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September 2025



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EDITORIAL

The Village Hall on the front cover of Dorney Parish News? Not very sophisticated some might say, or beautiful, or intriguing like we normally manage. But we think it looks very sprightly, with its fine new sign. Furthermore, the interior has enjoyed a makeover and potholes in the driveway have been dealt with. It's our very own Village Hall, and what matters is what happens there. Events like the Studios School's great production back in July, when local young people performed *Mama Mia* in front of a packed house. On Saturday September 6th, and we hope this issue reaches you before then, it's the Horticultural Society's Annual Show. Come on, you've got a few days left to think about your entry (if you haven't already). Please see the Show's announcement in this issue.

We would love to see this as a new term for the Parish – indeed on that theme, we wish pupils and staff at Dorney School a successful and safe year. We see in this issue that life at the school is still as lively as ever and say more power to the Head's encouragement of the greatest gift of all, reading. New term or not, some are still bottom of the class, especially the owners of the Orchard Herbs site. You will have noticed that the July deadline to clear the site has passed. You must read this month's article – we set out the complex enforcement issues but point a way to resolution.

Autumn is this column's favourite season, and one harbinger of mist and mellow fruitfulness is the re-opening of Dorney Lake. Details of the opening and especially the new parking charges are set out in this issue. We welcome a fairer charging system and think it might contribute to an easing of parking problems outside the Lake. We're happy to be able to print details of the Parish Council's budget for 2025-26, and at the same time urge a couple of residents to come forward and fill the vacant seats on the Council (see the minutes of the July DPC meeting in this issue).

It's always good to hear about the Playground. This month's update is even more welcome as it follows the novel path of, during a quiet time of their year, thanking many of those who have contributed to the smooth running of the Playground and Tuck Shop. After years when our parish seemed to settle down with only adequate broadband speeds, it's clear that for many these are now inadequate for all the 'growing digital needs of modern households'. We set out a few alternatives, actually suggested to us by readers, whereby we can all speed up any transition to full fibre broadband for Dorney.

This column loves to chat music with environment correspondent Olly, but maybe only serious soul fans will get his link of Freda Payne to ringing baby owls. In a world awash with online scams, Mike Quincey falls for the offline version. The historical/nostalgic bit this issue is provided by our household, remembering Dorney's Millennium celebrations a quarter of a century ago.

As I write, the world is becoming awash with hatred and rumour. I hope that some of the above helps in a very small way to show that our precious community can rise above all that.

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

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



Our long wait for a new vicar is nearly over. On October 13, at St Mary's Church, Datchet, Rev Andreas Sistig will be licensed as Team Rector of the new Benefice of Eton, Eton Wick, Boveney, Dorney and Datchet by The Bishop of Buckingham. Andreas's wife Jenny is an ordained Clergy person and is a Lead Chaplain in the Frimley Health Foundation Trust which covers Wexham Park Hospital. The long-term plan is for a part time House for Duty Priest to be appointed to look after Datchet with Andreas looking after the remainder of the Benefice.

Meanwhile our services continue as before each Sunday at 9.30am along with our other activities including the large number of weddings that have been booked for this and future years. We are always pleased to welcome at our services the young couples who are obtaining their qualifying connections to be married in Dorney. May they carry on worshipping either at Dorney or at a Church nearer to their future home.

During the vacancy we have been extremely grateful to the outside and retired clergy who have managed to fill the gaps and to those who organised the cover along with the Vergers, Bell Ringers and Organists

Church Services in September 2025

Wednesday 3rd September

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 7th September

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Any Age Service

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 14th September

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 17th September

10.00am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 21st September

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 28th September (Harvest Festival)

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick



St Mary Magdalene, Boveney

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Our Village Hall Shines Again!

Just in time for the Annual Horticultural Show, the main hall is already bursting with new colour and fresh energy. A smart new sign now greets visitors as they approach the building (front cover) — the first steps in a series of planned updates.

After months of chasing Bucks for more litter bins for the playground and surrounding areas, we have finally succeeded in obtaining an additional bin and a three times a week rubbish collection. This means cleaner, tidier spaces for everyone to enjoy. A big thank you to all who supported this effort!

DPC are following up with Bucks Council some comments from Meadow Way residents regarding the occasional influx of pigeon racing clubs on Trumper's Field

DPC awaiting date from Bucks Council regarding removal of, and replacement of, Ashford Lane Bridge

Don't forget your entries for the Dorney Horticultural Show on 6th September at Dorney Village Hall

**ORCHARD HERBS SITE
(SEE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE)
BUCKS ENFORCEMENT ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE OWNER TO COMPLETE THE JOB OF TOTAL CLEARANCE**

**NEXT DPC MEETING
Tuesday
16 September
7.30pm at
Dorney Village Hall**

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Orchard Herbs Update - Progress But Patterns Repeating

Nearly two months have passed since the 11 July enforcement deadline, and while some encouraging developments have emerged, residents may recognise a familiar delaying pattern from the past two decades. The Parish Council continues to press for decisive action to finally resolve this enforcement saga.

Recent Developments - Encouraging Signs

The good news continues to build. The concrete processing and scaffolding businesses have departed the site, eliminating the noise pollution, dust, and constant stream of concrete mixer trucks that caused daily disruption. Billy Johal, Buckinghamshire Council's dedicated senior compliance officer, reports a *"productive telephone call"* with the landowner who has stated *"his intention to comply"* and that *"good progress on clearing the site has been made."*

The landowner explained that his son is helping to clear the site, though it is *"taking longer than anticipated."* Billy Johal plans to meet with the owner in the second week of September to assess progress and push for resolution.

This represents exactly the kind of focused professional engagement this case has needed, and DPC welcomes Billy Johal's hands-on approach.

The Concerning Pattern

However, long-term residents may experience a sense of déjà vu. Similar promises of compliance and gradual clearance have been made repeatedly over the past 20 years, often followed by regression once enforcement pressure eases.

The enforcement notice originally allowed six months for compliance. The Planning Inspector, recognising the scale of the task, extended this to nine months with a firm deadline of 11 July 2025. That deadline has now passed with significant breaches remaining, and we appear to be entering another indefinite extension period.

A criminal offence under Section 179 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has been committed since 11 July, with potential daily penalties accumulating. Yet no firm completion deadline has been established for this latest clearance promise.

The Need for Clear Deadlines

Billy Johal's professional approach of allowing *"meaningful dialogue"* while *"positive steps are being taken"* is entirely appropriate. However, given the 20-year history, this goodwill requires clear boundaries.

The Planning Inspector's damning assessment described this as representing *"a longer and more flagrant period of intentional unauthorised development"* than he had *"rarely encountered."* The Inspector noted *"total and flagrant disregard for planning control over a number of decades."*

Such exceptional circumstances justify exceptional vigilance to ensure promises translate into action within reasonable timeframes.

Council's Enforcement Options Remain

Should voluntary compliance fail again, Billy Johal has confirmed that prosecution remains an option. However, three main enforcement routes are available:

- 1. Continued Negotiated Compliance** – Billy Johal's current approach, appropriate while genuine progress occurs within reasonable timeframes.
- 2. Criminal Prosecution** - Can result in substantial fines (recent cases show £10,000-£20,000, with unlimited fines possible in Crown Court) but doesn't guarantee site clearance.
- 3. Direct Action** - Council physically clears the site and recovers all costs from the landowner, offering certainty of outcome regardless of voluntary cooperation.

The Council's preliminary Direct Action cost estimate of *"well beyond £500,000"* appears significantly overstated. Realistic analysis suggests net costs in the £50,000-£75,000 range for clearing the remaining trucks, containers, and structures. All costs are legally recoverable from the landowner, making this cost-neutral to Bucks Council and taxpayers.

Community Expectations

The July 2023 parish survey showed overwhelming support for resolving this issue:

- 97% want parish road approaches to reflect Dorney's character
- 90% want farms and fields restricted to agricultural use
- The survey specifically identified: *"Orchard Herbs Farm site needs to be resolved, and all vehicles removed"*

Residents have shown remarkable patience, but that patience requires reciprocal respect through clear deadlines and accountability.

The Reality of Enforcement Powers

It's important for residents to understand that further enforcement action is entirely at Buckinghamshire Council's discretion. While DPC can monitor, report breaches, and maintain political pressure, they cannot compel the Council to undertake prosecution or Direct Action.

Bucks Council holds all the enforcement powers under planning legislation. If they choose to accept indefinite extensions and voluntary promises rather than setting firm deadlines, there is little the Parish Council or residents can do to force their hand - short of expensive legal action through judicial review, which would place significant financial burden on the parish.

This makes Billy Johal's September meeting particularly significant. The outcome will likely determine whether the Council maintains its current patient approach or moves towards more decisive enforcement measures.

What We Need Now

While supporting Billy Johal's current approach, DPN believes that DPC should press for:

Clear Timeline: A firm completion date for full compliance, not open-ended promises

Regular Updates: Scheduled progress reports to maintain momentum

Contingency Planning: Clear trigger points for alternative enforcement if deadlines slip

The partial progress demonstrates that enforcement pressure works. The departure of active businesses shows the landowner can act when required. Now we need that same urgency applied to clearing the remaining scrapyard – the landowner's mess.

Looking Forward

DPN cautiously welcomes these latest developments while recognising the need for vigilance. Twenty years of history suggests that promises without deadlines often lead nowhere.

Billy Johal's meeting in September with the landowner will be crucial. The community deserves to know not just that progress is being made, but when it will be completed. After two decades of patience, Dorney residents have earned the right to clear timelines and decisive action.

This could finally be the breakthrough we've waited for - but only if promises are matched by performance within reasonable, defined timeframes.

Bill Dax

(Relevant correspondence between DPC and Bucks Council is available on the DPC website under Local Projects/Orchard Herbs Site)

An update from Dorney Playground

School summer holidays are traditionally a quiet time for the Dorney Playground Committee (even if not for the Playground itself) - as the school is closed, we don't open the Tuck Shop and most of the committee are spending their time trying to keep young children amused.

Just before the holidays started, we had our Summer Barbecue. This event was a lot more low-key this year, as it is getting increasingly difficult to get volunteers to help with the event - but a barbecue, face painting (thanks to Caitlin Bracken who is now a famous, and much loved, face painter), 'Zap the Rat' (strange how something so simple can keep children happy for hours!!), plus of course, the Playground and good weather, resulted in about 100 people having a fun afternoon.

So, as not a lot is happening, I thought I'd take the opportunity to thank a few people.

I'd like to thank Varney and Son Construction for assembling our park benches. The trouble these days is that nothing comes ready to use and bench building is not on the committee's list of skills!!

I'd like to thank Lee @ The polite plumber, who came to our rescue when the tap in the Tuck Shop started leaking.

I'd like to thank 'granddad Dave' who popped into the playground one Saturday and somehow ended up constructing some cupboards and a work surface in the Tuck Shop. The cupboards mean that we can keep everything much tidier and the worksurface makes life so much easier.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Ruth Senior. In her role as Dorney Parish Clerk, she badgered Bucks County Council about the litter problem in the playground. We now have an extra litter bin, and the bins are being emptied three times a week. Obviously, things can still go wrong, but we have a contact number at Bucks CC who acts immediately if we phone up and tell him of the problem.

Sometimes the committee wonder why they spend so much of their time sorting out the Playground. At other times, we feel encouraged by all the 'odd' people who volunteer to help us when we have a problem or something needs doing. Thanks to those people.

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Fibre Broadband Update for Dorney and Dorney Reach

There's progress—and a call to action—when it comes to bringing ultrafast broadband to our area.

Dorney Village/Lake End (Burnham Exchange – Openreach)

Openreach has confirmed that fibre infrastructure has already been laid along the roads in Dorney, including Village Road and Lake End Road. While this is a strong indicator that full fibre broadband (FTTP – Fibre to the Premises) will soon be available, they have not yet confirmed final plans to connect individual homes. An update sent to residents of SL4 6Q_ states that the area is part of Openreach's national fibre build, which aims to reach 25 million homes by the end of 2026. The fibre is physically close, and once Openreach confirms availability, residents will be able to order service through major providers like BT, Sky, or TalkTalk. Installation is typically free or low-cost for standard connections. However, as requested recently by John Wraight to Village Road/Lake End Road residents, it is important to register with Openreach to declare Community enthusiasm for installation of superfast broadband. If you have not done so please follow the link below and spread the word to your neighbours.

<http://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/ultrafast-full-fibre-broadband>

- a) Click on - Submit postcode
- b) Click on - Keep me updated

Dorney Reach (Maidenhead Exchange – Gigaclear)

In contrast, Dorney Reach does not yet appear to have fibre laid. A local resident, Lyndsey Oliver, has contacted Gigaclear—a rural fibre specialist—which has indicated that they will consider investing in Dorney Reach **if enough local interest is registered**.

Gigaclear's model depends on community demand. By registering interest at www.gigaclear.com, residents can help make the case for bringing ultrafast broadband to the area. If the rollout proceeds, connection can often be free during the initial build phase.

Dorney Common/Boveney

We believe that Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) is already available to properties on Dorney Common and Boveney – but would welcome comments from those residents as to whether this is correct.

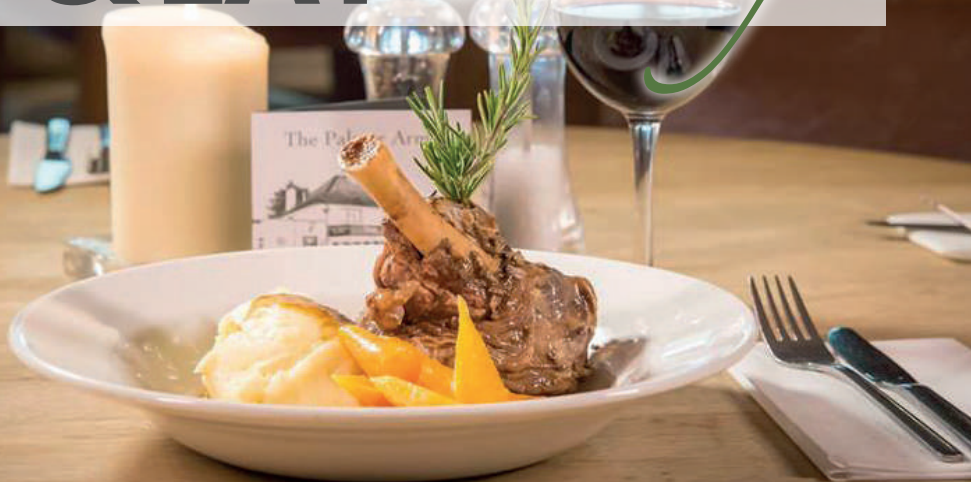
Next Steps

- Dorney Village/Lake End residents: Watch for updates from Openreach. When fibre becomes available, compare provider packages to find a deal that suits your needs. Register interest with Openreach.
- Dorney Reach residents: Please consider registering interest with Gigaclear as soon as possible to help drive investment.

Improved broadband is not just about faster streaming—it supports working from home, online learning, and the growing digital needs of modern households. Let's ensure our community doesn't get left behind.

Bill Dax

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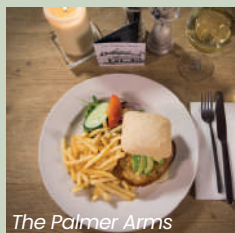
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Best Laid Plans? The future of Dorney's Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plans (NPs) are very long in their gestation. Just to remind you, NPs are intended to empower communities, ensure local voices are heard in planning and to give some legal force to community priorities. Burnham's NP project, for instance, has been underway since 2018, and this summer only saw the completion of a first interim period of public consultation.

A considerable amount of work had been done for Dorney. Residents may recall a number of public meetings and a survey into attitudes to the development of Dorney Parish which generated over a hundred responses in 2023 (refer to our article in this issue on the Orchard Herbs site for some of the responses). Mindful of the issues crowding in on our planning horizon, not least the Government's impending Planning and Infrastructure Bill, I was concerned to see that the funding necessary to continue our NP work had been withdrawn and all work on a Dorney NP would halt until at least next year (see the minutes of the latest DPC meeting in this issue).

The explanation for this situation does not seem to be down to any unwillingness in Dorney Parish to continue towards completing a Neighbourhood Plan. The two barriers thrown up would appear to be the paralysis that is halting all discussion on development prior to the Government's planning bill going through its Third Reading in the House of Commons and becoming law possibly by the end of this year, and the failure of Bucks Council to complete an over-arching Local Plan.

Dorney Parish Council has been working closely with Bucks' planning team. They have recommended the employment of a consultant to aid the Plan's development. Looking positively to the future, quotes from consultants have been obtained which could come into play in 2026-27, but the problem is for 2025-26. In June, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government ended new funding for neighbourhood planning support services, funding which had been running at £6-7 million a year. Local councils, like Bucks, are not prohibited from filling the spending gap, but it sounds like they are not in a position to help, given that they themselves are still working on their new Local Plan, *to which any Dorney plan must conform*. The reasons Bucks Council will not have an agreed plan until at least late 2027 are many but usually suggested are the reorganisation under a new unitary council and the environmental complexity of a county with so much Green Belt and areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a significant, increased new houses target.

A Dorney Neighbourhood Plan will emerge, and some work will continue now, but the most acute unknown at this point is whether the Planning and Infrastructure Bill will leave any role for NPs within the granting of planning consent. A clause in the Bill does lay down that 'due consideration' must be given to any relevant neighbourhood plan, but the words of a Liberal Democrat MP speaking in the House may be prophetic... *'the Government's intention is to let them wither away altogether by a gradual process of neglect'*.

Peter Bowman

Many thanks to Cllr Robert Stopford for his guidance in the writing of this update.



SEASONAL GROUNDS VISITING: Updates to our Car Parking Policy

As we look forward to opening Dorney Lake's grounds to visitors from September, we would like to inform you of important updates and changes regarding our facilities and parking policy.

GROUND'S VISITING TIMES

Our grounds are planned to re-open to visitors to explore from Tuesday 2nd September, **however this may be subject to change.**

For the most up-to-date opening times, please visit our website: www.dorneylake.co.uk

CHANGES TO YOUR COMPLIMENTARY CAR PARKING PERMIT

We are introducing some updates to how you update your Complimentary Car Parking Permit: If you're a registered Parking Permit Holder for 2024/25, your permit for 2025/26 has already been issued to you — no action required.

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“Since you’ve been gone, all that’s left is a band of gold.”

Freda Payne’s ‘Band of Gold’ is perhaps the definitive Northern Soul song, and arguably one of the greatest singles of all time. Written by the crack Motown team of Holland-Dozier-Holland, it is guaranteed to fill the dancefloor, and lift your spirits, even though the lyrics tell a rather sad tale of a bride who realises on her wedding night that her marriage is not going to work and all she will be left with is her wedding ring. It also features (I only discovered researching this article) Ray Parker Jnr. on guitar, who later as a solo artist recorded the ubiquitous Ghostbusters theme tune (*who ya gonna call?*).

Why am I talking about rings you might justifiably ask? Well, Theo, my neighbour, had arranged for two guys to come down from the BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) to ring our Little Owls back in June. They run the Bisham Barn Owl group and have seen some real success with the barn owl boxes they monitor. In fact, this year they recorded the most successful number of Barn Owl fledglings ever (since their project started). You can find more info here: <http://bishambarnowlgroup.blogspot.com/>

Unfortunately, however, all the Little Owl nests they monitor failed to successfully rear any young. They were therefore quite interested in ours and I have to say it was one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life to see the Little Owl chicks up close.

The BTO guys arrived in the afternoon with a ladder and all their specialised ringing equipment. As we approached the nest box, we could see the two chicks sitting outside (with no sign of the adults who we presumed were out foraging for food) and Paul from the BTO was able to catch one of the chicks immediately and put it in a cloth drawstring bag they had brought with them. The second chick had managed to squirm into the front of the box but Paul (having been through this many times before I’m sure) was able to coax it out with a bit of concerted effort and muffled effing and blinding (our little box is quite awkward to access Paul discovered).



Theo and I were then able to see the Little Owl chicks up close as the guys ringed them. The ringing is quite a specialised task, and it takes years of practice to be certified to do it. Various grades of metal rings and pressure devices are used, and I was glad I was not

responsible as the ring was attached, and I tried not to think of the possibility of the delicate Little Owl leg bones being crushed.

The chicks seemed completely unperturbed by this experience however and took the whole thing in their stride, with no sign of struggle. For our part, Theo and I were completely entranced by the experience and I for one didn't want it to end. Obviously, it wasn't fair on the chicks to keep them in this artificial situation for longer than needed, and we knew (and hoped) that the parents would be back soon. Paul placed the now ringed chicks back in the box and later that day Theo saw video footage of the adults returning (with worms in beaks), much to our relief.

Paul observed that one of the reasons the Little Owls are thriving around Dorney is that there is so much suitable habitat to allow them to forage for worms, with the rewinding Thames Water field and the local fields which are full of horse manure and other worm encouraging soils. In hot, dry summers it can become very difficult for little owls to forage for worms, so for any landowners out there, please think about managing your land and soils in as regenerative way as possible that encourages worm and other invertebrate populations, for the Little Owls (and lots of other animals) to feed on.

Back at home, we still have a healthy population of soprano pipistrelles, with a few in my bat box, a max of 12 in Theo's box and between 20 – 30 (down from a max of 170) in the maternity roost in the eaves. I haven't seen any grounded young this year and am intrigued to know where the 150 other maternity bats go, but apparently in newer housing it is quite normal for maternity roosts to split up and move on.

Theo captured video footage of three adult badgers at the bottom of our gardens. I think that might go some way to explain the lack of hedgehogs nearby that I raised in my last article. Badgers are known to predate on hedgehogs and speaking to Virginia Sylvester, she has seen evidence of hedgehog remains in the field that were likely the result of badger activity. Nature is red in tooth and claw. There is a school of thought that our local badger population has increased after being displaced by the M4 "smart" motorway works.

It has been a really good summer for butterflies this year. In my garden I have seen a plethora (20+) of gatekeepers most days (they appear addicted to wild marjoram), small whites in abundance and then the odd sighting of one or two red admirals, peacocks, large whites, brimstone and comma. On the Thames towpath I have also seen Jersey Tiger moths (also on Louise Whaley's front door!) and Speckled Wood butterflies. This weekend I also happened to watch a Hummingbird Hawk moth feeding for a good twenty minutes on our buddleia. It was extraordinary to observe its dextrous mobility in the air and its incredibly long proboscis which it uses to feed on the pollen.

The Big Butterfly Count app is a really easy way to submit counts to help monitor and analyse butterfly populations: <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

Andrew Oliver

Maps, Mugs and the Millennium

Twenty-five years have passed since the turn of the Millennium. A quarter of a century. We have warm memories of that year, particularly 'Dorney Millennium Week' and would like to share them with DPN readers. In particular, the year 2000 is remembered by us for the production of the Dorney Millennium Map, which was launched during Millennium Week. The Map, which can be seen today proudly displayed in the Village Hall, and soon will be on the Dorney History website, was designed and art directed by Jan.

In 2000 Dorney was a rather different place from Dorney today. It would be easy to say there was much more 'community spirit', but that does seem demonstrably true, and those words crop up often in issues of DPN in 2000. Perhaps more profoundly, Dorney had experienced drastic change in the last five years or so of the previous century. Photos taken in 1995 and 2000, now on the Dorney History site demonstrate the changes brought about by the construction of Dorney Lake. By 2000 Dorney felt battered. We hadn't learnt to love the Jubilee River either! Typically, Ken Richmond, the then Chair of our Parish Council, wrote in this magazine of 'a widened and virtually treeless stretch of Lake End Road, encouraging motorists to speed through the village; in Court Lane a modern wall replaces dozens of old trees'.

The DROPET campaign, the local response to these developments, had unified the village as never before. A lot of us had become used to well subscribed meetings which plotted concerted action. We honestly think that explains why as early as the February issue, DPN carried a complete programme for 'Millennium Week' between June 16th and 25th. Let's just say right up front, the Week (actually it was 10 days) was a success. DPN's verdict in July was that 'the ten days fostered a real community spirit...it has been a very congenial and happy summer interlude'.



Dorney residents were offered much to enjoy back in 2000. Firstly, there was a wide range of village events in that Week. Secondly, an Exhibition ran all week in the Village Hall. Thirdly, there were commemorative projects such as the Map, a souvenir mug and several publications. Much of this programme was sponsored by Dorney Parish Council, who appeared to administer a grant from the Millennium Fund enthusiastically and wisely.

Let us dive into the programme. Remember, a wide range of photos from this time can be seen on the Dorney History website. We apologise for any names omitted; there is a limit to our records and memories. Jill Palmer organised 'An Evening at Dorney Court' with free entry, tombola and a pig roast. St James the Less put on a Flower Festival set up by Elizabeth Legge followed by a performance by Datchet Parish Choir. Dorney School timed their Grand Fete for the Saturday of The Week. Dorney Horticultural Society held a 'Barbecue and Dance' in the Village Hall. There was wine tasting in Eton Boathouse plus wine and cheese with a talk on furniture restoration in the Village Hall. The last event moved to Trumpers Field – a Family Fun Day organised by the Dorney Tennis Club no less. It was, indeed, a different world.

To this very day Jan enjoys her morning cuppa from a 'Dorney Mug.' I wonder how many readers still have theirs. Dorney School commissioned this limited-edition mug from

designers Leftbank.net as a fund-raising initiative by the governors. £5.50 it cost or 4 for £20. For a small mug it has a kaleidoscope of Dorney scenes on it plus an extensive quote from Domesday Book. In a generous gesture our Parish Council ensured that all young people in Dorney Parish under 18 and not at Dorney School got a free Millennium Mug.

Two substantial publications were funded by the Parish Council, both still sitting on our bookshelves. The first covered history and the second natural history. *Dorney Old and New* was a 36-page booklet written by Marion Harris. Even though it cost a modest £3.50, the Council described it as a 'must for every coffee table'. Production was by Rob Billington. Keith Harris contributed to the photographs and Gill Easton to the water colours. Other contributors will be listed when we turn to the Map. Fundamental to all these events were Jean and Peter Tyler. For example, Peter wrote the text, and Jean contributed ten pages of colour photographs to *The Natural History of Dorney Parish*. It's a wonderful work of reference – as DPN said 'a record of the flora and fauna occurring in the Parish together with comment on the challenges facing the environment.'

Given the challenges the Parish had faced, the fact that we had an exhibition where photographs, maps, archive material and personal recollections 'gave substance to our village history' (the words of the then editor of this magazine) was just what we needed. *Dorney Thru the Years* was organised by Joy Richmond, Jean Tyler and Jan Bowman. After a week of talks, school visits and teas for the older generation, we fondly recall the big open day on the final Saturday, which saw the full launch of the Millennium Map.

Jan had been an advertising agency art director – you might have seen work she did for the likes of Singapore Airlines and Lloyds Bank, and she had designed the posters which supported the Dorney Lake campaign five years earlier. There had been an intention to produce a village map several years before as we noted the Common Ground community map project started in the 1980s, but a government initiative, 2000 grants and the support of Ken Richmond ensured the Map became a Dorney Millennium project. From the start, a number of people gave inspiring advice – naturalist and Dorney friend and former resident, Martin Woolner, illustrator Gavin Burgess and Tim Allen of Oxford Archaeology, who certainly knew the lie of the land, especially around what would become the Rowing Lake.

Two problems were faced in arriving at a basis for a later hand drawn illustration – the need to include all parts of our far-flung parish from the M4 to Boveney, and the difficulty of illustrating new and very significant features like the Lake and the Flood Relief Channel when it was unclear what they had become and would become. The rather exciting solution was aerial photography and Alan Gooders of Kingston Photographic duly took off.

Again, to quote this magazine, the Map was 'an artistic aerial impression of the parish with an illustrated border of its most notable buildings and historic and natural features. No local home should be without one.'

These illustrations were all the work of local artists. The map credits Joe Hayton, Peter Tyler, Kath Crane, Ken and Joy Richmond, Mary Coish, the Rev P. Adams, Colin Grey, Kirsty Lovett – and Jan herself. Most of these contributed to the history booklet as well. The map was well received and went on sale for £5.

If you ask, we could give you a copy of the Map. Luckily Dorney has not changed too much in this latest quarter century.

Peter Bowman

JOY MORRISSEY MP

Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency



As the summer draws to a close, I hope everyone across Dorney has enjoyed time with friends and family - whether exploring our beautiful walkways, enjoying our local pubs, or simply making the most of the sunshine.

Although Parliament has been in recess, I have been working hard across the constituency to stand up for residents and champion the issues that matter most to our community.



In July, I was delighted to join so many local families in Burnham for a rally to protect our day centres. I know this has been an issue of concern raised in *Dorney Parish News* in recent months, and I want to reassure residents that I am doing all I can to ensure these vital centres remain open. The turnout on the day was truly inspiring, and I want to praise the campaigners, families and residents who made their voices heard.

Just before recess, I also led an Adjournment debate in Parliament on protecting our green spaces. With the Colne Valley Regional Park right on our doorstep, I have made clear my opposition to Government changes to planning policy that place our cherished countryside at greater risk. I will continue pressing the Minister to safeguard these areas for future generations and I am pleased to say that he has offered to meet with me to discuss these safeguards further.

Over the summer, I have also met with parents, teachers and residents to discuss important education issues, including the use of smartphones in schools. I have been calling for a ban in Parliament and will not stop until our children are better protected. This is a debate that will continue when Parliament returns, and I will keep pressing for action.

It has been a busy summer, but my priorities remain unchanged: standing up for the Green Belt, protecting vulnerable pensioners, and ensuring young people in Dorney and across the constituency have the best education possible.

If you need my support, please do not hesitate to get in touch at joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk.

Joy Morrissey MP

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DORNEY SCHOOL



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It is my hope that all readers had a good summer amid the sunshine and heatwave. Staff and pupils are now excited about a brand-new school year. The school welcomes visitors and volunteers and would love to hear from you. Do contact us via the school office.

This article is dedicated to a very special author visit to Dorney School in July.

Author Visit – Olly Pike

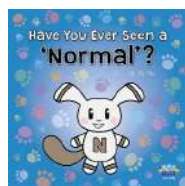


'It was an absolute pleasure to visit Dorney School. The staff are fantastic - focused, passionate role models who are clearly dedicated to helping their pupils grow into kind, thoughtful, and accepting individuals. It was especially inspiring to see how well the staff worked together - there's a real sense of unity and shared purpose that creates a warm, supportive environment.

A special thank you to the Headteacher, who was so welcoming and clearly leads with both strength and compassion. Her passion for diversity and inclusion shines through, committed to creating a safe and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

The children were a delight - engaged, respectful, full of curiosity, and brimming with energy, yet always knowing when to listen and reflect. Their thoughtful questions and positive behaviour were a true credit to the school.

Everyone connected to Dorney School should feel incredibly proud. Keep doing what you're doing - it's clearly making a powerful difference!



Olly Pike

He/Him

Pop'n'Oly T: @popnolly

It was such a privilege to have Olly at our school. He certainly enthused the children and helped them to understand why acceptance, respect and kindness are such important values. His books sold out after school and I know some parents wanted to know where they can purchase these books - <https://www.popnolly.com/shop>





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There's no Fool...

When I hear of some poor old soul who has been relieved of their life savings by some unspeakable moron my immediate response is one of deep heartfelt sympathy followed a little later, I am ashamed to admit, by one of a mildly superior "Phew, you wouldn't catch me like that. If it's too good to be true..etc etc."

Dear reader, you may recall that I was to go under the knife last time we had this lovely (for me at least) one way chat, at hideous private expense to replace a hip joint worn out by years of heavy toil (that's my story anyway) and my first visit to my surgeon happened to be in a private emporium just next door to the venue of our wonderful golf club wedding reception some time back, and like all terrified patients, I, accompanied by the lovely Mrs. Quincey, arrived about forty five minutes too early.

"Let's go down fond Memory Lane with a nice cuppa," I suggested. It would take my mind off dramas to come, and so we did, but as we alighted from the Dagenham Dustbin, a voice beckoned,

"Excuse me, but do you want any golf balls?" I looked towards the voice to see a personable young man sitting in a white van with an open driver's window.

"No thanks," said I. "We don't play golf. Where did you get them?" (Old copper in me still won't retire!)

Apparently his young daughter was suffering from some awful disease, and she and her friends collected lost golf balls to sell to help pay for her recovery.

"Oh, how wonderful of her, and you. Here, please put this in the coffers," I cooed as I handed over a little cash.

"What do you do?" I asked, perhaps keen to assist where I could.

"I'm a builder," he announced.

"What a happy coincidence! We want some building work done. Would you like to give us a price?"

Such was the friendly banter, we ran out of time and, having secured a firm commitment by Kevin that he would attend our home on the time and date agreed, we left coffee-less to the first of some very expensive dipping of the toe (well hip actually) into the world of private medicine.

Kevin arrived on time. "Have you got plans and planning permission?" he asked.

"Yes," I smiled smugly.

"Great," he said, looking quizzically at the drawings my architect (get me!) had drawn up, and to cut a long story short, it quickly became apparent that he was not what he appeared in that I knew more than he did. We politely declined his kind offer to extend our tiny bungalow while walking up the drive to where my fifty-year-old (at least) garden trailer sat sulking and in need of long overdue TLC.

"What a lovely trailer!" he exclaimed enthusiastically. "Would you sell it?"

"No," I said. "I've had it forty years and then I bought it in a scrap yard, so Heaven knows how old it is. It needs a complete refurbish, but my hip. I just can't do it right now. The main chassis is bent on one side." Can you hear the violins playing plaintively in the background? Well Kevin appeared to and said cheerfully,

"I can do that for you for a nice cheap price. £250, and for that I'll" and he rattled through a long list of repairs and improvements he would make to the sagging heap cluttering the drive.

Full of the excitement of the moment, I said I would let him know by phone and after he'd gone Mrs. Q and I discussed the matter earnestly. Her take on it was, "Do what you think best Darling."

There were no flies on me!

"Kevin," I said over the phone, "I agree to that."

"I'll collect it tomorrow," he replied.

"No, with respect, I don't know you, so I'll bring it to you," and he gave an address about six miles away, where on arrival I found a small terraced house, the tiny front garden crammed with the detritus of the very poor and I thought, "No, definitely not," and drove out of the small estate, the trailer rattling behind, feeling relieved that my initial reservations appeared correct only to be met by Kevin driving into the estate. We stopped.

"Hi," he said. "Thanks for coming. You can park it at my house."

"No, there's no room in your house, I'll get going thanks."

"No, no, I'm doing the job in my yard. I'm doing it tomorrow."

What yard and where worried me somewhat and I felt I was being drawn in to something about which I was unsure, but then again, the trailer was useless as it was and worth little in scrap.

"Look, I'll follow you to your yard so I know where it is."

"OK," he agreed, and I followed him to a stable yard where he had a key, and the horses there clearly knew him. I left somewhat reassured but with a slight unease that all was not what it appeared to be. Nasty suspicious old git in that I could feel like this when he was only trying to earn a little extra cash for his poor daughter, and then too there were his own dreadful medical difficulties he struggled with, successfully it seemed as, looking back in hindsight, he looked very healthy.

I heard nothing for a few days. What happened to 'tomorrow'?

"I need a little up front to buy the materials. Is that OK?" Kevin asked over the phone, and a few pounds and two days later, much to my relief, he delivered it back.

The materials were clearly some used old fibreboard incorrectly cut and barely hanging on to the metal frame which now had a clean break where the bend had been. The apparition was full of the old rotten timber.

It sat there for twelve weeks while I recovered. Mrs Q and I had three glorious days doing a proper rebuild and our first journey was to the tip to get rid of Kevin's rubbish.

"That will be £4.80 to dump the wood," said the nice man at the tip.

Old fool indeed.

I bought a new trailer lock.

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY 2025 @ DORNEY VILLAGE HALL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair)

Cllr. Anna Palmer

Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Cllr. Stephen Baker

County Cllr. Cole Caesar

Clerk Ruth Senior and 3 members of the public

Public Forum

RBWM Councillor Ewan Larcombe (also member of the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee) expressed concerns over the bridges on the Jubilee Flood Relief Channel. The Environment Agency handed the bridges over the relevant Councils some time ago however it is suggested they were not fit for long term purpose. Regular inspections do not seem to have been carried out. Dorney Parish Council are liaising with Bucks Council and the Environment Agency with regards to the removal and replacement of the Ashford Lae bridge and will monitor the situation.

County Cllr. Caesar informed Council that Thomas Broom has suggested funding may be available in August for the works to begin.

Roundmoor Ditch was also raised, Council confirmed that regular meetings take place with the land owner and Eton Wick Waterways group. Water levels are also being monitored further north by an Ashford Land resident.

PC/46/25 Apologies for absence

Peter Bowman

PC/47/25 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

There were none declared.

PC/48/25 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2025

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

PC/49/25 To receive the Clerk report

There was no Clerk Report this month as all items are being covered on the agenda.

PC/50/25 To update on the co-option of 2 new Councillors

Advertising and spreading the word will continue for these positions however there has been no formal interest yet.

PC/51/25 Items of business carried forward

The Neighbourhood Plan

There is currently no movement on the Neighbourhood Plan as funding has been removed, it will be on hold until after the new Planning and Infrastructure bill has been passed. Lots of the planning processes are currently changing, including calling in applications. **It was agreed** that we will revisit next year and investigate costings.

Orchard Herbs

The deadline of 11th July for the site to be cleared has passed and there are still a large number of vehicles etc on site. It is now down to Bucks Council to take the clearance forward with Mr Balls and they have written to him to discuss the next steps. Any updates will be available on the Parish Council website.

PC/52/25 Planning

Four New Applications:

PL/25/2342/PNE 8m single storey rear extension. 2 Meadow Way Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 ODS - No comments

PL/25/1855/FA Demolition of rear Conservatory and Construction of Rear Single Storey Extension and Internal WC 32 Harcourt Road Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 ODU - No comments

PL/25/1285/FA Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension with flat roof and roof lantern. Farthing Cottage Ashford Lane Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QU - No comment

PL/25/1891/PNE Notification under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Part 1 of Schedule 2 Class A for: single storey rear extension (depth extending from the original rear wall of 8 metres, maximum height 3.28 metres, eaves height 2.93 metres) 2 Meadow Way Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 ODS

There has been multiple application from this address, some approved, one refused – No comments

On going applications:

Boveney Court Farm PL/25/0354/FA | Demolition of open sided barn, conversion, alteration and change of use of existing buildings to Use Class C3 (residential) to provide 7 residential units and construction of 5 new residential units, new Applications.

In progress. Applicant has overcome the EA objection by using ditch to Cress Brook.

PL/24/0586/FA Court Farm Common Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QA

On going. Bucks still disagree with Savill's submitted viability report. Strategic access officer requesting improvement to access track.

PL/25/0863/FA Erection of 3 custom build dwellings, associated works and landscaping, and provision of new vehicular accesses Land Between 18 and 20 Dorney Reach Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL6 ODX
EA still objecting to this application.

PC/53/25 Finance

The cashbooks were circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

It was unanimously agreed that Dorney Parish Council will loan £10,000 to Dorney Village Hall interest free for 1 month until the Dorney Village Hall savings account money arrives after the notice period expires on 20th August.

PC/54/25 To agree the annual review of the constitutional documents

The Clerk confirmed that no changes were necessary this year.

PC/55/25 To update on the Ashford Lane bridge collapse

Please see public forum and the Dorney Parish Council website for all information.

PC/56/25 To update on Dorney Playground

Update from the Playground Committee:

Thanks to everyone's efforts, we now seem to have resolved the litter problem at the playground. Bucks CC have agreed to the following by the end of July:

1. Empty the bins three times a week
2. Replace the rusting dog bin with a new dog bin
3. Move the bin at the entrance to the park from Harcourt Road to nearer the car park. This bin is currently underused and would be better placed around the Village Hall.

Getting this arrangement has taken time and perseverance, and the Playground Committee would like to express our particular thanks to Ruth, who has pestered Bucks CC on our behalf.

Dorney Playground Management Committee have identified our next project! The PlayDale annual report always mentions the safety mats. Over time, the mats have sunk into the ground and become filled with earth and grass. Although the mats are considered 'safe' at the moment, over time this may change. We have currently had one quote for replacing the current mats with a bonded mulch, and I will get a second quote when I get back from holiday. We understand that there are grants available for this type of project, so once we get the quotes, we will start applying for grants.

Dorney Playground had their end of summer barbecue on 16th July – we will advertise future events in advance.

PC/57/25 To update on speeding issues in Dorney and Dorney Common

We are currently awaiting figures of cow deaths for the last seven years as requested by Bucks Council. Local Councils have also confirmed their support of the speed limit lowering.

PC/58/25 To receive an update on Thames Water

Upper Roundmoor Ditch is being regularly monitored, the next release date for water is mid August, once this happens a report will be produced and we will make further contact with Thames Water.

PC/59/25 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

Fibre broadband in Dorney Reach – it was confirmed that fibre is available up to the cabinets in Dorney Reach and residents can request installation to houses at own cost. New copper wires are being installed by providers which do increase speed. Starlink is also an option at resident's cost.

Pigeon racing on Trumpers Field – Bucks Council who own Trumpers Field have an agreement in place with the pigeon racers. We have asked Bucks for information on this agreement as there are concerns over lack of facilities on site.

PC/60/25 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 16th Sept 2025 @ Dorney Village Hall

Bus routes – County Cllr. Cole Caesar

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



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

Should you need to use it, the defibrillator will lead you through the necessary steps.

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

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

Dorney Parish News will continue to provide Keycode details.

The Defibrillator in the old phone box on Village Road does not require a Keycode.



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Budget 2025/26

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS	2025/26
	Budget
<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Administration & Salaries	£16,770
Environment	£8,240
Streetlighting	£2,500
Members & Clerk's Expenses	£150
Capital Expenditure	£4,292
Total Payments	£31,952
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
Rates Precept	£28,350
Devolved Highways Subsidy	£2,403
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	£0
Village Hall maintenance	£250
Total Receipts	£31,003
Surplus/(-Deficit)	-£949

Notes:

- **Environment** – includes parish grass cutting and maintenance
- **Capital Expenditure** – annual payment for Village Hall refurbishment loan (from 2013). Ends in December 2033.
- **Devolved Highways Subsidy** – Payment from Bucks towards Environment Costs (from 2016)
- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** – DPC receives a payment from any new houses built in the parish (exc. Social Housing)
- **Village Hall maintenance** – grass cutting around Village Hall (from 2015)

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From: 6 April 2025

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Dorney Reach, Old Marsh Lane	0824	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1644	1754
Taplow, Bishops Centre	0827	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1647	1757
Taplow, Sainsbury's	ARR 0828	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1648	1758
Taplow, Sainsbury's	DEP 0830	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1650	1800
Dorney, The Palmer Arms PH	0835	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1655	1805
Eton Wick, Colenorton Crescent	0720 0838	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1658	1808 1853
Eton Wick, The Walk	0723 0841	0951	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1701	1811 1856
Eton, Brocas Street	0729 0847	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1707	1817 1902
Chalvey, Windsor Road McDonalds	0734 0852	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1712	1822 1907
Slough, Wellington Street	0739 0857	1007	1107	1207	1307	1407	1507	1607	1717	1827 1912

Saturday

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Chalvey, Windsor Road McDonalds	0700	0805	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1625	1735	1835
Eton, Brocas Street	0705	0810	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1630	1740	1840
Eton Wick, The Walk	0711	0816	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	1636	1746	1846
Eton Wick, Colenorton Crescent	0714	0819	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1639	1749	1849
Dorney, The Palmer Arms PH	0822	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1642	1752		
Dorney, Dorney Court	0823	0933	1033	1133	1233	1333	1433	1533	1643	1753		
Dorney Reach, Old Marsh Lane	0824	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1644	1754		
Taplow, Bishops Centre	0827	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1647	1757		
Taplow, Sainsbury's	0828	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1648	1758		

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	Jun	6, 13, 20, 27	13, 27	6, 20	13, 27	13, 27	13, 27
	Jul	4, 11, 18, 25	11, 25	4, 18	11, 25	11, 25	11, 25
	Aug	1, 8, 15, 22, 30	8, 22	1, 15, 30	8, 22	8, 22	8, 22
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