on the front. On the back though, it says "You get fined for everything". It's a strange but exciting place, and considering it ceased to be 'British' more than thirty years ago, in many ways it resounds to more 'Imperial Echos' than other 'ex- Colonial' outposts.

The first thing that hits you is indeed the cleanliness. The Airport is immaculate, the road into the City is spotless and beautifully decorated with flowers. It's then that you notice that the Cab driver is sitting on the right hand side of the car, and that the traffic lights have a feeling of deja-vu about them. It's like being in a greenhouse of course (after all you'reless than 100 miles from the equator), but it's probably cold and wet at home so who cares?

My visit was at the beginning of December, and so I discovered that Christmas in Singapore is the ultimate in shopping activity. We may complain about the commercialisation of Christmas here, but in Singapore they have it down to a fine art. The decorations are quite amazing, the sense of competition between the stores is fierce. One store had been clad in fibreglass 'stone' to appear like a Cathedral complete with stained glass windows while the winning store this year was clad in its entirety in what appeared to be pink cling-film! Although the churches do have their own displays Singapore is constitutionally secular so there is very little religious content to these decorations, which means they first go up for Diwali, are modified for Christmas and updated again for the Chinese New Year. So, seasonal stocking-up of watches, electronic goods, bespoke suits, jewellery and cosmetics completed, what else is there to see and do in Singapore?

We visited Changi, known nowadays as the local prison, most famously where drug-traffickers are held, although for many it still holds World War Two memories as the prisoner of war camp during the Japanese occupation. There is a museum of the war-time prisoners together with a memorial chapel modelled on the original one. It includes the Brass cross secretly made by the prisoners from the empty bullet cases they found around the area.

The food in Singapore is fantastic. There are restaurants of all kinds, and of course to very highly regulated standards of hygiene. We had one meal in a 'traditional English' Indian restaurant complete with flock wallpaper and a 'Two-pint-Lager Sir?' greeting from our waiter, a Chinese meal in the north of the island within sight of Malaysia, a splendid North Indian Feast by the docks, but the ultimate treat is to go to the Hawker food parks near Newton Circus. Here you choose your menu from the various hawkers at their counters. Some sell fish, some meat, others desserts, and so on. We had an expert guide who chose for us, and we can all certainly recommend the Chilli crab!

The Singapore attitude to crime is often unfairly portrayed in the west. The fines and swift punishments often make the headlines here, and they do exist as I

mentioned above. They are however, obeyed by the residents out of common courtesy and seem to work very well. Taking litter as an example, a 'beat' policemen is likely to be quick to remind people to put their litter in the bin if they do drop it. Persistent offenders are likely to incur a fine and a Saturday morning of litter clearing. The stronger punishments are far more likely to be reserved for the few anti-social tourists who question the need to abide by the rules of any country they are visiting.

A visit to Singapore would be incomplete without a Singapore Sling served in its original home, the Long Bar in Raffles Hotel. Poor old Raffles fell upon hard times in the 70s and 80s when, after its glorious past, it had become a backpackers stopoff, its more illustrious clients having deserted it for the more modern airconditioned tower-blocks. The Singapore Government realised its importance and so it was renovated, extended and generally spruced up. It is, perhaps, a little too perfect now, but its doing great business. As you enter the Long Bar, there is a steady crunching beneath the feet. These are peanut shells, the reason being that this is the only place in Singapore exempt from the tidiness laws, and everybody makes sure that they make the most of it!

From the air conditioned luxury of Singapore our next journey is to the Philippines. After our trips to South Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore, all definitely Asian Tigers, The Philippines are far more of a 'wannabee' Asian Tiger, although the outlook there is better than many people might imagine.

Rod Dollimore

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NATURE NOTES

During winter it is not unusual to find a Small Tortoiseshell or Peacock butterfly hibernating in the garden shed, greenhouse, loft or behind curtains. If you find one leave it where it is if possible. If not, put it in any sheltered nook or cranny where it will not be exposed to wind and rain. Then it will survive until spring.

Water Wagtails are to be seen in gardens and roads looking for food as insects are not so plentiful at this time of the year despite much mild weather.

Fourteen nests have survived the high winds in the M4 rookery and four are partially intact.

Leaves are peeping through on some hawthorns and blackthorns. There are two Robins in our garden which seems as though choosing a mate has occurred before St. Valentine's Day, once again due to mild weather.

I had a plastic sack full of logs outside but on moving it found a large frog and ten small ones overwintering there so will leave the sack alone until warmer weather arrives and they depart for the garden.

In last month's notes I said that Redwings and Fieldfares had not been seen in our area because of the weather being too mild. Apparently, this was wrong. It is because the winter in their homelands has not been cold enough to force them to leave until spring.

A friend in Harcourt Road is being plagued by foxes which come right up to the house and leave their calling cards on her patio. I don't know what can be done to discourage them.

The concrete fencing and grass verges have been removed from the M4 footpath prior to work on the motorway diversion. Unfortunately, the only blue Meadow Cranesbill plant there has been uprooted along with Toadflax and Lamb's Lettuce. These plants are not plentiful in our area and the banks were recovering from the destruction of three years ago so it is sad that this is happening again.

Lois Parker.

The Editors

Dorney Parish News

In an earlier letter I introduced a proposal to record the flora and fauna of the Parish as one of our Millenium activities.

The project is now going ahead. I have contacted various specialists and groups and I am inviting them to visit the Parish and to record their observations on birds, animals, plants, etc. A few keen naturalists living within the Parish have also indicated willingness to help.

However there is an opportunity for everyone to contribute. As you walk through your garden, along the river bank or elsewhere in the Parish, keep your eyes open for birds, butterflies, plants, fungi, etc. When you drive home at night watch out for fox, badger, deer or weasel crossing the road. Note down your observations over the year and I will be pleased to include them in the records.

Peter Tyler
Dormouse, 1 Oak Stubbs Lane, Dorney Reach.
Tel: 01628 621560

DORNEY EASTER EGG HUNT

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St.JAMES' DUTY ROTA The notice in this magazine has full details of our Services.

1st March Lent 1

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Handy

11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge

8th March Lent 2

11.00 am Parish Communion
Sidesman Mrs Richmond Matt.12 v22-32
First Reader Mrs Thompson 1 John 3 v1-10

Coffee Mrs Baker & Mrs Eastgate

Cleaning Mrs Wood-Dow

15th March Lent 3

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Mr Liney
11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mrs Robb

22nd March Mothering Sunday

11.00 am Combined Service at Dorney (Readings TBA)

Sidesman Mrs Baker First Reader To follow

Coffee Mr & Mrs Perryman

Cleaning Mrs Street

29th March Passion Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Cleaning Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker

5th April Palm Sunday

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11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton

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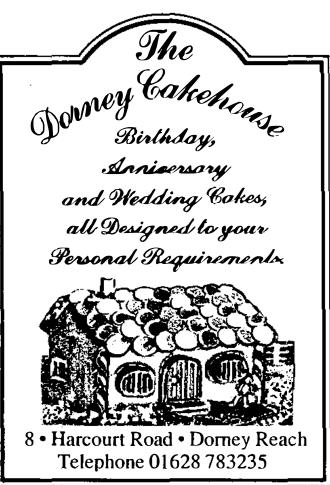
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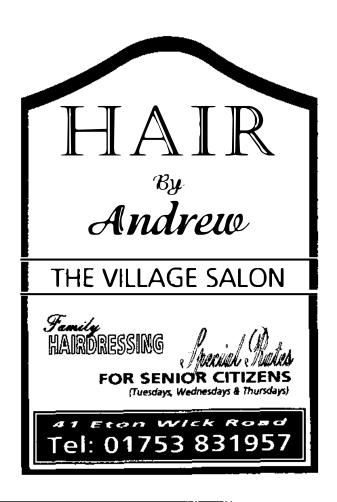
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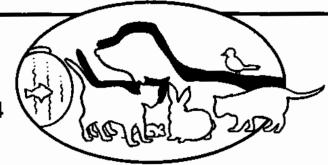
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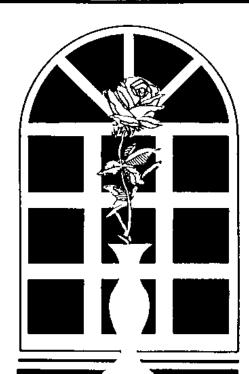
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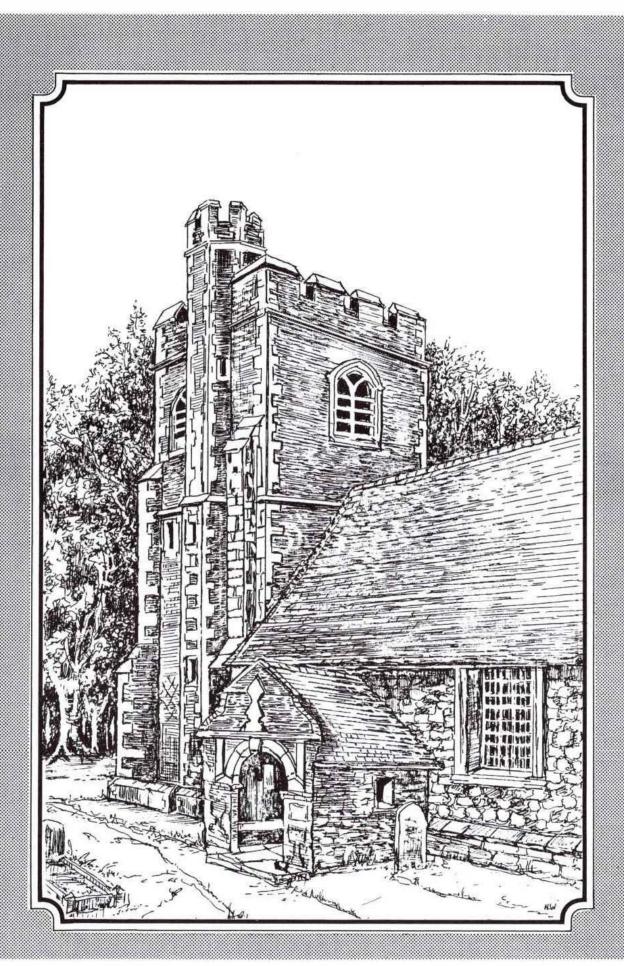
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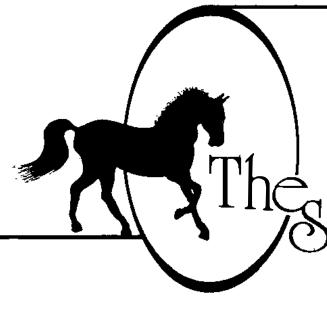
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PARISH PUMP

Report on the Parish Council Meeting held 10th March 98

1) Fencing on the Common

The electric fencing on the common will be in place until the end of June whilst that area is treated to eradicate the thistles. Further parts of the common will be treated in due course.

2) South Bucks Grant

The grant from South Bucks for improvements to the Village environment is assured and South Bucks will produce a plan taking into account suggestions from the Parish Council, which of course includes traffic calming measures.

3) Heritage Funding

We originally hoped for funding of up to £1000 but are now informed the figure will be nearer £600.

4) Flood Alleviation Scheme

The contractors who cut down approximately 30 trees IN ERROR in Marsh Lane will be replanting. Tenders 3-8 railway to A355 are all to be retendered.

5) Eton Rowing Trench

The removal of gravel is on target at 650,000 tonnes. The boat house to be built at the Boveney end of the rowing trench is being redesigned to reduce the height.

6) Village Hall

The Valentines Dance was another success and the next dance will take place on May 16th with hot food to keep the energy levels high whilst dancing to the music of a Live Band.

7) Village School

The school is working towards taking children in the September prior to their 5th birthday. 24th June 2000 is the date for the School's Millenium Fete make a note now!

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 14th April 1998 members of the public are welcome to attend to ask questions between 8.20 and 8.30 p.m.

During Lent, I spent nearly two weeks in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon, the countries surrounding Israel. A few years ago we had been to Israel with a group from our churches led by Colin Pontin and I have found that this recent trip has filled in a lot of gaps for me. It has brought more of the bible alive – made what we read more real. Maybe it's not the usual expectation from Lent but reflecting on what I saw, read about and found in the Middle East this time has proved to be an excellent preparation for Easter.

Perhaps the opinions expressed by some of the people we spoke to provided the most searching thoughts. First, the guide who led our small group in Jordan discussed with us the situation in Iraq, as we were then awaiting the outcome of Kofi Annan's discussions with Saddam Hussein. Could war be averted? He, who described himself as not a very good Muslim, was praying to God about the situation and was confident that the power of prayer was of huge effect. This, without in any way diminishing my own certainty that Jesus Christ is "The Way, the Truth and the Life" has made me think about people with other beliefs' search for God. When we reached Syria, where we had a devout Sunni Muslim guide, I was able to discuss some of the similarities between his Muslim faith and our Christian convictions. He showed us the three minarets on the famous mosque in Damascus, one of which is dedicated to Jesus Christ and is apparently the place where, they believe, Jesus is going to return 'when he comes bringing salvation'. Jesus, along with John the Baptist - whose tomb is in that mosque - Abraham, Moses and Adam are all great prophets according to Muslims. You can see that there is a lot of interlinking with Christian faith here, which needs prayerful, pondering. In many ways, this gives a good deal of confirmation and reality to our Christian faith.

The places, too, have given rise to reflection about what God was doing during bible times and leading to God's actions in the world and in our lives now. In Deuteronomy 34, we read:

"And Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, which is opposite Jericho. And the Lord showed him all the landAnd the Lord said to him, 'This is the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob,'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes but you shall not go over there.'"

As we stood on Mt. Nebo and looked over the Jordan valley and across the Dead Sea to Jerusalem, we could not but be moved. Somehow, the past and the present were there together, inextricably linked over something like three thousand years of history. All these different peoples we read about in our bibles, the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Edomites, can now be placed. I have driven down the King's Highway through Edom, Moab (where Ruth came from) and know where they are. Somehow, it brings the bible more to life.

The place I had been most looking forward to was probably Damascus and when we arrived in the late afternoon, my husband, Nicholas, and I went out at once in search of "The Street called Straight." There was something quite special as we walked along it, the daylight fading. It was the same again the next day when we went the other way to the house reputed to be where Ananias lived and where he had his vision to go to "The Street called Straight" to find the blind Saul who then became the apostle Paul.

So, what has all this to do with Easter? Perhaps nothing and yet everything. It is history over many thousands of years; our history and the history of the ancestors of Jesus the Christ, the man who died in Jerusalem, in the Middle East, for you and for me nearly 2.000 years ago: the Christ, who showed he could not be overcome by

death by appearing, alive, to his disciples after three days and has continued to prove so ever since. He spoke to Paul on the road to Damascus. He continues to speak today to people in all countries of the world. But just as there was conflict in the Middle East at the time of his life on earth, so there is still conflict there and throughout his world. Just as he suffered then on the cross, so he is still involved with the suffering in the world now in some mysterious way through his cross. We still desperately need him. We need to pray for peace and understanding. We need to reflect on the things we see and learn, and at Easter we need to rejoice because he is alive.

May God reveal something new and special for each one of you this Easter. With love, Alison

Church Electoral Roll and Annual Meetings:

Prior to our Annual Parochial Church Meetings (dates for these are under important events) we update our electoral roll. This roll represents the membership of the church - all those who regularly worship in one of our churches and in different ways contribute to the life and work of the church. If you're not sure whether you are on the electoral roll (there are separate rolls for the parish of Dorney and the parish of Eton and Eton Wick) or you would like to go onto the roll please contact the following:-

Eton/Eton Wick

Vivienne Gibson

Tel: (01753) 862764

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Tel: (01628) 626972

Electoral roll forms are available in all our churches. You can go onto the Roll at anytime during the year but can only vote at the APCM's this month if your name is on the Roll by the closing date (details are displayed in the three churches). If you would like to discuss church membership please contact Paul Reynolds (01753) 852268.

The Annual meetings are important as they provide the opportunity to review the church's work over the past year and consider the vision for the future. This year we will be presenting our Parishes' Mission Statement to the meeting. Please plan to attend one of the meetings and take your part in helping God's church in our communities to become more effective in its mission and ministry.

Paul Reynolds.

Goodbye and God Bless

It is with much sadness that we say 'goodbye' to Colin and Rosemary Morton this month as they head north to Manchester. They actually leave on 20th but because of Easter and school holidays we will say our official farewells to them at the beginning of this month. That will happen in two ways:-

On Thursday 2nd at 8pm there will be a bring & share meal at the Eton Domey Centre followed by an informal Holy Communion service. All are welcome - please let Paul Reynolds know if you are coming.

On Palm Sunday 5th at the 11 am Family Service in Eton Wick there will be a presentation to Colin & Rosemary. It will be good if as many as possible could be at that service to send Colin & Rosemary on their way with the churches' love and prayers.

Please pray for them as they prepare to move, for Catherine as she continues her work at the Centre, and for those who have the responsibility of appointing a new warden (interviews are taking place on the 4th April).

Church Services in April 1998

lst	10 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton		
5th	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Family Service with Baptism Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St. James the Less Dorney St. John the Baptist Eton Wick St. John the Evangelist Eton		
	For Holy Week Services see separate details in this magazine				
12th	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Family Communion Family Communion Easter Praise	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton		
19th	9.00am 11.00am	Morning Prayer Combined Worship with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Baptist Eton Wick		
26th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton		

Holy Week Services:

Mon. 6th - Wed. 8th	8.00pm Music & Meditation for Holy	Week at St. John's Eton
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Thurs. 9th

7.00pm Meal at Eton Dorney Centre followed by short service at

St.James Dorney (if coming please sign list in the churches)

Good Friday 10th 11.00am Ecumenical act of worship outside the Village Hall in Eton Wick

followed by lunch at the church. Afternoon meditation in the

church.

Important Events this month

Wednesday 1st 8pm St.James APCM at the Eton Dorney Centre

Palm Sunday 11am Family Service at Eton Wick - Farewell presentation to Colin & Rosemary Morton

Easter Sunday 3pm Easter Egg Hunt at Dorney Court - in aid of RiverReach Summer holiday club

Monday 20th 8pm Eton/Eton Wick APCM at St.John's Eton Wick

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

May

Sunday 10th 10.30am Team 20th Anniversary Service + lunch at St.Mary's Datchet - no services in our churches that morning

Thursday 21st JPCC AGM at St.Mary's Datchet including Holy Communion for Ascension Day

June

Saturday 6th Riverside outing to Peterborough Cathedral

Sunday 14th 6.30pm Evening Praise at St. John's Eton Wick

Wednesday 24th 8.00pm Video on parenting at 69a Eton Wick Road - all welcome

July

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes
Sunday 26th 3pm St. Mary's Boveney Patronal service
Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

September

Sunday 27th St. James Dorney Harvest Festival
St. Mary Magdalene Boveney Harvest Festival

October

Sunday 4th Eton/Eton Wick Harvest Festival
Friday 9th Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

Riverside Outing to Peterborough

Following the excellent support given in the past to various Cathedral visits a further one has been arranged for SATURDAY 6th JUNE 1998 to Peterborough.

An officially guided tour of Peterborough Cathedral has been arranged with the rest of the day at one's leisure. The cost of the excursion is £12 per person.

There are posters about the visit in the churches and booking forms are available from Paul Reynolds. If you are planning to go please book as soon as possible.

Faith and Work Course

'In my experience the day to day work of Christian people is rarely considered in church on Sunday. Yet we spend a large part of our waking lives working.' So writes Bishop Graham Dow, Bishop of Willesden. As a response to this failing a course was pioneered in his Diocese addressing questions related to faith and work. It runs for five weeks and in the words of the Bishop, 'aims to help Christian people to bring their faith and their work together. It is not only for those in paid employment. It is for all Christian people who take their work and faith seriously '

We are planning to run the course here during the early summer. If you would be interested in taking part please let me know as soon as possible, so we can decide on the best venue.

Paul Reynolds.

LENT LUNCHES

Thursday 2nd. April

Mary Robb, The Chauntry, Lake End Road

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

I believe the general picture of a 'Press Gang' is that of a gang of seafarers storming around seaside towns, knocking chaps on the head and bundling them aboard ship to act as crew; or, for the 'luckier' ones, tricking them by slipping coins into the poor innocents' tankards of ale and then claiming that they had entered into a contract by accepting pay in advance — and off to sea they went. But no, it is far more complicated than that, as the Eton Wick History Group found out from Dr. Judith Hunter at their meeting on 4th March.

Armed with information gleaned from the Admiralty Minute Books, the Public Records Office at Kew and various other sources, and prompted to investigate simply as a result of curiosity triggered by coming across a reference to a Press Gang in Reading, Dr. Hunter covered the history of the Press Gang back as far as the Seven Year War against Austria, France and Russia (1756-1763). Apparently in 1754, just before the War began the number of men in the Navy was just under 10,000 but by the end of the War they numbered approximately 82,000 - the majority of whom came from Merchant Navy ships. The Royal Navy ships would be stationed in the Channel and would send a gang, under a Lieutenant, to board inward-bound merchant ships and gather up the seamen, returning with them to the Royal Navy ships; sometimes fire would be exchanged but nevertheless the majority of sailors were impressed from the merchant ships and so could end up spending many years at sea unable to return home to family The Royal Navy didn't train its sailors, it and friends. preferred that they came already experienced from being in the Merchant service. Some of the coastal traders were issued with a certificate which protected them from being pressed into service; unless, of course, there was a 'hot press' which would be at a time of emergency when anyone could be taken - even from their own homes - and a record shows that on at least one occasion the groom, best man and half the male guests from a Wedding Reception were taken; but once these impressed people had been checked over perhaps only a third of them would be retained as being sufficiently able-bodied to be of use.

Almost every coastal village and town had its fishermen and so these areas were a natural source of manpower. A press gang, under the command of a Captain (on half-pay + £5 per week) would 'open a rendezvous' at a village and stay overnight, perhaps publicising the fact by hanging a flag outside, or employing a fife drummer. The Captain (who would probably lodge at a rather better class of Inn than that used for the rendezvous) would have two or three Lieutenants (each earning 5s.0d per day plus 10s.0d for acquiring each ableseaman or 5s.0d. for an able-bodied landman) and these Lieutenants would be supervised and regulated by the Captain - hence he would be called a Regulating Captain; they would take seamen for preference, but they could also take land workers as well - if they looked suitably young and strong; and they would try encouraging people to join voluntarily, initially, tempting them with exciting stories of life at sea and exotic ports of call, and the weekly ration of 1 lb bread, 1 lb pork, 1/2 pt. peas and 1 gall. beer.

The gangs operating under the Lieutenants were usually composed of local residents generally hired specifically for the purpose and who would be aware that they were less likely to be impressed themselves if they were part of the official press gang. The King and Government would offer a 'Royal Bounty' of £3 per able-bodied seaman, £2 for an ordinary seaman, and £1 for a landman; some Mayors offered their own bounties and there is a record in Bristol of a wife receiving additional corporation bounty; so perhaps these bounties were passed on to the families of the seamen; it is hoped so because wives and families lost their bread-winner when their man was impressed and would have had to have applied to the Parish Officers for some small amount of money; soldiers' wives and children were on a starvation list.

When things were warming up for the Seven Year War the Admiralty ordered that press warrants be issued to cover many towns, both coastal and inland, including Reading; there are records of the Mayor of Oxford asking that the Regulating Captain at Reading assist him by guarding five men whom he had 'secured' at Oxford. Those taken were often gathered together in a gaol, or Bridewell; it is assumed that they were then made to walk to a port (London?) and if a tender was not available to take them to a ship, they would be gaoled again at the port until one was available.

Once at sea, the impressed seamen could do quite well: their pay (paid out by the ship's Captain) would come from the Admiralty; and 'prize money' was paid out when an enemy ship was captured: 3/8 of the prize went to the Captain, 1/4 went to the Captain of the Marines, 1/8 went to the Lieutenants, and the crew and Marine 'other ranks' received 1/4 between them; and there is a record in 1762 of the capture of a Spanish frigate resulting in seamen receiving prize money of £485 each - although a more normal amount would be £10-£20.

Dr. Hunter read from copies of letters from Admirals and Captains dated around the mid-18th Century and they made fascinating listening. Mr. Frank Bond thanked Dr. Hunter and her husband, Rip, for this very enlightening talk.

The next Meeting will be on 15th April when the topic will be 'HISTORY OF LOCAL BRIDGES O'ER STREAM AND RIVER' and the speaker will be John Denham.

Further information from:

Mr. Frank Bond Tel: 850960 Mrs. Joan Ballhatchet Tel: 850699

St. Gilbert's Catholic Church, Eton Wick.

Good Friday at 7.30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross.

A letter to a friend on old age

What are Senior Citizens worth? We are worth a fortune. Silver in our hair. Gold in our teeth. Stones in our kidneys and lead in our feet. Since I last saw you some changes have come into my life. I now have two gentlemen to come to see me every morning. Will Power comes to help me get out of bed, then Arthur Rightus shows up and stays with me all day. He doesn't like keeping in one place so he moves from joint to joint.

The vicar called the other day, he says' at your age you should be thinking of the hereafter?' I told him I do this all the time - in the kitchen - in the living room and in the bedroom. I stand here and say'what am I here after?'. I am old but not all that old, just a recycled teenager. Your birthday cake collapses under the weight of the candles. How do you know you are getting old - everything hurts - what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is the sun reflected on your bifocals. You feel like "the morning after" and you haven't been anywhere, you get winded playing cards, your children begin looking middle aged and you join a Health Club but don't go. A dripping tap causes an uncomfortable urge. You know all the answers but no one asks the questions, you look forward to a dull evening, you need glasses to find glasses, you take out the light for economy instead of for romance, you sit in a rocking chair but can't get it to rock. Your knees buckle but your belt won't, your back goes out more than you do, you put your bra on back to front and it fits better, your house is too big, your medicine chest is too small, you sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there. Who says age IS ONLY IN THE MIND? Have a nice day!

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'Do you have DIY, technical or electronic skills you'd like to use? Several organizations urgently need your help:

Hartana is a small charity which installs & maintains telephone alarms to help elderly & disabled people stay safely in their own homes. Someone with the appropriate skills is needed to take over this work and send out annual invoices for subsidised rental. This is not a particularly busy role - small number of clients, mostly in the immediate area. A few are further afield, however, so anyone interested would need to be prepared to travel away from the district 8 or 9 times a year. All expenses are reimbursed.

Raynett is a national organization which provides amateur radio & communications help for large events & charities eg area Scouts field day. Their local branch is looking for amateur radio enthusiasts to get involved - lots of fun and variety and good company!

Slough Victim Support which also services a lot of S Bucks desperately needs skilled DIY people to install new locks and sometimes burglar and smoke alarms for the vulnerable

For further information please contact South Bucks Volunteer Bureau on 01753 893793.

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Annual Report for 1997

Background:

St James PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the team vicar, the Revd Paul Reynolds, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. St. James is part of the Riverside Team Ministry and has representatives on the Joint Parochial Church Council which deals with matters relating to the whole Team

The PCC, in conjunction with the PCC of Eton with Eton Wick and Boveney, has adopted a Mission Statement for the two parishes. It is as follows:-

The purpose of God's Church in Eton, Eton Wick, Boveney and Dorney is, by the power of the Holy Spirit:-

To glorify God

To make and encourage disciples

To show Jesus' love in our community

This Mission Statement will act as a 'yardstick' with which to measure our current activities and as an impetus to develop the Church's ministry and mission within the local communities

Membership:

Members of the PCC are either ex officio or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC:

Team Vicar: The Revd Paul Reynolds

Chairman

Wardens:

Mrs Mary Baker

Mr Rod Dollimore

Representatives on the Deanery Synod:

Mrs Alison Dyson Mr David Pepler

Elected Members:

Mrs Elizabeth Cochrane

Mrs Audrey Eastgate

Mrs Gillian Hayton (representative on JPCC)

Mr Joe Hayton

Mr Stanley Hellmuth Treasurer

Mr Colin Morton Warden Eton Dorney Centre

Mr Peregrine Palmer

Mrs Lois Parker Secretary

Mrs Muriel Pepler (representative on JPCC) Mrs Margaret Perryman (representative on JPCC)

Mrs Angela Wood-Dow

Committees:

The PCC operates through a number of committees which meet between full meetings of the PCC Standing Committee:

This is the only committee required by law It has power to transact the business of the PCC between its meetings, subject to any directions given by the council

Finance Committee:

Oversees the general financial dimension of the work of St James by monitoring income and expenditure, budgeting and any special appeals

Mission Support Sub-committee:

To recommend charity giving policy to the PCC Organises special events related to mission support such Tear Fund lunches and guest speakers at services with mission focus.

Building and Fabric sub-committee:

Church and Premises To advise the PCC on major works Appearance of exterior of Church. Guide Books Authorised to spend up to limit set by PCC.

Worship sub-committee:

Services (times and types) Hymns

Social sub-committee:

Organising social events, entertainments and concerts, and overseeing catering where needed.

Church Attendance:

There are 47 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll, 23 of whom are not resident within the parish. The usual Sunday attendance was 12 for 9am said Holy Communion and 25 for the 11am Holy Communion. On the 4th Sunday of the month there are a small group of children present for the latter part of the service, having first attended their groups at the Eton Dorney Centre. Numbers increased at Festivals, the Christmas Carol Service and the Christingle (where it was almost standing room only)

Review of the Year:

The full PCC met 3 times during the year to discuss the day to day running of the Church In addition to this there were two combined meetings with Eton PCC to discuss the 'Five Marks of Mission' and make decisions about future strategy especially with regard to outreach within our communities. Sub committees met between meetings and minutes of their deliberations were received by the full PCC and discussed where necessary.

The main subjects discussed at full meetings were the production of a parishes' publicity pack, a church notice board for Court Lane, our work with children and young people including a very successful summer holiday club which attracted some 150 children each day and took place due to the hard work and commitment of many volunteers, difficulties experienced in finding people to help staff our work with older children and teenagers (the youth group has had to be closed until more help can be found), the search for a new team youth worker, overseas and home mission support, renovations to the Church

A key development in the life of the Church has surrounded our response to the 'Five Marks of Mission' and the review of Church life and work which the two PCC's have engaged in this year. In July, at the combined meeting, the PCC's agreed to explore in 1997/8 what it means to become a missionary church, and agreed in principle to hold a week's mission in 1999 and appoint a planning committee. That committee has been formed and is in the process laying plans for activities and events. These are intended to help God's Church in our communities engage in Christian outreach which is relevant and non threatening for all concerned! We hope Lee Abbey, a well established Christian community with several centres around the country, will work with us leading up to the outreach week in autumn 99. The Mission Committee is also developing aims and objectives related to our Mission Statement to help us implement it in every area of church life and work

The next 18 months could prove to be very significant in the life of the Church and for the growth of its ministry and mission. Wise and prayerful stewardship of time, talents and money is essential to this growth

On behalf of the PCC

The Revd Paul Reynolds (Chairman)

DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday 1st April St. James APCM Eton/Dorney Centre at 8 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt Sunday 12th April Dorney Court 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Wednesday 15th April Eton Wick Village History Group Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Sunday 19th April

Friday 24th April

Saturday 16th May

Monday 18th May

Sunday 14th June

Saturday 18th July

Sunday 19th July

Saturday 5th September

Friday 18th September

Saturday 24th October

Friday 13th November

Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30

DDHS Spring Gardens Competition

DDHS Cheese & Wine Evening

DVHMC May Dance

DVHMC AGM Village Hall at 8 p.m

DDHS Coach Trip to Warwickshire

DDHS Barbecue & Dance

DDHS Summer Gardens Competition

DDHS Annual Show

DDHS Harvest Supper

DVHMC Anniversary Dance

DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine

Dates of Church Events and LENT LUNCHES will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month DORNEY P.C.C. the Vicarage 8 p.m. Second Monday of alternate months DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE i.e. May, July, Sept. Village Hall 8 p.m. DORNEY OVER 60's CLUB Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney. Tucsdays 12.15-2.00 Dates: 21/4 12/5 9/6 11/8 8/9 13/10 10/11 8/12 All dates may be subject to alteration. DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m. Every Sunday Village Hall DORNEY BOWLS CLUB

7.30-10.30 p.m. RAINBOWS Every Friday Dorney School 3.30-4.30 p.m.

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

GUIDES Every Wednesday the Vicarage 7.15-9 p.m.

EXPLORERS. Christian) Youth Group) See Church diary/notice boards for (8-12 years old) meeting place, dates & times)

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Dear Editor,

So far, like many people to whom I have spoken, I am pleasantly surprised by the little dust and noise so far caused by the Eton Rowing Trench excavations. I thank Eton for obviously trying hard not to cause too much trouble to the residents.

In Boveney Road however, we have had so much change to our lives. This was always known as 'The lane' and was a very quiet little country no through lane.

Since the Eton work, a car park has been made at the end of the road with the result that we now have cars going at a great speed to get quickly to Boveney to this car park. Consequently, the little hamlet of houses by Jim Bosher's farm, are having a rather difficult time. Our animals and children have always had little traffic and what there was came gently along. We now have very fast traffic and much of our lovely amenities of living on the Common are now gone.

We are few people and often find ourselves left out of local equations. Dorney Reach, Dorney Village and Boveney are considered but we seem often to be forgotten in discussion between the Eton committees and the Parish Council.

It is a long way from The Village and a long way from Boveney. It is too far for young children to get to any playground and yet it is too dangerous now to let them out of the gate to the Common.

Is it possible to have a traffic slowing scheme for us? Even a notice alone might help, as the cars reach over 70 mph along here unless my white dog slows them up!

Also Parish Council, please do remember the Common hamlet when you discuss affairs of the Parish.

We are not seen here as very important. We had two electricity cuts during the last quarter. When I rang this last time, at 4.45 am and said that we were off, I was told that I must wait until more reports were received, in spite of knowing by the surrounding blackness that our immediate area was off. I rang my two neighbours at 6am and they rang the electricity board. It was 10 am, over four hours of no heating or cooking or kettle boiling, before the power was restored.

We are a rural hamlet also without the benefits of transport. When we came here there was the Blue Bus EVERY HOUR through the village to Slough and Maidenhead. Because it was so frequent, few bothered with cars. Now the oldies who can no longer drive are isolated from activities. We have no transport to banks, doctor's surgeries, dentists etc. and Sainsbury's is too far!

Any suggestions from Council members or from Eton? We should really be all one community.

Sincerely,

Phylin Wellback . -13-



NO WHIPS

Well, in view of the general attitude of the environment agency, we shouldn't be surprised to learn that one of their contractors has managed to destroy a copse of nearly 60 willows when they should only have cut down a dozen or so. No excuses. We have said, many times, that the agency exercises insufficient care for the environment and so it has proved. They have offered, it is said, to replace the lost trees, but only, I suspect, with small "whips". The perpetrators should be made to plant semi-mature trees, the expense of which may tend, in future, to concentrate the minds of other contractors working on the flood channel.

CABINET PUDDING

We have written before about the tendency of the environment agency to create areas of desolation and then to disappear into the night, leaving completion for some time in the future. Consider the site adjacent to Ashford Lane. In late summer a large area was triple-dug making a muddy morass. Merely to accommodate, we are told, a very small control cabinet. Unfortunately, the necessity to obtain planning permission was overlooked, but, six months have passed and still no application has been registered. Who cares? Not, apparently the environment agency- they now have half a mile of motorway diversion to play with.

LIGHT RELIEF

Now the County Council is catching the habit: work started on the installation of the (unwanted) traffic lights at the Marsh Lane/A4 junction early last month. since then nothing.

Why worry, it will all be sorted eventually. Won't it.

BLIND HOPE

Many people have commented on the wonderful displays of daffodils throughout the Parish. Not quite so good in Dorney Reach as many bulbs have appeared "blind". Like some local motorists, who seem unable to see the signs requesting "no parking" on the verges. If it was your lawn would you drive on it? Ah well!

kejers april•98 NATURE NOTES February/March

The last few days of February and beginning of March became very cold and windy. Up till then it seemed spring had arrived but this change brought to mind the old saying - "If Candlemas Day be fair or bright winter will have another fight". Candlemas Day this year was fair and bright and winter is having another fight.

In the mildest February of the century butterflies came out of hibernation, ladybirds appeared, blackthorns burst into glorious white bloom and leaves burst forth on hawthorns and some elms.

I had not seen any Greenfinches in our garden this winter so was pleased to hear that a neighbour had some visiting her garden. It is possible that the many starlings which crowd round the food we put out including nuts and seeds put them off and they certainly drive away smaller birds. I have noticed that chaffinches, dunnocks and sparrows feed during the afternoon when the starlings do not. They seem to feed early morning and towards evening.

Mallard drakes and ducks are courting. This involves head shaking and wing flapping. There are also many Tufted Ducks on the river.

A Tortoiseshell butterfly took refuge from the cold winds on our bedroom ceiling. My husband saw a Meadow Brown butterfly on 6th. March which is the earliest sighting he has had since 17th. May 1982.

I saw a Montjac deer running across the meadow on the bridge side of Old Marsh Lane. It crossed the lane and ran towards the river. Roe deer are still being seen in the field by the Eton/Dorney Centre.

Lois Parker.

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE - 77 tickets were sold and this was an enjoyable event. The Committee wishes to thank all who helped.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The date has been changed to Monday 18th. May. Anyone is welcome to attend at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Joe

Joe was seven years old.

Joe was in a hole.

He wasn't fed up (fat chance- he hadn't had a meal for ages)

He wasn't in trouble (for once!)

It was Sunday and he couldn't go and play football (because he was in a hole)

He wasn't going to Church, (Even though he wanted to, he felt he couldn't, because he didn't have any clean shoes or clothes)

and he couldn't go to school.

Joe was in a hole, because he lived in a hole.

Joe was in a hole because he didn't exist.

Joe was Seven years old,

but,

He had no birth certificate, So he had no birthday.

He had no papers, So he wouldn't get a job when he was old enough.

He had no papers so he thought he couldn't go to Church and be baptised (Which although he was often told it wasn't true, was what he believed)

He had no papers, and so he didn't exist.

and because he didn't exist the Government of his country didn't have to worry about him .

Thankfully, although he had no papers, and wasn't baptised, and didn't go to Church, the local Priest and the nuns, and the nurses and the charity aid workers did care for him.

There's a classic comedy routine about two men each having a worse time of it than their friend when they were young, which finally leads to one of them having been brought up in a shoe box. To which his friend says "Shoe-box? What's a shoe box? We lived in a hole in the road."

Well Joe lives in a hole in the road.

It's in the middle of a city under a Motorway.

It's beside a bridge, and down a broken, wooden ladder. Turn right through the hole in the wall and you're there. There, where you can hardly stand up. There, amongst the dirt and poverty along with the 500 other people and the 150 babies and small children who share Joe's home under the bridge. As you struggle along by the light of the torch (there's no electric light here), Joe reminds you to watch your step. "It can get a bit sloppy down here sometimes, you really shouldn't have worn those white trousers you know". Look to the right and there's a little 'door' about 3 feet high. Still no light but you can see his Mum in there, along with his brothers and sisters. There are four of them, and they are all under 6 years old

As we squeeze along the dark, dank tunnel with the little holes where people live on each side it gets narrower and narrower until we have to stand sideways to get through. "Mind the planks," says Joe, "We're walking over the river, doesn't smell much like an English river does it? We don't need your TV cartoons about Toxic waste here- we have our own, and of course there aren't any proper toilets either"

We see an electric light. "Ah, that's really dangerous stuff" said Joe- "even for down here. They're stealing that electricity. If they don't get caught they'll probably electrocute themselves like my friend did. By the way, remember those planks?. The lady along the tunnel lost her baby down there last week, everybody was really upset."

We leave the tunnel and emerge into the bright daylight to see a train pass by 20 feet away. "That gets a few people who aren't quick enough" jokes Joe.

He looks enviously at the 'up-market' shanty housing area which straddles the railway line with its skips, Iron huts and cardboard boxes, and we chat for a few minutes.

Doesn't anyone help with the housing? I asked. "Oh they try, they clear the shanty, and build houses for the poor. The trouble is that by the time they've built them they've become houses for the rich."

And what do the Nuns do? "They're great, they give us medicine and feed the young" So you do get fed then? "No! I'm seven!" Joe explained, "they only have enough for the babies and the young ones. They feed us until our seventh birthday, after that it's up to us!" I asked someone if food was expensive. "Not really, walk along the street and a tray of 24 eggs will cost about 5 pence in your money, but since the collapse of our currency it would only cost you 3 pence".

3 pence for 24 eggs?

"Yes, but we don't have ANY money. Just think how much food £1 would buy though."
And what did Joe have to say about school? "Well I'm going to start soon, they've found a place for me at a local school. It's not the education that costs the money though, it's the books, the clothes and shoes. We have a hard enough time of it with the other kids anyway without looking really scruffy as well!" Did be want to go? "Of course, most of the boys and

without looking really scruffy as well!" Did he want to go? "Of course, most of the boys and girls who go to school usually get jobs, and I know that if I don't I'll end up stealing or doing something really bad. Some of the other boys and girls are taken away to work somewhere, but they look so sad when they come home, and will never say what they have to do."

"Joe", and his situation are real. He could also be any one of the hundreds of poverty stricken children I've seen on my travels. In his particular city 10% of the population are victims of severe poverty. When you see it face to face you can see that it's not their fault. It's often not directly the fault of their Government. The problem is so huge it probably can't be solved, only eased. We can help with our prayers and our gifts. There are many charities who help in these areas and deserve your support. The churches in Dorney, Eton Wick and Eton actively support Children's Ald Direct and TEAR Fund, while 'Joe' was being directly helped by funding of his local church and CAFOD.

Further reflections on my travels from Paddy Fleids to Tower Blocks next month.

Rod Dollimore



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Conservation Work

South Bucks is particularly rich in conservation opportunities for those who want to be out of doors and doing. While there is work which can be done alone, much of it is very social involving working alongside others with the pleasure of sharing tasks like coppicing, hedge-layering, pond clearing and step or footpath maintenance.

The joy of this sort of work - apart from the chance to get some fresh air in wonderful surroundings - is that you can opt in and out to suit your other commitments, giving time when you have it available. For people who work full-time, there are activities at weekends; for those available in the week, there is plenty to do then. There are also activities where the whole family can get involved - so think of taking the children with you.

South Bucks Volunteer Bureau has twelve distinct organizations on the books looking for people to get involved - ranging from small local neighbourhood schemes like Friends of Holtspur Bank to the Country Parks and the National Trust.

The Countryside Services which manage the district's country parks have excellent programmes with set times both weekdays and at weekends when volunteers can get involved. Burnham Beeches has quarterly 'megatask' days - usually Sundays - when volunteers congregate to perform a set task and bring potatoes & sausages to cook on the bonfire. The Chiltern Society which works so hard to protect the beechwoods and chalk escarpment in Buckinghamshire has regular working sessions both midweek and at weekends. British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the Earthworks Trust have volunteer-based activities, and the local National Trust group puts in a Sunday a month on National Trust land around the region.

So, now Spring is on its way, think about getting out and doing! To find out more about conservation opportunities, ring 01753 893793.

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The notice in this magazine has full details of our Services.

5th April Palm Sunday

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Dollimore

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge

12th April Easter Day

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mr Dollimore Mark 16, v1-8 First Reader Mrs Hayton tba

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Dollimore

19th April Easter 1

9.00 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Sidesman Mr Liney

Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

26th April Easter 2

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mrs Dyson John 10, v7-16 First Reader Mrs Liney 1Peter 5, v1-11

Coffee Mrs Westendorp

Cleaning Mrs Robb

3rd May Easter 3

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge

10th May Riverside Team 20th Anniversary Service at St Mary's Datchet

No services today in Dorney, Eton, or Eton Wick

17th May Easter 5

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Mr Liney

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton

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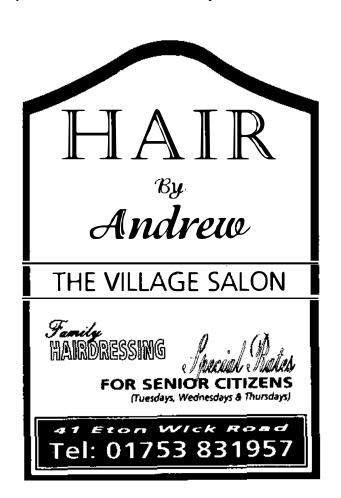
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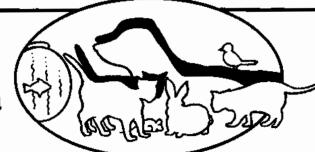
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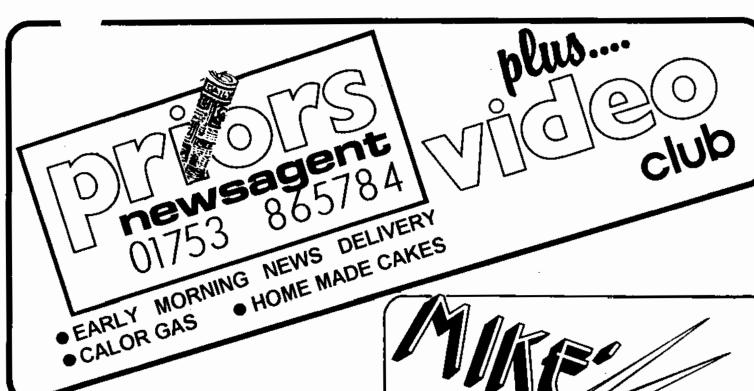
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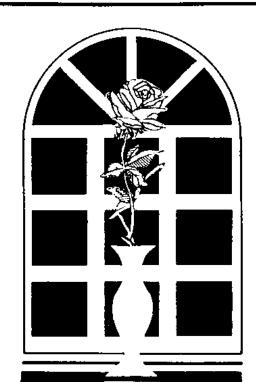
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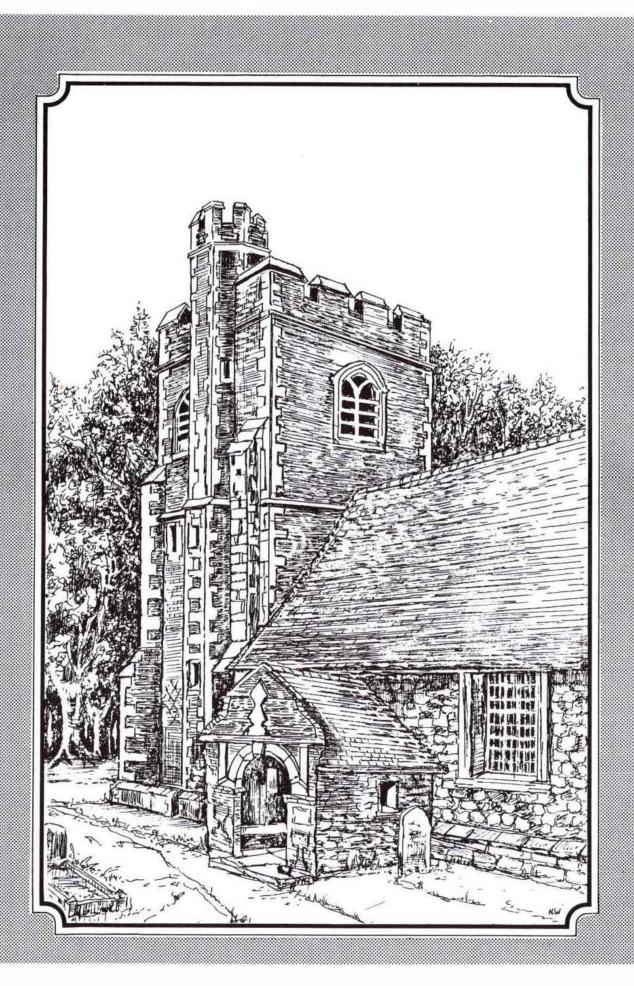
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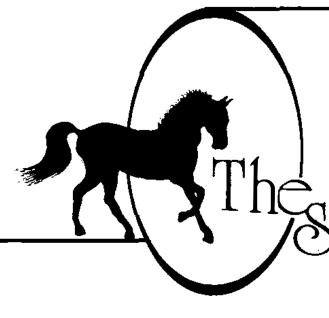
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11.00am Combined Service (Venue varies)

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6.30pm Evening Service

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EDITORIAL

Although well advertised the Annual Parish Meeting failed to draw the crowds. But then, unless the village is under threat from exterior forces armed with excavators, little interest is shown in the routine running of the parish. A few old faithfuls come along each year - well it's more of a social occasion really and one does get a cup of tea.

Just when I was beginning to wonder what I was missing on the television, new life came to the gathering in the form of a small party of young Dorney residents wanting to know what the council could do to make their social life more interesting. They suggested that the proposed tennis court in Trumper's Field could also be utilized for other ball games and that maybe the village hall could house a local youth club. Apparently the Dorney youth had been promised at a previous meeting that something would be done for them, but the promise had withered on the vine.

A 'Questionnaire from Youth Action' has subsequently been circulated to all households to try to establish how many young people in the parish are seriously interested in community activities.

A few of my contemporaries remarked that there wasn't much going on for them and perhaps the young might consider guest nights for their elders!

In the Chairman's report, he spoke of the 'Plan for Improvement to the Environment' (PIE). A copy of the plan will be found in this magazine.

Another point from the meeting, worth emphasising, is that under new bye-laws, fouling by dogs can be punished by a fixed penalty of £25 or a fine up to £1,000. So use the pooper scooper and don't let your dog roam free.

Our County Councillor, Mr. Mark Taylor, told us that due to lack of Government funds, cuts would have to be made in Highways Services. Hoping this meant a reduction in the proliferation of concrete kerbstones, humps, pinch points and Eton Wick style slaloms I thought this announcement the best news of the evening and I went home in a cheerful mood.

I hope too, that this will put paid to to the double white lines, the mini roundabout and the red asphalt in the Parish Council's PIE.

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Wednesday 27th. May at 7.30 p.m. in Eton Wick Village Hall.

Talk: - Village Shopkeepers, Past and Present.

Paul Reynolds writes...

You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8)

My third child Matthew is just about to start school and that has triggered memories from five years ago Following his birth in the early hours of one Thursday morning the first thing I did on arriving home was to blow up a blue balloon and attach it to the front door - I was enthusiastic to share immediately this personal good news (a number of disturbed nights later the enthusiasm had waned a little!) Over the following weeks, in a variety of ways, Kate and I had the task of sharing the news of his birth with family and friends spread all over the country.

It was rather like that for those disciples of Jesus. Just before he left them in physical form he gave them the task of being his witnesses, sharing who he was and what he had done, firstly at home but then spreading out 'to the ends of the earth.' It was a joyful yet demanding task, undertaken with the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit

From the book of Acts we discover that those disciples were Christ's witnesses in a variety of ways - through their words, attitudes, actions, church life and social concern. They witnessed in a variety of situations, some relatively easy where they were welcomed and listened to, but others difficult as they faced indifference or outright opposition. At times their own values and outlook were challenged as the Holy Spirit led them into new areas, particularly with regard to non Jews becoming Christians Despite their discomfort they allowed God to move them on.

If we would respond to Christ's commission to be his witnesses, then there will be many parallels between their experience and ours. We too will discover it is undertaken in many different ways and in different situations as God leads us. At times we'll be encouraged by the response, but on occasions it will be tough There may well be discomfort as God challenges us to consider new approaches, not only as individuals but as his church.

The openness and obedience of those first disciples to Christ's commission led to church growth that would fully occupy many a statistician. In days when church decline is much discussed let's not forget that neither the Gospel or the power of the Holy Spirit have changed. As we develop a programme of outreach in our churches which is appropriate and relevant for our communities, may the example of the early church inspire and encourage us.

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Faith and Work Course

'In my experience the day to day work of Christian people is rarely considered in church on Sunday Yet we spend a large part of our waking lives working.' So writes Bishop Graham Dow, Bishop of Willesden. As a response to this failing a course was pioneered in his Diocese addressing questions related to faith and work. It runs for five weeks and in the words of the Bishop, 'aims to help Christian people to bring their faith and their work together. It is not only for those in paid employment. It is for all Christian people who take their work and faith seriously.'

We are planning to run the course here during the early summer. If you would be interested in taking part please let me know as soon as possible, so we can decide on the best venue

Paul Reynolds.

Church Services in May 1998

3rd	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Family Service with Baptisms Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St James the Less Dorney St John the Baptist Eton Wick St John the Evangelist Eton
6th	10am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St. John the Evangelist Eton
10th	10.30am	Riverside Team 20th Anniversary Service	St.Mary's Datchet
17th	9.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Worship with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
24th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton
31st	11.00am	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney

Important Events this month

Sunday 10th 10.30am Team 20th Anniversary Service + lunch at St.Mary's Datchet - no services in our churches that morning. Please complete green form in our churches if coming.

There are groups for the children and young people.

Thursday 21st 8pm JPCC AGM at St.Mary's Datchet including Holy Communion for Ascension Day.

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

June

Saturday 6th Riverside outing to Peterborough Cathedral
Sunday 14th 6.30pm Evening Praise at St.John's Eton Wick
Wednesday 24th 8.00pm Video on parenting at 69a Eton Wick Road - all welcome

July

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes
Sunday 26th 3pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal service
Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

September

Sunday 27th 11am St. James Dorney Harvest Festival with Uniformed Organisations 3pm St. Mary Magdalene Boveney Harvest Festival

October

Sunday 4th Eton/Eton Wick Harvest Festival
Friday 9th Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

Parishes' Mission Statement

If you attended our APCM's or read the Annual Report in the magazine you will have seen that the PCC's have adopted a Mission Statement for our parishes. Mission Statements are helpful for thinking through the purpose of an organisation but they need practical explanation and application so that people can act upon them.

Over the summer, at our third Sunday combined service, we will consider each of the three elements within our Mission Statement, what they mean and how we can put them into practice. Please try to be at those services so that you can share in what we're aiming to do as a church. We will also be looking at them in our home groups - more details in the notice sheets

On the third Sunday in June (21st) there will be lunch after the service and the opportunity to discuss further some of the issues arising from the Mission Statement, with the help of a video. Again, please try to be there

The special week of outreach next year (full details in the autumn) is all part of our overall aim to become more of a missionary church, concerned first and foremost with growth and helping others to discover the relevance of faith in Christ as we approach the end of the second millennium

Paul Reynolds.

Welcome to Norman Critchell

Some of you met Norman and Denise Critchell when they visited our parishes to speak about the work of the Salem Project in Slough. Norman has been training to become an Accredited Lay Worker and is commissioned at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday 3rd October.

As part of his on-going training he will be undertaking a two year placement in our parishes. This will involve one day a week + two Sundays with us. He will participate in various aspects of parish life including leading worship and preaching. We will welcome him at the combined harvest family service on 4th October

The main aim of Norman's placement is to help broaden his experience of parish ministry and develop further skills, but I know Norman will make a very real contribution to the life of our churches and have important things to share with us from his ministry among the ethnic communities in Slough. Please give him a warm welcome when he arrives in October

Paul Reynolds.

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DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 18th. May at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.
All welcome.

THE PARISH PUMP



Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 14 April 1998

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held on 25 March; attendance was rather disappointing. A group of young residents were there and put forward a plea for leisure facilities for children and youth. They were informed that the Council has very limited funds and that any substantial expenditure would need to be grant/lottery aided. The Council would consider any suggestion put by local voters and would give any suitable plan its backing, provided the sponsors were prepared to plan and implement the scheme themselves. Since then, a questionnaire has been distributed in Dorney Reach. Anyone who is interested in helping explore the possibilities for a children's playground or activities for the parish's young people should make contact with any Parish Councillor.

Eton Rowing Lake

At a meeting of DEEP, Councillors were shown design work on the Boathouse which will stand at the river end of the trench. The design is being reworked to make it 12 metres high at the apex rather than 15 metres as originally planned. Existing plantations of chestnuts and willows and new shrubs will help hide the building from the river side. The Bursar of Eton will attend the May Parish Council meeting to give further updates.

The viewing platform at Boveney is in situ. It is accessible after 6.30 every evening as well as all day at weekends. By arrangement, escorted groups can visit at other times. The Information Centre at Boveney will be opened in May. Eton Aggregates are planning an Open Day at the site in June.

In order to allow emergency access to the permissive footpath and bridle path within the site, keys to the gates are to be held by Councillor Keith Harris. The surfaces of these paths are to be improved.

Millennium Projects

A meeting was held to discuss progress on the Heritage Projects on 4 April. It was suggested that we hold a Dorney Millennium Week in the year 2000. This has provisionally been agreed to be 17-24 June, to culminate in Dorney School Fete on Saturday, 24 June.

The County Highways department have agreed to most of our plans for environmental improvements, apart from traffic calming which has still to be discussed. A grant of £15,000 has been agreed. Comments made by a resident about the need for traffic calming in Boveney Road have been noted

The Eton College Environmental Fund has agreed a grant of £1,000 to support tree and bulb planting and general improvements in the village. Bressinghams have supplied a planting list for key areas, at Dents Corner and the entry points to Dorney.

Thames Towpath

The towpath has now been designated a "national trail" and anyone who would like to volunteer to help with the maintenance of the stretch which runs through our parish should contact The National Trails office on 01865 810224.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 12 May, at 8 pm in the Eton Dorney Centre

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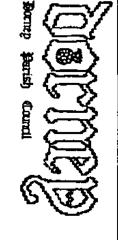
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DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MILLENNIUM HERITAGE PROJECTS

PROGRESS MEETING HELD 4TH APRIL 1998

- 1.A grant of £650 had been offered by SBDC towards printing of the Parish Map.
- 2. News of Rural Action grant application up to £2000 was awaited and will be progressed.
- 3. It was noted that although grants would be less than was hoped, total estimated costs would probably also be under figures originally suggested. The Parish Council will write to possible sponsors once final estimates of costs, and of confirmed grants, are available.
- 4. Next meeting Thurs 14th May, venue TBA, at 8pm.

 It is important that final cost estimates are available prior to this meeting.

5. PROJECT PROGRESS

PARISH MAP

Aerial photography, would be arranged by Jan Bowman as soon as major grant confirmed. Cost of flight and prints not to exceed £400. The "Original Parish Map" would be a collage based upon an original painting of an oblique view of the Parish with stylised interpretation of important or interesting features. Ancillary components based upon pictures or photographs may be computer enhanced. Quantity reproduction would be size A2. A rough design was requested when possible.

Final cost estimates were expected shortly.

BOOKLET

Agreed size A4, number of pages (some colour) according to costs/funds. Anna showed copies of photos (v.interesting) already received. MORE PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES NEEDED.

MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION

Main exhibition will take place during MILLENNIUM WEEK (w/e 24 JUNE 2000). Venue: Village Hall or School Hall. (JR to approach and arrange display panels) Peter Bowman is currently working on layout.

FLORA & FAUNA SURVEY

Peter Tyler is collating information from many sources and has prepared a pack to help residents keep records. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

VIDEO

Elizabeth Matthews will be starting preliminary (off the record) interviews in the summer. DO YOU HAVE A STRONG OPINION or A TALE TO TELL?

GENEALOGY

Progress was noted

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GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER No. 14

2 APRIL 1998

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to tell you that the school has just been given permission to take all of the year's intake of children into the Reception class in September, instead of admitting a group each term.

This new arrangement will start this year and means that children born between 1 September 1993 and 31 August 1994 will be able to start school in September 1998. The admission criteria for this class remain the same as for the whole school.

Regretably the Governing body has lost two members, both County appointments. Vanessa Cummings has resigned to allow more time for her other commitments and Colin Morton and his wife are moving from The Eton Dorney Centre to Manchester in April, where they are taking up an appointment at The Methodist International House. We are sorry to say farewell to both Vanessa and Colin and we will miss the expertise and commitment that they have given so willingly over the last 4½ and 7 years respectively.

Two people have been nominated to join our team, and they are Mrs Jill Dix, a Dorney Parish Councillor from Dorney Village, and Mr Stan Hellmuth, a former parent, PTA Treasurer and Governor from Dorney Reach. In recent years Stan has been the Rotarian who has presented the Rotary Club Award at Prize Day. We look forward to welcoming them both to the next meeting which is in May.

We wish to remind you to be considerate to the neighbours of the school, particularly the residents who live in Harcourt Close who need to be able to access their homes and park their vehicles at all times. Please consider using Trumpers Field when delivering and collecting children from school. The non-tarrnac section of this car park has been hired by the County for School use at these times.

It has been brought to our attention that some children have brought large sports bags and backpacks into school. These cannot be accommodated in our small cloakrooms and are a safety hazard. Parents are asked to abide by the guidelines in the school brochure and give their children drawstring bags for their sports kit when they return to school after the holiday. Drawstring bags can be ordered from Janet Wingrove (PTA).

The Governors wish you all a Happy Easter.

Shirley Hewitt-Teale Chairman Communications Group Jean Tyler Chairman Governing Body

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Minutes of the DORNEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held in the Village Hall on 25th March 1998

Cllr. K J Richmond in the Chair.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr & Mrs Thompson, Rev Paul Reynolds, Nick Hewitt-Teale, Clr Ruth Robinson and Dominic Grieve MP.

In the unavoidable absence of the Clerk, Mrs Gill Easton had agreed to record the minutes.

INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed all present including County Councillor Mark Taylor and District Councillor Joy Richmond.

He also welcomed Mrs Jill Dix, recently co-opted to the Council to replace Liz Milward, who had resigned after more than six year's service, due to pressure of work. The Chairman thanked Mrs Milward for all the work she had done on behalf of the Council and also welcomed Cllr. Graham Easton as the new Vice Chairman of Council to replace Liz Milward.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the 1997 APM were agreed. (Proposed/2nd Mrs V Silvester & M Cody. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman then reported on the events of the Year. The Eton Rowing Trench is now well under way as is the Flood Relief Scheme. The Council had introduced "DORNEY PIE", a major initiative proposing improvements to the environment throughout the Parish. Grass-cutting and general maintenance was now co-ordinated under Cllr. Keith Harris and resident "walkers" were needed to advise of problems in their areas on a regular basis. Councillors were thanked for carrying out their specific responsibilities. Councillors' time was, currently, fully committed to carrying out their day to day responsibilities and ensuring that the new initiatives were successfully completed. Any major new suggestions would, of course, be considered; but on the basis that the person making the suggestion would be prepared to assist in implementation.

The chairman thanked those who used the dog bins and did not park on the verges. The precept had not been increased in real terms.

The Chairman concluded that the year had been reasonably satisfactory in most ways, but reminded residents that their participation and assistance was absolutely necessary to the proper functioning of the Council and for the general good of the Parish.

REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Cllr. JILL DIX reported on additional hedging to be planted round the Memorial Garden and the brambles to be cleared. She noted the excellent display, throughout the Parish, of the bulbs planted last year. More shrubs and features are planned for the entrances to the village as part of P.I.E.

Cllr. SHIRLEY HEWITT-TEALE advised that all "footpaths" were now up to standard and thanked Russell Spencer (who noted that many paths had been closed by the two major schemes) for the regular reports that ensured this was so. Arthur Lowe, Council Tree Warden, had obtained a number of trees from the County Council at advantageous rates and had personally planted these in Trumpers Field. There were plans for more trees as part of the Millennium effort. In response to a request, from a number of people, for a footpath linking Dorney Reach with Court Lane, it was noted that the County Council could not provide one as there was not a bad accident record. The Parish Council were seeking a soft path at the edge of a field as part of PIE. Cllr. CHARLES COISH reported that, under new bye-laws, fouling by dogs could be punished by a fixed penalty of £25 or a fine up to £1000. The District Council had been asked to appoint a Dog Warden to make the bye-law effective. He also reported that a planning application for a Tennis Court in Trumpers Field had been refused and an appeal rejected. A new application was being submitted for the court to be located in the picnic park and further discussions would take place with the school regarding another option.

At this point Stephan Parsons asked what facilities could be provided for young residents. The meeting agreed that the discussion could be extended to include this topic. Young persons had few options available to them and asked for some action by the Council. The Chairman pointed out that the Council had limited funds and any substantial expenditure would have to be grant/lottery aided. As with all major initiatives, the Council would consider any suggestion put by a voter or voters (perhaps a parent), and would give any suitable plan its backing, providing the sponsors were prepared to plan and implement the scheme themselves. It was suggested that a questionnaire be circulated to find out what was wanted and by how many; the Parish Council would, no doubt, agree to fund this if someone could be found to organise it. The Chairman did point out that the history of previous initiatives for young people was not encouraging, mainly due to the apparently small number of young people interested.

FINANCE

Cllr. Graham Easton presented an analysis of the precept and answered a number of questions.

MILLENNIUM PROJECTS

Cllr. K Richmond referred to the Plan for Improvement of the Environment (PIE), details of which were available in the hall and would be published in the May Parish Magazine. Written comments were invited. Work would be carried out in 1999. Cllr. Joy Richmond referred to details of the Heritage Projects which were available in the hall and encouraged all residents to contribute both information and assistance. The major Heritage project is the Parish Map and Booklet; information from those living in interesting houses was particularly sought. See May magazine

REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

ETON/DORNEY PROJECT Catherine Pantry reported as Assistant Warden. The meeting expressed resident's thanks to Colin & Rosemary Morton, who had been in charge for more than seven years and were shortly moving to Manchester.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. Mike Hoile called for more volunteers. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Hoile for the important job he is tackling virtually single-handed. VILLAGE HALL Chairman Cllr. G Easton reported healthy finance and heavy use of the hall. Daily bonking by Dorney School has already been replaced by a nursery facility. The building was in good condition and further improvements were planned. DORNEY SCHOOL. The Head-Teacher reported that the next phase of building work costing £98000 would start towards the end of the year. Jean Tyler is now Chairman of Governors and Jill Dix and Stan Helmuth have recently been appointed governors. The date for the Schools MILLENNIUM FETE is 24th JUNE 2000.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY reported regular thriving events ~ why not join.

ETON ROWING TRENCH & FLOOD RELIEF CHANNEL.

Cllr K.Richmond reported on excellent maintenance of the Eton site and thanked site engineers and managers. Little nuisance was reported. Eton would soon seek planning permission for their "boathouse", which seemed to be of excellent design, but, covering a large area and 40 feet high, was likely to be obtrusive. Construction was ahead of plan and 1000 metres would be available for use during 2000.

The Flood Relief Channel sites, however, seemed to be poorly managed and unsightly. There remained some doubt whether the Environment agency

was trying to enhance the environment or to destroy it! The project is behind plan, but the agency claims that it will catch up. Expect them to start again in the Parish during September.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Mark Taylor explained that rate increases and cuts in services (mainly highways) were due to reduction in Government grants by £15million and capping.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Joy Richmond said that the District element of the Rates had more than doubled, but there should be no cuts in services provided by the District Council. However bus services, subsidised by the County Council would again be reduced.

OTHER BUSINESS

Peter Belcher asked that the M4 fencing contractor be requested to clear away their mess. It was also suggested that the Highways agency should have installed a sound proof fence instead. The Council was requested to write again on this subject, in view of changed circumstances

Attention was needed to verge Harcourt Rd/Marsh Lane due to depredations of the Water Company.

THE CHAIRMAN THANKED GILL EASTON FOR CLERKING, PAT OXLADE FOR THE REFRESHMENTS, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENTS WHO HAD ATTENDED. JEAN TYLER PROPOSED A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE COUNCIL FOR ALL THEIR EFFORTS.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 10.00 PM

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Bucks Association for the Blind - B.A.B.

Our South East Division extends from Beaconsfield south eastwards to the county border and in that area there are currently 230 registered blind and partially sighted people.

As well as a monthly Social Club run by a team of very committed volunteers, volunteer visitors visit people in their own homes. 42 volunteers support the work of the Division.

We would very much like to hear from someone who enjoys liaising with people and who has a bit of time he/she would like to put to good use; a voluntary role which will be very satisfying, which will involve you in the local community and yet will not "take you over!"

We are looking for a Divisional Chairman – this sounds more formidable than it is! Four committee meetings per year; a monthly Social Club and what is most important is that you are interested in the needs of blind and partially sighted people.

There would be a gradual "easing-in" to the post with support and training on the work of the Association

If you think you would like to know more about this really interesting voluntary role, please can you give me a call? – Lindsay Smith on 01296 437556



SPEECHLESS

The Editor has e-mailed me, from his Floridian beach, requesting that, owing to unusually large amounts of copy for this month's magazine, I keep it short. (Moreover, he has also asked that I do not use so many subordinate clauses in a sentence!) Just as well, as nothing much has happened since the Court wall was completed and you must be getting bored with the same old stories about the environment agency digging overnight holes and then disappearing to elsewhere; on this particular subject I have to report that there has been no improvement

TEN ACROSS?

Of course I could go on about the County Council's unwanted traffic light contractors who seem intent upon occupying their Marsh Lane site until the Millennium and beyond. And quite how large an army they expect to be crossing Marsh Lane is difficult to estimate; some believe that the elegantly pavioured dip is really a lay-by for motor vehicles.

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don't be left out.....

many residents are already working hard towards the parish MILLEMNIMM HERITAGE

PROJECTS.

but we need YOUR help

COULD YOU HELP ILLUSTRATE OUR PARISH MAP?
HAVE YOU ANY INTERESTING PHOTOGRAPHS,
OPINIONS OR STORIES TO TELL?
WILL YOU COLLECT INFORMATION ON LOCAL

WILL YOU COLLECT INFORMATION ON LOCAL FLORA & FAUNA?

DO YOU LIVE IN AN INTERESTING PROPERTY?
DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MILLENNIUM PROJECT
WHICH YOU WOULD HELP TO ORGANISE?

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN IN AND/OR CONTRIBUTE

for further information please contact joy richmond 01628 626972

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DORNEY ETON ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th April 1998 at the Luxmoore's Room, Eton College

Present:

Roderick Watson

Eton College Bursar

- Chairman for the Meeting

Ken Richmond

Domey Parish Council

Richard George

Domey Court

Keith Harris
Tony Perryman

Domey Commoners
Taplow/Bumham

Miss Elizabeth Matthews

Boveney

Mrs. Jill Dix

Dorney Parish Council

Apologies:

Paul Oatway

Eton College - Boveney Ranger

In Attendance: Bruce Brock

Eton Aggregates

Jim Robson

Aspinwall and Co. Ltd. Hankinson Duckett Associates

Brian Duckett Philip Tilbury

H. J. Stribling & Partners

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 13th January 1998 were taken as read and approved.

2. Matters Arising:

Matters Arising will be covered below.

3. The Programme - Progress Report:

Bruce Brock supplied quarterly figures for 'Material Processed' at Dorney and for 'Sales' of 167,000 tonnes, of which 92,000 tonnes were from Bray. He then went on to explain that future work would be stripping land to the east of the gas main (Phases 9 and 10) and work at the 'Finish' site at Boveney, where the hard standing in front of the boathouse would be put in place. It was also planned to install the 'outfall' pipe from the 'Finish' end of the lake through to Boveney Lock; it was explained that it had to take this route because the water levels below the lock would give a natural flow.

Bruce Brock showed aerial photographs of the site, which gave an excellent appreciation of the site workings. A final comment was that the 'edge detail' to the first part of the lake would be completed during the summer of 1998.

Questions relating to gravel movements from the Flood Alleviation channel followed and Bruce Brock explained that no decision had been taken but that tenders had to be in by 11th May.

4. Highways - Landscaping and Accommodation Works:

The Chairman considered that all the Accommodation Works were now complete. W. A. Fairhurst's had asked the County Council for a statement of the position on final acceptance. To the best of his knowledge the County Council had not responded and W. A. Fairhurst's should be instructed to follow up the request.

5. Plans for the Boathouse and Finish Area:

Philip Tilbury handed round folders of the drawings of the proposed boathouse and explained that by digging down and taking advantage of the natural land slope and various other minor alterations, he had been able to reduce the overall height from 15 metres to 12 metres. This was appreciated by all. Mr. Tilbury then wished to discuss general landscaping and drew attention to the existing Chestnut Avenue which could become a feature in relation to the boathouse. However, when viewing the boathouse site from the opposite river bank, it was clear that some new planting would be required. It was agreed that a 'softer' screen than chestnuts would be desirable.

The Chairman suggested that discussion of the plans with Dorney Parish Council might be appropriate. Ken Richmond welcomed this and it would be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting of Dorney Parish Council on 12th May.

Jill Dix of Dorney Parish Council asked what decision had been made concerning rowing commentary. The Chairman responded by saying that there was no decision as yet but certainly they would be aiming to have a sophisticated system which focused the commentary to where it was wanted.

6. Correspondence:

Copies of a letter from Elizabeth Matthews had been circulated relating to a request that the Eton Madonna Lily (Lilium Candidum) was more symbolic of Eton than the French Fleur-de Lys; this was generally accepted and had been noted by Philip Tilbury.

7. Dates for Future Meetings:

With the County Liaison Meeting fixed for 8th June it was agreed that the next meeting of DEEP would be on Tuesday, 14th July at Eton.

8. Any Other Business:

- (a) Viewing Point: Miss Matthews mentioned that this seemed an excellent idea and she had seen many people standing there. Mr. Brock made the point that when working at the 'Finish' end, this viewpoint would have to be closed during working hours due to works traffic on the service road. The Chairman and Mr. Brock agreed to post notices. Should a 'special occasion' arise then the workforce would fit in.
- (b) Information Centre: The Chairman also mentioned that the Information Centre would soon be open at designated hours.
- (c) Open Days: Mr. Richmond asked whether an 'Open Day' was planned for 1998. Mr. Brock mentioned that there was to be a country-wide 'Aggregates Week' and he was considering arranging one day during that week as an Open Day.
- (d) Access to Bridle Path: Keith Harris spoke of the difficulty of reaching riders on the bridle path across the site because of locked gates. If an accident occurred the Police, ambulance or fire vehicles would experience the same problem. Could a key be made available and a notice put on the gate(s) stating where the key could be obtained? This was agreed to by the Chairman.
- (e) Footpath 10: Mr. Richmond asked what action had been taken on Footpath 10 (see Minute 7 of 13th January). The Chairman reminded the committee that part of this footpath was on Common land and on inspection the remainder was not considered in any way out of keeping with the rural setting. Richard George confirmed that part was indeed on Common land and permission of the Lord of the Manor or the Commoners would be required before any alteration could be considered. The general consensus was that country footpaths should stay as country footpaths.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL Windsor Box Office 01753 853888

Tuesday 5/5 ~ Saturday 23/5 SHADOW OF DOUBT
Tuesday 26/5 - Saturday 6/6 DANGEROUS TO KNOW
Tuesday 9/6 - Saturday 27/6 GHOSTS
Wednesday 1/7 - Saturday 1/8 A TALE OF TWO CITIES - The Musical

THE MILL at SONNING
Dinner Theatre
Box Office 0118 9698000

Tuesday 7/4 - Saturday 16/5 LEND ME A TENOR
Tuesday 19/5 - Saturday 27/6 THE WAITING GAME
Sunday 7/6 George Melly & John Chiltons' FEETWARMERS

MAIDENHEAD MUSIC SOCIETY
In the Orangery, Cliveden
Supper Concert
Sunday 17th. May at 7.45 p.m.

Kontraste

Martin Feinstein - flute Marina Solarek - violin Penelope Cave - harpsichord

Works by Telemann, Pugnani-Kreisler, Scarlatti, Bach & Martinu.

Tickets £12 (members) £15 (non-members)
From Sheargold Pianos Ltd. 53 King Street, Maidenhead
or ring 01628 622021

SLOUGH PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY School Hall, Eton College Saturday 16th. May at 7.30 p.m.

Cantata: Dona nobis pacem Requiem

Vaughan Williams Faure

Tickets £8.50 & £5. Students £4

Box Office 01753 643521

also available at the door

MAIDENHEAD OPERATIC SOCIETY
The Desborough Suite, Maidenhead
Monday 11th. May - Saturday 16th. May

TRIAL BY JURY & HMS PINAFORE

Box Office 01628 522854

It has been suggested to the editors that the following article may be of interest, particularly to our older residents. It was written by Val Bootle and is published here by kind permission of the Maidenhead Advertiser.

END OF AN ERA AS VIC CLIMO SHUTS UP SHOP

One of the oldest shops in Maidenhead - Vic Climo's radio and TV business in Bridge Street - is to close down and with it will go a slice of the town's history.

Mr. Climo, who is clearing out his workshop and the attic on the upper floors, is putting aside some relics to give to Maidenhead Heritage Centre. He is not sure how some bits and pieces like a baby's gas mask ever got there.

But he is nostalgic about the vintage recording equipment he has been dusting off. Back in the 1930s and 1940s his father used it to record programmes and music for the BBC in the old Rialto, Maidenhead's premier cinema.

"He did jobs for all sorts of people, like Anna Neagle and Richard Todd and the Twenty Questions team. And he did disc cutting for local people," said Mr. Climo.

"Before St. Mary's Church in Maidenhead had bells of its own, for weddings and special occasions he used to run a recording he made for them of the bells at Cookham."

Vic Climo Snr was the town's public address system specialist, in attendance at all major civic events and prominent functions.

His son, also Vic Climo, has kept this up and plans to continue the PA side of the business when he shuts the door on the Bridge Street premises on April 5th.

Climos have organised the PA system for events like Littlewick Shows and Maidenhead Regattas for longer than he can remember. Vic still has the microphone that Field Marshall Montgomery used in 1945 when he was given the freedom of Maidenhead. It was rechromed for Her Majesty the Queen when she opened the Town Hall in June 1962.

The family name incidentally is Cornish. But Vic Climo's grandfather was the village blacksmith in Dorney and, in the beginning, his father was Dorney's telegraph boy.

But his hobby from early boyhood had been building wireless sets and tinkering with them, in the 1930s he established his own business.

His son is vague about the date that it opened up in Bridge Street. It might have been 1936 or 1937. For a year or two it was based in the building, now occupied by a firm of solicitors, that for a spell was Maidenhead Heritage Centre.

But there is a picture of Vic Climo Snr standing outside the present shop, with the company's sleek Morris van, that dates from the late 30s.

"He used to do a round, repairing radios and collecting accumulators. He brought them back to the shop to charge, then returned them a day later," said Mr. Climo.

Before the Second World War Vic Climo Snr built a television set for his own amusement. His son can remember back in 1953 watching the Queen's Coronation on it.

His father placed his faith in radio and recording equipment made by British companies.

At one time the shop used to be filled with products from Dynatron, GEC and Sobell and it still stocks radios made by Roberts, the last of the British manufacturers.

In the old days Maidenhead contained six or seven radio and TV shops like his own that did repairs and offered an on-the-spot after sales service, says Mr. Climo. But times have changed and high overheads and lack of trade has driven them out of business. "I am sad the shop is going. Supermarkets killed off the old corner shops and now the out-of-town electrical stores have killed us. There just isn't the business here in the town centres any longer," he said.

NATURE NOTES March/April

By Mid March some cow parsley, pink dead nettle, shepherd's purse, the bright, blue speedwell and the creeping speedwell which has paler and smaller flowers were in bloom. Some Chestnut trees had produced leaves and by the third week in March many more had leaves. Hawthorns were well in leaf and Black Poplars were showing their red and yellow catkins. The purple ground ivy appeared and Alkanet which also has bright, blue flowers was abundant in certain places.

Greenfinches have at last come into our garden to eat weeds and nuts. As we provide plenty of food of all sorts it is a mystery why they did not visit us earlier.

I saw a Bullfinch by the M4 footpath. The workmen with their noisy machines did not seem to bother it.

A badger visited a garden by the M4 and when food was put out for it brought its whole family. They realised they were on to a good thing but unfortunately dug up the lawn for worms.

Buttercups were in bloom by the third week in March along the banks by the Marsh Lane M4 bridge, also hawthorns.

Some people in Harcourt Road are lucky in having both the Green Woodpecker and the Great Spotted Woodpecker visit their gardens. I saw orchid leaves in Trumper's Field so hopefully they will flower this year and also a small beige toadstool which I could not identify.

A female Montjac deer was eating the pear blossom in a garden in Old Marsh Lane. It could be the same one I saw recently in that area.

Whilst weeding in our front garden a huge toad jumped out of the foliage. This is the time when they mate.

Lois Parker.

Thank You

Colin & Rosemary Morton would like to thank all those who contributed to the gifts that were presented on Sunday 4th April 1998. They said that they have really enjoyed their stay at the Eton Dorney Centre and that they will miss all their friends who have supported them over the years. There were a number of exciting developments that they have achieved during their 7 1/2 years and the holidays for the Chernobyl and Hackney children have been the main highlights. They say they would not have achieved anything without the generous help of local families and individuals.

They would be pleased to see any of their friends in Manchester.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

Saturday 16th May

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Monday 18th May

Wednesday 27th May

Sunday 14th June

Friday 19th June

Saturday 18th July

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Saturday 18th September

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Saturday 24th October

Friday 13th November

DVHMC May Dance. Village Hall 8 p.m.

DVHMC AGM. Village Hall at 8 p.m.

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DDHS Coach Trip to Warwickshire

TVAP Shindig. New Taplow Paper Mill

DDHS Barbecue & Dance

DDHS Annual Show

DDHS Annual Show

DDHS Harvest Supper

DVHMC Anniversary Dance

DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine DVHMC May Dance. Village Hall 8 p.m.

Dates of Church Events will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL DORNEY P.C.C.

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DORNEY OVER 60's CLUB

DORNEY BADMINTON CLUB DORNEY BOWLS CLUB

RAINBOWS

BROWNIES

GUIDES

EXPLORERS. Christian Youth Group (8-12 years old)) Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month

the Vicarage 8 p.m. Second Monday of alternate months i.e. May, July, Sept.

Village Hall, 8 p.m.

Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney.

Tuesdays 12.15-2.00

Dates: 12/5 9/6 11/8 8/9 13/10 10/11 8/12

All dates may be subject to alteration.

Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m.

Every Sunday Village Hall

7.30-10.30 p.m.

Every Friday Dorney School

3.30-4.30 p.m.

Every Thursday Village Hall 6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the Vicarage

7.15-9 p.m.

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No services today in Dorney, Eton, or Eton Wick

17th May Easter 5

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11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mr Hayton Luke24, v45-end First Reader Mrs Pepler Ephesians 4, v1-13

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31st May Pentecost

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From Paddy Fields to Tower Blocks

....And so to stage four of my travels from Paddy Fields to Tower Blocks and the luxury and cleanliness of Singapore are exchanged this month for the bustle and noise of MANILA.

Step out into the Airport in Manila and your senses are immediately hit by the most incredible clamour of trolleys and police whistles. We had a Hotel reservation, and so were efficiently 'packaged' into a car by security guards who ticked our names from pages long lists of businessmen and tourists. From there it was a short drive to the end of the metalled roads of the airport and onto the main bumpy route into Manilla. This is where I, like most visitors before me took my first photo of a Jeepney, the ubiquitous transport of the Philippines. These peculiar vehicles were first converted from left-over Jeeps after the war. The chassis were extended, seats put in, and a roof fixed and hey-presto - cheap public transport for all. It's a system that works very well if you can stand the basic seating and aren't too tall. The family firm who first had this entrepreneurial idea are still the major producers although the supply of Jeeps ran out long ago and Toyotas now provide most of the basic parts.

The pot-holed road rattles on for ages, but covers little distance, until we turn off the main road towards Makati, one of the smarter business areas in Metro-Manila. To bring you down to earth with a bump you cross a level-crossing and notice that the railway is squeezed on both sides by thousands of people living in corrugated iron huts living side by side with the trains. The mortality rate is alarming with children as well as adults frequently being hit by trains. It is actually amazing that so few are hit. Here also is the first sighting of fighting-cocks. It is still legal here and a popular local sport. The birds thankfully meet a quick end, and to be fair the official cock-pit surroundings are not as dreadful as one would imagine, but general disapproval for this one from the whole party!

Just around the corner from the Jeepney factory we found a church which boasted a Bamboo Organ. Nearly all the pipes of this 100 year old instrument are made from Bamboo, together with a large part of the casework. The organist played for us, and when we asked him what he had played he told us that it was from a volume of organ works by an English composer, one William Herschel! I raise my hand in embarrassment for having to travel 6,500 miles to discover that Slough's 'local hero' and Astronomer Royal was also an accomplished musician and prolific composer.

Early the next morning our equipment was loaded into the bus for the long trip to Subic Bay. To get to there is a three hour journey, the first two hours by motorway and the third across the desolate landscape moulded by the ash left by the eruption of the volcano, Mount Pinatubo. This engulfs everything in its path each time there is a heavy rainfall. After leaving the motorway we visited a village where at first

sight the properties all seemed to be bungatows. As we got closer we realised that the ash had filled the lower stories leaving most of the property uninhabitable. The village church looked a little ill-proportioned - this was because services now take place in the roof void. The Nave as high as the walls went was full of solidified ash and mud, and I imagined the same effect in Dorney with the services taking place in the roof-space of St James.

Subic was the main US Naval base in the area until a few years ago when the lease wasn't renewed. The local town supplied everything the visiting naval personnel wished for, which is part of the reason for the Philippines reputation as a destination for sex tourists, and rumoured to be one of the reasons for the lease not having been renewed. We visited a refuge for youngsters who had escaped from this evil trade. The victims were not street-wise adolescents who looked older than their true age, but quite clearly children, who when returned to normality became, apart from bearing the considerable emotional scars of their experiences, youngsters again. At Subic Bay we visited the old US base which is now a freeport. It is a beautiful spot, uncluttered as it is at the moment by much shipping. We left Subic without knowing that our return journey was destined to be far more exciting. On our way we had passed over a temporary bridge. On our return we were to learn that it had indeed been extremely temporary, and had fallen down. This meant a detour through country lanes in the dark. Our driver was not too clear on the area, but there were other people to follow. Unfortunately all roads seemed to lead to the muddy waste of the Volcano, and all the roads we tried were blocked. The final escape was over another temporary bridge across a ravine. As we saw the way the cars in front of us wobbled as they made their way gingerly across we realised this was more of a trip of faith than judgment, but success was the order of the day. None the less the 3 hour trip to Subic took nearly eight hours on the way

The Philippines are synonymous in many peoples eyes with the regime of Ferdinand Marcos, and more particularly with the shoes of his wife Imelda. Although considered by most people here a slightly comic figure she is still respected by many in her home country. To some she is a sort of Evita figure, her collection of shoes being excused by the fact that as the Philippines produces shoes, it is logical for the first lady to support Philippine industry.

1998 is the Centenary of the islands independence as the Philippines count the date of Independence from their being ceded to the US in 1898 at the end of the Spanish-American civil war. They believed that Independence had been granted by the Spanish, and so a bloody conflict with the US followed through which their National hero, Rizal, was executed. They became independent of the US in 1935. But again fate stepped in, along with the Japanese occupation, so full Independence didn't come until 1946. The Philippines have the air of having been quite advanced, and then neglected for a decade or two. They are now booming again, and set for future expansion. With the problems now affecting the Far East economies the Philippines are benefiting from not having borrowed as much financially as some other countries, and are now more secure politically than in the past.

Next month, Shanghai, Hong Kong and journeys end!

Rod Dollimore

One of the pillars of a lot of charities is their Charity Shop. Handling donated or a mixture of donated and bought-in goods, they make a regular and reliable income to help causes like Barnardos, Help The Aged, the British Red Cross, Oxfam, Imperial Cancer Research, Sue Ryder Homes & the Shaw Trust.

Working in a charity shop can be most enjoyable. It's sociable work - meeting other helpers and members of the public and having a pleasant chat, making the shop a welcoming place.

'Charity shop chic' has become well-known - gone are the days when you didn't own up if you bought there. Now even well-known celebrities boast of 'my little designer number from Oxfam' and fashion-lovers know they can have twice as many clothes in their wardrobe if they buy at second-hand prices. Most shops sell bric a brac and books as well as clothes and some sell superb craft items which make welcome gifts.

To become a volunteer helper at a charity shop you need to be able to offer a regular half day a week. You also need to be reasonably fit as you could be on your feet quite a bit of that time. You can get involved in sorting and displaying goods for sale and/or helping with the till.

We have a lot of charity shops and charity markets in & around South Bucks, some staffed entirely by volunteers, some by a mixture of staff & volunteers. We also have a limited number of opportunities for people to help in cases. If this sort of volunteering appeals to you, contact 01753 893793.

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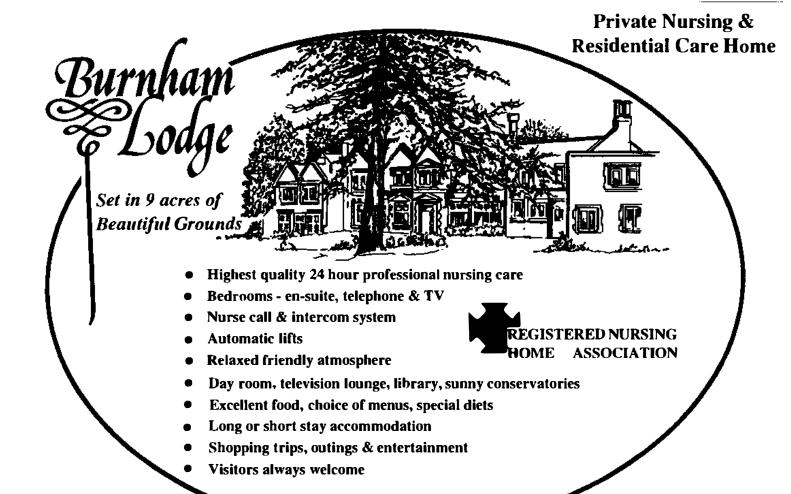
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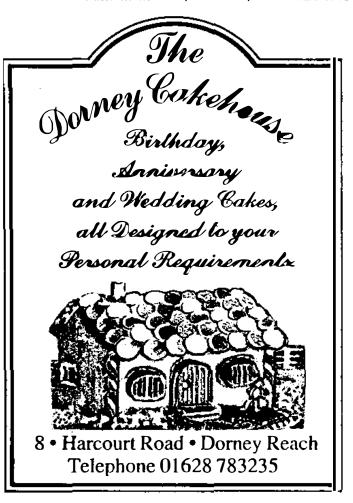
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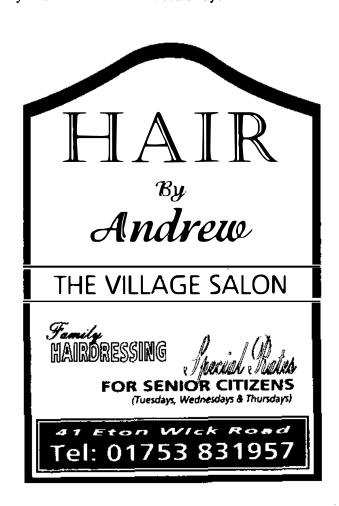
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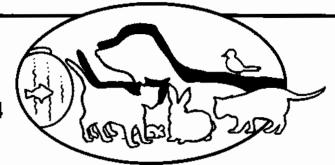
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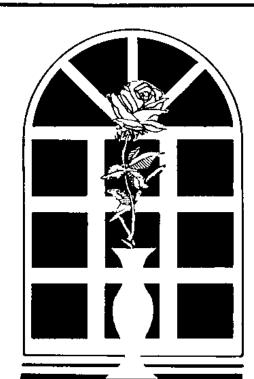
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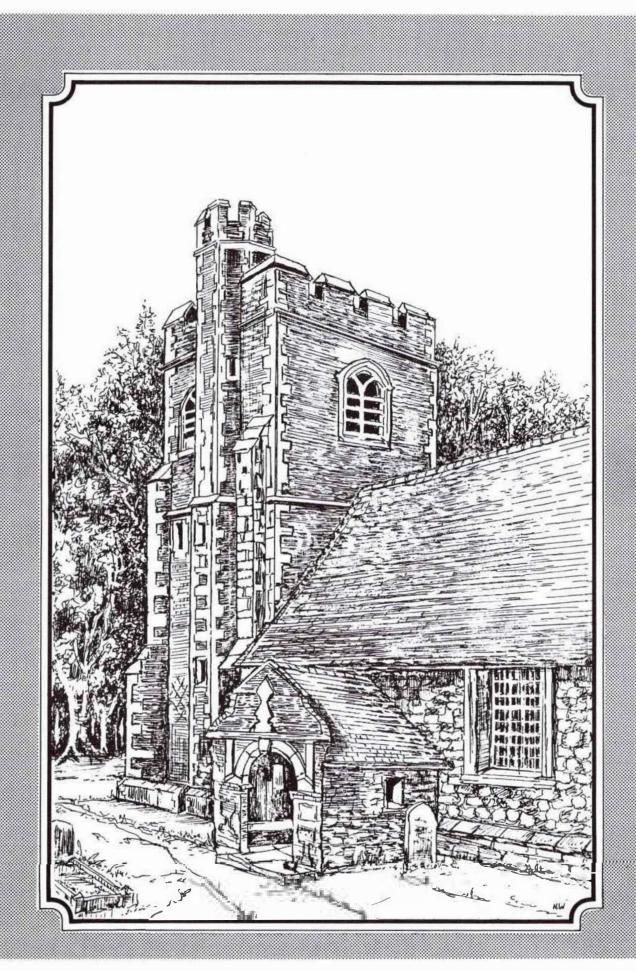
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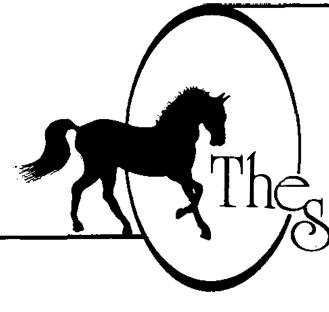
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EDITORIAL

A letter in last Saturday's Daily Telegraph referred to a previously published picture of homosexual swans and suggested that for any who had read Theo Colborn's 'Our Stolen Future' or Deborah Cadbury's 'The Feminisation of Nature' it will set alarm bells ringing, for their description of changes in seagull behaviour are echoed in that of the swans.

Pesticide residues, polychlorinated biphenyls and phthalines are oestrogenic disrupters (the so-called 'gender benders') found in aquatic creatures upon which the swans feed and in water. The letter goes on to ask, "Have the activities of humans condemned these noble birds to an unproductive life?"

This letter caught my attention because some months ago I read an article telling that fish in British rivers are changing sex as a result of human hormones from sewage farms and hormone-mimicking chemicals from industry.

According to the Environment Agency, in the two worst rivers tested, the Aire, in Yorkshire and Nene, Northamptonshire, 100 per cent of the male roach below a sewage works were feminised, that is, to have eggs in their testes to some degree. Some were 'severely feminised' or hermaphrodite. The study found that sex changes in fish was 'widespread'. In the latest study researchers looked at the testes of 2,000 male roach in 20 sites, from pristine lakes to heavily-polluted rivers. "We found a very much higher percentage of hermaphrodite fish than we expected to find," said Prof. John Sumpter of Brunel University. Last year I saw a TV programme which highlighted similar worries in the USA where not only fish but also other aquatic creatures are becoming feminised and incapable of reproduction. According to the Department of Health "there is no persuasive evidence that current exposure to chemicals in food, consumer products or the environment are harming human health through effects on the endocrine system". Well, that's as may be, but if I were a younger man I would be beginning to wonder what life had in store for me or, more to the point, what I had in store for life.

Some urgent measures must be taken to restore the balance of nature for, be warned, when all the young lads regularly queuing for their cod and chips at the local fish shop are sporting lipstick you'll know it's too late.

Peregrine Palmer's May Day funeral service in our parish church of St. James was a sad but certainly not a mournful occasion. An address by the Revd. Canon Roger Royle, sprinkled with humorous family anecdotes, was attuned to the feeling that this was a gathering of family, friends and neighbours wishing to temper the sorrow of farewell with the remembrances of a happy life.

Peregrine's death, after his courageous three year fight against cancer, brought a communal sorrow to the parish. He had been in our thoughts and prayers during his illness and many of us share a feeling of loss. The great numbers at his funeral, over 300, reflect the respect and affection in which he was held. A more personal tribute to Peregrine will be published next month.

Our thoughts are now with Jill and the boys, to whom we extend our sincere condolences.

Revd Paul Reynolds writes

Last month the Riverside Team celebrated its 20th anniversary. St. Mary's Datchet was full with worshippers from team churches, past team members and those from local organisations with whom we have contact. It was a celebration of the work and ministry undertaken within the team over these past 20 years.

Bishop John Bone, the former bishop of Reading, in his address on Luke 5 (the calling of the first disciples) spoke about the importance of -

Sharing and partnership Being open to change Believing the impossible

Having had several days to reflect upon his words, I believe they are particularly appropriate, not only for the team, but for our two parishes as we consider our priorities for the next few years.

In Christian ministry we cannot 'go it alone' - we need the encouragement and support of others. That involves a willingness to share, our hopes and fear, our successes and failures. It will often mean we need to share resources - without the financial support of its members the work of the church will be held back and only as people use their gifts, however small, can the church function as the body of Christ. We're called to be partners in the service of Christ.

If Christian ministry is to grow and develop then change must be embraced and worked through - not resisted at all costs. Change is a natural part of the process of growth. No change - no growth. It does not mean jettisoning all that has been good and helpful in the past, but rather discovering what will help others to discover faith and grow in it, today. If that involves trying something new - let's accept the challenge.

If those first disciples had sat down and carried out a feasibility study on the likelihood of spreading the good news of Jesus around the world, they would probably have kept up the fishing! The impossible started to become a reality as they went out in faith, working a day at a time. If we'll only begin something new provided we're assured of success, then we can miss out on the excitement of seeing the impossible become reality, as we work and pray for the growth of God's kingdom. And as God's church in these communities, we're to be in the business of furthering the growth of his kingdom.

With love

Paul.

Parishes' Mission Statement

As reported in last month's magazine we are considering our Parishes' Mission Statement over the summer, both on the third Sunday at Eton Wick and at the third week home groups. This month we look at the second main aim of the Statement - To make and encourage disciples.

On the third Sunday of this month (21st) there will be lunch after the combined service at Eton Wick and the opportunity to discuss further some of the issues arising from the Mission Statement, with the help of a video. Please aim to join us - we will finish by 2pm.

The special week of outreach next year (full details in the autumn) is all part of our overall aim to become more of a missionary church, cooccured first and foremost with growth and helping others to discover the relevance of faith in Christ as we approach the end of the second millennium.

Church Services in June 1998

3rd	10am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
7th	9.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Combined Family Service with Baptisms	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
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14th	9.30 am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St. John the Evangelist Eton
	6.30 pm	Evening Celebration	St. John the Baptist Eton Wick
21st	9.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00arn	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
		followed by light lunch & discussion in Church Room	
28th	9.30am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.John the Evangelist Eton

Important Events this month

Saturday 6th Riverside outing to Peterborough Cathedral

Sunday 7th Teddy Bear's Picnic at St. Mary's Boveney - bring a teddy, £1 + your lunch and enjoy a great afternoon - proceeds will go to RiverReach 98 holiday club

Sunday 14th 6.30pm Evening Praise at St. John's Eton Wick

Wednesday 24th 8.00pm Video on parenting at 69a Eton Wick Road - all welcome (for further details contact Paul or Kate Reynolds)

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

July

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes - see leaflets in the churches Wednesday 22nd 7pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal Holy Communion taken by Guild of Servers Sunday 26th 3pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal service

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

September

Sunday 6th 11am Family Service - Commissioning of youth & children's leaders in our parishes

Sunday 27th 11am St James Dorney Harvest Festival with Uniformed Organisations

3pm St. Mary Magdalene Boveney Harvest Festival

October

Sunday 4th Eton/Eton Wick Harvest Festival & welcoming of Norman Critchell beginning his placement Friday 9th Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

River Reach 98 - needs you!

Our third RiverReach children's holiday club is taking place at Eton Wick school from Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th July. This year, in the light of the World Cup, we are adopting a sports theme for the three days although there will be the usual great mix of fun activities and crafts, games + learning more about Jesus. We are fortunate to have Sim Dendy, from Children Worldwide, coming to lead the club and run some of the activities. Sim has led many such clubs and brings with him a wealth of experience and resources.

However, the club cannot run without the help of adults and young people who are willing to give time to be involved with a group or run an activity. At the moment we still need many more people.

If you could give us some time during the three days please contact Paul Reynolds. If you're not sure what helping at the club involves please chat with Paul - it's great fun and very worthwhile, particularly when you see just how much the children enjoy their time at RiverReach.

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Summer Help Needed with Playschemes

If you are a student or Duke of Edinburgh candidate looking to use your summer profitably or just enjoy working with young children, consider these options.

The 'Just Do It' Arts & Sports programme of children's summer playschemes are looking for helpers from 27th July to the end of August. Helpers at the Arts workshops in Beaconsfield, Evreham and Burnham need to be 18+ and can get involved in music, video, media or drama activities. Some previous experience or skill with the relevant medium is needed.

Sports funweeks in Famham Common, Iver, Burnham & Beaconsfield need fit volunteers 18+ to participate in organized games and help generally in supervising the children.

If you like children and theatre and are 16+ you can get involved with the touring children's theatre & pupper events around the villages of S Bucks. Help is needed with setting up, stewarding & selling refreshments.

Anyone interested should contact South Bucks Volunteer Bureau on 01753 893793.

ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP

It was the evening of the 15th April and there was a hum of anticipation emanating from the first floor of the Village Hall: John Denham was due to give a talk on the six best known local "Bridges o'er Stream and River". But first, a few words from Frank Bond: he thanked those who contributed in various ways to the Group and particularly the ladies who so kindly provided refreshments for each meeting. He referred to Dorney's excellent Millennium project involving the recording of plant, bird and river life seen in the Dorney area in this period leading up to the Millennium; and he pointed out that, at that time, Eton Wick had no plan to mark the occasion - suggestions would be appreciated.

John Denham then took his audience right back 900 years; he explained that many of our local streams would have been more like rivers in those days, and he described the bridges of that period: they were simple constructions of wood from local forests. Not that there was a bridge across from Eton to Windsor then: the first record of a bridge in Windsor is dated 1172, two years after the completion of William the Conqueror's first castle - a wooden structure built on a 50'0" high manmade mound and just one of a defensive ring of nine forts.

There are three bridges between Slough and Eton: Beggar's Bridge, Fifteen Arch Bridge and Baldwin's or Barnes Pool Bridge (which was originally two bridges). Beggar's Bridge is at the junction of Pocock's Lane and Slough Road, where the Chalvey Ditch meets Willowbrook and the first bridge there was constructed in 1250 - money to finance the building came from local merchants; it lasted until Spring floods demolished the, by then unstable, structure 53 years later. There was argument as to who should pay for its repair and it was eventually decided that it should be re-built through begging contributions from the public - hence its name. It was re-built in stone and further repairs to the bridge are documented in 1778. The bridge became a stopping point for the 'beating of the bounds'.

The next bridge along the route is the 'Fifteen Arch Bridge' which crosses Colenorton Brook, part of which is known as The Jordan. Low-lying ground around the Chalvey Ditch/Colenorton Brook area must have made it very hazardous for heavy wagon traffic and a bridge, built in 1442, was constructed of 60,000 bricks (@ 10d per thousand); but the date given for the first Fifteen Arch Bridge, constructed of 2,469,000 bricks with a timber roadway, is 1537. This stretch of road was to see many royal processions, and shortly after the bridge's construction Jane Seymour's funeral cortege went through on its way to Windsor, as did Henry VIII's in 1547. As a result of a disastrous flood in 1809 six of the brick arches crumbled, forcing stagecoaches to divert across the College's playing fields and presumably across Sheeps Bridge, which dates from 1563/64.

As mentioned earlier, Baldwin's Bridge, also known as Barnes Pool Bridge, was orginally two bridges: One spanned Barnes Pool and the other spanned an open sewer (which was closed in 1842). There is a record in the Domesday Book in 1086 of the need to reach pasture land in Eton and Eton Wick and for easier access to the London/Henley road, and so Baldwin's Bridge was constructed. Over time there were many variations of the name 'Baldwin', and 'Barnes Pool Bridge' was not used until the latter part of the 16th century. It was during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I that steps were taken to form a trust, in perpetuity, for the maintenance of the bridge; in 1592 the title was conveyed to 13 trustees who had to be inhabitants of Eton - they were mainly shopkeepers and all male until 1956 when the first woman trustee was appointed. The bridge was rebuilt in 1658 and 1687 and continued to have various repairs and refurbishment until the present bridge was designed in 1883 by A. Fowler: the two main girders were produced in Manchester and they rest on piers of Cornish granite. Traction engines brought the girders from Slough but a drain had collapsed on the approach to Fifteen Arch Bridge, and there was a danger that the bridge itself would collapse and so the traction engines positioned themselves at each end of the bridge and the load was towed across from one to the other. Baldwin's Bridge house, next to the bridge, was built between 1676 and 1679

The early wooden bridge between Windsor and Eton was always in need of repair and it is noted that in 1236 Henry III gave permission for 6 Oaks to be felled to prop up the bridge, but subsequently Edward I allowed it to fall into decay; and in 1387 Richard II had the centre sections of the bridge smashed up so that Gloucester and York couldn't get at him. At one stage Windsor Castle's Chamberlain had to sell two silver chalices (for £15) to help pay for repairs to the structure, which was so weak at that time that the King would stable his horses in Eton (King Stable Street) and carry his entourage and possessions across by ferry. The bridge's history continued to be one of decay, repair and replacement, until early in the 19th century when the Corporation invited Charles Holles, with Thomas Telford, to submit designs for a new bridge which would measure 260 feet x 26 feet; it was to cost £16,000 and was completed within the five years from 21st March 1820 to its opening on 1st July 1824. Over the next 150 years the increase in traffic over the bridge resulted in a crack appearing in the ironwork of the bridge and in 1970 Berkshire County Council's Surveyors' Department and Highways Committee decided the bridge must close indefinitely, due to its rapid Fortunately, in 1966 the Windsor & Eton Relief deterioration. Road, with its Queen Elizabeth Bridge, had opened and vehicles could travel that route from Slough to Windsor. The Queen Elizabeth Bridge has 63'0" spans, is 461'0" long and 82'0" wide; its construction was commenced on 1st July 1964 and completed on 30th June 1966 at a cost of £328,655.

In the mid-19th century the railways had come to Windsor and the Brunel-designed single-span railway bridge was constructed: it is 202 feet long and weighs 450 tons. The bridge is supported on cement-filled cylinders; its cross-braced trusses are 23'0" high. The line was opened on the 8th October 1849 and was carried on a wooden viaduct which was replaced between 1861 and 1865 with the present brick semi-circular arches.

And we mustn't forget the smaller bridges - the Chinese Bridge (formerly called Long Bridge) between Eton Wick and Windsor, and the little 'iron' bridge at Boveney. At the other end of the scale we watch, with interest, the construction of the new rail bridge at Chalvey for the Flood Alleviation Scheme, it will weigh 4,500 tonnes, rests on twin arch structures and will cost £2.4million of the £83million which the Flood Alleviation Scheme as a whole will cost.

The next meeting will be on the 27th May when the topic will be 'VILLAGE SHOPKEEPERS - PAST AND PRESENT' (or 'The Rise and Fall of Small Traders!')

Further information from:

Mr. Frank Bond Tel: 850960 Mrs. Joan Ballhatchet Tel: 850699

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THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 12 May 1998



Election of Officers

The following officers were elected: Ken Richmond, Chairman; Keith Harris, Vice-Chairman; Graham Easton, Chairman of Finance Committee.

Georgina Kynaston was appointed Acting Clerk for three months.

Any problems should be reported to the following numbers: street lighting - 629381 (Dorney Reach) or 603247 (Dorney Village), general maintenance - 603856, footpaths and trees - 605177, youth - 661119.

DEEP

Parish Council welcomed Philip Tilbury, Architect, Roderick Watson, Bursar, and Brian Duckett, Environmental Advisor, who came to present the new proposed designs for the rowing course Boat House. The new design reduced the height of the building from 12 metres to 8 metres which met with the general approval of the Parish Council.

Environmental Improvement Plan

Brian Duckett joined members of the Parish Council to walk through Dorney Reach and Dorney village to discuss plans for tree and wild flower planting which will be implemented with the help of Bressinghams and the Eton Environmental Panel.

Youth Projects

Councillor Jill Dix has volunteered to coordinate plans for village youth projects; anyone who has ideas or is willing to help in any way should get in touch with any councillor who will forward details to Mis Dix.

Tennis Court

A new application has been forwarded to S B District Council for planning permission for a tennis court in the picnic park area between the Village Hall and the school.

Bus Service

It was decided to write a letter to the County Council to ask how our bus service will be improved now that a grant from the Government has been issued to help improve local public transport services.

Dog Litter Bins

Following the success of the bins installed in Dorney Reach, it was decided to install a further dog litter bin at the Climo's Corner entrance to public footpath number 8 which goes down to the river.

Traffic Calming

Parish Council was pleased to welcome a local resident who expressed an interest in the traffic calming measures being discussed. Ideas from any residents will always be taken into consideration. A survey will be carried out by County officers in the near future.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 June, in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8 pm.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Sunday 14th June

Friday 19th June Wednesday 8th July

DDHS Coach Trip to Coughton Court, Warwickshire TVAP Shindig. New Taplow Paper Mill Eton Wick History Group. Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Saturday 18th July

Saturday 19th July

Saturday 5th September

Friday 18th September

Saturday 24th October

DOHS Barbecue & Dance

DDHS Summer Gardens Competition

DDHS Annual Show

DDHS Harvest Supper

DVHMC Anniversary Dance

DOWN AND STATE OF THE Friday 13th November DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine

Dates of Church Events will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

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Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month the Vicarage 8 p.m.

Second Monday of alternate months i.e. July, Sept. Nov.

Village Hall 8 p.m.

Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney. Tuesdays 12.15-2.00

Dates: 9/6 11/8 8/9 13/10 10/11 8/12

All dates may be subject to alteration.

Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m.

Every Sunday Village Hall 7.30-10.30 p.m.

Every Friday Dorney School

3.30-4.30 p.m.

Every Thursday Village Hall 6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the Vicarage 7.15-9 p.m.

See Church diary/notice boards for meeting place, dates & times

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NATURE NOTES April/May

By mid April many hawthorns were in bloom and a few horse chestnut candles. Jack in the Hedge, Dock and pink Dove's Foot were also flowering. Black Poplars were dropping their red and yellow catkins but were covered with shiny, new pinkish bronze leaves. The new leaves of the Lombardy Poplars are a yellowish green. Sycamore leaves at this time of year are a bright green and many had produced their clusters of pendulous pale golden flowers. Some new Sycamore leaves emerge a red wine colour.

By the third week in April the sheaths of Lords and Ladies had opened. Two Goldfinches came into our garden at this time, the first for many months. There are still some fungi to be seen - brown cup shaped Peziza Repanda which grows close to the earth and some Wood Blewits which I saw on the M4 Marsh Lane Bridge. These are an attractive violet colour. The cap becomes brown when old. The frogs and toads which took refuge in a large plastic sack near our dustbin have left and are now to be found in our garden hopefully eating slugs and bugs which eat our seedlings.

On a sunny day Orange Tip and some White butterflies appear and also the usual Small Tortoiseshells, Brimstones and Peacocks.

Muntjac deer are now seen regularly around Dorney Reach - in gardens in Harcourt Road nibbling rose leaves and in the meadow by the M4 Marsh Lane bridge. They have possibly been disturbed by the work going on in respect of the Eton Rowing Trench and the Maidenhead Flood Relief Scheme. They are shy creatures and prefer a quiet environment.

By mid May Traveller's Joy and Purple Vetch had come into bloom. I was pleased to find some Lamb's Lettuce plants in bloom along the M4 footpath where workmen had been renewing the fencing as I thought they had been destroyed during this work.

There are 23 nests in the M4 rookery, a slight increase on last year.

Lois Parker.

MARRIAGES

May 9th. Nicholas Worthington - Katherine Jones

May 30th. John Morris - Sharon Jacqueline Kellett

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Wednesday 8th. July at 7.30 p.m. in Eton Wick Village Hall.

Talk: - Local Fetes, Fairs, Carnivals & Concerts.

Dorney Horticultural Society

The picture so far

Our start of the year steak pie supper was held in February in the village hall as it usually is anyway, but what distinguished it was the quality of the nosh. Everyone agreed that the steak pie was one of the best ever. Well done Phil! The quiz that followed stumped many of us. There is a good chance of getting the answers wrong, but unlike the Lottery there's always a winner.Good fun.

The problem with the Spring garden competition this year was the wet 'cool Britain' weather in April, which upset many gardeners. Yet in spite of it the standard set by those who did enter was very high. Lawns were particularly green and weed free. Heathers were magnificent and there was much colour generally. David Penny- our judge- thought that the revised assessment format gave everyone a better chance. The final marks were very close. Mr Lidstone came 3rd. Mr and Mrs Taylor 2nd. while Mr and Mrs Stewart were the winners. Mr and Mrs Springbett won the 'assisted gardens' section.

Archaeology is possibly not everyone's cup of tea but, during the April Cheese and Wine evening Mr Tim Allen's enthusiasm really brought the subject alive. He described the 'digs' carried out on the area of the Eton College gravel pits before the land is lost. We discovered that the Thames has not always flowed between its present banks. We saw slides of unearthed posts that were once parts of bridges, skeletons of an animal and a young woman, flints attached to arrows also used for killing birds, pieces of pots or bowls and raised areas on which homes were built or used as general meeting places possibly for trade. (The original oxboot sales maybe). The loud applause at the end clearly demonstrated how much his talk was enjoyed. Great stuff Tim, our sincere thanks. The cheese supper and wine rounded off the evening pleasantly.

Don't forget the coach trip this year will you? It takes place on Sunday June 14th. Destination, Coughton Court in Warwickshire, home of the Throckmorton family. The coach departs from the Palmer Arms at 9.50 a.m. then the top of Harcourt road at 10.00 o'clock. Hope to leave for home at about 4.00 p.m. There's plenty to see and do so it should be a good day out. Fingers crossed for sunny weather. The cost is low, as last year £6.50 per person. I will be around to collect cash very shortly. . If you want to bring a friend or two we will happy to find room for them provided I am told in good time.

Happy gardening.

RSL(DHS Committee)

EDITORS' NOTE

We find ourselves short of copy to fill our statutory multiples of four pages and so once again we fall back on the 'Miss Bennett Story'. The following extracts from our April and May 1967 editions deal with the construction of the old village hall, which stood by the cattle grid next to the old school, and contain a reference to Mr. Climo who featured in last month's magazine.

CHANGES IN DORNEY

During the years of the Armistice there were many changes in Dorney. Some of the houses changed ownership, and this resulted in alterations. Often two or even three cottages became one house. All this was done without spoiling the character of the village under the supervision of Mr. Quarterman, who used Tudor bricks and tiles and genuine old oak. Often he would spend weeks constructing a chimney from an ancient design to tone with the building under construction. The large chimney on Pond House is a good example of this excellent work. It is interesting to note that none of these houses has the same families living in them now.

As the young men returned to Dorney on demobilization it became necessary to provide a room for games, dances and entertainment. All we had was the school or the vicarage room, neither of which was large enough or convenient. Several meetings were held with little result.

When Mr. Ford was vicar of Dorney he was very keen to get things going, and at a meeting, possibly in January 1927, it was agreed to see how much could be raised by June of that year. I rashly promised to raise £25 and I am glad to say I raised £50 in the specified time. This started the ball rolling, and for the next two and a half years we worked with a will at money raising.

Dorney Village Hall

At the time we were thinking of a Village Hall Dorney Reach was being developed, and in Harcourt Road we found several people willing and ready to help with the plans for a Village Hall. The most active of these were Mr. & Mrs. Moss. Both of them had much theatrical experience and helped greatly with whist drives, dances, concerts and sales, which brought in quite a good sum. Among these was a Penny Sale at which Mr. Victor Climo exhibited a wireless set. We could listen in for a penny a minute. To many of us this was our first introduction to radio. Two large fetes were held, one at Dorney Court and another at Dorney House.

As our money accumulated we began to think of what kind of building to have and a site for it. The late Colonel C. Palmer gave us a suitable piece of land near the school.

A sub-committee made several excursions to view possible buildings and at last selected one at Windsor Hospital. A disastrous fire had destroyed two wards and large temporary huts were used during rebuilding. One of these we obtained for a reasonable price. Mr. Quarterman gave us an estimate for moving and rebuilding it.

This was done piecemeal, but unfortunately there came a severe gale. The hospital section was carried across to the gate of the hospital. The section at Dorney was blown down, thus adding about £100 to the cost. At last everything was finished and paid for, and a Grand Opening was held on 26th. July, 1930.

It has served us well for 35 years, but now, alas, has almost finished its useful work.

E. C. B.

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

MILLENNIUM HERTIAGE PROJECTS

Update 14th May 1998

PARISH MAP

Aerial photographs will be taken within the next few weeks, subject to grant/budget approval. Local artists will be invited to prepare watercolours etc, (which may also be used in the booklet) based upon these photographs. Costs of reproduction had been received.

BOOKLET

A mock up and costs were submitted and approved in principle.

VIDEO

A list of questions was approved and an Eton master will be starting the project soon.

MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION

Main Exhibition 17-24 JUNE 2000, Village Hall. Display screens have been booked from SBDC.

Other venues to be arranged, e.g Eton Wick Library

Some interesting photographs have already been received and logged, but more are needed. Other possible sources - Observer, Express Advertiser, Archives. Paul Clements, Jean Anderson, Helen Priest, Iris Garratt. We are invited to look at Maidenhead Library archives and Dorney Court sometime in the future.

Interesting artefacts will also be required on loan.

GENEALOGY

Proceeding.

FLORA & FAUNA

Work continues to progress

NEXT MEETING 13 JULY 1998, at the PROJECT.

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BACK TO BASICS?

Not, I think, an unfamiliar heading to readers of this column. At the time of the General Election I was assured that such headings would no longer be relevant in a NEW era; not that I believed this would really be the case. We now have the OLD, OLD story - never a straight answer to a question, and vociferous defence of the Indefensible, and money changing hands in somewhat dubious fashion. Most entertaining is the "re-visiting" of a question to give a completely different answer to the original. I have a word for that. All this was familiar last year and before that. Wouldn't it be nice if things just changed a little?

LATE AGAIN?

The last statement very much applies to the Environment Agency. Their wonderful glossy magazine is full of Interesting Information, but no mention has yet been made of the probability of a further delay to the construction of the Lake End Road Bridge. Due to be started last September, I shall be extremely surprised if the Agency starts this September as re-planned. Meanwhile the apparently random diggery continues and the time when we can say goodbye to these Irritating contractors gets later and later.

SOUND SENSE?

I see that the Highways Agency have replaced the old fencing with a shining new installation. I wonder what is its purpose. It is hardly high or awkward enough to prevent persons climbing over; nor are the bars close enough to prevent all the debris coming through. For the same cost the agency could, surely, have put in something a bit more sound resistant, particularly as this has been previously requested, I understand, by the Parish Council.

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11.00 am Cleaning

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Flowers

Mrs Robb Mrs Ames

14th June

Trinity 1

11.00 am

Family Communion

Sidesman First Reader Coffee

Mrs Dyson Miss Hook Mrs Richmond

Luke 14, v15-24 Acts 2, v37-end

Luke 15, v1-10

Isaiah 63. v7-14

Mark 10, v46>end

Eph 4, v17>end

Cleaning

Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

Flowers

Mrs Belcher

21st June

Trinity 2

9 00 am Sidesman **Holy Communion** Mrs Richmond

11.00 am Cleaning **Flowers**

Combined Worship at Eton Wick Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

Mrs Robinson

28th June

Trinity 3

11.00 am

Family Communion

Sidesman First Reader Mr Pepier Mrs Parker Mr & Mrs Perryman

Coffee Cleaning Flowers

Mrs Street Mrs Springbett

5th July

Trinity 4

9.00 am Sidesman Holy Communion

11.00 am

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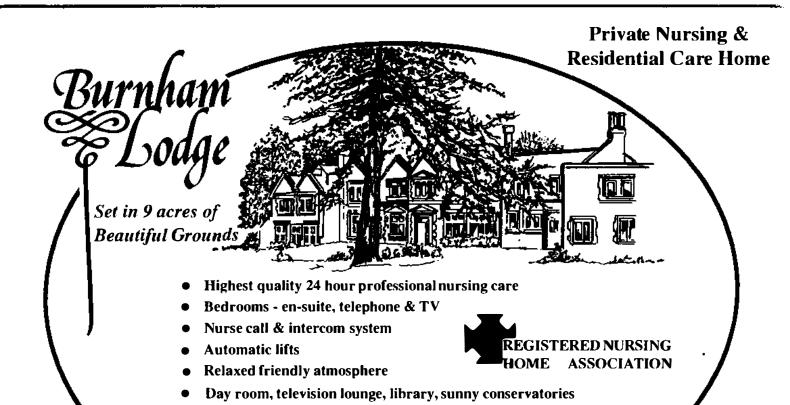
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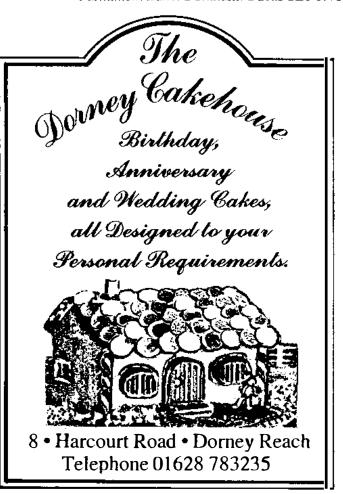
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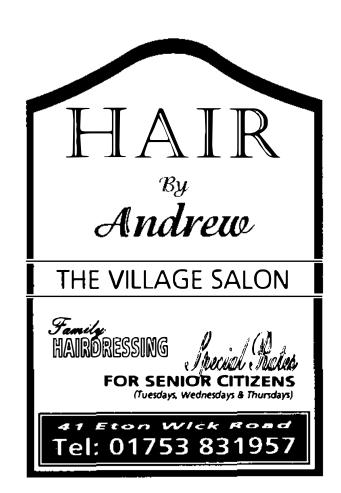
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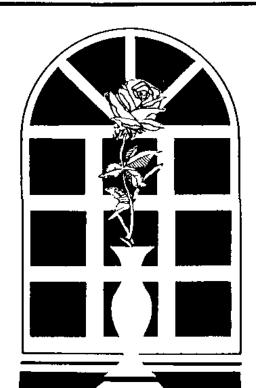
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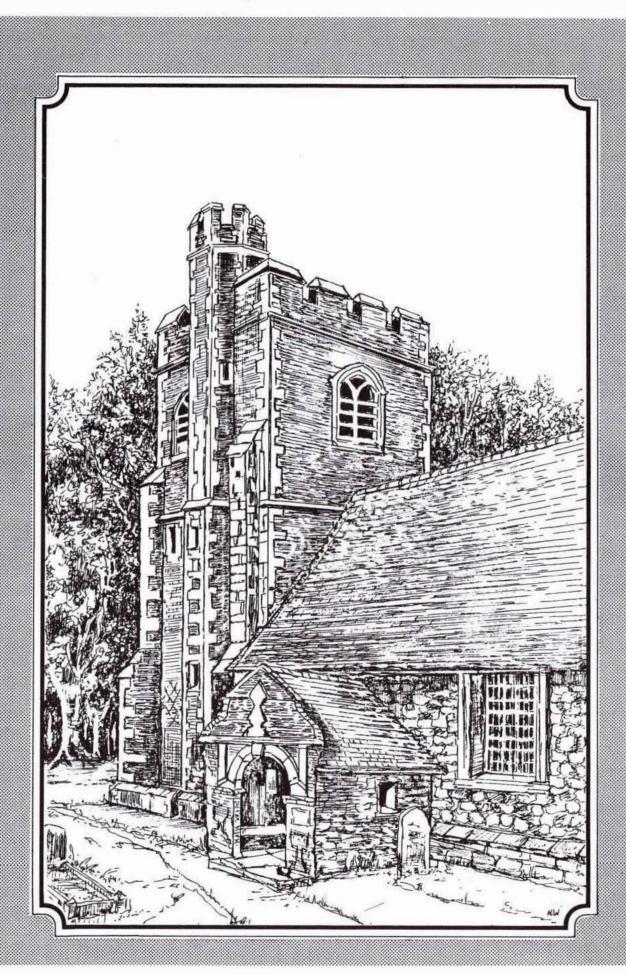
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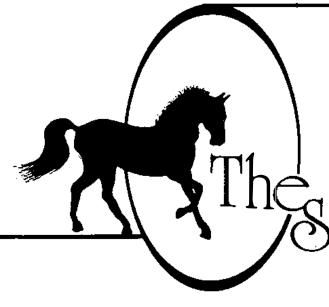
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EDITORIAL

More than half way through the month of June and, unless the adjective is used as a mild expletive, flaming it is not. So far it has been very wet and rather windy. But then, so often June lets us down.

An extract from the Maidenhead Advertiser archives of June 75 years ago telling how a slump in domestic tourism was affecting Maidenhead hoteliers, blamed the excessive taxation of the upper classes, but added that the November-like weather was certainly not helping.

Those who are not too young, will remember how wintry weather in June almost brought disaster to the D-Day landings.

Last year, too, June was not up to much, but the subsequent fine July and August soon made us forget it. With luck, the same thing will happen this year.

A break in the rain brought a sunny, warm weekend and a chance to walk by the river, always a pleasure, despite the difficulty in negotiating parts of the towpath churned into seas of mud by the many cyclists. The Dorney reach of the Thames is extremely pleasant and, away from the motorway, satisfyingly tranquil.

But all is not well on the river. Those bully boys, the Canada Geese, continue to multiply at an alarming rate. Like certain World Cup soccer 'supporters' they are an aggressive and destructive species that can quickly overwhelm the resident river wildlife.

Some control of this menace has been attempted by taking eggs from the nests or piercing the eggs to prevent hatching. In some cases more drastic methods are employed. But as each pair produce seven chicks a year over a twelve year life span, the enormity of this problem must be faced and a more concerted means of limitation devised. There are now many thousands of these birds in this country and their numbers are doubling every eight years.

I know I broached this subject some two years ago, of how Canada Geese were damaging cereals, grasses and root crops, stripping bare the banks of rivers, lakes and ponds and ruining many city parks, befouling them with excrement. I do so again because a walk by the river brings the problem to mind and because at a recent visit to a riverside hotel I found that the whole of the well manicured lawn was covered by the slimy, green inch-and-a-half long droppings that these birds produce every two or three minutes.

Last month's editorial dwelt on 'The Feminisation of Nature' whereby some aquatic creatures are becoming hermaphrodite and unable to reproduce. A particular instance of this in swans had been recorded in the daily press. I suppose it is Sod's law that this is most likely to occur in the more attractive and less productive creatures, whereas some feminisation in Canada Geese would not be unwelcome.

REMINDER

THE PARISH NEWS IS NOT PUBLISHED IN AUGUST

Revd Paul Reynolds writes

We hear much today about young people within the Church leaving it and the failure of the Church to relate to the culture and interests of young people Undoubtedly there is much truth in this but within the Riverside Team there has been an attempt to address this problem.

Since 1992 the Team has employed a full-time youth worker, initially to be involved with teenagers but work amongst children has evolved as an important aspect of the post. Over the past 5 years the Youth and Children's Worker has been making a valuable contribution in our ministry to local youngsters in our schools and clubs, as well as in our churches

Following Tony Nye's departure last August, to take up a Youth Officer's post in Salisbury Diocese, we have been without a Youth and Children's Worker. This has had an adverse affect upon some of our work with children and young people - in our parishes the youth club at the Eton Dorney Centre closed last September due to lack of helpers

But the good news is that a new Worker has been appointed - Michael Volland - and will take up his post on July 1st. Michael comes from Reading, where his most recent occupation has been as a freelance promoter of dance events for young people. He is a committed Christian and will be in one of our Riverside churches most Sundays (we hope he will be involved in our combined family service from time to time). He has a wide range of experience and interests, which I suspect, will help him bridge the gap between church and youth culture. The need to make Christian faith relevant to our young people is an urgent one, particularly when there are so many other influences and opportunities open to them, not all of which are helpful or wholesome

Michael will be getting to know our children and young people over the summer (he will be around for part of RiverReach) and will be well into his post by the start of the autumn term. Please welcome him and remember him in your prayers

With love

Paul.

RiverReach 98 - still needs you!

Our third RiverReach children's holiday club is taking place at Eton Wick school from Tuesday 28th to Thursday 30th July. This year, in the light of the World Cup, we are adopting a sports theme for the three days although there will be the usual great mix of fin activities and crafts, games + learning more about Jesus. We are fortunate to have Sim Dendy, from Children Worldwide, coming to lead the club and run some of the activities. Sim has led many such clubs and brings with him a wealth of experience and resources.

However, the club cannot run without the help of adults and young people who are willing to give time to be involved with a group or run an activity. Registration forms for children attending the club are pouring in - there will be no shortage of participants! Therefore the need for helpers is even greater.

If you could give us some time during the three days please contact Paul Reynolds. If you're not sure what helping at the club involves please chat with Paul - it's great fun and very worthwhile, particularly when you see just how much the children enjoy their time at RiverReach.

Even if you can't be there during RiverReach you can help by praying - prayer is essential to the success of the club. Our Parishes' Prayer Evening on Thursday 9th July 8pm in St. John's Eton Wick will be devoted to RiverReach. Do join us as we pray for the helpers, children and activities.

Church Services in July & August 1998

July

lst	10am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St. John the Evangelist Eton	
5th	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Family Service with Baptisms Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St. James the Less Dorney St. John the Baptist Eton Wick St. John the Evangelist Eton	
12th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion with Baptism Morning Worship	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton	
19th	9.00am I 1.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Worship with children's groups	St. James the Less Dorney St. John the Baptist Eton Wick	
22nd	7.00pm	Patronal Holy Communion	St.Mary Magdalene Boveney	
26th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Communion (said BCP) Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion Patronal Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton St.Mary Magdalene Boveney	
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Important Events this month

Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th Week of guided prayer in our parishes - see leaflets in the churches Wednesday 22nd 7pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal Holy Communion taken by Guild of Servers Sunday 26th 3pm St.Mary's Boveney Patronal service

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th RiverReach holiday club at Eton Wick school

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

September

Sunday 6th 11am Family Service - Commissioning of youth & children's leaders in our parishes - followed by lunch & presentation on outreach activities & events in 99.

Sunday 27th 11am St. James Dorney Harvest Festival with Uniformed Organisations & focus on Children's Aid - Speaker Mr David Grubb, Director of Children's Aid.

3pm St. Mary Magdalene Boveney Harvest Festival.

October

Sunday 4th Eton/Eton Wick Harvest Festival & welcoming of Norman Critchell beginning his placement Friday 9th Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

Outreach 99 - Presentation to the Parishes - Sunday 6th September

By now I hope you will be aware that the PCC's are planning special events and activities during 1999 aimed at helping people discover more about Christian faith and its relevance to everyday life. To find out more about what will be happening and how you could be involved please join us for a light lunch and short presentation following the Family Service at Eton Wick on Sunday 6th September. There will be the opportunity for questions and discussion, and we plan to end by 2pm.

Please come and find out more about this exciting initiative in the life of our parishes.

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Many thanks to all those members of our church who collected £353.67 for the work of Christian Aid in 1998.

Signed B. Luey

Local organiser

Coughton Court

Home of the Roman Catholic Throckmorton family from 1409 — the present house dates from about 1530— the Court has been the scene of battles between Protestants and Catholics during the middle ages. The house was twice sacked in the seventeeth century, in 1644 by Royalist troops and in 1688 by a Protestant 'mob' which destroyed the newly erected Catholic church together with the East wing of the house. Rebuilding has taken place over the years, the additions although obvious do not detract from the whole, which with the gardens, lake and well kept estate blend together to give a feeling of permanence and peace.

As you might expect the house contains 'priest holes' in which priests were hidden until the Protestant searchers had left. Not all those hiding were let out very quickly it appears. The family were indirectly involved with the gunpowder plot. You can read all about it in the central tower.

All this and more was explained to us when 31 members and friends of the Dorney Hortic. Soc. visited Coughton Court on Sunday June 14th. Amazingly the weather remained fine, dry and warm-ish the whole day, or at least until we arrived back in Dorney. There was more to see than we had time for which is perhaps a good thing. The usual visitors' needs were well catered for including plant sales, tea room and souvenir/book shop. All in all a pleasant day out, good value for money too!

The longest day has gone by, but we still have the Barbeque and Dance to look forward to on July 18th., followed by the Summer Garden Competition on Sunday 19th. Bear them in mind please.

Keep up the good work in the garden, many are looking excellent just now after all the rain. This year is the Chinese year of the Tiger but surely ours must be the year of the Snail. They're everywhere.

RSL (DHS Committee).

WATCH OUT. IF THERE IS A BEETLE ABOUT....



The Stag beetle is now considered to be an endangered species, protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It is absent in many counties and has become rare in others. This year there is a National Survey to discover where the beetles are surviving. Dorney is one location where Stag beetles are to be seen on summer evenings as they fly clumsily or crawl over the ground conspicuously. If you encounter a beetle please do not kill it but note down where and when you saw it. I would like to know of your sightings and will forward them to be included in the National Survey.

May I remind you that we are trying to list all the interesting plants, birds and animals that occur in the Parish. Any contributions will be most welcome and I will be happy to provide you with details of our own survey.

Peter Tyler, Dormouse, I Oak Stubbs Lane, Dorney Reach.

Shanghai - From Paddy fields to Tower Blocks

The visa for Shanghai dropped through the letter box just 48hrs before the plane was due to leave, by then the tickets were bought, the hotels booked and all the customs clearance completed, or was it? Our arrival in Shanghai was to show that our paperwork wasn't believed to be quite in order, so our baggage and equipment couldn't leave the airport without a Sterling cash deposit of some thousands of pounds - It was made quite clear that on this occasion American Express would not do nicely! Two hours later armed with a mysterious letter from our Chinese guide we returned, to find our 'secure storage' luggage and equipment exactly where we had left it in the middle of the floor, and after the Customs officer had offered a smiling "Hi Sadam" to my colleague with a moustache, all was well and our trip to Shanghai was well and truly under way.

'Old' Shanghai is not much changed from pre-revolution days, although it's about to change very quickly. Shanghai is a city of bicycles (badly ridden!) and Taxis (extremely badly driven). As the taxis are virtually the only cars on the road (incidentally they are all an identical model of Volkswagen - no Toyotas here!) the drivers have evolved their own set of rules which allow all manner of odd driving. The police have a few tricks up their sleeves though, and what might seem minor though inconsiderate errors (passing without indicating for instance) incur heavy on the spot fines. U turns across dual carriageways at speed seem to present no problems however.

The Bund was, and is, the stylish Boulevard along the north side of the river where the cruise ships used to land in the 20s and 30s. Here you will find modern restaurants together with Colonial landmarks such as the Peace Hotel and the former Shanghai Bank. The Shanghai Bank building over which the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank may appear to have more than a moral claim is in almost the same condition as when the doors closed in the 1940s. It is for sale (probably only to the HKSB according to Shanghai rumour!) but terms are as yet, if ever, to be agreed. It never ceases to surprise me when visiting countries that from the West we see as having been racked by revolution, that the very symbols that we would expect to be destroyed, survive, for instance, the Bank building in Shanghai, and more importantly the Churches throughout Eastern Europe and Russia.

Shanghai is definitely waking from its post revolutionary sleep, and nowhere is this more apparent than south of the Huan-po River in Pudong. Here the skyscrapers are shooting up all over the place. In 1990 the Chinese decided that Shanghai was to be the Jewel in the Oriental Crown. So in Pudong there are now over 23,000 building sites with over 20% of the world's cranes helping this progress. There is a new elevated Motorway system, an 11 line Metro system, 4 major bridges over, and a tunnel under the river. We went up the unfinished Jin Mau' tower. Presently it is the second tallest building in Asia, by the time it is finished it will be the 3rd tallest because they are building the tallest building next to it. Note that I said that we went up the unfinished tower, in fact we went up 55 floors outside the tower in a builders hoist. I think I could cope with the best that Thorpe Park can offer now, particularly when half way up we were told that the other 2 of the 3 hoists had failed! In Pudong you will also find Shanghai's ultimate capitalist icon - the new Stock Exchange building.

The Shanghai people are very friendly, although you are always aware that you are still in a totalitarian regime. The place to meet them is in the marketplace, or as we did in a traditional tea house. Situated over a little bridge in the middle of a small lake in a park there was a calm from the rest of Shanghai's bustle. Here the tea is **STRONG** - and not a little perforation in sight. We heard from journalists who put forward the theory that Communism was dead in China, and that the system was now a Socialist state. The Chinese we spoke to were still sure that Communism was the way forward. This system of Communism however cannot exist without capitalist input. The communist state-run television system is funded by adverts, and for those who complain about the number of adverts here, the Chinese get 20 minutes per hour, all in one chunk!

The Peace Hotel (previously the Cathay Hotel) on the Bund was where Noel Coward ("Very big- China!") wrote Private Lives. It is still much as he would have known it. The resident Jazz Band is fantastic and I'm sure that they are still playing the same arrangements (and instruments!) that they had in the 30s and 40s with an added extremely bizarre strict tempo twist. If you heard them in the West you would think they were dreadful, but in China the situation and their precision in playing made them captivating. The Peace Hotel was also where we had our best Chinese meal of the trip. We were constantly warned of the pollution affecting fish, and elsewhere we only seemed to be offered - fish, or menus that suffered from bizarre translations:- grilled Croaker lip, and roast shank of ass (mule I trust!), had somehow lost something in the translation. Elsewhere one of our number ended up with a plate of tinned sweetcorn and grain for supper, while another came to the conclusion that all the good cuts of chicken really do go to Colonel Sanders!

We saw the home of Chiang Kaisheck, and we visited the first meeting house of the Chinese Communist Party, and were there shown the room where Mao Tse Tung, and all the other names from that era met prior to the revolution. Shanghai still has trolley buses, and here were photos from the twenties of Chinese working under British foremen making motors for the Trolley buses. The decadent lifestyle enjoyed by the westerners in the twenties and thirties, and the inability of the Chinese to walk in their own city, (the British Public gardens famously even had 'No Dogs or Chinese Allowed' in the byelaws!) must have added some impetus to the growing tide of revolution there. The growth of Communism from Shanghai in the past and the boom of Capitalism now underline Shanghai's special place in China in that it often leads where the rest of the country follows.

We returned through Hong Kong and spent a couple of days there. Many people have asked what changes there have been, a question it's difficult for me to answer as I didn't know Hong Kong prior to the changeover. Talking to people who live there though, they are full of optimism for the future, tinged with a suspicion that if anything things have not changed enough. My only observation is that you can get a taxi in Shanghai to take you from A to B without translation, hesitation, deviation or overcharging. Something I have yet to master in Hong Kong.

Rod Dollimore

CHILDREN'S AID

We have supported Children's Aid for quite a few years now, and we are going to do so again this year. Prior to St. James Dorney Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th. September at 11 a.m. we are collecting items detailed in their list of 'NEEDS'. Please bring them to St. James that morning or deliver them to me or Paul Reynolds. Mr. David Grubb, the Director of Children's Aid, will be speaking at the service and we shall have lunch in the church. Please give us your support again.

Brigit Ames.



NEEDS LIST JUNE 1998 URGENT URGENT! SUMMER CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

PENS...PENCILS...PENCIL CASES
RULERS...RUBBERS...CHALK...CRAYONS
COLOURING BOOKS.
PAINT...NOTEBOOKS
EXERCISE BOOKS...SCHOOL BAGS

Winter Clothing for children and adults

WOOL

SANITARY TOWELS

KINDERGARTEN TOYS --- BABY BATHS

COTTON SHEETS...TOWELLING NAPPIES...BLANKETS BUTTONS...ZIPS...FABRIC...KNITTING NEEDLES ...TOWELS

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL BOOTS (Clean please)

SOAP...TOOTHPASTE...TOOTHBRUSHES
BRUSHES/COMBS...SHAMPOO....SPONGE/FLANNELS
TOILET ROLLS

FOOTBALLS...TENNIS BALLS .. SKIPPING ROPES

HAND KNITTED AND CROCHET BLANKETS SIZE 6ft X 4ft OR 3ft X 4ft Should be warm and colourful

HATS AND GLOVES,

Clothing for babies and premature babies

THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 9 June 1998



Youth Project

Following suggestions made by young people at the Annual Parish Meeting, the provision of activities and a meeting place for young people is being investigated. The young people themselves have carried out a survey in Dorney Reach and it is hoped that this will be extended to the rest of the village. Residents, particularly parents of teenagers, who are interested in helping with supervision or in any other way, should contact any Parish Councillor.

Environment

Before the next Parish Council meeting, an officer from South Bucks District Council will walk around the village with Councillors in order to discuss how a £15,000 grant from SBDC will be spent. This grant is earmarked for traffic calming and other environmental improvement measures.

Dog Litter Bins

Eton College have agreed to install a litter bin and a dog litter bin at the Climo's Corner entrance to the footpath to the river.

South Bucks District Council has issued Orders under the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. These orders designate certain areas of land where it would be unlawful for a person in charge of a dog not to remove dog faeces deposited by that dog forthwith. The areas covered are:

Footways and highways

Grass verges, not more than 10 metres wide, which are adjacent to the carriageway or footway of a highway having a speed limit not exceeding 40 mph, and managed by the local authority and maintained in good order;

Children's playgrounds, or that part of any land set out as a children's play area which is managed by the local authority

The following named locations in Dorney:

Domey Village Hall Picnic Park, sports ground, car park and entrances Oak Stubbs Green (junction Oak Stubbs Lane and Marsh Lane) Domey Village Memorial Ground

The Council will operate a fixed penalty scheme, currently set at £25, for offenders. Offenders failing to pay the fixed penalty, or who are reported for prosecution at the outset, face a maximum penalty on conviction in a Magistrates' Court set at level 3 of the standard scale (currently £1,000).

Maintenance

Any resident who notices anything in the parish requiring attention is asked to contact any member of the Parish Council.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14 July, in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8 pm.

PEREGRINE PALMER

1938 - 1998

I had the happy experience of growing up with Peregrine, forming a friendship that ran for well over 50 years, cut short by his untimely death a few weeks ago. In our childhood days, Dorney was a haven of peace, with shops and a Post Office, all well supported. Fresh bread was baked daily in the village. Heathrow was but a mere fledgling.

As small boys, we shared the excitement of seeing a massive battery of ack-ack guns that lodged on Dorney Common during the dark days of WWII, providing a section of the 'ring of fire' around London. On VE Day in 1945, the gunners fired a continuous salvo of blanks into the night sky. The sight and sound were awesome.

We played happily in the woods around Dorney Court, went for regular cycle rides, including trips to Taplow station to watch the massive steam locomotives on the 'fast down' line straining as they built up speed on their way west. That, too, was an awesome sight.

There was no television at home in our early schooldays. After tea we played cards, Cluedo, Dover Patrol and L'Attaque.

At school, Peregrine was athletic, quick on his feet, sharp in the classroom. Upon leaving, he served with distinction in the army as an officer in the Hussars, later joining Dorland Advertising where his shrewd mind quickly soaked up the business of copywriting, marketing and promotions - skills that were to serve him in good stead later.

Peregrine's life changed dramatically when, tragically, his elder brother Jonathan died in his mid-twenties as a result of injuries sustained in a motor accident. Needfully, Peregrine was propelled into farming and estate management — and had to learn the hard way. He was, as we all know, blessed with a natural talent for doing well at almost everything to which he set his hand. Initially, he had the help and encouragement of Philip and Frances, his father and mother. Also close at hand was his younger brother Roger who, together with his wife Tsa, has provided sustaining support throughout the years. Egg production was still in the ascendancy as he assumed control and he was kept extremely busy with the chickens at Pigeon House Farm, where he lived for a while.

He was a capable and active sportsman throughout his life. When Dorney Cricket Club first started playing on the pitch on the common in the 50's, Peregrine was a regular weekend player. He was a good swing bowler and handy with the bat, too. Every year until recently, he would get together a scratch team of his friends to play a 'friendly' against the village team.

He ventured into local politics as a district Councillor for several years, serving as Chairman of the South Bucks District Council for a two year term, 1980-1982. He was also a long-serving member of the Parish Council in Dorney, always supporting village interests to the full.

At a crucial time in the cycle of finding new ideas and activities that helped to keep Dorney Court not only solvent but on an upward swing, he met and married Jill, who joined him in his gargantuan task of preserving the historic Dorney Court and advancing the family's livelihood through the farm. The partnership was a perfect one, Jill's natural ability of getting on with people helped to win hearts and minds, while the teamwork involved in opening the Court to the public, providing teas and running a shop, hosting regular corporate hospitality sessions and lots more, confirmed that the happy union was indeed the key to opening new opportunities. The family has been blessed with three delightful children - James, Freddy and Leo, who will now be of tremendous support to their mother in carrying on Peregrine's truly excellent work in finding new activities that help to support the house maintenance programme and to foster and develop the 'Pick your Own' farming activities as well as the ingenious joint venture with Bressingham's garden centre.

Peregrine was strong in character, a Palmer family tradition. He chose his words thoughtfully and was never voluble. He was immensely proud of his family, modest of his own performance, loyal to his friends, solid in his friendships. His considerable achievements at Dorney Court are a fitting memorial to his life's work.

I shall look back with warmth and affection on our many years of friendship. The period when we were growing up is now in sharp focus. Sally and I asked Peregrine to be a godfather to our son Nicholas when he was born in 1966, such was the respect that we had for him. We shall miss Peregrine amongst us in the community and as a friend - and we shall all remember him with love and affection for ever and ever.

SIMON AMES Lina Ames

14 June 1448

ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP

"As we live day by day, we don't notice changes which are happening around us......." So said Frank Bond as he introduced his talk on 'VILLAGE SHOP-KEEPERS: PAST AND PRESENT' on the 27th May. He referred first to the hamlet which was Eton Wick in the year 1800, with just 100 residents; and then to the early 20th Century shops which sold hardware, groceries etc., and his talk progressed through to illustrate not only the various changes which had occurred in Eton Wick's shops and services up to the present day, but also the considerable changes in the community itself. There had been seven farms, now some had been adapted for riding schools and others given over to engineering; the countryside itself has undergone changes with areas previously used for crops now given over to leisure and recreation facilities.

165 years ago there were 300 people living in Eton Wick. There was no evidence of any shops here then, or any easy means of getting to shops elsewhere; for there was no transport, other than horse-drawn vehicle or 'Shanks's pony'. People grew their own vegetables, they would purchase milk, flour etc. from the farmers, and they would home-make jams, pickles and other preserves for their larders; some would have kept poultry for their eggs and meat. There would have been work for the village's blacksmith, a chimney-sweep, and also forcobblers and boot makers.

By the 1920's Eton Wick was being visited by the muffin-man, and a winkle-man, and a man who sold fly-papers – did the fly-paper man become a muffin-man or a cobbler in the Winter months? Gypsies came selling clothesline props and pegs – most people were a little afraid of Gypsies because of their apparent ability to successfully lay a curse on you if you upset them; visits from the 'Rag-and-Bone Man' with his horse and cart were more welcome, particularly by the children who might be given a balloon in exchange for old rags. As the years progressed there were the annual visits from a 'gentleman-of-a-darker-hue' who went from door to door selling ties, collar-studs etc. from a suitcase. A Mr. Henry came out from Windsor every Thursday with a cart loaded with galvanised goods, ironmongery, soda, soap-flakes and the famous 'Reckitt's Blue'. Another welcome visitor, perhaps in later years, was Tom Cox on his Walls Ice-Cream 'Stop Me and Buy One' tricycle – the fact that he only had one leg gave him few problems. There were two other ice-cream vendors – Vettise's and Sacco's – they just came round on Sundays. Out of season these ice-cream sellers would use their carts to transport the rabbit skins and other goods they bought locally; Tom Cox also sold cakes and bread for Denney's Bakery (14 cakes for 1s.0d.); he was also pretty handy with his bicycle pump in that when some poor soul stepped out of a hedge in front of him he hit him over the head with it.

Eton Wick had its own coal merchants, delivering by horse and cart: Bill Parrot's horse was stabled in what is now 'The Greyhound' skittle alley. Early in the 1930's Scottie Hood's horse's stable caught fire and Scottie had to be physically restrained from entering the inferno to rescue his horse; the horse perished but the village had a whip-round and raised enough for him to buy another horse. The coal carts, and others, would be cleaned up and would carry the children of the village on Sunday School outings.

Frank Bond himself (when aged 14) used to go around with his father's horse and cart, carrying rabbits, fish etc. and a 7 lb Cod could be purchased for as little as 2s.6d. towards the end of the day. Frank's family had been trading in Eton Wick since his grandfather arrived here in 1890 and began selling from the front room of what may now be Mr. and Mrs. Batt's house. People often sold eggs and produce from their garden gates; a Mr. Lane sold sweets for the children from 'Thatched Cottage'. There were seven or eight milk roundsmen in the 1930's, all selling their own cows' milk from their horse and cart; the farmer at Eton Cottage (formerly called Alderney Farm) sold his from two minichums on his bicycle handlebars!

1876 saw the first shop in Eton Wick at Ada Cottage; initially run by a Mr. Kirby and then, in 1878 by Tom Lovell and there is a splendid photograph showing Lovell's bakery cart outside the shop; the shop sold hardware and was Eton Wick's own bakery and first Post Office. Mr. Lovell was a generous man and an entertainer – he was there until 1913. Later owners used the shop to sell fish and chips (1932-1936); ladies clothing and hats (Uneedus); in 1945 Mr. White sold decorating materials there, Mr. White was followed by Eric Springford and then (in 1971) by William and Son; finally

Harry Lippett the printer took it over and he still lives there with his family, happily retaining the shop-front façade.

The first purpose-built shop was on the site of Eton Wick's first school building, the school was built in 1840 and after the pupils transferred from this building (when the new school was constructed in 1888) it was used for the Institute; church services also were held in the old school from 1866. (Institute meetings were later held at Wheatbutts until Toddy Vaughan negotiated the purchase and construction of the present Village Hall.) Pratt of Eton (as at The Token House) bought the site, demolished the old school and built the shop. The sign which remains on the side of the building was from when Mr. Harman Pratt sold decorating materials there from 1904, in 1908 he was selling groceries, and in 1913 the Post Office was transferred there from Lovell's. Harry Chantler then took the shop over and added gas masks to the provisions on offer. Harry Chantler was a very helpful and kind man, he was a trustee of the Eton Poor's Estate for 60 years, he was held in great affection and died only recently. There were other tenants of the shop after Mr. Chantler, until it was converted into flats in 1987.

A Mr. Slade set up shop in St. Leonard's Place (possibly named so because of its view across the Thames to St. Leonard's Hill?); this was the first shop in Eton Wick to sell ice-cream; Mr. Slade moved on to 'The Grapes'. In the mid 30's Joan Taylor set up as a newsagents, early in the 50's it was taken over by the Colwells, then Paxton, Lock and in the 1960's by Mr. Lunn. In recent years the shop has been converted into flats and is now called Taylor Court.

Yet another shop which no longer exists is the old aquarium shop in Wellmans Cottages. This shop was run from 1908 until 1923 by Bill Heam – he stocked umbrellas, saddlery etc.; he sold the shop when his wife died and took premises in Victoria Road (from 'General' Hill who made nuts in the War?) where he set up a workshop – he ran two taxis; later this business was to become Ellis Motors, and engineering work continues on that site until this day. Mr. Wiggins followed Mr. Hearn into the 'aquarium' shop (yet another place where Tom Cox used to work); it became Graham's Grocer and Provision Merchant, then John Barron; later it became The Aquarium Shop, and has now reverted to being a private dwelling.

We mustn't forget the cycle shop run by Ted Woolhouse from Bonaccorde Cottages" Royal Enfield – Made Like a Gun"; now a private residence.

There was a Doctor's Surgery in Alma Road; and can you believe we once had a Co-op in Alma Road! There was also a small shop in Shakespere Place (1880), Charlie Ayres started selling groceries in there in 1898; Bill Bolton failed as a butcher there; he was followed by Lucie Binfield, then Mr. Willshire and then the Chinneries who dealt with rationing; Harry Cook then used it as a workshop. This, too, has since been converted into flats. Prior's, the newsagents in Moore's Lane, was built by Annie Tough's father, James Moore; this shop was occupied by Mr. Sibley and then by Mr. Prior.

Another butcher's shop was George Mumford's at 31 Eton Wick Road (where Bracken Flowers and the Betting Shop are now), Mr. Mumford tended to get into trouble for letting people have meat in excess of the ration (this even had a 'Flanagan and Allen' mention at the Victoria Palace). Mr. Mumford altered the premises to accommodate his elder daughter and converted part (later to become the betting shop) into a Laundrette; the butcher's shop was later to become a greengrocers, then a baker's and is now Bracken the florist.

In 1951 the Council built the 'Darvilles' parade of shops. In the shop nearest the Village Hall was M. Barnes (Wet and fried fish); in the second one Amolds' the butcher's (sad to see this must change hands – take care of yourself Roy); third was O'Flaherty (chemist); fourth was Anderson (newsagent and gents' hairdresser); fifth was Clinch's (bakery); there was Bond (greengrocer) and Sibley (newsagent). Terry Anderson (who acquired the land for the Catholic Church) sold to Gowers; Clinch sold to Darville – who doubled the size of the shop; O'Flaherty sold out to a Mrs. Baker but there have been several tenants since; and when Frank Bond sold it was after being in business for over 90 years.

In 1973 the Bell Lane parade of shops was built: Joyce Howard (ladies' clothing); another was for hifi and electrical goods and then homemade brewing equipment and vehicle sundries; Country Fair, the equestrian shop, is to close and be replaced by a bistro; the hairdresser's has become 'Pipedreams' for cake-baking accessories.

The final photograph shown on this fascinating evening was of Mrs. Cooley and Pam with their milkfloat – the last of our milk delivery people?

A suggestion for a Millennium Memorial – commemorate site of 1^{st} school, 1^{st} official building for church services, 1^{st} Institute for Eton Wick – all in one building which was once the bottom of the garden of 'The Greyhound'?

The next meeting will be on the 8th July 1998 when the topic will be LOCAL FETES, FAIRS, CARNIVALS AND CONCERTS.

Further information from:-

Mr. Frank Bond Tel: 850960 Mrs. Joan Ballhatchet Tel: 850699



OVER THE LIMIT?

On just one early June day, more than 800 motorists were caught speeding on the M4 diversion associated with Flood Relief bridge building. I was not one of them, but on the only occasion that I did take this route I questioned why there should be a 50mph limit; workers are well out of the way and the road has been built to full standard widths, etc. The numbers caught since the opening of the diversion must now be approaching 10,000. Will all these people get a ticket, I wonder? Bearing in mind that the money goes straight to the government anyhow, do we care? But would not the police be better occupied in operating where speeding is really dangerous. Dorney village for example.

SOMEBODY SHOULD

I have been speaking to some of those promoting and organising the Millennium Heritage and Environment Schemes. There are perhaps a dozen or so people really involved, plus members of the Parish Council. All the projects either have an historical value or will result in permanent improvements to our Parish environment and much of the funding will come from grants and not from our precept. I understand, however, that little support is forthcoming from a majority of the residents. I have no doubt that if the present organisers decided not to be bothered we should soon be hearing the age old cry "Why isn't somebody doing something.....!"

BACK SOON

Once again it is time for me to remind you that the next issue of the magazine will be in September and to wish all my reader a sunny and happy and safe holiday. And no speeding on the M4 diversion!

kejers July 98 NATURE NOTES May/June

At this loveliest time of the year summer flowers are in bloom. Meadows and banks are covered with buttercups, poppies, marguerites, white campion and dog roses.

Canada Geese have goslings on the river and the young starlings in the nest under our gutter have learned how to fly but still demand food from their parents in no uncertain manner.

A week of sunshine brought out many butterflies but nothing uncommon except the occasional Holly Blue. The cold weather at the beginning of the month was the time when many butterfly eggs were hatching and the young caterpillars would have suffered from it.

The Roundmoor brook is at the bottom of some gardens in Eton Wick and a pair of swans have seven cygnets there and also the Canada Geese have goslings. Sparrows are mating again. They have two or three broods per year. Toads and frogs are still mating in a neighbour's pond although it is already teeming with tadpoles. An injured Canada Goose was seen by one of the residents in Trumper's Field. Either the Swan Rescue Centre or Bird Sanctuary was contacted and someone took it away for treatment. Friends in Marsh Lane were walking their dog when they found that a fox was following them. Foxes have become very bold in our area.

I was pleased to see that a small part of the blue Meadow Cranesbill has survived along the M4 footpath despite the destruction of plants caused by the erection of a new, metal fence.

A friend in Harcourt Road found a long, black snake with a leathery skin in her pond. Identification was not possible. As snakes interbreed colour is not a reliable guide.

Lois Parker.

SPONSORED WALK

My nieces and friend would like to thank the friends and neighbours of Dorney Reach for sponsoring their cancer walk for Mount Vernon from Uxbridge to Hayling Island in two days which raised, in this area, £100.

Pat Oxlade.

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SLOUGH BLIND CLUB'S FAREWELL TO BRIGIT AMES

"We are really sorry to see Brigit go, she has done so much for us." These sentiments were expressed by John Symmonds, President of the Slough Blind Club, at the farewell presentation to Brigit Ames upon her retirement after 36 years voluntary work with this local organization.

Brigit joined the group as a driver in 1962 and progressed to teaching handicraft to blind members. She was also the Club's chairman for eight years. Before she left in May she was organizing events for the club's monthly meetings. She said, "I've enjoyed it immensely. I've made many friends and I love them all."

Some of these blind friends were at the tea party at Old Dimmings last November when we celebrated Brigit's 90th. birthday and there were many sincere expressions of the mutual love and esteem fostered through all her kind work for the association. Brigit, who took on this work to try to alleviate a feeling of loneliness after her husband's death, says: "Voluntary work is tremendous. There are not many people willing to give up time for that sort of thing, but it is so very much appreciated when you do."

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For Gap Year students you can choose to work from 4-12 months in a socially useful project away from home in Britain at NO cost to yourself & with all expenses met. Alternatively, you can put yourself up for selection to go abroad either teaching English as a Foreign Language or helping with environmental or social/medical schemes. These require you to make a contribution to cover travel, insurance, training & support while overseas.

Some organisations offer great value for money - total cost for 5 months with agencies like GAP can be as low as £1,000, others are pricier - £3,000 for 3 months so its definitely worth shopping around. Get the timing right too - if you want to have a 12 month placement with Project Trust, you need to apply in the March of your 1st year in the sixth form. With Student Partnerships Worldwide you could just be lucky & get a place for the following academic year as late as the April/May before taking your exams, although early is better with all agencies to be sure of getting the country you want.

If you are a trained professional with at least 2 years experience in your field and are prepared to offer 2 years of your time, you could be offered a placement using your expertise at no cost to you and have your NI contributions met in the UK while away. Similarly, if you are a retired professional and willing to use your experience advising others for an average of 2 months abroad, British Executive Service Overseas can place you and meet all your expenses.

The Volunteer Bureau holds information on all of the options above and we are cunently acquiring a huge database of further volunteering opportunities for 18-25 year olds both here and abroad. For information on overseas or away from home volunteering contact us on 01753 893793.

EDITORS' NOTE

Last month we complained of a shortage of copy to fill our multiples of four pages. A reader has supplied the following ANNOUNCEMENTS T. EN FROM CHURCH BULLETINS to fill any empty spaces:-

Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double doors at the side entrance.

The Lutheran Men's group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal feel.

The Senior Choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours".

Thursday night - Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Wednesday 8th July

Eton Wick History Group. Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 18th July

DDHS Barbecue & Dance

DDHS Summer Gardens Competition

RiverReach Children's Holiday Club

Eton Wick School

Saturday 5th September

Friday 18th September

Saturday 24th October

Friday 13th November

DDHS Annual Show

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5th July Trinity 4

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Handy

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker

Flowers Mrs Perryman

12th July Trinity 5

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mrs Baker Mark 10, v46-end First Reader Mrs Pepler Eph 4, v17-end Coffee Mr & Mrs Hayton

Cleaning Mrs Robb Flowers Mrs Ames

19th July Trinity 6

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Liney

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Dollimore

Flowers Mrs Legge

26th July Trinity 7

11.00 am Family Communion
Sidesman Mr Hayton Luke 6, v27-38

First Reader Mrs Cochrane-Milne Ezekiel 37, v1-14
Coffee Mrs Richmond

Cleaning Mrs Robb
Flowers Mrs Belcher

2nd August Trinity 8

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mrs Richmond

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

Flowers Mrs Robinson

9th August Trinity 9

11.00 am Family Communion
Sidesman Mrs Baker Luke 7, v36-end
First Reader Mrs Pepler Galatians 6, v1-10

Coffee Mrs Baker & Mrs Eastgate
Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

Flowers Mrs Springbett

16th August

Trinity 10

9.00 am Sidesman Holy Communion
Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am

Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Flowers

Mrs Street Mrs Legge

23rd August

Trinity 11

11.00 am

Family Communion

Sidesman First Reader Mrs Dyson Mrs Liney Mrs Westendorp

Matthew 5, v13-16 Acts 17, v22-end

Coffee Cleaning

Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker

Flowers

Mrs Ames

30th August

Trinity 12

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Sidesman

Mr Liney

11.00 am

Combined Worship at Eton

Cleaning Flowers

Mrs Robb Mrs Belcher

6th September

Trinity 13

9.00 am Sidesman Holy Communion
Mr Dollimore

11.00 am

Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Flowers

Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker Mrs Robinson

13th September

Trinity 14

11.00 am

Family Communion

Sidesman First Reader Mrs Baker Mrs Parker

Coffee

Mr & Mrs Hayton

Cleaning Flowers

Mrs Street
Mrs Springbett

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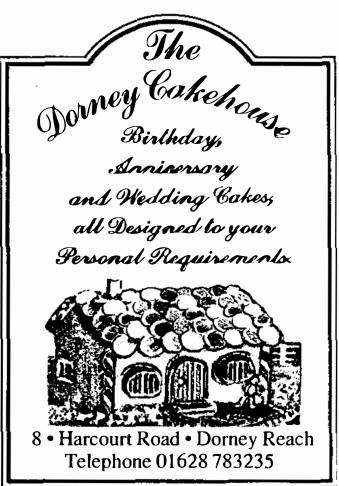
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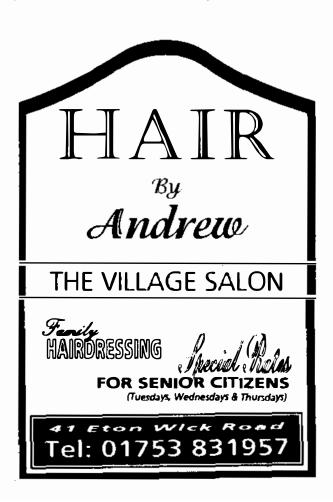
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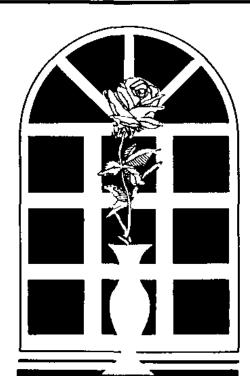
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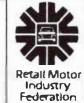
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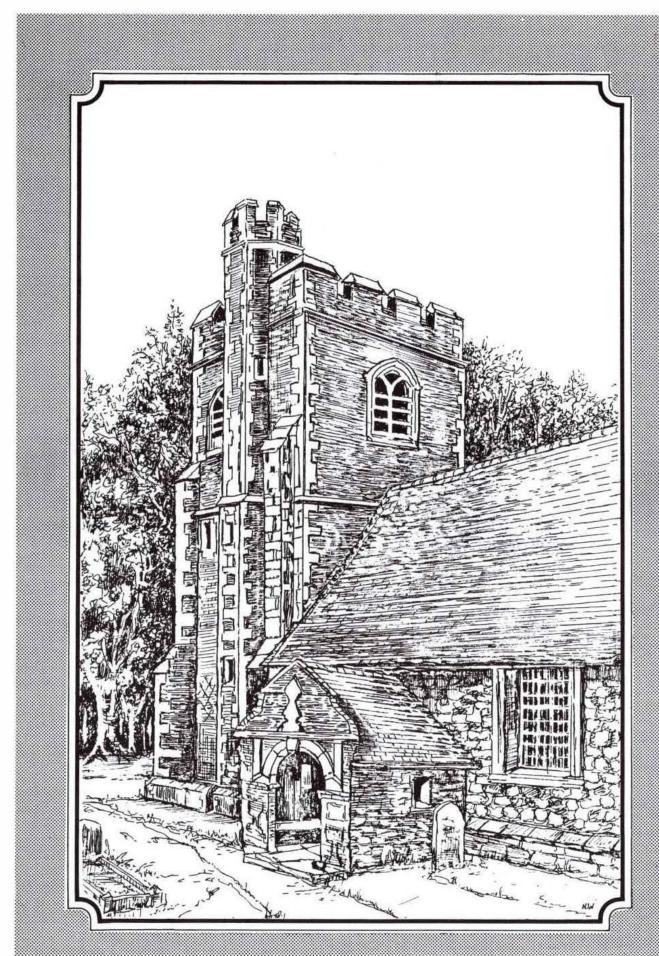
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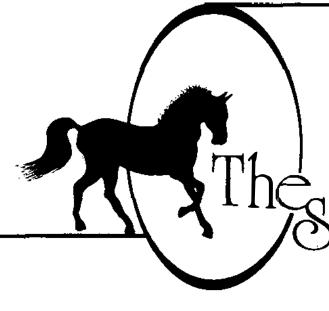
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11.00am

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EDITORIAL

Sainsbury's planning application to increase the size of its Taplow store by 10,000 sq/ft will not surprise those of us who view the machinations of planning applications and Public Inquiries with a certain cynicism.

Planning permission which local bodies oppose is often granted after a Public Inquiry or a Government Minister is persuaded by the applicant that the development is of reasonable proportions or that it will not have too detrimental an impact upon the local environment. Often too, to the apparent surprise of the applicant, but not to those who opposed it, the development is found to be inadequate - and surely it would be petty not to grant this, and then that, little addition to meet demand or viability.

The proposed extension at Sainsbury's will increase the size of the store by a third and will necessitate the demolition of seven houses next to the site and the re-direction of Farm Road. These houses belong to Sainsbury's and would be rebuilt on adjacent land.

The store attracts customers from a wide catchment area and is described by a spokesman as "overtrading". Although we may have been opposed to the original development I suspect we all play a part in this overtrading, and so what is our attitude to the latest proposal?

There seems to be an insatiable appetite for 'out of town' shopping facilities and many green fields throughout the country have been gobbled up and vomited as bricks and mortar and tarmacadamed car parks. Meanwhile, empty premises lend an air of dereliction to towns and villages as, one after another, shops go out of business.

In some way this trend must be redressed. Locally, we can start by saying we'll make do with Sainsbury's as it is.

As with this store, certain enlargements to the proposed boathouse at the Eton Rowing Lake are considered necessary. An application, dated July 1998, states that since the time of the Public Inquiry in 1993 the requirements of the sport both at an international and domestic level have changed significantly.

'Eton College are convinced that land-based training and physiological testing are now an integral part of junior rowing and that the facilities at the Rowing Lake need to reflect this requirement. They therefore propose to include 30 weight-training stations, 30 ergometers and the appropriate circulation spaces commensurate with modern health and safety standards. This level of provision will provide for the daily needs of the school and the national and local club squads who wish to train on the Rowing Lake.'

The application, backed by support from various rowing associations and personalities, seems reasonable enough. The boathouse incorporates the warden's flat, various ancillary rooms, the gymnasium and a cafeteria and although there are two floors plus a mezzanine floor the building has a maximum height of 7.84 metres.

The letters in support of this application emphasize the growing enthusiasm for this rowing centre, and the increasing numbers desiring access to it will no doubt enhance its profitability. My contention has always been that we in Dorney would be more troubled by its use than by its construction. At the Inquiry we were given an estimate of the numbers expected on an average day, during intensive training or assessment periods and on Special Event days. When the Rowing Course is eventually operational will we be surprised if, like Sainsbury's, it is found to be 'overtrading'?

Freely you have received, freely give (Matthew 10:8)

As I write the third RiverReach holiday club has just finished. Two hundred children, from tiny tots up to young teenagers attended the club over the three days. It was a time of great finn, hard work and learning more about God and how he would have us live for him. On the last day one little girl refused to leave the school premises - she didn't want the club to end!

RiverReach would not happen were it not for the generosity of a large number of people who give of their time, energy and money. This year 53 adults and teenagers helped with the club. The small planning group have been energy for many months working through all the different aspects of running a club like this. We received over £550 in donations - most of this coming from parents of children who attended. Thank you to everyone who gave so beely, in many different ways, to make RiverReach happen.

Giving - time, talents and money - is central to Christian faith and life. We give because God has given so much to us, supremely his one and only Son. So when Jesus sent out his 12 disciples to proclaim the good news and heal the sick he said, 'Freely you have received, freely give.'

This autumn we begin in earnest the preparation for our parishes' outreach next year where we will seek to share the good news of Jesus with our communities. For this to be effective there must be a willingness to give. RiverReach shows what can happen when people are willing to give in various ways - generously and sacrificially.

Both our parishes face real financial challenges this year. We are anticipating a large shortfall (in the region of £5000 for St.James) for this financial year. Our PCC's believe it right to use some of our financial resources to further the mission of the church at home and abroad - so we contribute between us £4000 to the Riverside Youth Worker and give some 5% of our income to national and overseas charities. To restrict our spending simply to the maintenance of the church building and the running of services would be to ignore Jesus' command.

The PCC's will be discussing our financial challenge this month and further information will be forthcoming over the autumn. But in the meantime can I encourage you to reflect upon how much you have received, and consider howmuch God would have you give - of your money, gifts and time - to his work.

With love

Paul

PS.

Envelopes are available in all our churches for regular giving - please consider using this scheme if you don't do so already. Such giving ensures the church receives a regular income.

Information about Covenanted giving (which increases your giving by nearly a third, if you pay Income Tax, at no extra cost to you) can be obtained from the treasurer or me. Likewise Gift Aid for one-off gifts. To discover how our parishes spend the money they receive please ask for a copy of the accounts - available from the treasurer or me.

CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs. Mary Baker Elm View Marsh Lane Dorney Reach Maidenhead, Berks

Windsor Berks

Eton Wick

Mr. Rod Dollimore

35, Tilstone Close

Tel. 01628 661435

Tel. 01753 856104

Church Services in September 1998

2nd	10am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St. John the Evangelist Eton
6th	9.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Domey
	11.00am	Combined Family Service with Baptism	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St John the Evangelist Eton
13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism	St James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John the Evangelist Eton
	2.30pm	Baptisms	St. John the Baptist Eton Wick
20th	9.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Domey
	11.00am	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	1.30pm	Wedding Blessing	St James the Less Dorney
	4.00pm	Wedding	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
27th	9.30 a m	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service	St James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John the Evangelist Eton
	3.00pm	Harvest Festival	St.Mary Magdalene Boveney

Important Events this month

Sunday 6th 11am Family Service - Commissioning of youth & children's leaders in our parishes - followed by lunch & presentation on outreach activities & events in 99.

Saturday 26th 8am Men's Breakfast at the Eton Dorney Centre - all men welcome. More details from Paul Reynolds.

Sunday 27th 11am St James Dorney Harvest Festival with Uniformed Organisations & focus on Children's Aid - Speaker Mr David Grubb, Director of Children's Aid

3pm St. Mary Magdalene Boveney Harvest Festival.

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

October

Sunday 4th Eton/Eton Wick Harvest Festival & welcoming of Norman Critchell beginning his placement Friday 9th Parisbes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

Outreach 99 Presentation - Come and Join Us on Sunday 6th September

After the Family Service on 6th September there will be a light lunch in the Church Room and the opportunity to discover more about some of the events and activities taking place next year as part of our Parishes' outreach project. Children will be catered for during the presentation.

Please come and find out what will be happening and how you can be involved.

Welcome Norman Critchell

As mentioned in a previous magazine we welcome Norman Critchell to our parishes on Sunday 4th October during our Harvest Family Service at Eton Wick. Norman is to be Licensed as a Lay Minister on Saturday 3rd October at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. He will be working in our parishes for the next two years on a part-time basis - two Sundays a month and one day a week. This is all part of Norman's ongoing training so hopefully we can help him, but I know he will make a very valuable contribution to the work of our churches.

Please pray for Norman as he prepares for his Licensing and welcome him when he joins us. He will preach at all three churches during the autumn.

Children's Aid

Children's Aid Direct seeks to make an immediate and lasting improvement to the lives of children and their carers who are affected by conflict, poverty or disaster.

They aim to give practical help, responding to children's needs for Protection, Nutrition, Healthcare, Education and recreation.

They do this in innovative ways by empowering their beneficiaries and enabling their donors and volunteers to be involved in working for children.

In just over 17 years, Children's Aid Direct has made an effective and measurable contribution in the field of humanitarian relief, distributing £45 million worth of aid and reaching over one million children and their cares.

We too can be involved in their work. Prior to St. James Dorney Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September I lam we are collecting the items detailed at the end of this article. Please bring them to St. James that morning or deliver them to Brigit Ames or Paul Reynolds. Mr David Grubb, the Director of Children's Aid, will be speaking at the service.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to Saint James the Less from places near and far, but one visitor in August had a particular interest in finding us.

Canon Ted Malone was in England from North Carolina to work at the recent Lambeth Conference. With a few days free at the end of the conference he decided to visit the Church where he had learnt that his forbear had been Vicar, and at short notice made a pilgrimage to Dorney.

Rev. Rowland Jones was vicar of Dorney from 1667-1685, a mere 50 years after Sir James Palmer purchased Dorney Court in 1628! He would have overseen the south porch being built to mark the birth of Anne, Roger and Barbara Palmer's first child, and was incumbent at a particularly lively and exciting time in Dorney's history.

Ted read the Gospel that morning in Dorney. It was difficult not to recall that his ancestor had done the same over 300 years before, probably from the then newly introduced and ultra-modern King James Bible! There can't be many instances of this happening, particularly in a Church where the building is so little changed by the years.



THE PARISH PUMP

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held 14th July 1998

Dog Litter Bin

It has been brought to our attention that Eton College had not at the time of printing the July's Parish News agreed to installing a dog litter bin at Climo's Corner entrance of the footpath to the river. We apologise for the misinformation.

Millennium

Although hard work is being put into plans for Millenium Projects more input is needed from RESIDENTS to achieve any great success.

Traffic Lights A4

If residents have any comments for or against the traffic lights please pass these on to the Parish Council for forwarding to South Bucks District Council.

Toxic Blue/Green Algae

Toxic Blue/Green Algae has appeared in stretches of the Thames and residents are warned that this is dangerous. The toxins have caused death to wild and domestic animals, therefore people and pets are strongly advised against entering the water.

Footpaths

The footpath on the Environmental Agency site is very overgrown so the Agency has been contacted to make it more accessible. Thames Path, volunteers are needed to walk the path and help report on its condition, please contact Mrs Teal 01628 605177

Dorney School

It has been suggested that the school takes over responsibility for the small grass area at the entrance to the school. Club Francais is an after school club for French tuition if parents are interested in enrolling their children please contact the school.

BEETLE WATCHERS



The total number of sightings of Stag Beetles in and around the Parish reported by the 10th August is in excess of twenty five. This confirms that the species is certainly not at risk of extinction in the locality. I hope that there may be other sightings still to be passed on to me. I would also like to know of the birds and animal species known to have raised young locally. Which houses harbour bat colonies and have house martin nests under the eaves this year?

Peter Tyler, Dormouse, 1 Oak Stubbs Lane, Dorney Reach (01628 621560)

June/July NATURE NOTES

Despite the inclement weather for the latter half of June mid summer flowers continue to come into bloom - Yellow Meadow Vetchling, Knapweed, Lady's Bedstraw, Lady's Slipper, Scabious, St. John's Wort, Agrimony, Rock Rose and Mignonette which is

mainly found by the river.

There are many plants of Lesser Bugloss along the M4 footpath and a few Viper's Bugloss. I have not seen these plants there before and think the workmen must have disturbed dormant seeds, causing them to germinate, when the new fence was erected. Lesser Bugloss grows to a height of one foot and has greyish, green hairy leaves and a hairy stem. It is a rather coarse plant with small blue flowers. Viper's Bugloss grows to three feet and has sprays of blue flowers branching off the main stem.

We found some tadpoles in one of our water butts. The frogs must have needed a new place to spawn as the ponds around here are few and have become overcrowded with tadpoles. When I looked into the

butt a week later they had disappeared.

My attention was drawn to a juvenile Green Woodpecker calling loudly from a fir in the garden next door. Perhaps it was calling for its parents. It annoyed the resident blackbirds which chirped loudly for it to leave, which it eventually did. Juveniles are distinguished by their spotted breasts but have the greenish back, yellow rump and red crown of the adult bird.

A Great Spotted Woodpecker flew against the window in a nearby house and was killed.

Lois Parker

July/August NATURE NOTES

Because of the wet summer many plants have grown higher than usual.

Purple Wall Lettuce is doing well up Marsh Lane and Teazels are particularly handsome with many flower heads branching off the

There are many tiny frogs in our garden which proves that spawn

is still hatching.

A few sunny and warmer days brought out butterflies - Red Admirals, Yellow Brimstone, Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns. I also found an Orange Underwing moth in our strawberry bed. Although they are quite common I have not seen many this season. I was intrigued to see a hoverfly catch a crab spider on the flower of a big moon daisy. There was no escape for it. Crab spiders can change colour like chameleons, taking the hue of whatever plant on which they find themselves, although usually they are white or green. There are not so many house martins this year so I was pleased to see some swooping over our garden to catch insects.

Brown dragonflies have also come into our garden. Unfortunately, they like to feed on the pretty blue damsel flies.

A large number of Pipistrelle bats have decided to roost in the extension to a house in Dorney Reach. Bats are a protected species. They will eventually go but are liable to suddenly reappear. This means the extension must be made bat proof as they can wriggle through a hole as small as the diameter of a pencil. A young Tawny Owl was seen on the verge of Court Lane. I hope it will not be hit by a car or caught by a fox.

Recent hot weather has brought out Holly Blue And Comma butterflies.

Lois Parker.

Horticultural events.

The Annual Barbecue and Dance.

A radio personality recently gave a marinade recipe for jazzing up the taste of barbecued meat. It included honey lemon, sugar, ginger, garlic, red wine, olive oil and vinegar, plus one or two minor items. Does one really need all that to make a bit of beef taste better once its been grilled over a smokey fire until black?

Some swear by it and perhaps they're right, but the steaks cooked by John Harrison and Philip Highy for our own barbecue recently were only lightly oiled before being cooked to perfection. The taste was excellent, they were tender and not black. John also has a way with sausages that ensures they are well cooked but not shrivelled or broken. Its really hardly surprising because he has cooked for our Society for the past 21 years. We owe him a big thankyou.

Over 70 members and friends came along to the event in the village hall. It was a bring'your own drink and glasses' affair, food and music being supplied. The number of empties collected after midnight indicated that it went very well indeed. If you were there I am sure you will agree.

The dance music was provided by the group'Out To Lunch'. An awful lot of heavy black boxes- in two vans - filled with electronic gadgetry seemed to be essential to produce the right sounds. The more boxes the more costly the group?

As usual everyone gave a hand to clear up afterwards. The hall was locked up before 1 a.m. Many thanks to you.

Summer garden competition.

This year the judges decided to divide the gardens into two groups. Above or below half an acre. The old system ignored size, but those who had outside help were in a separate category. We hope the new one meets with your approval.

Results as follows, the first three in each group were:

Large gardens

- 1 Mr and Mrs Lidstone. Burnham. 84% 2 " " Shaw. Holyport. 81%
- 3 " " Springbett. Huntercombe Lane 75%

Small gardens

1 Mr and Mrs Wright. Harcourt Rd. 81% 2 " " Legge. Eton Wick. 71% 3 " " Middleton. Holyport. 69%

There were thirteen entries and no one scored less than 53% It is hoped that those with a small garden, who in the past felt that they had no chance of winning will be encouraged to enter in future.



SUMMER REVUE

An update for those of you who have been sunning yourselves on some remote riviera.

ACT ONE

Following their wonderful Spring performance cutting down trees which they shouldn't have, closely followed by the mis-planting af another huge notice board which placed the main line railway through Manor Farm, the environment agency excelled themselves in causing complete chaos on the M4 on a Sunday in August, because their contractors were 3 hours or so late in completing the re- re-alignment of the Eastbound carriage-way. I understand that motorists in the 5 mile tail back were hugely entertained, not to mention those who also found themselves jammed in the back (& front) streets of Slough and Maidenhead.

ACT TWO

The Agency has had difficulties contructing the railway underbridge at Taplow and must change their method; this will now be some months late in completion.

ACT THREE

The digging of the Channel eastwards from Marsh Lane is not now scheduled to start until the winter; perhaps 18 months late.

ACT FOUR

Not to be outdone, eton college, whose operation, it must be said, is generally pretty efficient, has decided that the boathouse permitted by the Inspector is not big enough and have submitted plans for an increase of more than 50% on the first floor. Just in case we should think of objecting, they point out the possibility of increased traffic if they don't get their way.

ACT FIVE

The District Council, who but rarely appear in this column, also seem to be touched with summer madness. The Planning Application for the Parish Tennis Court has been held up (for many weeks) whilst they consult with the Village Hall about the possible hordes of people using the Village Hall road as access. As the Hall Committee are partners in the Tennis project it seems unlikely that they will raise any objections; but as yet they have not actually been asked!

..... back to skool !!!!

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ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Wednesday 16th. September at 7.30 p.m. in Eton Wick Village Hall.

Talk: - The decline of local farms and horticulture.

Speaker.... Peter Tarrant.

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Principal: Susan Handy, F.I.S.T.D.

Enquiries: Telephone 01753-542990

THE SLOUGH RUN

An ecumenical group of churches continue to serve the disadvantaged in Slough on a Monday night. People seem to look forward to their Monday night rendezvous and are waiting for us, whatever the weather. Our friends are generally the same: mentally vulnerable, addicts, and those who are down on their luck, unemployed, unemployable, or just lonely. They are so grateful for your contribution at Christmas and Easter.

Recently we have been very perturbed by something new in Slough. On the whole over the years Slough has been a reasonably happy mix of ethnic groups in with the general population. However recently we have become increasingly alarmed since Leeroy, a regular participant, was beaten up so seriously that he was in hospital for weeks and now is left brain damaged. He is now incontinent.

It seems that there are Asian rival gangs of different religions using their root nationalism and religion as a basis for real thuggery.

Recent visitors from overseas were horrified to read very violent racist graffiti on Slough car park walls and wondered why we all tolerate it.. Ethnic violence is around us in our world today and it is even amongst us in our nearest big town.

We send some food and fruit each week to Leeroy and he is glad when we send some sweets to cheer him up.

Our thanks from these people to those people who help and have helped The Slough Run.

Phyllis Wallbank

HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 27th. SEPTEMBER

Mr. David Grubb, Director of Children's Aid, is coming to speak in Dorney Church at the 11 o'clock Family Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 27th. September. We hope we shall have the Guides and Brownies and Rainbows with us. Children's Aid are particularly emphasising the urgent needs of children in schools in Albania, Liberia, Kosovo and North Korea (DPRK) and their list of requirements for these and other suffering countries will be found in this magazine. Please bring your contributions to the church that morning or take them to:-

Joe Hayton Mary Baker Brigit Ames
46 Harcourt Road Elm View Pear Tree Cottage
Dorney Reach Marsh Lane Village Road
Dorney

After the Service we are having a picnic lunch in the church - so please bring some contribution towards the lunch. Lemonade and plates and knives & forks will be provided. Do come.

Brigit Ames.



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Piece for Your Magazine

Volunteers to help with Literacy

Like to see young people get a good start in life? Interested in helping those who've missed out for some reason at school? Enjoy the socially worthwhile?

Why not become a literacy volunteer with one of two local organisations providing sheltered housing and support for young people at risk of homelessness? While some of their residents just need the security of a safe roof over their heads to help them move on to a good future, others have significant literacy or educational needs which must be addressed first.

Padstones in Burnham (formerly South Bucks Young Homeless Action Group) and Slough Foyer, a mile from Stoke Poges, need help with educational support. At Padstones volunteers are needed to work one-to-one with residents evenings or weekends. At Slough Foyer volunteers will work alongside a staff member in small groups which run Mon-Thurs 10-4. A regular commitment of at least half a day a week is needed to establish trust and continuity.

What sort of person would be suitable? You don't need to be a teacher but you do need to be a good communicator and have a reasonable standard of literacy yourself. You also need a friendly, down-to-earth, non-judgemental attitude to 16-24 year olds. If this describes you, ring us to find out more: 01753 893793.

Piece for Your Magazine

If you love sport, we'd love to hear from you. Local youth clubs, youth sports clubs and sports clubs for the disabled need enthusiastic sportsmen/women to share your skills and excitement with others. Duke of Edinburgh schemes are looking for fit & healthy walkers willing to help check on or train candidates for expeditions. Local Scouts & Cubs groups need people to come in for relatively short periods of time as instructors for sports like canoeing or sailing. (Proper qualifications or certificates a must to lead these activities!) From footballers to mountaineers, from archers to orienteers there's a group that would welcome your input now.

Like to find out more about sports volunteering? Ring 01753 893793

We are sorry to report the death of Ken Spiers, a former resident of Dorney Reach and co-editor of the Dorney Parish News during the years 1970-1978.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Saturday 5th September Wednesday 16th September

Friday 18th September Friday 9th October

Saturday 24th October Friday 13th November

DDHS Annual Show. Village Hall Eton Wick History Group. Eton Wick Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. DDHS Harvest Supper. Village Hall Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance Village Hall

DVHMC Anniversary Dance DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine

Dates of Church Events will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

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EXPLORERS. Christian Youth Group (8-12 years old)

Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month the Vicarage 8 p.m.

Second Monday of alternate months Sept. Nov. Jan. Village Hall 8 p.m.

Luncheon in the Vicarage, Dorney. Tuesdays 12.15-2.00

Dates: 8/9 13/10 10/11 8/12 All dates may be subject to alteration.

Every Tuesday Village Hall 8-10 p.m.

Every Sunday Village Hall 7.30-10.30 p.m.

Every Friday Dorney School

3.30-4.30 p.m.

Every Thursday Village Hall

6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the Vicarage

7.15-9 p.m.

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See Church diary/notice boards for meeting place, dates & times

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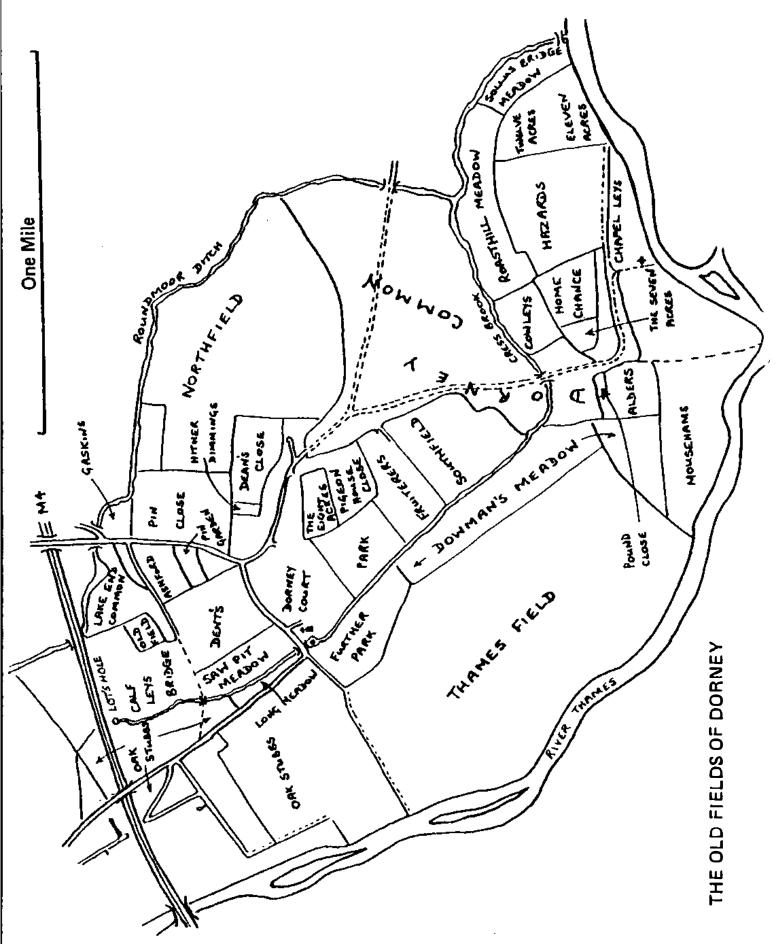
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we thought readers would be interested in this map of the old fields of the parish.



ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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Tuesday 8/9 - Saturday 17/10 DON'T ROCK THE BOAT
Sunday 13/9 (in the restaurant) RUNNING WILD
Salute to Benny Goodman
Sunday 11/10 (in the restaurant) HUMPHREY LYTTELTON & HIS BAND

The Horticultural Show. (The Forty-Fifth!)

The Show will be held on Saturday September 5th. in the village hall. Please bring your exhibits between 8.30am and 9.45am. Exhibitors are excluded at 10.00am and judging begins fifteen minutes later. Come and see what you have won at 2.30pm. Raffle and teas in the afternoon. If you haven't got twelve decent runner beans to show, just run up a Victoria sponge (un-iced), or four rock cakes. It's as easy as that!

We do need your continued support. This Summer hasn't been too difficult in the vegetable garden. Potatoes are good, beans and fruit plentiful. Loads of blackberries, onions and shallots. If you haven't exhibited before, have a go for the fun of it. Specialise in one or two items only for a start. You may be lucky. And it's not only for adults, young gardeners are particularly welcome.

EDITORS' NOTE

Our correspondent who supplied 'Announcements from church bulletins' has given us the following EXTREME BUMPER STICKERS:-

Five days a week my body is a temple. The other two, it's an amusement park.

If you drink, don't park. Accidents cause people.

If you can read this, I can hit my breaks and sue you.

My wife keeps complaining I never listen to her ... or something like that.

Alcohol and calculus don't mix. Never drink and derive.

If we are what we eat; I'm cheap, fast and easy.

Stop repeat offenders. Don't re-elect them!

St.JAMES' DUTY ROTA The notice in this magazine has full details of our Services.

6th September Trinity 13

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Dollimore

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker

Flowers Mrs Robinson

13th September Trinity 14

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mrs Baker Matthew 14, v1-12 First Reader Mrs Parker 1 Timothy 2, v1-7

Coffee Mr & Mrs Hayton
Cleaning Mrs Street
Flowers Mrs Springbett

20th September Trinity 15

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Mr Pepler

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick

Cleaning Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

Flowers Mrs Ames

27th September DORNEY HARVEST FESTIVAL Trinity 16

11.00 am Family Communion
Sidesman Mr Dollimore Luke 7.

Sidesman Mr Dollimore Luke 7, v1-10 First Reader Mr Perryman Galations 2, v15-39

Coffee Mrs Baker / Mrs Eastgate

Cleaning Mrs Wood-Dow Flowers All Ladies

4th October Trinity 17

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

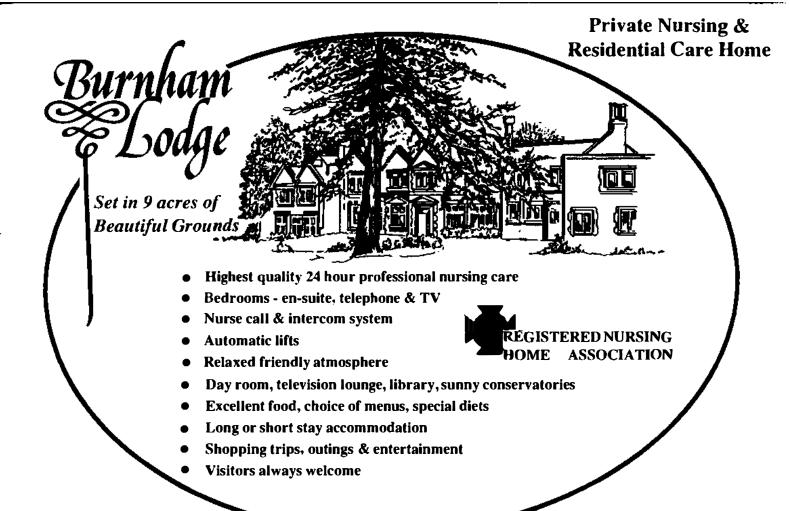
11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

Flowers Mrs Legge

11th October Trinity 18

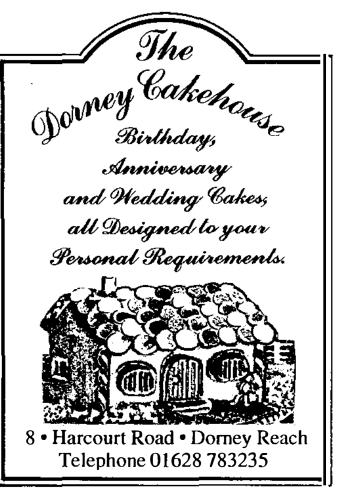
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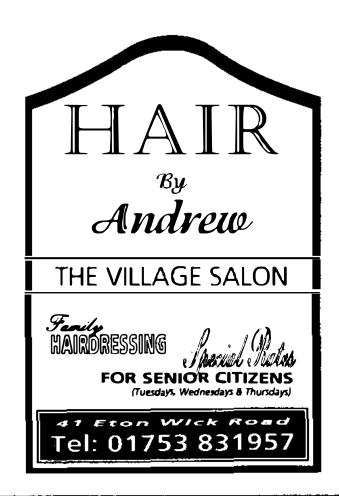
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Coffee Mrs Richmond
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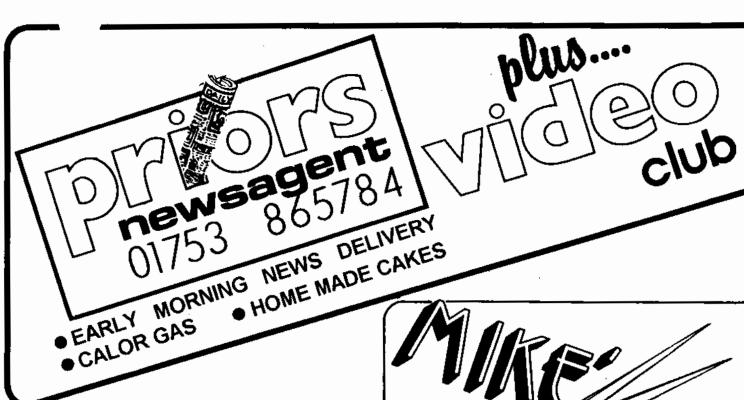
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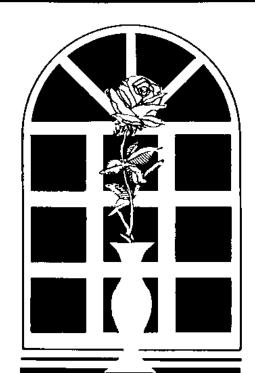
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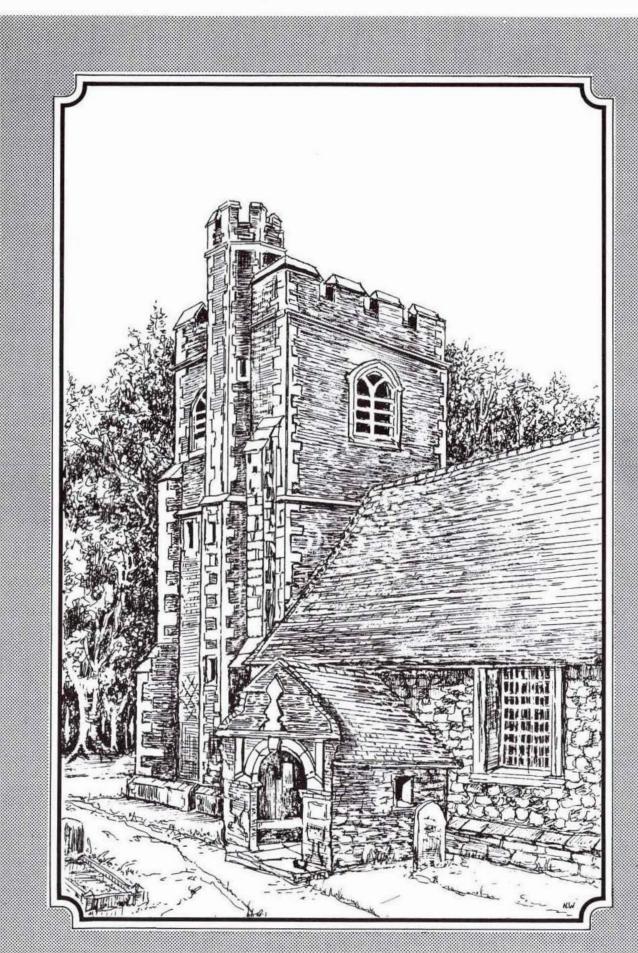
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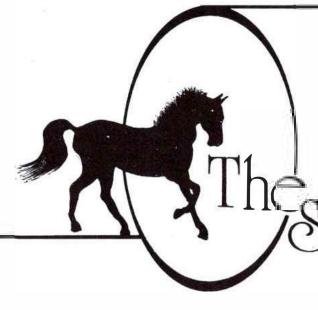




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EDITORIAL

Not for one moment did I believe Chicken Licken when he said "The sky is falling". Although Henny Penny, Goosey Lucy, Drakey Lakey, Funny Bunny, Lovey Dovey and Turkey Lurkey were gullible enough to be taken in, I just thought, 'Boy, this is one stupid chicken'!

I wondered whether Licken had become a newspaper correspondent when, this week, I read the headline, 'Sky has shrunk by five miles'. But no, the byline attributed the story to 'Scientists'. Knowing the sky to be infinite space, the notion of shrinking seemed as fanciful as falling. Was this something I should be worried about? Was it more, or less, of a threat to mankind than, say, a wayward asteroid? With some apprehension I read on. 'It has been discovered that the sky has been shrinking for the past 40 years. About five miles of sky have been lost since 1958, and that figure may double over the next century'. Having struck a note of alarm, the article continued in a less sensational tone. Researchers studying the Earth's upper atmosphere, 56 miles up, said the contraction is probably a result of the greenhouse effect. When carbon dioxide accumulates in the thermosphere, the gas siphons heat away, absorbing infrared and reflecting much of it into space, where it is lost. As a result, it cools and the pressure then drops, which causes the ionosphere to shrink. The researchers reassured people that it is unlikely to do us any harm. Dr. Martin Jarvis, of the British Antarctic Survey said, "Nothing nasty is going to happen to us". By the time I reached the end of the article I realised that the headline was more compelling than the story. A drop in the altitude of the ionosphere layer lacks the impact of 'Sky has shrunk by five miles'.

When Squirrel Wirrel revealed the truth behind the sky falling incident, Turkey Lurkey remarked, "All that fuss about an acorn". He may have been equally dismissive of this sky shrinking report. Does it warrant the coverage it has received? Well, editors of newspapers, and parish magazines, will seize upon any story when faced with a blank page!

The results of the Dorney & District Horticultural Society's Summer Garden Competition published in last month's magazine revealed that the top three gardens in each category included entries from Burnham, Eton Wick and Holyport. This made me curious as to what area the 'District' encompassed, allowing entry into the Garden Competition. I have since

allowing entry into the Garden Competition. I have since discovered that entry depends solely on membership, irrespective of where you live.

I am sure that Dorney members appreciate this 'outside' participation but I had no idea that the Society had such a national, and maybe international, outlook. Can we anticipate entries from abroad? The possibility of freebie garden judging trips to more exotic locations would certainly encourage volunteers to serve on the committee!

Out on the Water

Several weeks ago I spent a frustrating day in a storm bound chalet on the south coast of England I had gone down there to take part in a sailing course, but bad weather had led to the cancellation of the sailing that day. Instead of being out on the water, which is where I wanted to be, I had to content myself with a much more sedentary activity - preparing the following Sunday's sermon!

This situation called to mind some other boating people who found themselves land bound Simon Peter and his friends were there on the shore, mending their fishing nets, after a fruitless night's fishing. Their frustration must have been great, since no fish meant no money. It was the appearance of that itinerant preacher, Jesus, which moved them from land to sea. First came the request to 'put out a little from the shore' so that Jesus could speak to the crowds. Later it was 'put out into deep water...' The outcome was nets bursting with fish and some amazed fishemen. The final request from Jesus was to catch men - and this they did by following him.

Ever since that first encounter between Jesus and his subsequent disciples, the church has found itself having to respond to Jesus' command - 'put out into deep water'. In doing so some amazing things have happened. When the church, metaphorically speaking, has left the comfort and security of the shore to brave the deep waters of sharing Christian faith in new places and with new people, lives have been changed and the family of the church has grown

Our special outreach focus this month is intended to help each one of us to move out a little farther from where we are at the moment. For some that may mean discovering more about Christian faith (both our series this month and Alpha next month should help) - for others having their faith strengthened. Some may want to think about how they might share their faith with others. Next year we look forward to a particular period of outreach when together 'we put out into deeper water'. This month's focus should help us prepare for that.

For those first disciples, responding to Jesus' command involved risk and challenge But they never regretted it. Out on the water they discovered how amazing Jesus Christ was. That discovery is still made by those who respond to the challenge.

With love

Paul

Church Services in October 1998			
	11.00am	Combined Family Harvest Festival	St John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Harvest Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
7th	10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
11th	9.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	I 1.00am	Holy Communion	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St.John the Evangelist Eton
	2 30pm	Baptisms	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
18th	9 00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St James the Less Dorney
	[],00am	Combined Worship with children's groups + Baptism of Sophie Tuthill	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
25th	9.30am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
25	11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St. James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St. John the Evangelist Eton

Important Events this month

Sunday 4th Combined Harvest Festival & welcoming of Norman Critchell beginning his placement

Friday 9th Parishes' Harvest Barn Dance at Dorney Village Hall

Welcome Norman Critchell:-

As mentioned in last month's magazine we welcome Norman Critchell to our parishes on Sunday 4th October during our Harvest Family Service at Eton Wick. Norman is to be Licensed as a Lay Minister on Saturday 3rd October at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. He will be working in our parishes for the next two years on a part-time basis - two Sundays a month and one day a week. This is all part of Norman's ongoing training so hopefully we can help him, but I know he will make a very valuable contribution to the work of our churches.

Please pray for Norman as he prepares for his Licensing and welcome him when he joins us. He will preach at all three churches during the autumn.

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

Sunday November 1st 6.30pm Bereavement anniversary service at St. John's Eton Wick - all welcome to attend, especially those who have experienced bereavement over the past year or so. During the service we will remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died, and light a candle in their memory.

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Services in all three churches

Wednesdays 8pm during November - we are running a shortened Alpha Course, looking at the basics of Christian faith and its relevance today. All our welcome - whether you have been attending church for years or never go near the door! The course will be informal - and we hope fun. For more details please contact Paul Reynolds or Alison Hassall.

Sunday 29th November 5pm-7pm Eton Church Hall - RiverReach party for all 5's to 9's. Look out for more details nearer the time.

Sunday 29th November 6.30pm St. John's Eton - Advent Carol Service

Sunday 13th December 3pm St.Mary's Boveney - Christmas Carols and Readings

Sunday 20th December 4pm St.John's Eton Wick - Christmas Carol Service

6.30pm St. James Dorney - Christmas Carol Service

ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP

The members of the Eton Wick History Group enjoyed illustrated talks from three speakers when they met on the 8th July. The topic was 'LOCAL FETES, FAIRS, CARNIVALS AND CONCERTS' and the Group was entertained by John Denham, Joan Ballhatchet and Frank Bond. Frank was the first to take the floor: he described the various 'big' days in Eton Wick - going back 200 years to when, for the 100 people who then lived along Common Road or in farm cottages, a 'big' day was simply having a day off from work. There would be traditional days of celebration: May Day for example, the day when cattle and horses were let out on to the Common; the 1st August (Lamas) which was at harvest time; there was Eton College's 'Fourth of June' celebration when many of the inhabitants of Eton and Eton Wick would turn out to see the Procession of Boats. Another special day was the one reserved for 'Beating the Bounds' - this was originally an ecclesiastical duty, with the civil authorities later becoming aware of the necessity to mark out the area's boundaries; the College used to provide a breakfast of ale and roast beef for those taking part. [Perhaps we could 'Beat the Bounds' at the Millennium?] Less formal, but just as welcome, treats would be those such as Mr. Lovell's Concert Parties; Pelham's Funfair at Eton Wick; Sunday School and Boys' Club outings and pub outings; and the Horticultural Society's tradition of donating fruit and vegetables, taken by horsedrawn cart, to King Edward VII Hospital. There was certainly no shortage of functions to prepare for, anticipate and enjoy.

Mrs. Ballhatchet gave a vivid and fascinating description of the Horticultural Shows, which were among the highlights of the Summer. Trestle tables were laden with fruit, vegetables, flowers, needlework and various types of craft work manufactured by men and boys; there was poultry and livestock; there was a beer tent; there were coconut shies, and races for children and adults, with prizes presented by a V.I.P.; and in the evening there would be dancing to a band which would have played all day. The earliest record of an Eton Wick Horticultural and Industrial Exhibition appears in the first Parish Magazine, and the event was to take place on the 21st August 1878 in the Wheatbutts orchard. Mrs. Ballhatchet read out various highlights from the Magazines' reports, which included subjects as diverse as the need for Eton Wick's Drum and Fife Band to have new uniforms (1887) to the fact that a 'Collection of English Snails' had received a special award, a swan in a lake scene was constructed entirely of fish scales; and on one occasion two live wasps' nests were displayed The last Horticultural Exhibition entry was in the Parish Magazine of September 1939; but after the Second World War, in the 1950s, the exhibitions recommenced under the title 'The Allotment Holders' Show and these continued until 1963, by which time there was a new entertainment in the form of the annual 'Wicko' Fair which, with its many star turns and celebrity attractions, eventually, grew to be so wellknown, popular and successful it became difficult to control, it had lost its 'Village flavour' and so was finally abandoned after 1982.

A delight of the evening was the sight of so many photographs of Concert Parties and Pantomimes – originally these were held to raise money for the football team's kit – the team originally wore their own white shirts and black shorts made from blackout material. The entertaining troupe was called 'The Unity Players' (after 'United'); and costumes for the shows were made from parachute material, crepe paper, 1/- worth of dirty muslin from Petticoat Lane and any other odd bits and pieces that came to hand; props and scenery were painted in the old mortuary; and a generator provided power from outside the building.

John Denham was the expert on Scout Fetes, also their Gang Shows, raffles, jumble sales, whist drives, in fact anything which would bring in money. The first of the Village's Scout Fetes is recorded as being in 1952 and it was held in Wheatbutts, where the Scout Hut was then sited. This hut was burnt down in 1961 – it had been hired out to a skiffle group who had suspect wiring. The fetes and gang shows (which were in true Ralph Reader tradition) were held over a period of about 15 years; there were exhibitions and the displays were always of a very high standard. Mr. Moss of Eton Wick School introduced the boys to the game of 'Shinty' and this soon became Eton Wick's adopted sport; the Shinty finals were always played out at the Scout Fete, including men against women – it eventually became so rough that Mr. Moss pulled out! Other entertainments at the fetes ranged from Penny Rigden's dancing troupe to Guards' weapon displays and American Air Force drill exhibitions. These fetes continued until interest waned in 1973.

Earlier in the evening Frank Bond had pointed out that this was the end of the 7th year of the Group; and he thanked Mary Gyngell who had provided cakes for every meeting over that period; and thanks were also given to the Committee, particularly Joan Neighbour, Zena Redhunt, René Thompson, Mrs. Jean Tyler and Brenda Irvine. The programme for 1999 would be issued in September; suggestions for subjects would be welcomed.

The next meeting would be on 16th September 1998, when the topic would be 'THE DECLINE OF LOCAL FARMS AND HORTICULTURE' and the speaker, Peter Tarrant.

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Mr. Ken Richmond, 31, Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach, Maidenhead, Berks. SL6 OBT

9 August 1998

Dear Mr. Richmond,

KEDERMINSTER LIBRARY, LANGLEY (MARISH)

I have your name from Mrs. Jane Page, who suggested that I should write to you, knowing that you were interested in local history and, I hope, local monuments. I am currently chairman of the trustees of the Kederminster Library. I represent the Bucks Archaeological Society.

Before I leave office I should like to be able to feel that there was plenty of local interest and enthusiasm for the library and its premises. The manorial pew and its adjacent library are the property of the Bucks County Council in its capacity of Lord of the Manor of Langley Marish. Alas, members of the Bucks Archaeological Society are thin on the ground in the present and former southerly parishes of Bucks. I have recently written to all of them.

As you probably know, Sir John Kederminster's wife, Mary, was a daughter of Sir William Garrard of Dorney. The wedding was at Dorney in 1597, when John Kederminster was 20. A Langley family researcher has recently looked at your parish registers and found that the three Kederminster children were all baptised at Dorney, in 1599, 1602 and 1604. Only the first born, Elizabeth, survived her father, becoming his sole heir. The Kederminster family, therefore, probably lived in Dorney until the death of Edmund Kederminster, John's father and also of Sir William Garrard -both in 1607. It was certainly in 1608 that John succeeded his father as Keeper of Langley Park. He lost no time in making improvements to the church, the tower being dated 1609.

I won't bother you with a long essay, but I hope I have said enough to show you that the Kederminster link with Dorney was strong during Sir william Garrard's lifetime. I wonder if it continued after his death.

The Library Trust, a charitable one, was set up by Sir Robert Harvey in 1911. It has no endowment and no other income. We cannot of course charge for entry, but we can legitimately make a little money from visitors' donations, sale of postcards etc. I am apprehensive about what might happen if the County Council decided to sell the Lordship of the Manor. My present efforts are directed to making sure that as many people as possible in the area know and appreciate this remarkable monument. There is one more Open Day at the church this year - p.m. Sunday 6 September. At other times our honorary curator, Mrs. Muriel Kemp (01296 382587) is happy to open the place up for visitors, given at least 24 hours' notice.

I hope you will forgive me for writing to you. It may be totally unnecessary! If you know anyone in Dorney parish who has not visited Langley Marish - and the church alone is well worth a visit - would you please draw their attention to the Library? I should like to think that there was a body of local historians and other interested people to form a sort of 'supporters' club' if the library was threatened in any way!

Please ask me if there is anything you want to know. (Shall be away for a fortnight from 16 August.)

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Fenley.

EDITORS' NOTE

Our correspondent has again supplied some space fillers:-

English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you can comb through annals of history but not a single annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If you wrote a letter, perhaps you bote your tongue? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while guite a lot and guite a few are alike?

Have you ever noticed that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown? Met a sung hero? Have you ever run into someone who was gruntled, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm clock goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it.

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THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 8 September 1998



Flood Relief Channel

The construction of the M4 bridge over the channel is complete. Work has started on the diversion of the A4 to be used while a bridge over the channel is constructed; this is expected to be in use from September to December this year. The Chalvey rail bridge is complete and the Dorney rail bridge is scheduled to be completed in spring 1999. Gravel will be transported by road or rail; if by road, then it will go straight on to the M4 at junction 6. It is expected that the channel will be in operation by the winter of 2000-2001.

Eton Rowing Lake

The Dorney Lake Information Centre at Boveney Court Farm will be open about four out of five days a week, typically between 1:15pm and 2:15pm, until 20 October. Residents intending to make a special journey to see the Centre are advised to contact Mr Roderick Watson at least two days in advance of their visit, on 01753 671104 or email r.watson@etoncollege.org.uk. They should leave a message with the date when they wish to visit and their telephone number, to ensure that the Centre is open for them. The plans for the finish end of the lake, including the boat house, are on display. It is hoped that the whole of the site, including the Boveney Ramblers' Car Park, will be designated as an area under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. A suitable litter bin and warning notice will be placed in the Ramblers Car Park area and beside the path leading from Climo's Corner to the river, via the Wallbank Grove. The Open Day originally planned for summer 1998 has been postponed until summer 1999.

Environmental Matters

Two officers from SBDC had visited the parish to advise on the best way to use the grant of £15,000. They said that this sum would not buy any effective traffic calming measures. However, two additional police speed restriction enforcement vehicles are now being funded by Bucks County Council, thus increasing their number in the County from one to three. Hopefully, this should result in better adherence to speed limits. Dorney's grant will be spent on improved village signs with adjacent planting and repairs to verges, etc.

Residents are asked to ensure that their hedges and other vegetation do not overhang the footpath, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. Anyone who has difficulty attending to this themselves, should contact Keith Harris on 01628 603856, or any other member of the Parish Council.

It has been reported that the Picnic Park next to the Village Hall is frequently spoiled by litter and graffiti and the tables have been damaged. We will try to ascertain whether the culprits are residents or visitors.

Dorney School

Two Dorney school pupils recently won a poster competition run by South Bucks District Council to publicise Noise Awareness Week. They were presented with their prize at the Council Chambers.

Youth Project

In spite of numerous attempts, the Parish Council has received no response to its requests to follow up the suggestions made at the Annual Parish Meeting by younger members of our community. Anyone with further ideas is asked to contact Jill Dix on 01628 661 119, or any other member of the Parish Council.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13 October, in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8 pm.

At Eton Wick good broods of coot, moorhen and mallard have been raised despite cats taking some of the young. A pair of swans had seven cygnets, but one is missing. In one garden blackbirds were making a din, obviously disturbed by an enemy. A hawk, probably a kestrel, was found to be resting in a nearby tree with its head under its wing. It was persuaded to leave.

Small Blue butterflies have been coming into our garden which is

pleasing as I have not seen many this year.

Signs of autumn are evident. Canada Geese have been flying over to glean in cornfields. Colourful berries have appeared - crimson haws, scarlet hips and berries of purple nightshade and white bryony. There is a good crop of shiny, black elderberries. Hops adorn hedges and thistledown and the feathery seeds of wall lettuce dance in the breeze.

Heavy rain during the night of 2nd. September brought out many snails especially the tiny ones with yellow shells. Tall hemlocks and other plants which have gone to seed were covered with them. It was also better for the many small frogs which abound in our garden as the damp places which they prefer were drying. My husband found a wild larkspur by the M4 footpath and I found a Least Evening Primrose. This is a dwarf variety of the tall Evening Primrose which spreads sometimes too well in gardens. It is a wild flower with small, yellow blooms. I also found Wood Groundsel which is taller than ordinary groundsel with hairy leaves and larger sprays of mustard coloured flowers. Seeds may have lain dormant for years until disturbed into germination by the workmen erecting the new fence.

Lois Parker.

Outreach Project 99

To help us all begin to prepare for this project there is a special focus this month entitled 'Why Bother?' On Sundays (at all services) and at home groups during the week we will be looking at the significance of Christian faith and the importance of sharing it with others. Please join in - further details are shown below.

Theme for October 98: 'Why Bother?'

Sunday 4th 'Why bother with God the Father?'

Sunday 11th 'Why bother with God the Son?'

Sunday 18th 'Why bother with God the Holy Spirit?'

Sunday 25th 'Why bother? - it changes lives'

Home groups will explore in more detail the Sunday themes - dates and venues as follows:-

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ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Wednesday 28th. October at 7.30 p.m. in Eton Wick Village Hall.

Talk: - Archaeology of the Flood Relief Channel.

Speaker.... Phil Cantrell.

Everyone welcome.



NO-ONE FOR TENNIS

Well, not the planning officers of south Bucks District Council, anyway. The planning committee met on Wednesday 23rd September with the officers recommending refusal of the application to put a tennis court in the old recreation ground. Of course, committee members do not always agree with officers' recommendations, so there is hope yet. Apparently a court would spoil the view from the Thames (good eyesight these people have) and might set a precedent for tennis courts to be installed in the Green Belt. I suspect that one or two have already been laid without permission and I would have thought that the Village & School Halls would be rather more obtrusive.

Surprisingly, the officers are recommending acceptance of additional space for the eton college boathouse; in the green belt, adjacent to the Thames! Perhaps we should have asked eton to put in our application for us.

ON THE OTHER HAND

In the mean time another South Bucks committee has approved the grant of £15,000 to be spent on posh-ing up Domey Village Conservation area and Lake End. What we really need is for the Environment Agency to make up their seemingly anti-environmental minds and start work on the channel and works in our Parish. Contracts are still not awarded and they will be at least eighteen months late before work starts.

NO JOY

District Councillor Joy Richmond, an occasional contributor to this column, has advised that she will not be standing for re-election in May next year. "Eight years is long enough", she thinks, "it is time for some-one else to have a go". Thinking about it?

AS YOU WERE?

Elections for Parish Council will also take place next spring. The Chairman is hoping (he says) that existing Councillors will be prepared to stand for another session but there is always room for new faces. "Someone should do something....."

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DORNEY ETON ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday 8 September 1998 at the Luxmoore's Room, Eton College

Present:

Roderick Watson Eton College Special Projects Adviser- Chairman for

the Meeting

Ken Richmond Domey Parish Council

Richard George Representing Mrs Gill Palmer of Dorney Court

Keith Harris Domey Commoners
Tony Perryman Taplow/Burnham

Miss Elizabeth Matthews Boveney

Mrs. Jill Dix Domey Parish Council Mr Ged Pearce Eton Domey Centre

Paul Oatway Eton College - Boveney Ranger

Apologies:

Keith Harris, Bruce Brock

In Attendance for MWEFAS matters:

Colin Martin Director MWEFAS
Louise Preston Liaison officer MWEFAS
Elizabeth Chan-A- Sue Planning Adviser MWEFAS

Bob Hutton Secretary PERL
Ursula Badger Chair PERL
Tony Griffiths Member PERL
Bill Cooley Member PERL

Others in Attendance:

Jim Robson Aspinwall and Co. Ltd.

Eric Simms Eton Racing Boats/Domey Lake Services

1. Progress Report on MWEFAS.

See attached minutes of PERL

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of 14th April 1998 were taken as read and approved.

3 Matters Arising:

The Chairman informed the Panel that the he was available at the Information Centre at Boveney Court Farm, four out of five week days, between 1:15pm and 2:15pm. Anyone making a special journey should contact him or leave a message on 01753-671104 at least two days before to avoid disappointment.

Regarding access to the Bridal Path for emergency vehicles, both Keith Harris and Richard George had keys to the padlocks.

4. The Programme - Progress Report:

In the absence of Bruce Brock., Jim Robson gave the report, informing the Panel that the gravel fan which would form the foundation for the boathouse and the finish end was half way to completion. Part of the fan would be covered by grass under which there would be re-enforced plastic mesh to lessen the impact of activity on the grass surface. The 31inch diameter overflow pipe connecting the lake to the Thames below Boveney Lock was under construction. Chambers would be constructed at both ends. The work was being undertaken in the dry which required an elaborate de-watering system. Residents most likely to be affected by the noise of the pumps had been visited. The pumps which were the quietest available, would be recessed where possible. Work on the system would be completed by the end of October.

The chairman informed the panel that a meeting had taken place with residents on the opposite bank of the river with regard to construction noise associated with the gravel fan.

Jim Robson informed the Panel that Areas 4,6,7 and 9 had been excavated and Area 10 was being dug now. The contractor was engaged in top soil removal on the course itself up to Area 14 during this year. The reception voids in areas 3 and 5 which had been excavated earlier were being filled with unwanted materials such as clay. This clay would form a "plug" to reduce the water migration from the lake in that area.

It had been hoped to construct a section of the lake edge profile this summer but the high water levels had meant that such work would have to be postponed until the out fall pipe was in place and the water level receded. Gravel was being exported at the same level as in 1997 - at a rate of 600,000 tonnes per annum.

5. Highways - Landscaping and Accommodation Works:

The Chairman said that the Engineer, W A Fairhurst and Partners acknowledged that some further remedial work was required to improve drainage in some areas. A specification and price was being obtained.

6 Plans for the Boathouse and Finish Area:

The Chairman said that there had been few design changes since the plans had been seen by the Panel. The Parish Council had been content with the design, so had the visiting Bucks County Planning and Transport Committee members. Discussions on detail had taken place with the County Planners, a reaction from the District planners was still awaited the delay being attributed to staff holidays. The Chairman said that Eton had taken great pains to consult at parish, district and county levels. He was seeking a concensus and was receptive to comments. Mr Richmond said that the Parish Council had been formally approached by the District for an opinion but had not had an opportunity to meet.

The Chairman explained that the there was need for more space for land training than had originally been envisaged at the time of the Public Inquiry. Since then consultation at all levels- school, club and national squad- indicated that there was a need to provide adequate land training close to the lake. Mr Eric Simms endorsed the Chairman's comments. He said that many clubs had inadequate land training arrangements because their buildings had been constructed before the days when land training had been developed. The Chairman said that it would me madness not to recognise the advice being received. Fortunately the Architect, by clever use of mezzanine floors, had left the external dimensions largely unaffected. The Chairman passed round a photo montage of the proposed boat house set in the context of a recent photograph. The panel made favourable comments on the impression.

7. Dog Litter

The Chairman said that the Boveney Ranger was concerned at the amount of dog litter in the areas of the Barge Path and the Ramblers Car Park. The College was considering putting the Domey Lake area including the Wallbank Grove and Ramblers Car Park under the Protection of the Dog(Fouling of Land) Act 1996 in order to encourage dog owners to take a responsible attitude. Suitable litter bins would be provided.

8. Next meeting

Tuesday 10th November, 6pm at Eton College

8. Any Other Business:

(a) Viewing Point: Miss Matthews suggested that weed killer be applied to the ragwort prior to grass seeding to prevent the weed re establishing itself. The Chairman said that the farmer, Mr Colin Rainer, would be taking care of the ragwort problem, but never the less her comments were noted.

(b) The Chairman also informed the Panel that the plans for the Arboretum were being reworked following comments made by the Arboretum Committee.

The meeting closed at 7:15pm

Dorney Horticultural Society

The Annual Show

Is the 'Sainsbury effect' beginning to spread into our annual show? We can buy all their vegetables and flowers without growing anything ourselves. So why bother? But it is just as easy also to buy seedling as "plugs" locally or by post and many gardeners do so. More power to their elbows. The results are often spectacular, front gardens a mass of colour.

Vegetables need a bit more time and care for some of the best are also grown from seed or sets. A lot of gardeners go to great trouble to achieve good results. We all know that home grown vegetables taste better than the mass produced stuff grown with fertilisers and pest and weed sprays.

The level of the entries for our annual show was high this year, but there were empty gaps, especially in Division 2 - Flower Arrangements. There are 100 classes in which to enter an exhibit or two, so plenty of scope for everybody. We were delighted to see that a young family who entered vegetables for the first time ever, won an award. Well done! We were disappointed to note that there were no entries from Dorney School in the childrens section. Well, perhaps next year...

The local press gave us good coverage and with photographs. We hope that this will encourage others to support us. It is noted that the Burnham Hortic. Society has folded, presumably through lack of interest. One of their exmembers has already joined us. Others may follow. Remember that ours is the Dorney and District Horticultural Society.

By the time this appears in print the Harvest Supper will be over, but we shall be thinking about the Cheese and Wine 'do' on November 13th. Don't let the AGM on the same evening put you off. Come and join in with suggestions for improvements.

There's an old saying, "For every fog in October, a snow in the winter". Very young gardeners please note.

RSL. D&DHS Committee.

St.JAMES' DUTY ROTA The notice in this magazine has full details of our Services.

4th October Trinity 17

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton
Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

Flowers Mrs Legge

11th October OUTREACH FOCUS

11.00 am Family Communion
Sidesman Mrs Dyson
First Reader Miss Hook
Coffee Mrs Richmond
Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge

Flowers Mrs Beicher

18th October Trinity 19

9.00 am Holy Communion

Sidesman Mr Liney

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton

Cleaning Mrs Wood-Dow Flowers Mrs Robinson

25th October OUTREACH FOCUS

11.00 am Family Communion Sidesman Mr Dollimore

First Reader Liz Cochrane-Milne
Coffee Mr & Mrs Pepler

Cleaning Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

Flowers Mrs Springbett

<u>1st November</u> <u>ALL SAINTS DAY</u>

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All readings to be advised

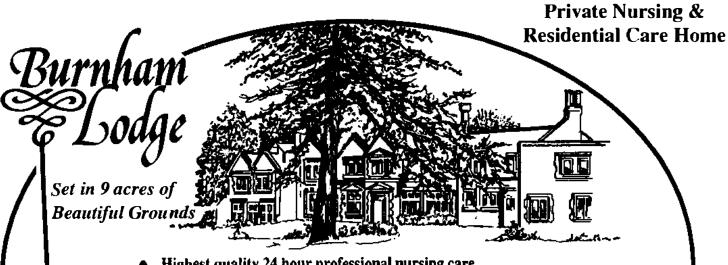
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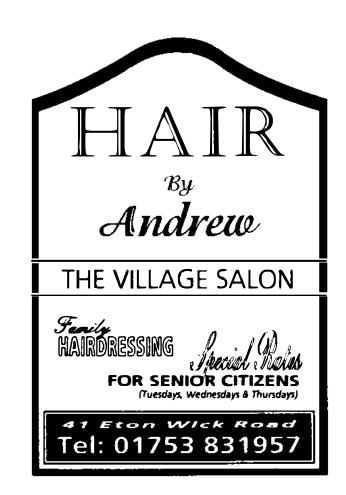


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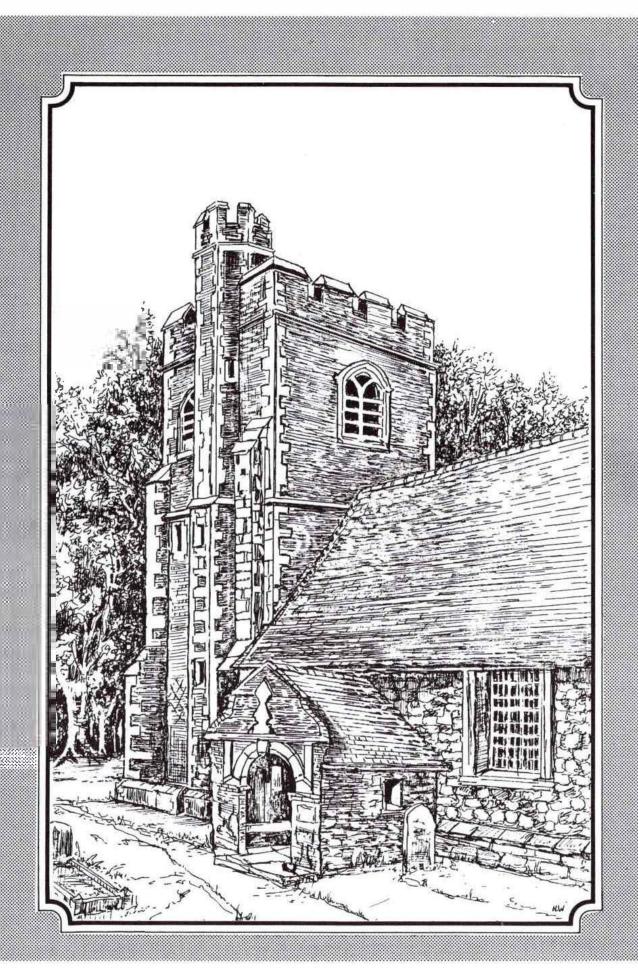
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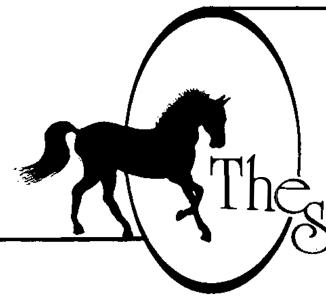
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EDITORIAL

When the road signs announced the intended closure of Marsh Lane, near Climo's Corner, I was reminded of the old newspaper headline STORM IN CHANNEL. CONTINENT CUT OFF. Although travellers from the village and beyond would not have been entirely cut off, a considerable detour would have been necessary to reach the Reach. This misfortune for the outside world was destined to last for six weeks to enable a culvert to be run under the road to accommodate a conveyor to carry gravel from the Flood Alleviation Channel to the Summerleaze processing plant.

Now, thanks to the intervention of the Parish Council, this magazine carries the news that although the culvert will still be constructed the road will not be closed (see page 23).

Copies of the correspondence dealing with the closure, between the Parish Council and the Environmental Services Department, can be read on pages 7, 8 & 9.

You will not be surprised to learn from this correspondence that the County Council did not consult or advise the Parish Council of the intended road closure. It is yet one more example of how little control local communities have over their environment and civil affairs. Trees are felled, roads 'improved', country kerbstones replaced with concrete substitutes, buildings erected, channels dug, etc. etc., all at the discretion of outside authorities. In the remarkably few instances when Parish or District Councils have any say in decision making, County Councils or a Public Inquiry or a government minister frequently overturn their recommendations.

Some little hope for the future can be found in the letter on page 8. The director of the Environmental Services Department advises the chairman of Dorney Parish Council that he will issue instructions to amend the County Council's consultation procedures on Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders to ensure that, in future, Parish Councils are properly consulted. Whether this means simply telling Parish Councils what is going to happen, or a mutually agreed programme, remains to be seen.

Whatever the limitations of Parish Councils, the Dorney Parish Council, through its appeal to the Environmental Services and, more particularly, in calling a meeting with the managing director of Summerleaze, has successfully negotiated an arrangement to avoid the closure of Marsh Lane.

On behalf of residents, and visitors, I express our thanks.

DO NOT MISS

'THE HEART OF THE WOODS'

Village Hall November 12th. 8 p.m.

Norman Critchell ALW writes;

It's good to be here!!!

During the Combined Family Harvest Festival Service on October 4th I was welcomed as the new curate for Eton, Eton Wiick, Domey and Boveney, to spend one full day a week and two Sundays a month in the Parishes. (The rest of the time I will continue working with Denise my wife on the Salem Project, developing things both in the Deanery and wider). Working alongside Paul and the Leadership Team and the people of both the churches and communities, my training in ministry will continue for at least the next two years. Having trained for three years on the St Alban's and Oxford Ministry Course and then commissioned by the Bishop of Oxford as an Accredited Lay Worker, I see it as a great privilege to serve my curacy among you. Of course a curacy usually follows ordination and is for three years, after which the woman or man becomes a Vicar in a Parish or Parishes, but my calling is a little different. I believe that God has called me to continue as a lay minister, building on all I have sought to do over the past 16 years of service. Yet as I begin to 'fill-out' my calling as an ALW, there is a real sense of beginning something new and it's good to be beginning it with you all. I am sure that because I have many years of experience in church and mission work ! can bring some of my experience to bear during the period of my curacy but, I am equally sure that I can gain so much from you.

Being here has given me a great excitement because already I have seen so much of God at work and I have met a number of wonderful people, both in church and around the area. I believe that there are some exciting times ahead and I look forward to seeing how God works out his plans and purposes for the area. The Alpha Course just beginning, the Mission next year and other things in the pipeline, are things that we can get excited about as they give people who have not yet understood how much God loves them, the opportunity to hear and understend for themselves. I personally lived for 28 years in this country before somebody shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with me. Good News that cleansed my past and transformed my future. From a past that included heavy gambling, heavy drinking and bondage to pomography, faith in Jesus Christ's death for me on the Cross has led to my life being lived in God's service and service of others, rather than life totally wrapped up in what I wanted and what I could gain from the world around me. The Christian life has not been easy for me for as well as many joys, there have been lots of struggles and disappointments. Yet, I would not go back to life before Jesus for all the money in the world.

I look forward to developments and to meeting more people from church and community, but before I finish I will try to explain what an Accredited Lay Worker is as there are very few of us around. To help me in this I will quote from a leaflet on Accredited Lay Work;

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With love and a hope that we can waik the road together. Norman C.

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	11.00am	Combined Family Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St. John the Evangelist Eton
	6,30pm	Bereavement Anniversary Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
4th	10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
8th	9.30am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St. John the Baptist Eton Wick
	10.55 am	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance	St.James the Less Dorney
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St.John the Evangelist Eton
	3.00pm	Remembrance Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
15th	9.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Combined Worship with children's groups (Focus on financial stewardship)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups +	-
		Baptism	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.John the Evangelist Eton
29th	11.00am	Combined Holy Communion for Advent	St.James the Less Dorney
	6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service	St.John the Evangelist Eton

Important Events this month

Sunday November 1st 6.30pm Bereavement anniversary service at St.John's Eton Wick - all welcome to attend, especially those who have experienced bereavement over the past year or so. During the service we will remember and give thanks for our loved ones who have died, and light a candle in their memory.

Wednesdays 8pm during November - we are running a shortened Alpha Course, looking at the basics of Christian faith and its relevance today. All are welcome - whether you have been attending church for years or never go near the door! The course will be informal - and we hope fun. For more details please contact Paul Reynolds.

Sunday 15th - Stewardship Sunday:

On this Sunday we will thinking about our financial stewardship & how God would have us use part of our financial resources for his work - both at home and overseas. There will be information about the church envelope scheme and giving through covenants. Please come on this Sunday prepared to think prayerfully and carefully about your own giving towards God's work

Sunday 29th November 5pm-7pm Eton Church Hall - RiverReach party for all 5's to 9's. Registration forms are going out to local schools.

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

Sunday 13th December 3pm St.Mary's Boveney - Christmas Carols and Readings Sunday 20th December 4pm St.John's Eton Wick - Christmas Carol Service
6.30pm St.James Dorney - Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 22nd December 7pm Carol Singing around Eton Wick - meet at the Methodist Chapel Alma Rd.

Thursday 24th December 4pm St. John's Eton Wick - Christingle

5.30pm St.James Dorney - Christingle

11.30pm St.John's Eton Wick & St.James Dorney - Holy Communion for Christmas

Christmas Day 10am - Family Communion services at St. John's Eton Wick & St. James Dorney
Sunday 27th December 11am St. John's Eton - Combined Holy Communion & celebration of St. John the
Evangelist

Church Bibles:

Our PCC's, following a recommendation from the Mission Committee, have recently decided to purchase pew bibles for St. James Dorney and St. John's Eton Wick (St. John's Eton already has bibles). We are purchasing 40 and although they will be split evenly between the two churches, they will belong to both parishes and be used wherever needed i.e. all of them may be needed at a large service held at one church.

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DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

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12 October 1998

Chris M Williams Esq Director of Environmental Sevices County Hall, Ayelsbury

Dear Mr Williams,

You may be aware that the County Council has authorised the complete closure of a part of Marsh Lane for a period of six weeks.

Members of the Parish council met, especially, yesterday and have asked me to advise you that, had they been consulted, they would have pointed out that any closure of Marsh Lane will result in an extra journey of more than six miles for 50% of residents who may wish to access the Church, the School, the Centre, Dorney Court or local public houses and Village House businesses.

This matter was raised with Mr P Waldron this morning, but he has subsequently telephoned to indicate that nothing can be done about it and that it was not necessary to consult with us. This Council believes that this work could, & should, be engineered so as to avoid any full closure of our roads and the massive inconvenience it will cause. Obviously, this Council would have raised objections at the time the planning application was being considered had it known the extent of disruption that would be caused; it would not be unreasonable for us to expect that this problem might have been be forseen by County Engineers, and dealt with at the time. At the very least we should have been consulted or advised when the closure application was made, more than six months ago

In the circumstances the Parish Council requests that you take immediate action:

- I. to have the illegal, inaccurate (and insufficient) signs removed without delay.
- 2. to withdraw from publication the planned advertisement relating to the proposed closure.
- 3. to arrange early consultation with the Parish Council. (the Council meets tomorro w-Tuesday- evening and would be pleased to add this item to its agenda).

I look forward to receiving your confirmation that the requested actions have been taken.

Yours sincerely,

KJ-Richmond Chairman



Environmental Services Department

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13 October 1998

Mr K J Richmond Chairman Domey Parish Council C/o 31 Harcourt Road Dorney Reach SL60DT

Dear Mr Richmond

Thank you for your fax early yesterday afternoon regarding the proposed closure of part of Maish Lane for a period of up to six weeks. I can understand the Parish Council's concern about not being consulted on this matter and can only apologise. This case has revealed a problem in our current procedures.

When an application for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is made it is subject to extensive internal consultation within the County Council. However, it is not subject to consultation with the local Parish or District Councils. I note that you state that Mr Waldron said that it was not necessary to consult the Parish Council. That is not the case. He simply said that at this point in time the consultation on Temporary TRO's does not include prior consultation with the Parish Council. Clearly, when an order such as this does affect a local community, that local community should be able to express its views.

I will, therefore, issue instructions to amend the County Council's consultation procedures on Temporary TRO's to ensure that, in future, Parish Councils are properly consulted.

If I could turn now to the particular case in point and explain the background to the proposal.

The application for the road closure has been made by Summerlease in expectation of being awarded the Tender for processing the gravel extracted from the Flood Alleviation Channel. They have asked for a six week period but the works are only likely to take 2-3 weeks. Summerlease sought and obtained planning consent for the provision of the conveyor via a culvert under Marsh Lane in 1995. Domey Parish Council were consulted on all three applications submitted and expressed a strong preference for Option 3 as this would not result in an increase in road haulage of gravel elsewhere, nor would any be carried on local Parish roads. The comments made by the Parish Council were subject to the caveat that the conveyor would be acoustically and visually screened to the highest possible standards.

With regard to the current application to close Marsh Lane there is no certainty that this will be implemented. Summerlease are relying on being awarded the Tender and

a decision on this will not be taken until later this week. If Summerlease are not successful the work will not proceed.

Furthermore, the closure will be subject to an agreed traffic management scheme and an appropriate level of advance warning algns. The existing signs at the proposed point of closure have been placed as advanced warning to motorists but I have issued instructions to have them removed. I understand that Summerlease have instructed A.A. Signs to produce the traffic management scheme and this will be vetted and approved by the Area manager and Local Police before the closure is implemented.

The Notice of Intent, which is to appear in the Slough, Eton and Windsor Observer on 16 October 1998, needs to be published to comply with the Order making legislation. The Order will have the effect of barring through vehicular traffic. A pedestrian route will be maintained throughout the period of closure, therefore local residents will still be able to walk, cycle or take horses between the several sections of Marsh Lane.

Whilst I regret that consultation was not undertaken earlier in this process I am not sure what can be gained now by cancelling the Order. The planning permissions clearly show that the conveyor was to be sited in a culvert. Therefore the alternative suggestion that it should be raised above the road would require a fresh planning application and a full consultation period. Such a structure is unlikely to achieve a minimum impact in terms of noise and visual intrusion. Marsh Lane is only 5m wide at the proposed culvert. Therefore it is not considered safe or practical to undertake the work in two halves. The only alternative would be to construct a new road off line, build the culvert, and re-divert the road on completion. Such works would require an additional planning consent, take longer to implement and prove more costly.

Clearly there is going to be disruption and inconvenience to local residents, and this is to be regretted. However the Flood Alleviation Scheme is going ahead and gravel will be extracted. The provision of the conveyor will be massively beneficial in reducing the volume of road haulage on the County Council's roads. Unfortunately the temporary closure of Marsh Lane is the price that has to be paid. I am anxious to avoid creating further delays in the implementation and/or progress of the Flood Alleviation Scheme. To cancel the Order Making process at this point will only serve to create a delay and lead to further pressures to stockpile material in and around the area

I do hope this letter goes some way to explaining the reasons for the proposed temporary road closure and assure you that every effort will be made to keep any disruption to the absolute minimum.

Yours sincerely

Chris M Williams

Chin M. Williams

Director

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ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP

On the 16th September the Eton Wick History Group heard how, at one time, four of the farms in the village were farmed by Tarrants. Peter Tarrant, who works not on a farm but at the Airport, was the guest speaker - he had spent much time researching his family's history and was able to tell his audience that his family had been associated with farming since the late 18th Century. The origin of the name 'Tarrant' was 'De Trent' (c.1100); and early Christian names were often Reginald and Ralph. His family tree diagram clearly showed the links between the various Tarrants. It was most interesting to see maps showing the original layout and names of fields in the area, and to see 'turn of the century' photographs of various farms and cottages and compare them and their surroundings (many Elm trees then) with the way they look today. There were photographs of haymaking in the 1920's; and how nice to see the beautifully thatched round ricks; to see the old threshing machine by the Dutch Barn (in 1948) when the threshers would move in at the appropriate time and sleep in barns wherever they happened to be working. To the non-farmers in the audience it was perhaps a surprise to hear that, in the past, every tenant farmer had to scour his ditches by 30th November, hedges had to be trimmed or layered by 1st November, animals had to be branded (no substitutes allowed), and farmers were allowed to grow 5 acres of turnips in every 20 acres they farmed. We all know now about the Hayward – he was paid 6d. when the cattle were turned out (apparently not until after 6.00 p.m. on 1st May each year) and 4d. per week after that, and no-one was allowed to stop the cattle from grazing. There were about a dozen dairy farmers up until the 1930's; and we heard tales of cattle eating wild garlic and subsequent complaints about garlic-flavoured milk! Mr. Tarrant was able to outline the history of many of the farms in the area; and not just the farms but also the tracks which run through them, for example: the one from our Common Road through the fields to Common Lane at Eton is called 'The Meads'; and if you follow the Meadow Lane track right through to Boveney - where it reaches Boveney it is/was referred to as a tumpike.

During the War, prisoners of war used to work on farms in Eton Wick; and, as a reminder of those times, Mr. Tarrant had brought with him some memorabilia including the head of an anti-aircraft shell, part of an incendiary bomb and some brass cannon cases. He described the posts and trenches in the fields — constructed to prevent glider landings. We saw pictures of the 1947 floods and the severe snow of 1963; and heard about Bob Bond's haystack burning down; and the barn which was blown down in 1987, which was also when the roof was blown off Mr. Tarrant's father's cottages. Almost finally, there were the chickens: Mr. Tarrant senior had bred chickens for show as well as for egg production — specialising in Buff Orpingtons and Silver Lace Wyandots. The final photograph was of one of our beautiful sunsets — seen beyond some remaining Elm trees.

Frank Bond thanked Mr. Tarrant profusely for his fascinating talk. Earlier Mr. Bond had mentioned that the topic at the next meeting, scheduled for 28th October, would be 'THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE FLOOD ALLEVIATION CHANNEL'. He referred also, to the 9th December meeting, when each member of the audience is asked to bring one item of interest, with a view to forming a 'MEMBERS' EXHIBITION'. The Committee would welcome suggestions for next year's programme.

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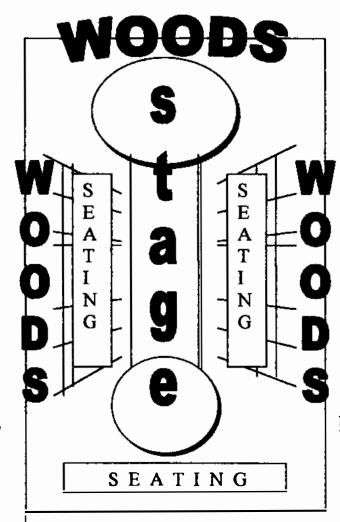
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NATURE NOTES

September / October

There has been the right mixture of sun and rain to produce fungi. Giant Puffballs have appeared in our garden for some years but not this year. However, two have appeared next door and also a Shaggy Parasol which has a very scaly cap. There was a Blewit in another neighbour's garden which belongs to the same family as Wood Blewits but it is not so mauve and most of the colour is in the stipe which gives it the nickname of Blue Leg. There are also plenty of Fairy Ring toadstools.

Violets have started to bloom again which is pleasant as so many flowers are dying or already gone to seed.

There are many baby rabbits around which is not really surprising as rabbits can have four litters a year.

It has been reported that sparrows are becoming scarce although I have not noticed any difference in numbers in our area. Tree Sparrows which can be found in one part of Dorney Common have been rare for some time. The Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock is not as plentiful as the House Sparrow but can be heard frequently in our area but not so often seen as they are shy birds.

Berries are now abundant. The scarlet clusters of Lords and Ladies berries add colour to hedges and banks where grass and other plants have withered. The large field on the way to Amerden Priory is a vast expanse of golden brown where flax was grown. I notice that the berries on the two Spindle trees in Old Marsh Lane are rather dusty instead of their usual bright pink but perhaps recent rain will cure that.

Greenfinches are back in our garden and also a Chiff Chaff visits. Chiff Chaffs will leave this country by the end of October.

A neighbour found a reddish, brown Slow Worm in his garden rubbish. Slow Worms are common, legless lizards and quite harmless but to see them suddenly slither out as from nowhere is disconcerting. They will seek a warm place when the weather is chilly but soon become active when warmed by the sun.

Lois Parker.

DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Saturday 14th November Sunday 15th November Saturday 21st November

Wednesday 9th December

Friday 18th December

PENTABUS THEATRE COMPANY Village Hall 8 p.m. DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine Village Hall 8 p.m. ART & CRAFT FAIR

Burnham Grammar School 10
DORNEY SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Burnham Grammar School 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Christmas Meeting.

Eton Wick Village Hall 7.30 p.m. CHARITY CAROL SINGING - DORNEY REACH Meet corner Harcourt Rd/Meadow Way 6.30 p.m.

Dates of Church Events will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL DORNEY P.C.C.

DORNEY VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Second Tuesday of each month First Wednesday of each month the Vicarage 8 p.m.

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Village Hall 8 p.m.

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8/12 Christmas Lunch

12/1 9/2 9/3

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3.30-4.30 p.m. Every Thursday Village Hall

6-7.30 p.m.

Every Wednesday the Vicarage 7.15-9 p.m.

See Church diary/notice boards for meeting place, dates & times

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

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DORNEY BABY SITTING CLUB

Karen Jones 01628 625037

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

Chief Co-ordinator: - Mike Hoile 01628 625407

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THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the Parish Council meeting held on 13 October 1998



Millennium Projects

A progress meeting had been held; a drawing of the village, based on aerial photographs, was presented; this will form the basis of the Village Map. Anyone who has documents or photographs which could be used in an exhibition of life in Dorney, past and present, should contact Peter Bowman on 0 1628 623228.

Theatre in the Village

On Thursday, 12 November, there will be a performance of "The Heart of the Woods"; this promises to be an even more exciting evening than when the same group performed here last year. Tickets are available from Graham Easton on 01628 627416.

Tennis Court

A decision is expected shortly on whether planning permission will be granted to build the tennis court on the alternative site behind the Village Hall.

Rowing Lake

The original plans for the arboretum have had to be changed in order to suit the conditions of the site. Drawings of the new plans incorporating a water feature and paths should be available to the Council at the next meeting. The revised plan for the boathouse was not approved by South Bucks District, but may still obtain planning permission from the Bucks County Council.

Flood Relief Channel

The Council had not been consulted about the impending closure of Marsh Lane and made a complaint to the County. Bucks County Council agreed that, in future, parishes would be consulted about temporary road closures.

Autumn Leaves

The Council is looking for volunteers to sweep up fallen leaves around the parish. A good rate will be paid; anyone interested should contact Keith Harris on 01628 603856.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 November, in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8 pm.

Christmas Bazaar at Dorney

Dorney Combined School PTA will be holding its ever popular Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 21st November 1998 at Dorney Village Hall.

Come along and shop early for Christmas amongst the many Stalls, have fun on the Games and bring the children along to see Father Christmas in his Grotto. Refreshments available, Fun for all !! Doors open at 2.00pm.

Domey Combined School PTA.

CHARITY CAROL SINGING

DORNEY REACH

Friday 18th December

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PAUL GEEHAN, B.A. Dip.T.P., M.R.T.P.I., M.I.Mgt.

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13th October 1998

Councillor Mrs Richmond 31 Harcourt Drive Domey Reach Maidenhead SL6 0PT

Dear Councillor Mrs Richmond

TREE WORKS IN HARCOURT ROAD, DORNEY REACH.

I enclose for your information copies of correspondence received from Bucks County Council Environmental Services, and would advise you that Mr Hatt has made a brief inspection of the trees in the schedule of proposed work.

Mr Hatt comments that all the work appears to be reasonable, and in particular the tree to be removed has a very bad rot pocket at the base and in the near future there could be definite risks of it falling into the road.

Accordingly, I propose to advise the Highways Maintenance Engineer that the District Council sees no objections to the work as proposed.

Yours sincerely

Director of Planning Services

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Environmental Services

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Date: 16 September 1998

Mr Hatt
Director of Planning Services
South Bucks District Council
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Windsor Road
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Dear Mr Hatt

TREE WORKS IN HARCOURT ROAD, DORNEY REACH

Pollowing a complaint from a resident of Harcourt Road, Dorney Reach and inspection has been made by the Forestry and Arboricultural Advisor to the County Council on the trees within the public highway along this road.

I enclose a copy of this report and before any decision is made by this office of the work that will be carried out I would be pleased to receive your views on the reports contents.

The only work required for highway safety purposes is to carry out the removal of dead wood (DW) from a number of trees and the removal of tree 3176.

As you can see the trees along this road are getting in a poor condition and may at sometime require removal, and I have asked Dorney Parish Council to take a long term view over this matter.

I would be pleased to receive your comments regarding the immediate tree problems in Harcourt Road as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

David Brown

Highways Maintenance Engineer (South Bucks)

CDC.





HYDER CONSULTING LTD. TREE INSPECTION REPORT			
PROJECT TITLE:	PROJECT CODE:		
ARBORICULTURAL ADVICE: AREA HIGHWAYS MANAGER - CHILTERN AND S	BU73015/BUOOFA OUTH BUCKS		
VISIT MADE BY:	DATE:		
MATTHEW WELLS	12 AUGUST 1998		
LOCATION: HARCOURT ROAD, DORNEY REACH			
PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:	ORGANISATION NAME AND ADDRESS:		

REASON FOR INSPECTION

To produce a detailed survey of all the trees along this road to assess the condition of each individual. The Information will be used to formulate an appropriate management plan for the trees taking into account highway safety, amenity and cost.

DESCRIPTION

The road is an avenue of Norway maple, sycamore and horse chestnut.

DISCUSSION

The trees on one side of the road have been pollarded / pruned heavily in the past due to the close proximity to four span electricity cables. Unfortunately, Norway maple and sycamore are not particularly suited to this form of management. The end result is a series of trees with little amenity value even through they are relatively healthy.

Whilst I was performing the sorvey electrical engineers were replacing the four span cables with Aerial Bundle Cable (ABC). This type of cable very much reduces the need to clear the trees to such an extent as before.

Trees which have been pollarded in the past can be returned to a more normal tree shape with some careful surgery work. This involves thinning the pollard heads to the best few individual stems. These stems are then allowed to grow on and form a new canopy. This will very much improve their contribution to the area and also allow the trees the opportunity to grow above the power lines and therefore, reduce the need for such drastic pruning work as has been done in the past.

On the other side of the road there is far fewer trees. A row of horse chestnut pollards should be continued to be managed as pollards in this situation due to limited amount of space. The remainder of the trees on this side have not been worked on for several years and have formed valuable trees. These should have the minimal work done on them as necessary for highway safety.

All the trees along the road should be crown raised to avoid vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Unfortunately, one tree does need to be removed due a large decay pocket at its base and several others should be inspected on a regular basis to ensure their safety.

NOTE

DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL is currently drawing up an environmental plan for the Parish, in conjunction with the County Council. It is expected that trees which are "unsatisfactory" in any sense will be replaced and new trees planted where appropriate.

REQUESTS & SUGGESTIONS SHOULD BE MADE, NOW, TO ANY PARISH COUNCILLOR OR TREE WARDEN, ARTHUR LOWE.

MAIDENHEAD MUSIC SOCIETY RECITAL

Berkshire College of Agriculture, Burchetts Green Monday 16th. November at 7.45 p.m.

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- Play the piano for a weekly sing-song at a Club?
- Deliver meals to people's homes or cook a batch of lunches?
- Train as an advocate and support elderly individuals to speak up for what they want when there is a problem?
- Play board games with elderly in a residential home?
- Pack and deliver welcome Christmas parcels?
- Help at a flag day or a charity shop raising money to help elderly people?
- Do shopping or pick up prescriptions; fit a smoke alarm or a chain to improve security?

You needed them when you were young, now the older members of our community need YOU To YOUR bit for the elderly. Ring 01753 893793 NOW.

7th Annual Art Exhibition and Craft Fair 14th & 15th November at Burnham Grammar School Hogfair Lane, Burnham

Please remember to hold half a day free over the weekend of November 14th/15th to come and visit our seventh annual Art and Craft fair. You will have the opportunity to view and buy from hundreds of paintings and other works of art created by local artists, and to browse amongst a variety of over thirty interesting craft stalls. Stallholders from Buckinghamshire and surrounding counties will be selling high quality hand crafted goods including jewellery, ceramics, teddy bears and sunbathing pigs!

Also on display will be a selection of work by the school's A level students.

Christmas will soon be here, and this occasion will give you the chance to buy gifts to suit all tastes, at prices to suit all pockets.

The fair is open between 10am - 4pm on both days and entry is only 50p which includes a catalogue of artists and craftspeople taking part. Refreshments will be available and the ample car parking is free!

So come along and have a browse, you won't be disappointed!

Contact Penny Thompson 01628 626810 for further details

Horticultural Matters

The final Horticultural Society event for 1998 will be a cheese and wine evening. It takes place in the village hall on Friday November 13th. at 8pm.

To encourage those who want to improve their flower arranging skills for Christmas there will be a demonstration in that gentle art. Also we hope to puzzle you with various small pieces of horticultural and agricultural equipment that have accumulated over the years in the boot of a well known horticulturist's car.

The annual pat-on-the-back meeting, generally known as the AGM, will be held at about the same time. Do not be alarmed, it can be quite enjoyable taken with wine.

Hope to see you there!

RSL. (DHS Committee)



NO AUTHORITY

After reading the exchanges between the Parish Council and the County Council (printed elsewhere in this magazine), I am amazed at the apparent lack of authority County has over would-be hole-diggery. Surely it should not have needed the full force of the Parish Council to persuade the gravel operator to afford the small diversion which will prevent the Parish being cut in two.

It is to be hoped that the procedural changes to ensure that Parish Councils are consulted will also lead to County Highways engineers ensuring that potential road-diggers automatically provide, where at all feasible, realistic alternatives to a six mile diversion.

NO FREE LUNCH?

We must realise, of course that gravel extractors are not necessarily philanthropists, and we would be wrong to expect them so to be.. Maybe the contractor's willingness to provide a diversion is in some way connected with a possible future need to store gravel in our Parish.

NO LOGIC

District Council officers' recommendation for refusal of planning permission for a tennis court in the parish, whilst suggesting that for eton college to have a bigger boathouse would be OK, were rejected at last month's District planning meeting. Councillors voted against the eton plan (although final authority lies with the County Council) and will visit the proposed tennis court site, in the picnic park, before making their decision at the October meeting. Promoters of the scheme, which already has a lottery grant offered, are optimistic.

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MILLENNIUM EXHIBITION: PLEASE SEARCH YOUR ATTICS AND ARCHIVES!

You will not need reminding that the year 2000 is just over 12 months away. Right now, the planning is underway for a number of projects to celebrate the Millennium in Dorney.

It seems right that we reflect on our beautiful village as it is at the turn of the century, and how our community has developed, particularly in the light of all the environmental challenges we have faced.

It's proposed that an exhibition will be held in the Village Hall in June 2000 to celebrate that process by way of photographs and other memorabilia. No doubt, Dorney Court and our historic churches will be featured. But equally we want to celebrate the lives and leisure of Dorney people.

If this project is to succeed, we need to access residents' own collections - and we've seen enough examples of school photographs, village fetes and Jubilee street parties to know that much fun can be had in Millennium year from the sight of current and past residents in school uniforms and the dodgy flares of a couple of decades ago.

More seriously, we know that many villagers are dedicated photographers. Do you have shots of the locality before the M4? Or, more recently, Court Lane or Climo's Corner before the gravel lorries?

It's rather early to plan the details, but the exhibition is likely to be thematic rather than chronological. We might have sections like "schools", "churches", "The War" or "famous residents/visitors". We're obviously hoping that local newspapers will provide photographs and clippings. It's likely that your precious souvenirs would be copied and returned to donors before being placed on public exhibition.

Please do everything you can from your own resources or let us know of any other likely source of suitable memorabilia. If all the above strikes a chord, please give me a call.

Peter Bowman 016286 23228

STOP PRESS - Wednesday 21st October MARSH LANE WILL NOT BE CLOSED

At a special meeting, last night, between members of the Parish Council and Peter Prior, Managing Director of Summerleaze, Mr Prior offered to build a temporary, traffic light controlled diversion to enable residents to drive past the culvert construction; subject, of course to the necessary permissions being received. Mr. Prior advised that he had still not yet received a contract from the Environment Agency and that work on the culvert construction might be delayed until after Christmas. Warning signs would be posted when appropriate.

Issued by Domey Parish Council 21/10/98

TENNIS COURT APPLICATION APPROVED

We understand, as we go to press, that the District Council Planning Committee has approved the plan for a tennis hard court to be constructed in the Picnic Park, Dorney Reach. It is expected that construction will start in Spring next year.

CHILDREN'S AID

A very big THANK YOU to all the people who gave so generously to the Albanian children. We had pencils and exercise books, footballs, cricket balls, tennis balls and an enormous quantity of clothes.

The huge lorry goes every week and is received with enthusiasm. Thank you so much.

Brigit Ames.

CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND

The recent coffee morning held at Nicky Hooper's home in Harcourt Road raised the splendid sum of £302-76 for the annual Macmillan Appeal.

Very many thanks to all supporters of this most worthwhile event.

ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP

Meeting Wednesday 9th. December at 7.30 p.m. in Eton Wick Village Hall.

Exhibition (Members). Quiz. Punch & Pies.

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<u>1st November</u> <u>ALL SAINTS DAY</u>

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hellmuth

11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick Cleaning Mrs Baker & Mrs Parker

Flowers Mrs Legge

8th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mrs Baker Rev.21,v.1-7 First Reader Mrs Hayton Psalm 93

Coffee Mr & Mrs Perryman
Cleaning Mr & Mrs Legge
Flowers Mrs Ames

15th November Trinity 23

9.00 am Holy Communion Sidesman Mr Hayton

11.00 am Combined Worship at Eton Wick (Stewardship Sunday)

Cleaning Mr & Mrs Dollimore

Flowers Mrs Belcher

22nd November Christ the King

11.00 am Family Communion

Sidesman Mrs Richmond Luke 23, v.33-43 First Reader Mr Hayton Col.1,v.11-20

Coffee Mrs Westendorp

Cleaning Mrs Robb
Flowers Mrs Springbett

29th November Advent Sunday

11.00 am Combined Worship at Dorney

Sidesman Mrs Dyson Matt 24, v.36-44
First Reader tba Rom.13,v.11-14

Cleaning Mrs Eastgate & Mrs Jones

Flowers Mrs Robinson

6th December Advent 2

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11.00 am Family Worship at Eton Wick

Coffee Mr & Mrs Hayton
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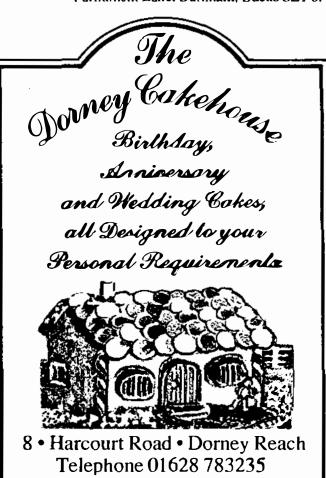
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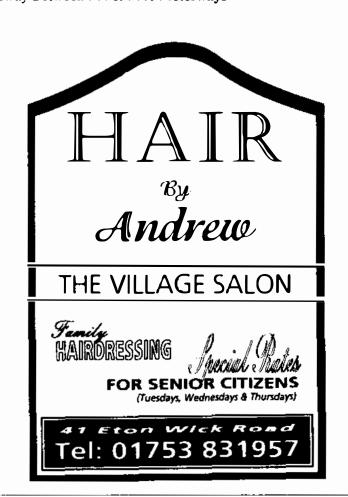


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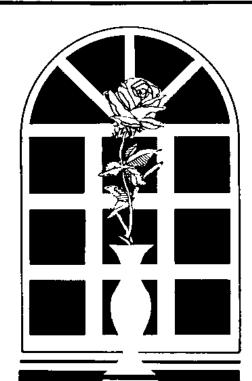
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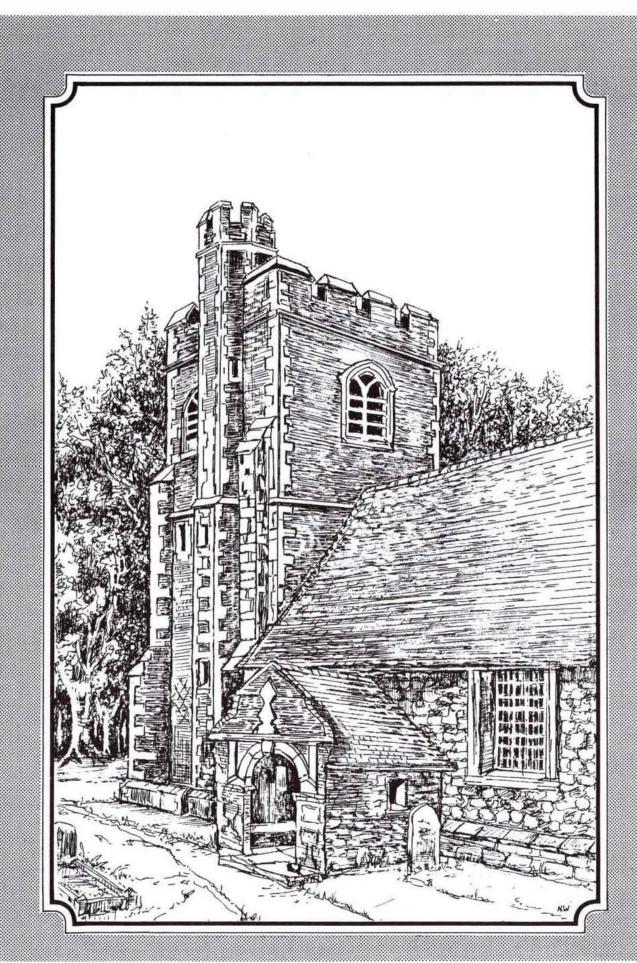
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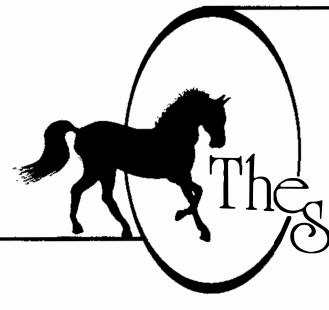
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11.00am Combined Service (Venue varies)

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EDITORIAL

For the second year running The Pentabus Theatre Company came to Dorney Village Hall with another wonderfully imaginative play.

'The Heart of the Woods' dealt with the global destruction of the environment but specifically with the impending uprooting of an area of woodland that lay in the path of a proposed new road. The plot centred around the ancient legend of The Green Man whose spirit becomes manifest to encourage support for the preservation of the threatened trees.

Many in the audience felt that the theme of rural upheaval was rather near to home!

Although this very short synopsis may give the impression that this was a serious and sombre 'green' play, the witty script and action kept the audience laughing throughout the unfolding of this intriguing presentation of an, alas, familiar scenario.

The cast of four played thirteen characters and, when off stage, a variety of musical instruments. They gave such truly professional performances and met the physical demands of the inventive staging with such unflagging energy that one felt that this was as good an evening's theatre as one would find in any playhouse.

Pentabus, Shropshire's touring theatre company, is based in Bromfield, near Ludlow and is supported by West Midlands Arts, Shropshire County Council, Hereford & Worcester County Council, South Shropshire District Council and The Elmley Foundation. The Company is a member of the Independent Theatre Council. Bucks District Council subsidized this production in the village hall. The tour schedule for 'The Heart of the Woods' runs from 10th. October to 19th. December, during which time fifty-one performances will be given at various venues including schools, community centres, town halls, assembly rooms, village halls, churches etc., throughout Shropshire, Worcestershire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Buckinghamshire. One must admire the stamina required to meet this punishing schedule, particularly as prior to each performance the rather complicated scenery must be set up.

Following the success of 'The Biker King' in 1997 the village hall audience for 'The Heart of the Woods' had trebled. Perhaps when the word gets around of the excellence of these presentations and the sheer enjoyment the Company creates, next year's play will attract a capacity audience.



Paul Reynolds writes...

Something great to celebrate

You probably heard of the recent proposal, by a local authority in the Midlands, to call Christmas Winterville'. Just how serious this suggestion was, I don't know, but it raises the question, what is the real purpose of this mid-winter celebration?

Our word Yule-tide is derived from the name of an Anglo-Saxon god, and ancient mid-winter celebrations focused on the rebirth of the sun - the apparently dying sun began to increase its sunlight on 25th December. For the Romans it was a festival celebrating the unconquerable Sun. Following the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity, Christians began to use the festival to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ and to worship instead the unconquerable Son.

Christmas is a great time for celebrating, just as it was in pre-Christian days. We need something to cheer us in the midst of these short winter days. But the problem with 'Winterville' (or whatever name we choose) is that it denotes a short lived celebration - a time for fun and feasting - with no real point or purpose. Christmas, by way of contrast, is a time for great celebrating because there is something great to celebrate -

- the birth of One who can turn our lives from darkness to light
- the birth of One who has not left us alone in the Universe but came from heaven to show us he cares
- the birth of One who offers us hope for life, freedom from fear, a future eternity, forgiveness to heal our hearts and a hand of love to guide our steps from day to day.

The birth of the unconquerable Son.

May your Christmas be a great and joyful celebration because of Him who has given us something great to celebrate.

With my love and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Paul.

Church Services in December 1998

2nd	10,00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St. John the Evangelist Eton
6th	9.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Family Service Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St. James the Less Dorney St. John the Baptist Eton Wick St. John the Evangelist Eton
13th	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Holy Communion with children's groups Holy Communion Morning Worship Carol Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Evangelist Eton St.Mary Magdalene Boveney
20th	9.00am 11.00am 4.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion (said BCP) Combined Worship Carol Service Carol Service	St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney
24th	4.00pm 5.30pm 11.30pm 11.30pm	Christingle Christingle Holy Communion for Christmas Holy Communion for Christmas	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney St.John the Baptist Eton Wick St.James the Less Dorney
25th	10.00am 10.00am	Family Communion for Christmas Day Family Communion for Christmas Day	St. John the Baptist Eton Wick St. James the Less Dorney
27th	11.00am	Combined Holy Communion	St.John the Evangelist Eton

Church Services in January 1999

3rd	9.00 a m	Morning Prayer	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Combined Family Service	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion (said Rite A)	St. John the Evangelist Eton
6th	10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Evangelist Eton
10th	9.30 a m	Holy Communion with children's group	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Morning Worship	St John the Evangelist Eton
17th	9.00 a m	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00 a m	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
24th	9,30 a ın	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St.John the Baptist Eton Wick
	11.00am	Holy Communion with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney
	11.00am	Holy Communion	St.John the Evangelist Eton
31st	11.00am	Combined Worship with children's groups	St.James the Less Dorney

Important Events in December

Friday 18th 6.30pm - Carol Singing around Dorney Reach - meet corner of Harcourt Road/Meadow Way

Monday 21st 6.30pm - Carol Singing around Dorney - meet at Old Dimmings
Tuesday 22nd 7pm - Carol Singing around Eton Wick - meet at the Methodist Chapel Alma Rd

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes

Alpha 2 (continuation) - 5 sessions beginning Wednesday 13th January - venue to be announced

Alpha 1 - first four sessions beginning Monday 22nd February - venue to be announced

24th January 6.30pm - Informal reflective worship service at St. John the Evangelist Eton - all welcome

Church Bibles:

The purchase of these bibles, referred to in last month's magazine, has now been made and they will shortly appear in our churches. Thank you to those who have donated a bible, some in memory of a loved one. If you would like to do so, there is still time. Please complete a donation form, available in all our churches or from Paul Reynolds.

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THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The origin of this piece is unknown, but it's still worth reading at this time of year!

For those who enjoy high finance let me share a confidence of a J. Patrick Bradley, the chief economist at the Provident National Bank in Philadelphia. He has kindly calculated the current cost of what 'one's True Love would give to thee' for the Twelve Days of Christmas.

One partridge in a pear tree, he says, comes to \$108.48. The partridge is \$20.00 and the pear tree \$88.48. Two Turtle doves are currently \$50.00. Three French hens, \$95.00. Four calling birds, \$280.00. Five golden rings, \$875.00. Six geese a-laying, about \$270.00. Seven swans a-swimming \$770.00. Eight maids a-milking, \$300.40. Nine ladies dancing, \$1,810.00 (that's Equity for you!), while the Ten Lords leap in at \$3,798.80- presumably expenses included! Eleven pipers piping, \$1,145.00. Twelve drummers drumming, \$1,423.00.

If you wanted to give all these to your True Love for the Twelve Days of Christmas, (although I doubt that they would all be welcome!), the Grand Total would be \$10,925.68 or at reasonable exchange rates, £6621.62.

But that is, of course, the economist's point of view. He looks at the old song through the eyes of Mammon, strictly in terms of dollars and cents, while we in the Riverside team probably look upon it as a bit of an oddity, neither Carol nor Hymn. But in the past, others looked at it more profoundly because this seemingly harmless song holds a Christian secret. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was written in the sixteenth century. Moreover, it was written by Jesuits who were playing a very dangerous game. For this was sixteenth-century England, and in sixteenth-century England anything Catholic was prohibited and, if found out, punishable by imprisonment and death. The Catholic faith as a result was forced underground. Followers still needed to encourage the faith, and above all to pass it on to the next generation. So, the Jesuits came up with a way to teach and outline the faith in code.

The code was the song. It sounded innocent enough to any eavesdropping Protestant, but let's take a closer look.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, is the Nativity celebration from Christmas to Epiphany. "My true love gave to me" is God speaking to the anonymous Catholic believer.

"Twelve drummers drumming" are not as you might expect, the Twelve Apostles, but rather the twelve beliefs outlined in the Apostles creed.

The "Eleven pipers" are the eleven apostles- Judas having left- who pipe the faith in unbroken tradition.

The "Ten lords a-leaping" are the Ten Commandments.

The "nine ladies dancing' allude to the nine choirs of angels.

The "eight maids a-milking"? They are the eight beatitudes.

The "seven swans a-swimming' are the seven sacraments,

while the Six geese a-laying are the six precepts of the Church.

The "Five golden rings" are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible.

The 'Four calling birds' are the four Gospels that sing the Good News.

The "Three French hens" are the Magi's gifts,

and the "Two Turtle doves" are the Old and New Testaments.

Finally, "The partridge in a pear tree" is, of course, Christ, crucified upon the cross.

For the uninitiated sixteenth-century Protestant Englanders the song would have seemed a simple holiday amusement, but for those playing hide-and-seek with their faith, it was a coded outline from which one could unfold the truths of faith, a kind of list of catechism headings that teachers would secretly hang their teaching on. Thankfully we all have a far more ecumenical view of one another as we approach the millennium.

MILLENNIUM HERITAGE PROJECTS

Peter Bowman's letter in last month's magazine is slowly bearing fruit; people are remembering the photos in their lofts and 'old maps' in the drawers upstairs but he would like more please. You may not think it worth contributing, but... it may be just what we want to complete a particular record.

The other projects are proceeding well but we would like to know of any artists (painters) who would be able to participate in painting the vignettes around the map. Please contact Jan Bowman on 01628 623228.

There are many other projects in the pipeline, but Committees have yet to meet to decide what form these will take. WATCH THIS SPACE.

Joy Richmond.

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THE PARISH PUMP

Notes on the parish Council meeting held Tuesday 10th November 98



Tennis Court

Planning permission has been granted to build the tennis court in the picnic park at the Village Hall. A properly constituted club will be formed to run the tennis facility and anyone in the Parish interested should contact Councillor Coish on 01628 629381

Rubbish Collection

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that large items of domestic rubbish are being dumped in various areas of the Parish. If any ratepayer bas rubbish to be disposed of that is not able to be taken by the usual weekly collection, then they can telephone 01753 533333 and ask for the cleansing department, who will arrange collection of the rubbish.

Bus Shelter

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the bus shelter at the comer of Court Lane, which was in a shaky state, has been repaired.

Traffic Calming

Enquiries are being made by the Parish Council to find out the requirements for lighting and cost for Table Top humps in Village Road.

<u>Trees</u>

Several of the Chestnut trees in Court Lane are in a poor condition with a fair amount of dead wood that is dangerous to pedestrians, horse riders and motor traffic. Therefore the Parish Council is investigating the best management of the trees and replacement planting with the possibility of creating an avenue of trees for the bridle way and footpath.

Footpaths

The contractors have at last cleared the footpath, which runs from Lake End road, by the flood relief excavations to Domey Common.

Millennium

All projects are progressing well, but any help from Parishioners would be gladly received. The 17th to 24th June 2000 has been designated as the Parish Millennium Week, this coincides with the School Fete and we look forward to seeing projects on display during this period, reflecting life and times of the Parish.

Parish Clerk

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that Mrs G Kynaston, who has been acting Parish Clerk, has agreed to take on the post on a permanent basis.

School

It is hoped that six trees, one for each class, will be planted with funding from the Diana, Princess of Wales, Memorial Fund.

Youth Project

Unfortunately all efforts made by Councillor Dix to get some youth projects underway have come to naught due to the lack of interest from the Parish Youth. Perhaps the young people of the Parish will be interested in forming a junior Tennis Club?

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on the first Wednesday in March, being 1st March 1999, at 8p.m. in the Village Hall. All Parishioners are invited to attend and take the opportunity to express their views and take an active role in the running of the Parish.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th December in the Eton Dorney Centre at 8pm.

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12th - 23rd December 10.00am - 3.00pm

ETON WICK HISTORY GROUP

The Group met again on the 28th October, and were to learn about "The Archaeology of the Flood Alleviation Channel". John Denham was pleased to introduce Mr. Phil Cantrell of the Environment Agency: Mr. Cantrell is an archaeologist involved in locating and investigating archaeological finds in areas affected by the excavation of the new flood alleviation channel, which runs from the Thames at Taplow and will re-join it at Black Potts off Pococks Lane in Eton. Having seen Mr. Cantrell's maps and diagrams showing the local flood plain and the likely incidence of flooding in Eton Wick (once in every 204 years we were likely to be completely submerged!), it will be a comfort in the future to see floodwater running along the channel when it would otherwise have been running through our homes! The current estimated cost of reinstaning damage caused if there was serious flooding within the Maidenhead to Datchet area is £400,000,000.

The archaeological survey of the area commenced in 1989 when Bucks County Council did a desktop assessment and the areas were then 'fieldwalked'. In 1990, an Iron Age site was found in Agar's Plough and so the channel was re-routed around it; this site, of course, was close to 'The Myrke' which actually means 'the boundary' and there was evidence of lots of little paddocks and fields there.

Mr Cantrell joined the National Rivers Authority (now the Environment Agency) in 1995 and he commenced exploring Lots Hole (where the M4 motorway was diverted) using geophysical equipment which could measure the Earth's magnetic field down to 1/50,000th; topsoil is more magnetic and the resulting variation in the readings indicated evidence of ditches, trackways, field systems and even a burnt farmstead. Part of this field system survived until the 19th Century; and apparently water from a spring used to flow from Marsh Lane through Lots Hole to Cress Brook. Medieval pottery has been found at 'Lots Hole' and Roman and Medieval pottery and a Bronze Age cremation in the fields between Lake End Road and Ashford Lane – cremation remains consist of bone which would have been picked out from the funeral pyre, washed and put into a vessel which was then buried. Bronze Age flintwork was found on two sites between Mill Lane and the A4.

A later, but interesting find close to Maidenhead, was an ice house just 10 metres away from the A4; this was not a 'modern' one and yet was not listed in the County's 'Sites and Monuments' records. It had to be taken out to make way for the road diversion, but photographs taken prior to its removal clearly showed three chambers: the top one being the entrance, the second for storing food, and the third would have been packed with ice. It could perhaps have belonged to Frank Noble who lived in Berry Hill in about the 1870's; a similar one at Taplow Court does appear on maps.

70 Saxon pits were found at Lake End Road West and it seems that this area was more of an industrial than a residential quarter, although some Saxon domestic pottery was found, as were a bronze pin, bone pins for sewing and loom weights for weaving. There were surprising finds of Tatting ware pottery, which was imported from the Rhineland and only found in major trading centres; and some Ipswich ware not normally found so far up the Thames Valley.

[Mr. Can'trell refierred also to some of the finds at the Rowing Lake site. These were covered in our report of the talk given by Tim Allen of the Oxford Archaeological Unit at a previous meeting.]

Archaeological artefacts found within the Bucks boundaries will go to the County Council Offices at Aylesbury; Berkshire finds will go to Reading.

Mr. Denham thanked Mr. Cantrell for his most interesting talk. He reminded the Group that the next meeting would be on 9th December when there would be an opportunity for the members to show their own photographs, attefacts and items of interest at their own 'MEMBERS' EXHIBITION'.

Further information from:-

Mr. Frank Bond Tel: 850960 and Mrs Joan Ballhatchet Tel: 850699

DIARY OF EVENTS

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Saturday 14th November Sunday 15th November Saturday 21st November

Wednesday 9th December

Friday 18th December

PENTABUS THEATRE COMPANY Village Hall 8 p.m. DDHS AGM and Cheese & Wine Village Hall 8 p.m. ART & CRAFT FAIR Burnham Grammar School 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DORNEY SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Village Hall 2 p.m. ETON WICK VILLAGE HISTORY GROUP Christmas Meeting.

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NATURE NOTES

September/October

There has been the right mixture of sun and rain to produce fungi. Giant Puffballs have appeared in our garden for some years but not this year. However, two have appeared next door and also a Shaggy Parasol which has a very scaly cap. There was a Blewit in another neighbour's garden which belongs to the same family as Wood Blewits but it is not so mauve and most of the colour is in the stipe which gives it the nickname of Blue Leg. There are also plenty of Fairy Ring toadstools.

Violets have started to bloom again which is pleasant as so many flowers are dying or already gone to seed.

There are many baby rabbits around which is not really surprising as rabbits can have four litters a year.

It has been reported that sparrows are becoming scarce although I have not noticed any difference in numbers in our area. Tree Sparrows which can be found in one part of Dorney Common have been rare for some time. The Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock is not as plentiful as the House Sparrow but can be heard frequently in our area but not so often seen as they are shy birds.

Berries are now abundant. The scarlet clusters of Lords and Ladies berries add colour to hedges and banks where grass and other plants have withered. The large field on the way to Amerden Priory is a vast expanse of golden brown where flax was grown. I notice that the berries on the two Spindle trees in Old Marsh Lane are rather dusty instead of their usual bright pink but perhaps recent rain will cure that.

Greenfinches are back in our garden and also a Chiff Chaff visits. Chiff Chaffs will leave this country by the end of October.

A neighbour found a reddish, brown Slow Worm in his garden rubbish. Slow Worms are common, legless lizards and quite harmless but to see them suddenly slither out as from nowhere is disconcerting. They will seek a warm place when the weather is chilly but soon become active when warmed by the sun.

Lois Parker.

It was pleasant to learn that during early autumn a large badger was seen in Dorney Reach Road. It must have been a boar because of its size. The badger setts in the area are kept secret for obvious reasons.

Comma and Red Admiral butterflies were still to be seen until mid October.

It seems our garden was not devoid of Puffball fungi as I previously thought. I found two under a large bush but they were too mature to eat.

Parasol mushrooms are plentiful and there are many Common Inkcaps round our apple trees. Inkcaps are auto digesting which is why they rot down into a puddle of black liquid, hence the name. This is the way they propagate themselves.

A robin which deserted us during the summer has returned to our garden and the blue tits are so tame, as they come daily to feed on seeds and nuts, that they stay quite near my husband when he is gardening. There are many goldfinches around. They have done well rearing young this year.

Frogs, small and large toads are already hibernating in the plastic sacks kept by our dustbin as these retain the right amount of moisture they need. They will be left undisturbed until spring.

The leaves of Cow Parsley are already 12 inches high and many flowers still bloom - Toadflax, Poppies, Hogweed, Yarrow, Camomile and a few Scabious.

High winds towards the end of October stripped leaves off trees and also the scarlet Yew berries. At this time of year berries brighten hedgerows and banks. Fortunately, hips and haws are firmly secured to their stems.

By mid November the autumn colours were at their best. Violets were still blooming and Toadflax was also doing well. On hearing a loud cawing in the garden I investigated and found that a kestrel was being chased by two rooks and a collar dove by other rooks. No doubt it was a territory dispute.

Lois Parker.

FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

A meeting with the Environment Agency on the 16th. November did nothing to clear up the mystery of when work would start on Area 9 - Dorney. It was clear, however, that Marsh Lane will now not close before Christmas.

When asked the date for completion of the eyesore in Lake End Road (Thames Water Pumping Station moved because of the Scheme) no-one appeared to know "but would find out".

Joy Richmond.



TIME WASTED

About four years ago residents of Domey Village turned down plans for some fairly modest and non-intrusive traffic calming features, eton college would have paid. Less than four months ago the Parish Council undertook a survey of the village in order to agree with SBDC how their £15,000 grant (for visual improvement) should be spent. Only a small proportion of this money was allocated to traffic calming as County experts advised that most calming features had limited effect; and, we should get our share of the two extra manned police cars to be financed by the County Council. Since then volumes and speeds seem to have increased and, despite repeated requests, there has been no sign of the County funded vehicles. Now village councillors are calling for Eton-type calming platforms, (which will also necessitate brighter lighting) which we should have to pay for from the precept or a grant if we are lucky. The County Council have been asked for advice along these lines.

TIME WASTERS

The Environment Agency, who else? The October edition of their expensive glossy (surpilsingly, actually distributed ln. October) promised a start on the actual channel, in our area, in that month. It is nearly the middle of November and the contracts have not yet been awarded, so the earliest possible start is now January 1999 - 16 months late! If the Agency's calculations are anything like as bad as their construction forecasting, they are wasting £75 million (of your money) to build what might become the largest area of stagnant water in the UK.

WINE TASTERS

Meanwhile, the college have broken out the champagne to celebrate receipt of planning permission for their (bigger) boathouse; but at least we can be reasonably assured of minimum delay in starting the work and that the completion target date of April 2000 will probably be met.

Once again it befalls me to wish all my reader the compliments of the season.

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6.30 p.m.

Monday 21st December CHARITY CAROL SINGING - DORNEY VILLAGE

Meet Old Dimmings, Village Road

6.30 p m.

Thursday 31st December NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY

Village Hall 8.30 p.m. - 1.00 a.m. DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH

MEETING. Village Hall 8 p.m.

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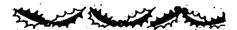
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DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL

DORNEY P.II.E

Representatives of the Parish and County Councils have met with environmental advisers Hankinson Duckett Associates to finalise an outline specification for Planned Improvements to the Environment

within the Parish. This draft specification was considered at the November Council meeting; Hankinson Duckett, in association with the County Council will produce a detailed specification for consideration at the January or February meeting of the Parish Council. The extent of the final plan and programme will depend on funds available. It is hoped that the scheme will get under way in early spring 1999 and be completed within 3 years. Residents are invited to send any comments, in writing, to the Parish Council, before January 10th 1999; especially if you wish, or do not wish, for a tree outside your property.

DORNEY P.I.E

OUTLINE SPECIFICATION

DORNEY VILLAGE

Plans for this conservation area are being prepared (and partly funded) by South Bucks District Council. These will include improved signs, rationalisation of highway signs, tidying up of village entrances etc. Some Traffic calming, (perhaps Eton type platforms & lighting- although SBDC funding does not include for such expensive calming) will be proposed.

DENTS CORNER

Parish sign & landscaping both sides of road. Traffic calming feature to be suggested.

LAKE END ROAD (adjacent to & opposite The Pineapple)

Improved village entrance sign. Repair or removal of damaged tube fences.

COURT LANE

Reinforced grass or hard standing will replace muddy patches

MARSH LANE (south of Old Marsh Lane)

Removal of dead vegetation. Some replacement and tree planting. Repair or removal of damaged tube fences. Improved village entrance sign. Footpath to Court Lane.

HARCOURT ROAD & DORNEY REACH ROAD

Complete new tree planting with possible staggered culi of existing old & inappropriate trees.

Verge parking prevention measures. Speed reduction (safety) measures.

THE SNICKETT

Refurbish

HARCOURT CLOSE

Shrub feature & parking prevention on muddy patch at school entrance.

PICNIC PARK

Removal of dead trees/vegetation with complete planned replacement trees and shrubs on East and South sides, especially screening of new tennis court

TRUMPERS FIELD

Tree planting north-east boundary and screening approach to village hall. Level football area. VILLAGE HALL

New front facia, add special ceiling feature to main hall; new backing to stage.

MEADOW WAY

New avenue of trees. Verge parking prevention. Screening trees and shrubs at BANJO and some eastwards along Oak Stubbs Lane.

OLD MARSH LANE

Screening trees and shrubs at BANJO.

BOVENEY

Some tidying and addition of trees and shrubs in this conservation area.

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

Hankinson Duckett Associates, who are responsible for the environmental design of the Eton Rowing Park, will recommend trees, shrubs and designs appropriate to our rural environment and commensurate with the funds available. All work will be carried out by professionals, with guaranteed tree planting & maintenance. DESIGNS ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILS, UTILITIES AND LANDOWNERS, as appropriate.

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13th December

John the Baptist

11.00 am Sidesman First Reader Coffee Cleaning Family Communion Mrs Baker

Mrs Parker Mrs Richmond

Mrs Beicher & Mrs Neal

All Ladies

Flowers

20th December Advent 4

9.00am Sidesman Holy Communion

Mr Liney

11.00 am

Combined Worship at Eton Wick

6.30 pm Sidesmen Cleaning **Dorney Carol Service**

Mr Dollimore, Mrs Baker & Mrs Dyson

Mr & Mrs Legge

24th December

Christmas Eve

5.30 pm Sidesmen Christingle Service

Mrs Baker, Mrs Dyson & Mr Hayton

11.30pm Sidesman First Reader Holy Communion

Mr Dollimore Mrs Hayton

Luke 2,v.1-14 Titus 2,v.11-14

John 1, 1-14

Matthew 11.v.2-11

James 5.v.7-10

25th December

Christmas Day

10.00 am Sidesman Family Communion

Mrs Baker

27th December

St John the Evangelist

11.00am

Combined Worship at Eton

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January 1999

All readings to be advised

3rd January 1999

Christmas 2

9.00 am Sidesman 11.00 am Holy Communion Mr Hellmuth

Family Worship at Eton Wick

10th January

Epiphany 1

11.00 am Sidesman First Reader Coffee Cleaning

Family Communion
Mr Dollimore
Mrs Cochrane-Milne
Mrs Baker & Mrs Eastgate

Mrs Robb

17th January

Baptism of Christ

9.00 am Sidesman 11.00 am Holy Communion Mr Liney

Family Worship at Eton Wick

24th January

Epiphany 3

11.00 am Sidesman First Reader Coffee Family Communion

Mr Hayton Mrs Parker

Coffee Cleaning Mr & Mrs Perryman Mrs Belcher & Mrs Neal

31st January

Epiphany 4

11.00 am Sidesman First Reader Combined Worship at Dorney

Mrs Baker

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7th February

9.00 am Sidesman 11.00 am **Holy Communion**

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Deer Santa,

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Mum also menshund Saata Peter Prior who is beeing speshially generus providing a nice shiney divershun road an eulored lites while he is diggin up marsh Lane. not to menshun that nex year he wants to giv us a big pile of granle to play with. However dad sais theirs no such thing as a free lunch and theyll be taken away again, moor than libeley.

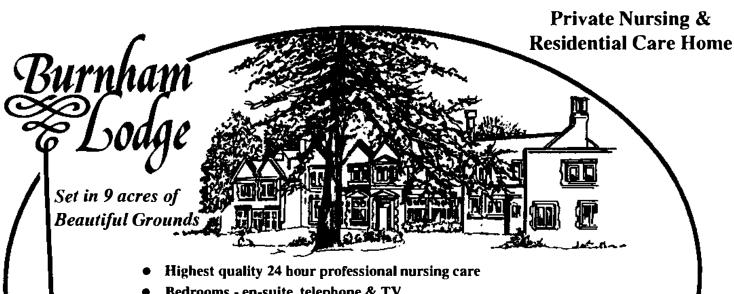
And, she sais, we musht forget Santa Roderick Watson who is giving us an oven larger botchouse than we didnt want.

So allinall I think we hav got nearly evrything we knead so I don't have to arsk you for anithing this year, even if you arnt very busy.

But thanks aniway and lot of luv from

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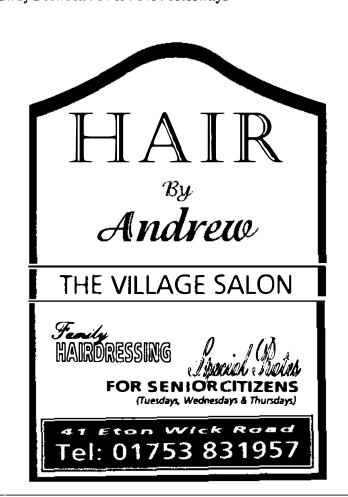


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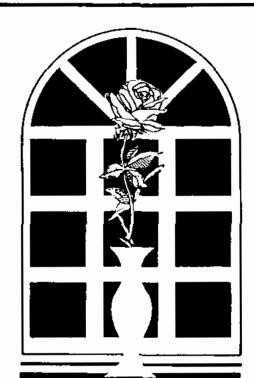
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