

Dorney Parish News

October 2025



Dorney Horticultural Society
Annual Show

*Wilbur Eylek, selected as the winner of the Dorney Mouse,
“for his clever use of Papier Mâché”*



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EDITORIAL

Where can any introduction to this month's busy magazine begin? Should it be that almost every issue of importance, every controversy that has filled these pages, saw crucial developments for the good of our community or which brought it disappointment, in this September? Or, that the very same month saw grounds for hope in an otherwise disturbing wider world? First let's take a little bit of pride in our very title which includes the word 'News' and proclaim something rather newsworthy.

On the very Sunday morning these words were written we heard that the Government's New Towns Taskforce had issued its recommendations. Please read in this issue how concerted objections by three parish councils including Dorney's contributed to a decision not to include Taplow in the list of 12 sites for the building of at least ten thousand new homes.

This column saw at least four recent grounds for hope. We have a new vicar, or to be precise a Team Rector for the parishes of Datchet, Eton, Eton Wick, Boveney and Dorney. We are proud to publish a message of 'welcome and fellowship' from the Revd Andreas Sistig and extend a warm welcome to Andreas and his family. The Annual Show on the 6th was a spectacular success, with record attendance and entries and we again congratulate the traditional organisers, Dorney Horticultural Society. The students from Corinne Carlisle's Studios School of Performing Arts again mounted a spectacular summer production, this time of *Mamma Mia*. Both these events, which each drew large crowds to our Village Hall, are fully reported in this issue of your magazine, as is the very successful recent Ofsted report on our 'friendly and nurturing' Dorney School.

Which events can we put in the debit column? Well, the Cabinet of Bucks Council did, as feared, vote to go ahead with the closure and sale of the Burnham Short Breaks Centre, bringing despair to some local residents. Outrage at this decision will pop up throughout this issue. The Parish Council and just about everybody else remain concerned at the non-compliance with the Orchard Herbs Enforcement Notice (additional trucks have been spotted arriving) and we publish the Parish Council's proposals to solve the impasse with the owner.

Other developments are more cautiously optimistic. We have pointed out that a factor inhibiting the development of a Dorney Neighbourhood Plan was the lack of progress on a Bucks Local Plan. Bucks Council has suddenly launched a consultation on its new Plan taking us up to 2045. Please read our report on why it is vital that all of you respond (and how to respond) within the narrow six-week consultation period. We also set out why the decision in September by Bucks Council's Planning Committee to defer a decision on Eton College's revised application over Boveney Court Farm is broadly welcome. We've heard unofficially that the removal of the Lake End Bridge (but not reconstruction) will start on October 20th, and we urge all readers to volunteer for the Dorney Litter Pick on October 26th. Finally (phew) we are delighted that the Parish Council have shared with us the complete process whereby the Dorney Playschool is set to open its doors in the Village Hall from 2026...and if you're celebrating the festival, we say 'Happy Diwali!'

Services in the Local Churches



St James the Less, Dorney

St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St. John the Evangelist, Eton

Team Rector: Revd Andreas Sistig

Churchwardens: Stephen Baker & Mark Procter

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

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



Dear friends,

It is with great joy that I write to you just before I begin my ministry as Team Rector among the parishes of Datchet, Eton, Eton Wick, Boveney and Dorney on 13 October. As we are unpacking boxes and settling into our new home in Eton Wick, I feel very excited about the call to serve the people in this beautiful part of God's creation, and I look forward to sharing with you the journey of faith, service, and community life.

As I begin, I do not come alone but with my family, who are the most central part of my life and ministry. My wife Jennifer, who will also be licensed to the benefice, serves as Lead Chaplain at Frimley Health (which includes Wexham Park, Frimley Park and Heatherwood hospitals). Our adult daughters are also at exciting stages of their own journeys: Rebekah is studying for a master's in history at University College London, and Hannah is pursuing her film and screen writing studies in Toronto, Canada. Though their paths take them further afield at present they are equally excited about their new home and look forward to becoming an active part of the local community.

Every new chapter brings a mixture of excitement, hope, and perhaps a little uncertainty. I am mindful that I now join the many stories already written in these three parishes, stories rich with history, tradition, and faithful witness to the love of God for all people. For generations, the churches of our benefice have been places

of prayer, welcome, and fellowship. As they continue to grow and adapt to the changing times, I pray that together we will build on these strong foundations as we seek new ways of making Christ known in word and deed and become a blessing to all in our communities.

At the heart of my ministry is a simple desire: to walk alongside people in their joys and struggles, to listen carefully, to celebrate the love of God for all people and to become a blessing to all in our communities. Whether you are a lifelong worshipper, someone who comes occasionally, or someone still exploring questions of faith, you are part of the story God is writing here, and I am excited to be on that journey with you! And very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming weeks and months.

As we begin this new season, I ask for your prayers—for me, for Jennifer, for Rebekah and Hannah, and for all of us as we learn from one another and seek God's guidance. May our shared journey be marked by kindness, openness, a spirit of hope – and lots of fun!

With every blessing,

Revd Andreas Sistig
Team Rector

Church Services in October 2025

Please note that services could be changed following the arrival of Revd Andreas Sistig

Wednesday 1st October

10.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 5th October

9.30 am Holy Communion (said BCP)

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00 am Family Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 12th October

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Family Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 15th October

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

St John the Evangelist, Eton

Sunday 19th October

9.30am Holy Communion

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Holy Communion

St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 26th October

9.30am Morning Worship

St James the Less, Dorney

11.00am Morning Worship

St John the Baptist, Eton Wic

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Orchard Herbs Site: Enforcement Update – Email from Parish Clerk to Bucks Council

From: **Parish Clerk** <clerk@dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Date: Mon, 1 Sept 2025 at 11:44

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Non-Compliance with Enforcement Notice ES/23/00431/COU - Orchard Herbs Site

To: Billy Johal <Billy.Johal@buckinghamshire.gov.uk>

Dear Billy,

Thank you for your email updating us on your productive telephone conversation with the landowner. The Parish Council appreciates your continued professional engagement and the hands-on approach you're taking to this matter.

Additional Serious Breach

However, I must inform you of a concerning development that appears to be going on behind your back and against the spirit "intention to comply and good progress" the owner of the site has claimed to you. So you are aware we are monitoring the site regularly to see if there is any progress and have identified that at least one, and possibly more, crashed/non- operational trucks have been brought onto the site since your conversation with the landowner (photo attached). This represents a serious breach of the enforcement notice, which specifically requires cessation of all uses and removal of all vehicles (Requirements 1, 8 and 16) and I believe shows what the site owner thinks of Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team.

The introduction of additional vehicle(s) while claiming to be "*clearing the site*" suggests either a fundamental misunderstanding of the enforcement requirements or a continuation of the pattern of non-compliance that has persisted for two decades.

Community Perspective - History Repeating

I must share the Parish Council's concern that residents are experiencing what can only be described as déjà vu. Over the past 20 years, our community has repeatedly heard similar promises of:

- Intention to comply
- Gradual clearance progress
- Family members helping with removal
- Requests for more time due to unexpected delays

These promises have consistently been followed by periods of limited progress, regression, and the introduction of new breaches - exactly the pattern we appear to be witnessing again.

The Planning Inspector's October 2024 decision noted this represents "*a longer and more flagrant period of intentional unauthorised development*" than he had "*rarely encountered,*" with "*total and flagrant disregard for planning control over a number of decades.*" Our community's patience, while remarkable, is not inexhaustible.

Practical Questions Requiring Answers

Given the scale of non-compliance remaining on site, the Parish Council respectfully requests clarity on several practical matters:

1. Removal Methodology: How do the landowner and his son (two people) realistically plan to remove:

- The 40+ non-operational trucks still on the site.
- 15+ shipping containers
- Static caravan/mobile home
- Multiple shed structures and associated equipment

2. Timeline and Deadlines:

- What specific deadline has been set for complete compliance?
- What constitutes "*taking longer than anticipated*" - days, weeks, months?
- When will the September meeting take place and what are the expected outcomes?

3. New Breaches:

- How will the introduction of additional vehicles be addressed? Removal of these new

vehicles within seven days?

- What measures will prevent further breaches during the "*clearance*" period?

4. Accountability Measures:

- What specific progress milestones have been established?
- How will compliance be measured and monitored?
- What triggers will prompt alternative enforcement action?

September Meeting - Critical Juncture

Your planned September meeting with the landowner represents a critical juncture after nearly two months since the enforcement deadline and almost one year since the Planning Inspector's decision. The community deserves more than general assurances - we need concrete timelines, specific deliverables, and clear accountability measures.

The enforcement notice has been upheld through the full appeal process at significant public expense. The legal framework is clear, the breach is continuing, and the criminal offence has been established. What remains is the Council's willingness to enforce its own legally-upheld notice with appropriate urgency.

Council's Enforcement Options

We recognise that you have several enforcement options available:

- Continued negotiated compliance (your current approach)
- Criminal prosecution with potential substantial fines
- Direct Action to physically clear the site with full cost recovery

While supporting your current approach, the Parish Council believes the September meeting must produce either:

- A definitive compliance schedule with firm deadlines, or
- Clear indication that alternative enforcement measures will be pursued

Community Expectations

Our residents have demonstrated extraordinary patience over two decades of enforcement failures. However, this patience comes with the reasonable expectation of reciprocal respect through:

- Clear, enforceable deadlines rather than open-ended promises
- Regular progress updates with specific measurable outcomes
- Immediate action to prevent new breaches during any agreed compliance period
- Realistic assessment of whether voluntary compliance is achievable

Moving Forward

The Parish Council supports your professional approach and hopes your September meeting achieves the breakthrough this case desperately needs. However, we must emphasise that further indefinite extensions without clear deadlines and accountability measures would represent a failure of the enforcement system that has protected our Green Belt for decades.

Twenty years of "*meaningful dialogue*" without meaningful results has brought us to this point. The community deserves to know not just that discussions are taking place, but when they will end with concrete action - either voluntary compliance or decisive enforcement.

It is our intention to continue monitoring the site on a weekly basis and would be happy to provide yourselves with photographic evidence, if that would help?

We look forward to your update following the September meeting and hope it will finally provide the certainty and resolution our community has earned through two decades of patience.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter.

Regards,

Ruth Senior

Parish Clerk

Dorney Parish Council

Response awaited

Another Resounding Success!

The organisers of the Dorney Horticultural Society Annual Show set up for this year's show on Saturday 6th September with a little trepidation following the phenomenal success of last year's show, could we match that....? The village hall looked great, newly decorated, and a full complement of tables filled the hall. The entrants started to trickle in at 10.00 and we were off.

We needn't have worried, the trickle turned into a torrent and we couldn't keep up (memo for next year - more people on the door!) then we ran out of entry forms, so we resorted to tearing up pieces of paper to write the entrants names/class number on.

The exhibition tables were full in no time at all, with the most spectacular array of entries of the highest standard. For a small community, the quality and expertise on display was truly outstanding.

The children's section ran out of space - well done to all those clever local children and the parents who encouraged them to enter!

The first comment from our judge in relation to the children's section looking at all the entries was "this is so hard". Words like 'clever', 'original', 'inventive' were freely flowing.

In terms of numbers, the adults' section entries were up by over 20% and the children's section entries were up by over 30%. This made the job of the judges all the more difficult, so our thanks go to the judges, John Barker, Jan Bowman, Joanie Wraight and Andrea Alsworth.

Our thanks to Olly Oliver who agreed to present the prizes this year.

In the children's section Wilbur Eylek did exceptionally well in the under 8 years old winning best exhibit and overall winner. His papier-mâché head, being chosen by the editor of DPN, to appear on the front cover of the October edition.

Overall winner of the over 8 years old section was Finlay Oliver who produced the most outstanding Focaccia.

In the adults' section John Akerman won the DDHS cup for most entries as well as two awards for his vegetables. Hot on the heels of John Akerman was Richard Mawdsley who won the judges special award for his twenty-eight entries. Overall Show winner was Anne Stopford for a great assortment of first, second and third prizes.

Our thanks to the Tuck Shop for opening up and keeping everyone lubricated, and to 'Dorney Parish News' for their tremendous support in promoting the Horticultural Society throughout the year.

Well done to everyone who entered and thank you.

Ron Alsworth

ANNUAL SHOW - LIST OF AWARDS 2025

	DIV 1 - FRUIT & VEGETABLES	Name	Judges Comments
BEST EXHIBIT	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>John Akerman</i>	<i>For his truly spectacular Onions</i>
JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD <i>(Something Spectacular or Novel)</i>	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>John Akerman</i>	<i>For his other onions</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Fruit & Vegetables)	<i>Anne Stopford</i>	<i>Her Beans</i>

DIV 2 - FLOWERS

BEST EXHIBIT	(Flowers)	<i>Jill Palmer</i>	<i>For Outstanding Blooms</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Flowers)	<i>Jill Palmer</i>	<i>Consistant high standard</i>

DIV 3 - DOMESTIC

BEST EXHIBIT	(Jams & Preserves)	<i>Christine Griffin</i>	<i>Perfect Baking and very tasty</i>
BEST EXHIBIT	(Pastry & Homemade)	<i>Jacqueline Laver</i>	<i>For her perfect loaf</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Domestic Section)	<i>Pete Stevens</i>	<i>For his sheer number of great entries</i>

DIV 4 ADULT HANDICRAFTS

BEST EXHIBIT	(Adult Handicrafts)	<i>Zoe Springbett</i>	<i>For the amazing detail in her lamp</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Adult Handicrafts)	<i>Jill Dax</i>	<i>For her stunning original artwork</i>

DIV 5 - CHILDRENS SECTION

BEST EXHIBIT	(Children under 8 years old)	<i>Wilbur Eylek</i>	<i>For his clever use of Papier Mache</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Children under 8 years old)	<i>Wilbur Eylek</i>	<i>So many Brilliant Entries</i>
BEST EXHIBIT	(Children over 8 years old)	<i>Rex Eylek</i>	<i>For his Priceless papier mache head using stamps</i>
OVERALL WINNER	(Children over 8 years old)	<i>Finlay Oliver</i>	<i>For his outstanding Focaccia</i>
Best Exhibit Chosen for Dorney Parish News		<i>Wilbur Eylek</i>	<i>Papier mache head chosen for Dorney Parish News</i>
The Dorney Mouse is won by:		<i>Wilbur Eylek</i>	
His entry will feature on DPN front page			

OVERALL SHOW WINNERS

AWARD FOR MOST ENTRIES	(DDHS Cup)	<i>John Akerman</i>	<i>With 38 Entries</i>
SPECIAL AWARD	(Awarded at Judges Discretion)	<i>Richard Mawdsley</i> <i>28 Entries</i>	<i>A very close 2nd to John Akerman</i>
OVERALL SHOW WINNER	(Dorney Show Cup)	<i>Anne Stopford</i>	<i>Most Improved Returning Newcomer</i>

Dorney Annual Show: 6th September 2025



Impressive Display



Mouth Watering Cakes



Flowers in Abundance



The Best Ever Children's Section



**Olly presents John Akerman
with the DDHS Cup**



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Inspecting the Entries



Anne Stopford: The Overall Show Winner



Finlay Oliver – a prize from Dad for his Focaccia



Richard Mawdsley receives the judges special award



Rex Eylek - best entry children over 8

Dorney Horticultural Society Autumn Supper

Dear members and friends of the horticultural society, our Autumn Supper evening is just around the corner. This year's supper evening will be a talk by an old friend of the society Rob Reeder, Manager at Farnham Common Nurseries. This will be on October 17th, 7.30pm.

The evening will start off with a hot supper of chicken pie and vegetables (* Lentil vegetarian option available) supplied by Chrys Fisher of the Palmer Arms. Don't forget to bring your own glasses and drinks.

Supper will be followed by an informal talk by Rob, discussing plants for Autumn with time for questions and answers. We do hope you can come and join us; details are as follows:

Date: Friday October 17th - 7.30 pm - Dorney Village Hall - Autumn Supper Evening

Entrance is £12 per head for members and £15 per head non-members.

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Securing Our Village Hall's Future: The Decision to Welcome a New Playgroup

A well-considered choice that honours our heritage while ensuring financial sustainability

Dorney Parish Council is pleased to announce that Dorney Village Hall will soon welcome a new Playgroup, set to begin operations in January 2026. This decision represents not just a practical solution to current financial challenges, but a return to the Hall's historical roots and a commitment to serving our community's future generations.

A Sound Financial Foundation

The numbers tell a compelling story. Over the past decade, Dorney Village Hall has maintained an annual income of approximately £24,000, generating a modest surplus of around £4,000 per year. However, this financial model has become increasingly precarious in today's challenging economic climate. The new playgroup will contribute approximately £12,000 annually in rental fees through their five-day-a-week usage during term time – representing a remarkable 50% increase in the Hall's revenue.

This substantial income boost will provide the financial security our Village Hall needs to continue serving the community for decades to come. When considering that over 85% of current bookings come from non-Dorney residents hosting children's parties at weekends, it becomes clear that diversifying our income streams with a regular, weekday tenant makes excellent business sense.

A Historic Precedent

Far from being a departure from tradition, this playgroup represents a return to Dorney Village Hall's intended purpose. The building has a rich history of early years provision stretching back nearly six decades:

- **1967:** Parish discussions first raised the possibility of a playgroup at the planned new Village Hall, with applications invited for a pre-school playgroup.
- **1997:** The Dorney House Nursery School opened at the Village Hall, providing quality education for children across five weekly sessions.
- **2014:** Another registered pre-school for children operated from the Hall.

This continuous thread of early childhood education demonstrates that our Village Hall was designed with young families in mind, and this new playgroup honours that original vision.

Professional Support and Standards

The incoming playgroup arrives with impressive credentials. Backed by Bucks Council, who are providing a £34,000 grant, the group is expanding from successful operations at Taplow Village Hall, bringing proven experience and established procedures. Buckinghamshire Council's Early Years and Childcare team provides comprehensive support through their dedicated Family Information Service, ensuring the highest standards of care, safety, and educational provision.

The playgroup will cater to children aged 9 months to 2 years – filling a crucial gap in local provision and offering our youngest citizens the best possible start in life. With Buckinghamshire Council's backing comes access to governance support, safeguarding guidance, business planning assistance, and specialised SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) support when needed.

Community Benefits Beyond Finance

Beyond the financial advantages, this playgroup will bring tangible benefits to our community. The operators will take responsibility for daily cleaning of the Hall, reducing maintenance overheads while ensuring the facility remains in excellent condition. They will also contribute to necessary improvements, including secure fencing for the play area behind the Hall and installation of a new access door to this safe outdoor space.

For local families, having high-quality early years provision on our doorstep eliminates the need for lengthy journeys to neighbouring villages and, for those with older children at Dorney School, a combined drop-off and pick-up is possible. Parents will find it easier to integrate into community life when their children are cared for locally, potentially strengthening the social fabric of our parish.

Addressing Historical Concerns

We recognise that Village Hall decisions have not always enjoyed universal support. In 2012, the council tax increase to fund the Hall's refurbishment was approved by the narrowest of margins – just three votes out of 243 responses. However, that investment has proven its worth, transforming a deteriorating building into the thriving community asset we see today. Recent neighbourhood plan consultation from July 2023 showed continued appreciation for the Village Hall, with 34% of residents using the facility and recognising it as an important community amenity. This playgroup decision builds on that foundation, ensuring the Hall remains viable and relevant for future generations.

Learning from Experience

The Parish Council has carefully considered lessons from previous childcare arrangements. Minutes from 2013 record how a nursery's regular rental income helped stabilise finances during the Hall's post-refurbishment period. Our current regular users – including badminton, dance, drama and others – will continue to enjoy access, with the playgroup's weekday morning and afternoon schedule designed to complement rather than compete with existing bookings.

Transparent Decision-Making

This decision reflects careful stewardship of community assets. With 5 years left on the renewable lease, 8 years remaining on the original refurbishment loan and ongoing maintenance requirements, together with ensuring all facilities meet current health and safety standards, the Parish Council must secure the Hall's long-term financial sustainability. The 50% revenue increase from this playgroup arrangement provides exactly the buffer needed to weather economic uncertainties while maintaining the facility to high standards.

Importantly, several local parents have already expressed commitment to enrolling their children, demonstrating genuine community demand for this service. This isn't simply a financial arrangement – it's a response to an identified local need.

Looking Forward

As we face 2026 and beyond, this playgroup partnership positions Dorney Village Hall as more than just a venue for hire – it becomes an active participant in nurturing our community's future. Children who attend this playgroup may well grow up to use the Hall for birthday parties, wedding receptions, and community meetings, creating lifelong connections to this cherished building.

The decision to welcome this playgroup demonstrates prudent financial management while honouring our commitment to serve all generations of Dorney residents. By securing the Hall's financial future through increased revenue, we ensure this vital community asset remains available for the wide range of activities that make our village such a special place to live.

This is more than a business arrangement – it's an investment in our community's future, built on the solid foundation of our shared heritage. The Village Hall has weathered many challenges over the decades, and with this forward-thinking decision, it's well-positioned to serve Dorney for many more years to come.

Jill Dax, Chair, Dorney Parish Council

For more information about the Playgroup or Village Hall bookings, please contact the Parish Clerk or visit the Dorney Parish Council website.

Mamma Mia in the Village Hall

The Studios School performed 'Mamma Mia' back in July. Principal Corinne Carlisle told us 'The Hall looked unrecognisable. Everyone was swept along riding a roller coaster of song, dance, love, sequins and of course, ABBA. The young performers aged 5-16 wowed with their acting and beautiful voices':



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The Next Stage of My Life

As many of you may know I have a love for journalism and writing articles for others to read and hopefully enjoy! I have recently embarked on the next stage of my life – University. I am now 2 weeks in and am absolutely loving it. The biggest change is going from the little village of Dorney to the city of Oxford. I have had to get used to all the different modes of public transport (I am struggling), I have never seen so many buses in one place ever, even in London. Deciding if the walk through the park to the centre is better than navigating the bus system or maybe getting on a scooter or a bike, decisions I didn't have to think of in Dorney, although there is a now frequent bus route that goes through Dorney. I promise these aren't the biggest decisions I have had to be making!



During the first week there weren't any lectures but as the second week came upon me the long lectures and seminars filled up my calendar. Don't worry my point isn't if I should decide to go to the lectures or not (obviously I am), but the various industries inside journalism as a whole. Choosing the different niches the course entails, if that's sports, fashion, arts and culture, and the different modes such as magazines, broadcasting, the list goes

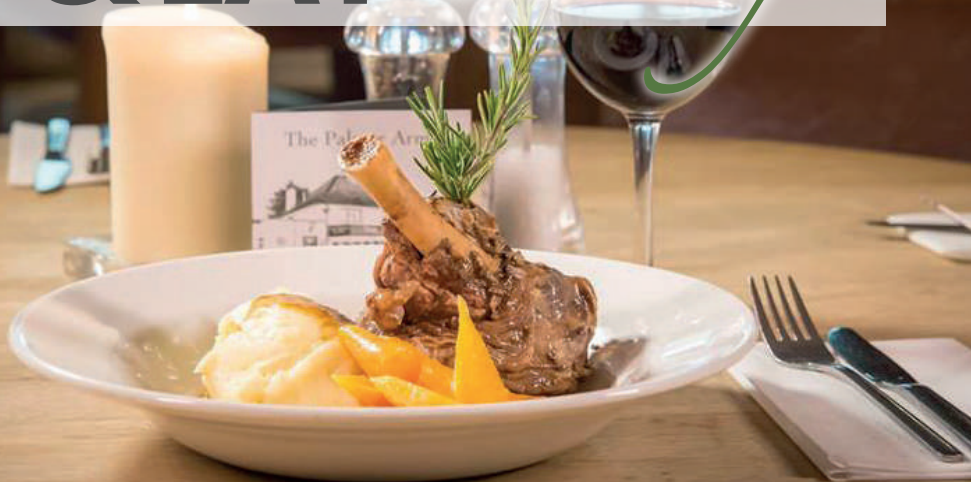
on. Assignments are filling up, and the creativity is overflowing, but none the less it's what I signed up for, and I am taking it in my stride.

Being away from home is daunting as ever but I was lucky enough to go travelling, as I have written about previously, so it's been a much easier adjustment. I must say it is much quieter than the busy streets of Bangkok! My accommodation is effectively a mini village full of around 700 people, probably similar to Dorney, with a sports bar on campus again similar to Dorney. Being used to the small village of Dorney and thinking uni would be a whole new dynamic, the place where I'm living has more similarities than I thought, but once you venture into the city centre, Dorney seems as small as ever.

Thankfully, I know the tone and type of writing I love as I have been lucky enough to contribute to Dorney Parish News for nearly two years now, which I am beyond grateful for and been able to share my writing with all of you readers. Although I may not be everyone's cup of tea, I hope there is a handful of you that continue to read my articles, and I can only hope from now my writing abilities will go from strength to strength over the next few years as I continue to study here in Oxford (Brookes!)

Laila Marples

MEET, DRINK & EAT *Dorney*



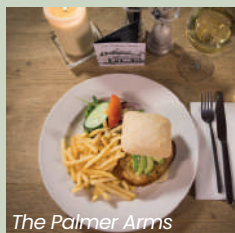
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It was great to be back in Parliament at the start of September, holding this shambles of a Labour Government to account and standing up for the issues that matter to Dorney and our wider South Bucks towns and villages.

I want to begin with a local update. Many of you will know about the campaign to keep our local day centres open. While I am pleased that the Council has decided to keep Seeley's Centre in Beaconsfield open, I am incredibly disappointed by the decision to close Burnham Short Breaks Centre. This is the wrong decision.

Families in Dorney deserve access to the services and care they rely on. I remain fully committed to working with local families, including those impacted in Dorney, to ensure the most vulnerable in our community are not forgotten.

September also marked Back British Farming Day. Our farmers, including those who work on farms around Dorney, put food on our tables and care for our countryside. Instead of backing them, this Government is hitting family farms with a damaging new tax. The Family Farm Tax threatens both food security and the future of British farming. It must be scrapped, and I will always stand firmly with our farmers.

It was wonderful to welcome volunteers and service users from South Bucks Hospice to Parliament. The hospice provides outstanding care and compassion to people and their families during some of life's most difficult times, offering not just medical support but also dignity and comfort. Hearing directly from volunteers and service users about the difference the hospice makes was truly inspiring, and it was an honour to thank them in person for the incredible work they do for families across our community.

In Parliament, I also spoke out against the Government's Chagos surrender deal, which I believe would see our sovereignty, security and history undermined. I was proud to stand alongside my Conservative colleagues and vote against it. Sadly, Labour MPs backed their Government and pushed it through. When Labour negotiates, Britain loses.

As Parliament has now paused for party conferences, I will be using this time to meet with charities, community groups and organisations that matter to Dorney residents, while continuing my work across the constituency.

I will keep standing up for you and championing the issues that matter most to Dorney and our South Bucks villages.

Joy Morrissey MP

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New Towns Taskforce Report: Taplow Escapes Designation

The Government's New Towns Taskforce has published its final report recommending 12 locations across England for a new generation of new towns, marking the most ambitious town-building programme since the post-war era. Significantly for local residents, **Taplow is nowhere to be found** among the recommended sites.

The National Picture

The Taskforce, led by Sir Michael Lyons, proposes creating communities of at least 10,000 homes each, potentially delivering 300,000 new homes collectively. The 12 recommended locations span from Adlington in Cheshire to Plymouth in Devon, focusing on areas that can unlock economic growth while addressing acute housing shortages.

Each new town must meet ambitious standards including 40% affordable housing, high-density development, excellent transport links, and comprehensive social infrastructure from the outset. The government plans to use Development Corporations with compulsory purchase powers to assemble land and drive delivery.

Regional Implications

The closest recommended site to our area is **Tempsford in Central Bedfordshire**, positioned to maximise benefits from the new East West Rail line in the Oxford-Cambridge Growth Corridor. While this may bring regional development pressures, it's sufficiently distant to avoid direct impact on Taplow, Dorney, or Burnham.

Why Taplow Was Spared

The absence of any Taplow reference appears vindicated by the Taskforce's own selection criteria. The report emphasises that successful new towns require:

- **Strategic transport connectivity** - Taplow's division by railway and A4 creates fundamental barriers
- **Local support** - The Taskforce prioritised sites with community backing, contrasting sharply with Taplow's unanimous local opposition
- **Infrastructure capacity** - Sites needed existing or planned utilities and transport networks
- **Deliverability within this Parliament** - Complex engineering challenges would have delayed any Taplow scheme

Local Victory

The comprehensive objection mounted by Taplow, Dorney, and Burnham Parish Councils appears to have been successful. Their detailed submission highlighting flood risks, heritage constraints, transport bottlenecks, and community opposition likely contributed to Taplow's exclusion from consideration.

The joint parishes' evidence-based approach, demonstrating how Taplow failed to meet virtually all of the Taskforce's stated principles for successful new towns, provided compelling grounds for rejection.

Looking Forward

While housing pressures remain nationally, the Government's focus has shifted to locations with genuine development potential and community support. For Taplow residents, this represents a significant victory for local democracy and evidence-based planning, preserving the area's unique character while allowing organic, sensitively-designed growth to continue as it has successfully for the past two decades. But see the article on the Bucks Local Plan!

The report confirms that well-researched local opposition, grounded in planning policy and technical constraints, can successfully influence national decision-making.

Bill Dax



**Join us for the Dorney Parish Litter Picking Morning
Sunday, 26th October 2025 at 0930hrs for an hour.**

Meet at The Palmer Arms, Village Road at 0930hrs

Bucks Council has generously provided some grabbers and large rubbish sacks, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Meeting Point.

Please choose your preferred area in the parish and advise Jill Dax by emailing jill@daxfamily.com. If you would like to borrow a grabber please advise Jill in your email, and whether you will be joining the bacon buttie brigade at Lake End House (Old Lake End Road just up from The Pineapple) at 1030 -1130hrs.

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Ofsted news from Dorney School



The staff, governors, trustees, pupils and parents of our school are delighted by the outcome of a recent Ofsted inspection which judged the school to be securely Good in all areas. The judgement validates the hard work and commitment of the school and the Beeches Learning and Development Trust to place every child at the centre of all it does.

The school has been recognised for being:

"a friendly and nurturing school, where pupils feel safe and happy. Pupils enjoy learning and quickly develop their confidence due to the high-quality pastoral care provided." (Ofsted, July 2025)

Headteacher Mrs Lee was delighted that the school's focus on nurture and wellbeing had been identified in the report that stated:

"Pupils form positive relationships with staff and know that they are well cared for." (Ofsted, July 2025)

Deputy Headteacher, Mrs West was also delighted that learning experiences outside of the classroom, such as the Forest School, shone through in the report as did provision for pupils with SEND, both of which contribute to the school's superb academic success.

"The school has high expectations of pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Pupils make good progress through the curriculum and achieve successfully. Pupils benefit from lots of activities to enrich their learning." (Ofsted, July 2025)

Summing up her thoughts Mrs Lee stated:

"I am proud to lead a fully inclusive school where every child is accepted for who they are. We do not seek to change anyone but to equip each child further with self-belief, universal values, love for their family and community, and academic prowess."

We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. Please arrange a visit by ringing 01628 620871 or email office@dorneschool.co.uk



'This Isn't Over Yet' – Hazel Howe

Early in September Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet voted to close three of its in-house adult day/short breaks facilities, alas including the Burnham Short Breaks Centre. The indomitable Hazel Howe, who has campaigned ceaselessly on behalf of her son Thomas, a regular centre user said families are 'devastated' by this outcome, while Dorney resident, Leslie Honey-Green, mother of Jenni, told us of a 'life of stress, thinking about the what-ifs'.

The council plans to retain and upgrade four other centres in Aylesbury, Chesham, High Wycombe and Seeley's House in Beaconsfield and to open a new specialist overnight respite service – in Aylesbury. These are, it seems, too distant or unsuitable for many local Burnham Centre users.

The 15-week consultation at the turn of this year attracted 660 responses. Only 6% of these supported the Council's solution, and since then there has been concerted opposition from users and residents supported by local MPs and all of the local county councillors. The public marketing process, expected to yield £1.7 million from Burnham and one other site, is being delayed allowing community groups to prepare proposals. A call-in was received after this vote, but the Council's Monitoring Officer rejected it as invalid and now there is call from campaigners for a judicial review.

All adults will receive 'suitable care and support' but watching the debate online I recalled our own writer and ambulance driver Mike Quincey who in this magazine movingly portrayed his passengers declining as Slough closed each day centre in turn. Language like 'building based services are outdated' seemed to minimise individuals' need for sociability and their dedicated unpaid carers for respite.

Taplow Station History - Virginia Silvester

This year marks the 200th anniversary of England's first public railway, the Stockton and Darlington line. Railways reached our area a little later, when the Great Western Railway opened from Paddington to Taplow in 1838. Trains first ran on 4 June, Whit Monday, and drew both curious travellers eager for the new experience and holidaymakers heading for the Thames at Maidenhead.

The original Taplow station stood just west of the Bath Road skew bridge. In 1872 it moved to its current site, but the location had been linked to the railway from the start. An engine shed was built there to house locomotives, and cottages for workers soon followed. Railway employees lived on the site well into the 1960s. The station also had facilities for horse-drawn carriages, which were loaded onto special trucks and hauled to London alongside passengers. Stagecoaches and private vehicles delivered travellers directly to the line, where carriages awaited.

A typical 1838 train to Paddington included three passenger carriages—two second class and one first class—plus two stagecoaches mounted on trucks. Today, research into Taplow's history continues, alongside modelling work. **The Taplow station layout will be on display at Burnham Park Hall on 25–26 October. Do come along and see it!**

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Boveney Court Farm – Planning Decision Deferred

At its meeting on **12 September**, Buckinghamshire Council's South Area Planning Committee considered the revised application for redevelopment at **Boveney Court Farm**.

Our Request

On behalf of residents, **Dorney Parish Council (DPC)** asked the Committee to defer determination until:

- Emergency services confirm evacuation and rescue arrangements in writing;
- Legal and ecological advice confirms the scheme can lawfully satisfy the **Habitats Regulations**;
- An **independent viability review** is carried out against the new “Golden Rules” affordable housing policy (50% by default); and
- Clearer evidence on the **loss of employment land** is provided.

We also advised that if Members were nevertheless minded to approve, they should only do so with a package of **enhanced conditions** (set out in our document) to safeguard life safety, ecology, affordable housing delivery, and employment policy.

What Happened

The Committee **accepted two of our recommendations**. Members voted to **defer the decision** until:

- An **independent financial viability assessment** is completed, and
- Evidence is provided that the bat surveys and mitigation measures are sufficient to allow a Natural England licence.

Members also noted the risk of a potential Judicial Review if they were to approve without these checks.

Unfortunately, the Committee did not formally require written confirmation from the emergency services on flood evacuation and rescue arrangements, despite the Environment Agency's letter warning of “**danger to life**” at the site.

Why This Matters

This application remains unusual in that it combines:

- The **original refusal reasons** (still valid),
- The **Inspector's findings** at appeal (still binding), and
- **New concerns** raised in 2025 about factual accuracy and unverified claims.

Together, these make it **unsafe and premature** to grant approval without further independent scrutiny.

Next Steps

DPC will continue to press for the **full scope of deferral** to be respected, including proper flood-safety consultation and enforceable conditions. Residents will be kept updated as the independent reports are commissioned and brought back to Committee.

There is nothing to report on the Court Farm planning application for 11 new houses at this time

Bill Dax



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The Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing

Sarah was about 22 years old, vivacious, fun to be near and committed to her full-time job complete with a business card working for Speedwell, an organisation that provided employment for those of us with damaged bodies or minds or both. Zest for life sparkled in her eyes as she bustled around in her wheelchair which she managed to make almost glamorous. She had many friends there, one of whom became a friend of mine, again wheelchair bound but with the same yearning to succeed in spite of it all. I was employed then driving a wheelchair accessible minibus carrying them both to and from their job and I enjoyed their company immensely. Speedwell staff were managed by Luigi, an equally remarkable character dedicated to his important work.

Quite suddenly, the local authority withdrew the funding, and it closed brutally. It's now a housing estate. A month or so later I found Sarah in a day centre (now also closed) colouring in with a bunch of eleven-year-olds. The sparkle had gone along with her future. My friend found another job, and we meet in Tesco's for coffee occasionally where we watch adults having conversations with no one, closely examining their knuckles, or rocking to and fro over teas that last an hour. It is the last refuge left. Luigi found work in another day centre which closed, and he died young; some say of a broken heart.

I counted five such day centres all closed in the last few years; not one has been replaced to my knowledge. "There is no money for this anymore," I hear our leaders bleat repeatedly. That is why there are potholes. That is why no police could attend my burglary and why no one was caught, let alone charged and sent to court, where the courts say they have no money either.

One of my destinations in those days was the Burnham Short Stay Centre next to the Burnham Health Centre where again, remarkable people in wheelchairs achieved great results assisted by equally remarkable carers.

To my shame I only heard about its closure a few days ago, well after the process had done its course to close it, where it seems that the Council claimed penury. So, children and others in desperate need of stimulation and company, exhausted parents of these children in need of a little respite and many others are to be denied this small but vital service because there is no money.

The decision makers bring shame on us all, when, just down the road, the richest man in Britain entertained another incredibly wealthy (he claims) man in palaces, with police escorts, flies by and red carpets galore all paid for by.....you and me, or more poignantly for some like Sarah, a much higher price, unstimulated sometimes alone stuck in their confinement, abandoned with people who love them by a state that appears not to care. The price of everything and the value of nothing indeed.

Before I let this rant go, policing is something I know a little about, and I see no shortage of police for diplomatic or royalty protection while most police stations are shut and a patrolling uniformed officer in your village would be a celebrity!

When the lovely Mrs Quincey agreed in a weak moment, to move into my tiny two bedroomed bungalow, we failed to appreciate that we had both moved from 4 bedroomed detached houses with all the junk that accrues over years and while neither of us are hoarders in the 'Sort your Life Out' league, it's safe to say that we discard our treasures reluctantly, and I keep falling over 'stuff.'

"It's got to go!" I wailed as I picked myself up yet again.

"Let's have a Garage Sale," suggested Mrs. Q and we picked the Bank Holiday weekend for the purpose keeping a very close eye on the weather, which, it transpired, was wonderful.

Mrs Q was in her element producing posters, researching prices and setting aside really valuable items which we thought would grace Fiona Bruce and the Antiques Roadshow. We loaded these specials into the Dagenham Dustbin and dragged them into Maidenhead where, by appointment, they were examined by an expert in anticipatory silence as I pondered the price of a used Rolls Royce of my dreams.

He looked up as he put his glasses away and we waited with bated halitosis.

"Try a car boot," he advised returning to his emporium.

On the great day, tables were set out on the driveway, signs erected, and my home-made outdoor clothes rack assembled. We wheelbarrowed our possessions from our storage shed laughingly bought as a summer house and spread them all over the tables, anticipating hordes of bargain hunters. One arrived early and was bravely asked by Mrs.Q to "Come back when we're open," which he did, followed by a steady stream of customers who bought stuff I would never imagine would end up anywhere other than a skip, and on one memorable occasion, a young tanned lovely purred, "Oh how cute!" and spent some money too.

We chatted amiably with new friends and people from neighbouring roads we had never met, and one kind soul asked,

"Have you put this on Facebook?"

"No," I replied adding loftily, "We don't do Facebook."

"Do you mind if I put it on my community group?" he asked.

"By all means," I said thinking it a wasted effort. How wrong I was, and his post produced a steady stream of lovely people, most parting with a little cash and leaving us a little space. The pile, however diminished only slightly and we will have to do it again.

How did we do?

Well, we made enough to tip one glass of expensive bubbly down the throat of the esteemed guest, or perhaps to run Burnham Short Stay centre for a day or two?

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey

The Bucks Local Plan Consultation – Why Dorney Must Respond

Buckinghamshire Council has launched consultation on its new **Local Plan 2026–2045**. This six-week process will decide how many new houses – and where new Gypsy and Traveller sites – will be built across the county for the next 20 years.

Once adopted, the Local Plan will be binding. There is **no referendum** at the end. That is why it is vital that Dorney residents respond now.

The Scale of the Challenge

The Government requires Buckinghamshire to plan for at least **95,000 new homes** over the period 2026–2045 – a staggering **43% increase** in housing compared with previous plans.

To meet this target, Bucks must look at all options:

- Large brownfield redevelopments (where available)
- Expansions of towns and villages
- New settlements in less developed areas
- Green Belt release where councils claim “exceptional circumstances”

Inevitably, Dorney and its surroundings will be under pressure – even though our parish is one of the least suitable areas for major new development.

The Main Issues for Dorney

1. New Housing Allocations

The **Environment Agency’s March 2025 flood risk update** appears to show that all of Dorney’s current brownfield sites are at **high flood risk**. Development here would put lives in danger and overburden emergency services.

In addition, there is uncertainty whether **Eton College’s promoted sites** will appear in the Local Plan:

- **Gaskins Meadow** (opposite the Pineapple Pub) – proposed for around **40 houses**.
- **Horse’s Field, Oak Stubbs Lane** – proposed for around **30 houses**.

Both are Green Belt sites valued by residents for openness, character, and views.

2. Gypsy and Traveller Sites

The Local Plan must also allocate sites for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople accommodation. If Dorney is identified, it could mean pitches in areas prone to flooding, without proper road access, or lacking basic services.

What Residents Have Said Already

The **July 2023 Residents’ Survey** gives a clear picture of local opinion:

- **Protect countryside and Green Belt:** 95% want to safeguard green spaces.
- **Limit new housing:** 64% oppose further development; where it happens, it should be small-scale on brownfield sites.
- **Protect character and heritage:** 66% support extending Conservation Areas; 97% want roads and approaches to reflect village character.

- **Flood safety:** Strong support for protecting rivers, streams, and grazing areas.
- **Traffic and infrastructure:** 94% support HGV restrictions; 93% say traffic has worsened since 2005; most rely on Elizabeth Line at Taplow, not local buses.

These findings should guide the Local Plan.

Key Points to Raise in Responses

Issue	What to Say
Flood Risk	New EA March 2025 maps appear to show many Dorney sites unsafe; no allocations should be made here.
Green Belt	95% of residents want protection; Gaskins Meadow and Oak Stubbs Lane are valued open Green Belt land.
Scale of Growth	Survey supports only very limited growth (≈10 homes over 20 years), not major allocations.
Gypsy & Traveller Sites	Must be in safe, serviced areas, not Dorney's flood-prone land. Or Orchard Herbs site (SL4 6QS) due to serious contamination.
Conservation & Heritage	66% want more Conservation Area coverage; Plan must protect village settings.
Infrastructure	Roads already congested; no space for more infrastructure.

How Residents and the Parish Council Can Respond

- **Parish Council:** DPC will agree a formal response.
- **Residents:** Each household can comment individually via the Bucks consultation portal. Separate responses carry weight – use your own words even if you make the same points.

Final Word

The Local Plan will shape Dorney until 2045. The risks are clear:

- Unsafe housing allocations in flood zones.
- Loss of Green Belt at Gaskins Meadow or Oak Stubbs Lane.
- Pressure for Gypsy sites without proper infrastructure.
- Housing growth far beyond what residents support.

The **2023 Residents' Survey** gave an unmistakable message: protect Dorney's countryside, conserve its heritage, limit growth, and manage traffic.

Buckinghamshire faces a 95,000-home challenge, but Dorney should not be the easy target. Please make sure your views are heard in this short six-week consultation.

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PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2025 @ DORNEY VILLAGE HALL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Anna Palmer Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford
Clerk Ruth Senior and 2 members of the public

Public Forum

Dorney Reach resident of over 20 years, Martin Hardman, expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and gave a brief background of himself and his involvement with Dorney. The Clerk will send out relevant information for Martin to consider the position further.

PC/61/25 Apologies for absence

Cllr. Robert Stopford, County Cllr. Cole Caesar and County Cllr. Kirsten Ashman (all in attendance at the Planning Committee Meeting)
and Cllr. Stephen Baker

PC/62/25 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

There were none declared.

PC/63/25 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2025

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

PC/64/25 To receive the Clerk report

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

PC/65/25 To update on the co-option of 2 new Councillors

As per the Public Forum.

PC/66/25 Items of business carried forward

Orchard Herbs

The Clerk has asked for an update on the clearance of the site from Buckinghamshire following a planned site meeting within the last week.

It was agreed the Clerk will contact the LAT regarding the failed road surface outside Orchard Herbs.

PC/67/25 Planning

New Planning applications

PL/25/2451/FA 31 Harcourt Road Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DT

Front porch, part-single/part-first floor extension and conversion of existing attached garage and first floor rear extension - Agreed no comment

PL/25/2793/PNE Rookwood 1 Old Marsh Lane Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DZ

The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8m

for which the maximum height would be 2.60m and for which the height of the eaves would be maximum 2.40m – Agreed no comment

PL/25/2792/SA Rookwood 1 Old Marsh Lane Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DZ

Certificate of lawfulness application for loft conversion to habitable space. Works include rear dormer and internal alterations – Agreed no comment

PL/25/1855/FA 32 Harcourt Road Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DU

Demolition of rear Conservatory and Construction of Rear Single Storey Extension and Internal WC – Agreed no comment

PL/25/1792/FA Badgers 1 Glebe Close Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DL

Application for a temporary period of two and a half years for 6 indoor primate enclosures, 6 outdoor primate enclosures, a stable block and hardstanding for use by 2 static caravans (residential use). Provision of access road (retrospective) – Agreed to comment on potential concerns and support for any neighbours should they have concerns.

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 - Before Planning Committee 16th September

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 0DX

Applicant has responded to EA objection no response from EA yet

PC/68/25 Finance

The cashbooks were circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

The Clerk confirmed that the £10k that was temporarily loaned to Dorney Village Hall while their bank accounts changed over, has been repaid.

PC/69/25 To update on the Heathrow expansion plans

Concern was expressed over the possible diversion of the M25 and the impact that the new runway will have on the recycling plant. **It was agreed** that Cllr. Dax will prepare a statement for the Planning Inspectorate before the deadline of 1st October.

PC/70/25 To update on the Ashford Lane bridge collapse

Please see public forum and the Dorney Parish Council website for all information. **It was agreed** that the Council will pay close attention to any replacement plans and materials that will be used.

PC/71/25 To update on Dorney Playground

The Playground Committee are currently fundraising to replace the soft surface matting under the play items at a cost of up to £30k. The annual Halloween party will take place on 23rd October.

PC/72/25 To update on speeding issues in Dorney and Dorney Common

It was agreed the Clerk will contact Buckinghamshire for an update.

PC/73/25 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

There are none to report.

PC/74/25 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 16th November @ Dorney Village Hall

Bus routes – County Cllr. Cole Caesar, Dorney Playgroup - Playground fundraising contribution, Dorney litter pick update (taking place on 26th October 9.30am Palmer Arms

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Dorney, The Palmer Arms PH	0835	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1655	1805
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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

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	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	0838	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1548	1658	1808
Eton Wick, The Walk	0841	0951	1051	1151	1251	1351	1451	1551	1701	1811
Eton, Brocas Street	0847	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	1557	1707	1817
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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		

Saturday

Slough, Wellington Street	0800	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1620	1730
Chalvey, Windsor Road McDonalds	0805	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1625	1735
Eton, Brocas Street	0810	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1630	1740
Eton Wick, The Walk	0816	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1526	1636	1746
Eton Wick, Colenorton Crescent	0819	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1639	1749
Dorney, The Palmer Arms PH	0822	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1642	1752
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	Nov	7, 14, 21, 28	14, 28	7, 21	14, 28	14, 28	14, 28
	Dec	5, 12, 19, 29	12, 26	5, 19	12, 29	12, 29	12, 29
2026	Jan	5, 10, 16, 23, 30	9, 23	5, 16, 30	10, 23	10, 23	10, 23
	Feb	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 20	13, 27	6, 20	6, 20	6, 20
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