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No longer for Dorney Reach

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EDITORIAL

Glimmers. 'The small, beautiful moments of everyday life in Dorney.' That's how they were defined by Karen Kimberley in one of my favourite DPN articles last year. I know that bus routes are really about serious issues like mobility, especially for those with no alternative, and commuting and freeing up roads, but I think those friends and neighbours who chattered away about hopping on the 15 bus for a trip to 'the shops in Windsor' or lunch at Cote *without the car* had found a glimmer. Au revoir number 15 (well, for Dorney Reach). Shame – we need all the glimmers we can get these days.

Somewhere at the other end of the spectrum from glimmers must be potholes. My posh newspaper rather sneered at the Government kicking off the year by launching a national Pothole Map rather than concentrating on a 'changing world order.' That's misguided as it's problems like potholes which really engage and dismay citizens – witness how they are crowding out other grievances on *Fix My Street* where Dorney is now joining in as Marsh Lane, Court Lane and Boveney Road join the old favourites. The map defines local authorities as 'Green,' 'Amber' or 'Red'. Bucks, which filled in 14,817 potholes last year, does surprisingly well being judged as 'Amber' overall, with a 'Green' score for both size of budget allocated and adopting Best Practice. RBWM is 'Amber' and Slough manages only 'Red' largely through being strapped for cash.

As we go to press, the splendid Wendy Hermon of Swan Support is on TV and in print with dreadful news of a day's reporting of ten swan deaths on our stretch of the Thames likely to be from avian flu. It's 'going to get worse' she says. Alas, this magazine may have to return to this in future issues.

Wendy talks of volunteers removing dead bodies from the riverside. Not many of us would fancy that task. We said that we hoped 2026 would locally be the year of the volunteer. In that vein, we're delighted to carry this month a positive report from Dorney Horticultural Society, most notably the news about a refreshed committee. Also in these pages, Mo Voaden tells us thrilling news about how glimmers can arrive in the post. Welcome to our pages Drew MacGregor of Crocus at Dorney Court. We hope his horticultural article is the first of many and it's good to hear about a proposed Easter Market. We even have tentatively good news about Orchard Herbs.

We've gone this far without wishing readers and advertisers all the best for a happy, peaceful and prosperous 2026. The New Year for DPN is traditionally the time for welcoming our nearly two hundred subscriptions. It is still true that the majority of these arrive early-ish in the year, and, boy, they are welcome so please co-operate with your distributors. But I admit that various circumstances mean we have been collecting throughout the year, so you are welcome to check with us your last payment. As they say in the movies, we know who you are and we know where you live.

Enjoy your glimmers.

Services in the Local Churches



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Ashes, Attention, and the Call to See One Another

Dear friends,

As in previous years, this February brings us to Ash Wednesday, the quiet doorway into Lent. It is a day marked by simple words and a simple sign: *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* Ashes on our foreheads remind us of our mortality, our fragility, and our need for God. But what do these ashes truly ask of us?

A few years ago, I came across an article written by a student from Union Theological Seminary in which he reflected on an Ash Wednesday service held not in a church building, but on the streets of Philadelphia, with a congregation made up largely of people experiencing homelessness. Bread and wine were placed on a plastic table. Ashes were shared. Communion was celebrated. And a man named Tyrone read a poem about his life.

In his poem, Tyrone repeats one haunting line: *"No one really knows I'm homeless."* He describes riding the train, wearing clean clothes, keeping himself going, unnoticed by the crowds around him. He is present, but invisible. His words reveal not only the hardship of homelessness, but the loneliness of being unseen.

The student who witnessed this service reflected that placing ashes on the foreheads of people who are homeless felt almost unnecessary. After all, those living on the streets understand mortality in a way many of us do not. They live with uncertainty every day — about food, shelter, safety, and health. The reality that life is fragile is never far from them.

This raises an uncomfortable question for the rest of us. What is the purpose of ashes on *our* foreheads? Are they simply a religious habit, or a genuine call to change how we live?

Jesus, in the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, speaks about three core practices of faith: giving, praying, and fasting. These are good and holy things — but Jesus warns strongly against turning them into empty performances. When faith is reduced to outward gestures, detached from compassion and justice, it becomes hollow. The prophet Amos makes the same point, speaking

God's words: "*I hate your festivals [...] but let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*" (Amos 5:21-23)

Ashes, then, are not meant to be an end in themselves. They are a sign — an outward sign of an inward reality. They remind us not only that we will one day die, but that how we live *now* matters deeply.

Perhaps the real challenge of Ash Wednesday is not simply to wear ashes, but to learn to pay attention. To notice those who are overlooked. To see the homeless person on the street, the lonely neighbour, the struggling family, the person who feels invisible. Walking alongside others, listening to their stories, and working for a more just society may speak more loudly than any mark on our forehead.

Tyrone's poem ends with a quiet hope: "*Perhaps tomorrow a blessing will come.*" That blessing, in many ways, rests in the hands of others — in our willingness to give generously, to pray sincerely, and to fast in ways that loosen our grip on comfort and open our hearts to compassion.

As Lent begins this February, may our ashes lead us beyond the church door. May they remind us that faith is not only something we display, but something we live. And may we discover that when we truly see one another, God's grace is already at work among us.

Yours in Christ,

Andreas.

Team Rector

Church Services in February 2026

Sunday 1st February

9.30 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St James the Less, Dorney
11.00 am	Any Age Family Service	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Sunday 8th February

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

Wednesday 11th February

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Sunday 15th February

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

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)

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

Sunday 22nd February

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

Wednesday 25th February

10.00 am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist, Eton
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Orchard Herbs Site: Progress Without Deadlines Is Not Progress



As at 23 January 2026, the former Orchard Herbs site at Lake End Road remains very substantially non-compliant with the Enforcement Notice upheld by a Planning Inspector in October 2024. That notice required the **complete clearance of the site by 11 July 2025**, following a generous nine-month compliance period.

Despite recent assurances from Buckinghamshire Council that “a lot more vehicles and other equipment has left the

site”, independent monitoring tells a different story. Drone imagery and on-site observation confirm that very few trucks and no containers have left since November. Instead, two additional PPL tractor-and-trailer units have been brought onto the land, along with a further PPL trailer. The net result is an **increase**, not a reduction, in heavy vehicles.

As matters stand, the site still contains over 20 trucks and part-trucks, 19 or more shipping containers, a mobile home, a large Carbo shed with railings, and a significant pile of waste tyres. None of these items are permitted under the Enforcement Notice.

This pattern will be depressingly familiar to long-standing residents. For more than 20 years, the owners of the site have repeatedly promised compliance, undertaken cosmetic “tidying”, and then relied on the absence of firm deadlines to delay meaningful action. The Planning Inspector described this history as a *“longer and more flagrant period of intentional unauthorised development”* than he had rarely encountered.

The key issue now is not willingness to engage, but the **absence of enforceable timescales**. Nearly seven months after the legal deadline, the Council continues to rely on the usual open-ended assurances rather than setting clear completion dates or trigger points for escalation. Without deadlines, there is no objective test of progress – and no consequence for failure.

Buckinghamshire Council has the legal tools to resolve this matter decisively. **Direct Action**, whereby the Council clears the site itself and recovers all reasonable costs from the landowner, is a lawful and well-established option once an Enforcement Notice has been breached. Detailed analysis indicates that this could be achieved at no net cost to taxpayers, while finally bringing a long-running blight to an end.

Dorney Parish News will continue to monitor and report accurately on what is – and is not – happening on site. After two decades of delay, residents are entitled to more than goodwill and reassurance. They deserve clear deadlines, firm accountability, and decisive enforcement of the law.

Bill Dax

Dorney Horticultural Society - 2025 Review

A huge thank you to all of our members for their support through 2025. The Society has been going for over 70 years and current membership is strong, and with your continued support it will continue to flourish.

I am pleased to report that following our appeal at the Christmas Supper evening we have two new committee members to bring our committee back to near full strength. One area we are lacking in is Dorney Reach where we have no representation so, if any Dorney Reachers would like to be involved in your Society, please contact Kristina - details below.

2025 started off with an informal talk by two local farmers held at Crocus which was both nostalgic and informative. This was followed by our Spring Supper with a fascinating insight into the wildlife around Dorney presented by our local wildlife stalwart, Andrew (Olly) Oliver.

Each year we organise a private garden tour for around 25 members to a local NGS garden where all profits raised go to UK charities. In May we went to Deepwood Stud Gardens which are truly spectacular.

The annual show in September was again a record turn-out displaying the abundant talent and expertise of our local community. Our Autumn Supper evening was a huge success welcoming Rob from Farnham Common Nurseries - don't forget members get a discount at both Crocus and Farnham Common now.

Finally, possibly our most popular event of the year, the Christmas Supper in December. Thanks to Crocus and The Palmer Arms for donating special raffle prizes, and the spectacular Turkey Supper supplied by Chrys Fisher. With the hall decorated in red and abundant Christmas decorations it was a memorable evening as you can see by the rather happy faces of the quiz winners!

All the best for 2026 - Ron Alsworth



If you wish to know more about joining the society, please email Kristina at ddhs.members@gmail.com.

Wild Dorney

And another one gone, and another one gone, another one bites the dust, yeah.

Kids can't even spell "album" these days, but this Christmas I was reminded of one album that does seem to cross the generations: Queen's "Greatest Hits." When we had the in laws here for a couple of days the movie of choice was the actually very enjoyable Bohemian Rhapsody and we reminisced about the era defining Live Aid (and in particular the sneaky but very effective trick where Queens's manager ignores the "DON'T TOUCH" post it on the soundboard and ups the stage volume). When we had a karaoke night with the whole family at my sister in laws, my teenage kids chose to sing "Under Pressure" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" (as well as the er, Backstreet Boys). And lastly, I was merrily playing some of my favourite nineties dance music in the car post New Year when my 14-year-old piped up and requested I turn that "rubbish" off and put on Queen. We sang along enthusiastically (but perhaps not overly tunelessly) to "Another One Bites the Dust" and not for the first time I marvelled at its quality: as funky and as good as anything by The Chic Organisation (no, I am not spelling it with a "z") or Quincy Jones era Michael Jackson. As 2025 bites the dust (you can see what I did there) I'm looking forward to seeing what wildlife highlights 2026 brings around Dorney.

We had a lovely time over the festivities, and for many humans Christmas and New Year is a time of plenty, but of course for the non-hibernating wildlife winter is a tough period of lean rations. I saw much evidence of this in December, with a square metre of what looked like badger fur strewn across the Thames Water field (with no carcass to be seen) and the dogs found some deer bones. In my own garden I had a vaguely Blair Witch offering (which I think had been dropped from the tree above by a Kite) of a partial muntjac head and a headless rat. The incongruousness of it did freak me out a bit I must say. And then when Theo and I were out putting up more Little Owl boxes (more of that later) we saw this dismembered pigeon carcass which had likely appeared due to the actions of the two or three buzzards circling above us (or perhaps a peregrine falcon).



Badger Remains



Deer jaw



Blair Witch offering



Pigeon leftovers

Having got over the initial shock of seeing tractors in the Thames Water field I've quickly got used to (and appreciate) the open spaces they have created. Certainly it is easier to navigate around for a dog walk now (although beware some of the thick spiky stems of the flattened dog rose) and the contrasting management should provide a good mosaic of habitats for all the wildlife. I do have a new year's resolution to go round the field and pick

up all the “biodegradable” tree guards that have now been chopped up and strewn all over the grassland. Maybe I can get the kids to help. Hope springs eternal.

Encouragingly, I did a series of Merlin app bird surveys at the bottom of the garden through the festive period and the diversity of bird species in the field is still as wide as it's ever been:

Meadow pipit, Jackdaw, Blackbird, Magpie, Redwing, Robin, Siskin, Chiffchaff, Pheasant, Wren, Blackcap, Coal Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Goldcrest, Carrion Crow, Redpoll, Starling, House Sparrow, Raven, Kestrel, Rook, Goldfinch, Dunnock (Hedge Sparrow), the ubiquitous Parakeets, Red Kite, Song Thrush, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Cetti's Warbler, Peregrine Falcon, Buzzard, Greenfinch, Fieldfare, Firecrest, Barn Owl, Treecreeper, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Bullfinch and Skylark.

However, Merlin had obviously got stuck into the festive sherry a bit too early on Christmas Day when it randomly picked up the Western Tanager, Great-tailed Grackle and Allen's Hummingbird (perhaps human civilisation may be safe from AI for a while yet.).

Lastly, Theo and I have been having fun putting up some more owl boxes around Dorney. Paul from the BTO who we met last year for the Little Owl chick ringing and a group of others make some really good owl boxes, so we now have the original one just off Marsh Lane, another sited on the edge of the Thames Water field where it meets the southerly Harcourt Road gardens, two at Barge Farm where the lovely Julia and her husband were very supportive in getting permission from their landlord and finally a Tawny Owl box in the massive Black Locust tree in my neighbour Adam's garden which was originally planted by the late Ralph Liney.



Box fixing



Adding leaf litter to nest in



The finished article

Let's hope the Dorney Owls choose to raise a brood or two in these luxurious new abodes.

And on the subject of birds nesting, here's your friendly annual reminder to finish all your hedge trimming by **end of February**. The bird nesting season is 1st March - 31st August. Birds use hedges for shelter, nesting and raising young and disturbing an active nest is against the law.

Andrew Oliver

Burnham Abbey Wall Works: Safety, Heritage and the Road Ahead



Many residents will be aware of the ongoing conservation works to the Grade II listed medieval cob wall at Burnham Abbey, which runs alongside Huntercombe Lane South. Following recent discussions with the project team, Dorney Parish News can provide the following update.

The wall is undergoing its most comprehensive programme of repair for many decades. Detailed surveys identified significant

structural deterioration, particularly at the northern end, largely resulting from historic repairs using inappropriate materials, long-term moisture retention within the cob construction and severe splashback from the road traffic. As outlined in the background note circulated in summer 2025, specialist conservation works were therefore required following the grant of Listed Building Consent.

Phase 1 of the project commenced in summer 2025 and addressed the most vulnerable section of the wall. The works involved careful dismantling and reconstruction using traditional materials and techniques, with original stone, flint, chalk, brick and reusable cob retained wherever possible.

Works were paused in December 2025 in accordance with best conservation practice, as cob repairs can only be undertaken safely and effectively in warmer, drier conditions. As the wall has not yet been fully stabilised, the continued closure of Huntercombe Lane South has been agreed with the Council as a necessary precaution to ensure public safety. Construction is scheduled to resume on 2 March 2026 and continue through the warmer months. The current programme anticipates that the road will remain closed until approximately Autumn 2026, subject to weather conditions, progress on site and approval by the highway authority. Options for partial reopening will be reviewed once the relevant sections of the wall have been stabilised.

The works are being undertaken by specialist conservation professionals to ensure the long-term preservation of this important historic structure. The project has also attracted interest from the wider heritage sector, including recognition by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), which featured the works in its Winter 2025 magazine.

The Sisters and the conservation team would like to thank residents for their patience and understanding during this period. These temporary measures are necessary to protect public safety and to safeguard this important historic structure for future generations. They would also like to say that planning and preparatory work for the conservation of the wall was undertaken well in advance of visible activity on site. Throughout this period, Sister Victoria Mary SPB, Reverend Mother, has continued to give careful and dedicated attention to the stewardship of the Abbey and the wellbeing of the Sisters' community.

Further updates will be provided by the project team as the works progress, to ensure that accurate and up-to-date information is available to residents.

Bill Dax

Time is passing by, leaving its marks on our lives in the form of minutes, days, and years. As time goes by, our children grow up and transform, and we also change as we watch them.



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Nice While It Lasted – Dorney Reach's Number 15 Bus



Dorney Reach has lost a much-appreciated bus service to Eton Wick, through Eton and on to Slough. The manner of this sudden withdrawal represents a kick in the teeth by operator Carousel Buses to Dorney Reach, Dorney as a village, and, indeed, our readers living along Marsh Lane south of the A4.

'Carousel' said the *Slough Observer* on January 9th 'has announced a series of service improvements.' Read on and there it is: 'Service 15 between Slough,

Eton, Eton Wick, Dorney and Taplow will now extend every hour to Maidenhead'. Looking back 'via the A4' might have been a clue, but the route had already been changed for a week. Reluctance to spell out Dorney Reach's isolation extended to December's announcement on the Carousel website that 'major improvements to connectivity' were coming to 'Service 15' because they 'have listened to customer feedback'. Not feedback from Dorney Reach, it seems, which now enjoys zero 'connectivity.'

For those who aren't members of the grieving Dorney omnibus fraternity, between April last year and the first week in January, the No. 15 bus from Eton Wick came hourly across the Common and after pausing at the traditional stop outside the Palmer Arms proceeded via a passenger-friendly group of stops, namely Dorney Court, Elm View Farm, Harcourt Road, Old Marsh Lane and Ye Meads. Boarding at one of these, you proceeded eastwards along the A4 and southwards down Lake End Road to loop back towards Eton Wick and beyond. Now this route cuts out all those stops and proceeds north along Lake End Road to the A4, with no stops on the way. Dorney's total 'connectivity' goes from five stops back to the one we had before.

It seems that round here we've rediscovered the joys of bus travel. Bus journeys in RBWM went up by 14% in 2025 over 2024 compared to a 1% national increase. As at least anecdotally I can assure Luke Marion, MD of Carousel that our neighbours and ourselves, not to mention *Dorney Parish News*, warmly embraced his new 15 route last year, I wonder why his company has been so discourteous to bus travellers in Marsh Lane and Dorney Reach. No public announcement, as far as I can tell, and no contact with our Parish Council. Would-be passengers knocked on our door earlier in January telling of chilly waits at the bus stop. Calls to Carousel by them and us hardly led to a concerted response... 'oh, let's just check...no you're right, Harcourt Road no longer on the timetable....I wonder why that was...' Their PR agency have not returned requests for a press release.

It makes you wonder whether Dorney has slipped through a gap in the middle. Bus journeys have increased locally because bus services in Maidenhead, Windsor and Slough have expanded and improved. To an extent this is to do with central government funding. RBWM and Slough Council over 2025-26 will have received £1.26m and £1.49m from the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Now we can't easily tell what part this subsidy played in the route 15 expansion, but it looks as though a good part of Bucks Council's £6.3m BSIP was spent on routes further north. RBWM and Slough have transport managers and dedicated cabinet members speaking up for local bus routes. We haven't had such a specific champion. It's good to see Joy Morrissey MP now taking up our cause elsewhere in this issue.

Peter Bowman



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Crocus At Dorney Court - Growing Together As A Community

With Christmas a distant memory and now looking forward to Spring 2026, we have some exciting works going on within the grounds of Crocus At Dorney Court. Whilst writing this, the entire garden area is being rejuvenated including our stunning Walled Garden.



The arrival of Primroses in our retail area including "**Primula Belarina Galaxy**" just like this, has been a lovely change from the Christmas trees that were standing strong from November onwards. The boost of colour that is shown from these will make a lovely addition to anyone's garden with them flowering from late January and continuing right through till May and in some cases even into June. They thrive in the sun with a slight amount of shade and they are happiest facing any way but north. For the month of February we are happy to offer our readers a 10% discount on any of the Primula Belarina series we offer here at Crocus At Dorney Court.

Again by the time of reading this, the works within our Walled Garden will be well underway. Our Head Gardener Ashley has been working incredibly hard with our Head Garden Designer Lucy to get this task underway. Ashley has been spending a lot of time tending to our incredible Dahlia display. He has harvested the tubers from the ground and wrapped them up to stay warm in our greenhouse over winter to be replanted when the time is right. The stunning variations include Dahlias such as "**Cafe Au Lait**" and "**Preference**" presenting absolutely huge flowers spanning up to 30cm!



Both of these variations are available to buy in tuber form within the shop for you to grow at home too. They also thrive in the sun and within warmer temperatures. Our recommendation when planting would be when the temperature outside is constantly above 5°C. When planted, do not overwater them as it may cause the tubers to rot within the soil however they do not like bone dry soil either so keep a steady eye on them!

On Saturday the 28th Of March, we look forward to relaunching our Walled Garden with a fresh new design including new beds and new plants all whilst hosting our Easter Market with a huge variety of stalls. We look forward to seeing as many of you here as possible to share the incredible day with us!

Please check our social media pages for more updates [**@crocusatdorneycourt**](#).

Drew MacGregor, Horticulture & Retail Manager, Crocus At Dorney Court

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News from Dorney School

What a ROARING start to 2026! In conjunction with the local Lions club, pupils spent a week, designing, planning and making wonderful models of robots and machines that could save us time, or indeed, save the world! Some models have been designed to specifically reduce the amount of landfill, or convert plastic into a safe liquid, or indeed, some are designed to save parents from time consuming household chores. I am so proud of our children's capacity to understand that our planet requires critical thinkers, creative designers, and good citizens. These are the behaviours and values that together, we have instilled in our children.

"The day helped me realise imagination could become real!" Mason (Year 4)



A Musical Treat

Mr Panesar, a musician and grandfather to two pupils at school, played the tabla and the sitar during music assembly. The children were enthralled by the rhythm and beats of the tabla drums and the soothing sounds of the sitar strings. Children asked Mr Panesar a range of questions and commented on a wonderful experience. **A child in Year 3 said "I have never heard this music before"** with a huge smile on his face.



Staff and pupils look forward to spring when we will once again start our gardening and nature projects. We are pleased with our Forest School curriculum. Come and visit our Ofsted rated 'Good' school to see the joys of learning together inside, and outside, school.

Mrs S Lee, Headteacher





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As I begin my first column of the year, I would like to wish everyone in Dorney a very happy New Year. I hope 2026 brings good health and happiness to you and your families.

On a local note, I know many Dorney residents have been concerned about recent changes to Carousel bus routes and stops. Reliable public transport is vital for our villages, particularly for older residents, young people and those commuting to work or school. I share these concerns and have been speaking with residents about the impact of these changes and the next steps we can take to press for improvements.

Protecting our Green Belt remains one of my top priorities for the year ahead. Since the Labour Government came to power, this task has become increasingly difficult following the introduction of its damaging new “grey belt” definition. This risks opening the door to inappropriate development on land that should be protected for future generations, including land around villages such as ours.

Just up the road in Burnham, many residents have contacted me about the proposed development at Hitcham Farm. This development must not go ahead. The scale of what is being proposed would place unacceptable pressure on already stretched local infrastructure, including our roads, utilities, public transport, GP surgeries, schools and leisure facilities. These pressures would inevitably be felt in neighbouring communities, including Dorney. I will continue to monitor this closely and stand firmly with residents in defending our Green Belt.

I have been proud to meet and stand alongside local farmers, both here in the constituency and at marches in Westminster, to ensure their voices are heard. Since returning to Parliament this year, I raised these concerns during the Opposition Day debate on rural communities. Our rural way of life remains under threat and must be defended.

Like many parents, I am deeply troubled by the rise in depression, anxiety, bullying and addiction linked to social media. We must safeguard the most vulnerable in our society from the false promise that a click of a button can provide value, fulfilment and purpose. Young people should grow up enjoying real friendships and shared experiences, and I believe it is our duty to protect future generations by banning social media for those under 16.

In the year ahead, I will continue to stand up for Dorney and for our Green Belt, local businesses, farmers and the vital services we all rely on. If there is an issue you would like to raise with me, please do get in touch at joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Joy Morrissey MP



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Kiss of Death

A skull.

It was the first thing to come out of the envelope.



Small, enamel, and fitting perfectly in my palm, it carried a strange intimacy. A pair of lips, stamped in crimson lipstick, marked its bony forehead, and a rose bloomed below one hollow eye socket. On the reverse was a pin, suggesting it was meant to be worn – a brooch or a medal.

A shiver ran down my spine. It felt like a memento mori, a reminder that you must die, the sort once painted into still lifes, only this version came with a

smear of lipstick, a modern flourish. Whatever it was, it was a strange thing to receive in the post.

The envelope had arrived from America. I shook it gently, and a certificate slid out.

At the top were the words: **RWA KISS OF DEATH, DAPHNE DU MAURIER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MYSTERY/SUSPENSE.** Beneath the title was the same skull, rose, and lips. Suddenly, it made sense.

The Kiss of Death is an international writing organisation that hosts the Daphne du Maurier Award for Excellence in Mystery/Suspense competition for published and unpublished writers judged in the United States. Six months earlier, on something of a whim, I had decided to enter the unpublished section with my debut novel, *People Like You*.

The submission rules require entrants to submit the first 5000 words along with a synopsis. I had a week before the deadline. What followed were long days and restless nights rewriting, editing, shifting sentences, and endlessly questioning whether the plot worked at all. Sleep was elusive. In the small hours, doubts crept in: was it credible, was it good enough, would it be ready in time?

People Like You is a suspense thriller set near Windsor. At its heart is a woman searching for her missing father, uncovering truths about a company, and about herself, that threaten an entire community. Like most novels, it sounds deceptively neat when summarised. Writing it has been anything but.

I have been working on this book for ten years. During that time, my parents died, two dear cats were lost, Covid arrived, and my husband and I faced various illnesses. The novel has threaded its way through everything. Writing is hard, solitary and unsociable, and I am fortunate to have an understanding family. I was also lucky to have the chance to write a column for this magazine, and I remain grateful to Peter Bowman for his encouragement.

Any recognition offers a much-needed boost, but what struck me most about the competition was the generosity behind it. The judges volunteer their time, reading every submission and giving feedback. The comments I received were detailed and thoughtful, helping me to improve my work further. That, in itself, felt like a gift.

Putting my work out into the world felt risky. At sixty-five, I wondered why I was doing it at all. Who did I think would be interested? Why was I setting myself up for possible failure? But life, I have learned, is about taking small risks - having a go, even when the outcome is uncertain.

It still amazes me that a story written in Dorney found its way across the Atlantic. Whether *People Like You* will ever be published depends on many things, including luck. I retire from my career in 2026, which should allow more time for writing.

Returning to the skull: never in a million years did I expect to hear back, let alone be named a finalist. I was delighted and astonished to come third in the competition and to see my name on the Kiss of Death website.

If you happen to meet me walking my dog, I may even be wearing my medal.

And, in keeping with the memento mori theme, my children have been instructed that if my manuscript remains unpublished when I die, they are to place it in my coffin with me. So be it.

Mo Voaden

Alarm in Dorney Reach over Abandoned Vehicles

Something is going on. If you live in a residential area anywhere in the country you may open the curtains and think to yourself 'that car outside, it's still there.' Several months later, it still is. Your neighbour says, yes, there's one in our road too. It's real - Nicholas Mantel, head of Churchill Motor Insurance, has said: "The number of abandoned vehicles is rising sharply, blighting our communities, taking up valuable parking spaces, and straining council resources.'

Well, what about *our* community and the resources of *our* county council? Chatting to neighbours in Dorney Reach indicates clear exasperation and anxiety about this problem, both the number of such vehicles and their often-inconvenient location and the social effects which follow. To quote from an actual report on *Fix My Street* 'The car door looks as if someone has attempted to break in...there is a lot of activity with strange cars been parked here over the last 9 months or so....and suspect activities after hours late at night'. I counted reports of seven separate vehicles apparently left in Dorney Reach in the last couple of years and have heard reports of comings and going around vehicles, a car dumped by transporter and drugs paraphernalia seen in vehicles.

Of course, such vehicles are by no means necessarily criminal in origin and possibly not even truly 'abandoned.' But the increase in local reports mirrors a national trend. In 2024 just under one hundred thousand such reports were made to councils representing a 34% increase over the last two years. Reasons suggested for this trend have included the increase in motoring costs with it cheaper to abandon an old car rather than pay for repairs or disposal (but by and large the Dorney Reach reports are not of 'old' cars), expensive or limited urban parking leading to dumping of unused vehicles in quiet, accessible residential areas, dropping scrap values of old cars and 'illegal activity' ranging from avoiding DVLA fines to far murkier motives.

What can 'the council' do for us, and what can we residents do to help? Dealing with these vehicles is the responsibility of Bucks Council via their Neighbourhood Services team (responsible mainly for refuse collection). The police are not involved unless there is clear criminality or dangerous obstruction. In 2024 Bucks received 5,483 reports via *Fix My Street* and deemed only 734 of them possible abandoned vehicles with 22 of these finally removed and destroyed at a cost of £978 a time. This low ratio (which still costs over £19k a year) sounds problematic but is similar to that reported by neighbouring councils. In all fairness, Bucks (like these other councils) has a painstaking 'Vehicle Removal Policy', which is multi-stage – not only is removal expensive, it is also a quite lengthy process – and involves checking for tax and SORN status (fundamental to this issue), plus inspection officer checks and possible contact with any traced owner. Bucks want us to report if an 'abandoned' vehicle has no tax or SORN, is stationary for more than three weeks, is 'significantly damaged,' especially if there is no known local owner, or has removed plates. This should be done on the Bucks Council website or *Fix My Street*, essentially the same route. It would be helpful to keep our Parish Clerk in the loop with relevant details and photos. Our Parish Council have raised this issue with our PCSO and county councillors.

Peter Bowman

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Love and Commitment

May I wish my dear reader a very happy and prosperous 2026. The early signs do not bode well internationally and locally, as our resident lorry breaker packs up and leaves, a shiny new Taplow development beckons to threaten our tranquillity whether welcome or not.

Yet we still, by accident of birth, remain one of the most fortunate races on the planet although sometimes the beauty of this has difficulty in shining through the gloom. A very effective way of rising above all this in an age of 24/7 news is simply to avoid all news completely and escape to a pink and fluffy world of your private sanctuary: mine being the lovely Mrs. Quincey and classical music.

The problem however is that I am born noseey and terrified of missing something, with the result that, like all addicts, I'm drawn back into 24/7 news once more, ninety per cent of which is bad; but occasionally the gloom dissipates to reveal.... well read on.

My reader may recall that I earn a meagre crust in the ambulance service three days a week. Not Casualty, more a green suited Postman Pat in and out of clinics. There is no Patient Transport in Holby City, but where they rush them into hospital, we take them out and keep them safe.

It had been a bad day. The weather was grim, my two patients anxiously fretted as we sat stationery on the M40 waiting for Thames Valley's finest and Trumpton to sort out a lorry fire that had completely shut the motorway. I gave what reassurance I could that we would get to their appointments in time for their essential life enhancing treatment and rather selfishly looked forward to a delicious and well-earned breakfast in one of my favourite hospital canteens where the staff always spoil we green suits. For added pressure I was busting too. A gentleman does not say why.

Finally we arrived after passing the scene of a person having a far worse day than I, found the clinics, experienced the bliss of resolving the other problem, washed hands and hurried to my favourite canteen ladies, stomach rumbling anticipating smiling ladies ladles at the ready behind warm plates and oodles of hot bacon, sausages, fried and scrambled eggs, hash browns, fried bread with pots of coffee on the end. On arrival, there was only a gangly youth in a white smock and silly hat, busily ignoring we customers as something apparently more important rivetted what concentration he had under one of the empty and cold counters which should have contained the aforementioned goodies. We waited a respectful minute or so, and bravely I said,

"Excuse me, are you serving breakfast?"

No reaction.

"Excuse me please," I raised my voice deferentially but louder, "are you serving..."

"No hot food till twelve o'clock!" came the authoritative faceless voice.

"Excuse me," I pleaded in my 'poor old soul' voice which usually works, "but have you got a hot pasty or something..."

"No hot food till..."

"Yes, you said that already," I replied tetchily to the tattooed apparition who finally took the trouble to scowl at us.

I was bitterly disappointed. My world had fallen apart. Where were my lovely smiling canteen ladies, all chatty and Mumsy? I had no idea, but walked away sadly, head down to my cold

ambulance where I poured a luke-warm 'Thermos' coffee into a cold cup and chewed angrily on yesterday's stale half sandwich found in my bag.

I gazed sadly through the windscreen at a tatty faded Ford Estate parked adjacent to the disabled bays full of the usual 4x4's and out in the carriageway, thinking unkindly that even the Ford driver couldn't be bothered to find a proper place to park when I noticed a late thirty something lady being pushed in a wheelchair and thinking how unfortunate she was until I saw a thin girl, perhaps twelve years old, pushing her with difficulty towards the old Ford and saw as she passed the reason for her struggle; two damaged bent legs in some form of calliper. They struggled to the car where the girl carefully applied the wheelchair brakes, helped the lady out of the chair and then using the car as a prop, lurched to the front passenger door while the older lady popped the tailgate.

I ran over to them, open mouthed in admiration for the girl.

"Your young lady has made my day," I smiled to her. "May I load your chair into the car please?"

She smiled her thanks. "She's a fighter that one."

"Your daughter?" I asked.

"Yes," she beamed proudly.

"Please tell her I was having a bad day until now and she and you have made my week."

Right there was love, commitment, tenacity and courage. And there was me bellyaching about lack of a breakfast. I felt rightly ashamed as the girl smiled and waved as they left in the tatty Ford.

At another patient, I read the notes we require to carry out our duties safely as I knocked on the door. Clearly my yet unseen patient was not well.

It was answered by a young lad who appeared about fifteen years old.

"Hallo," he smiled. "Sorry to hold you up, but I'm ready now."

"Are you the patient?" I asked, surprised.

"Yes," he said as we walked quickly to the ambulance.

We chatted as we travelled the considerable journey to the hospital. He had a large holdall.

"In for five days," he stated. He was a very young twenty. "I'm having two brain tumours removed."

I swallowed hard. "I want a job where I travel the world to see for myself what a beautiful place it is," he continued as we passed a coffee shop on our way to the ward.

"Can I buy you a coffee?"

"I'll hold you to that when you recover," I said.

Added to the commitment, tenacity and courage, was certainty that all would be well and the future is wonderful.

These three people to teach many world leaders and us a thing or two!

Stay safe.

Mike Quincey



DORNEY

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL DORNEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 13th JANUARY 2026 @ DORNEY VILLAGE HALL

Present

Cllr. Jill Dax (Chair) Cllr. Anna Palmer Cllr. Martin Hardman
Cllr. Martyn Westcott-Wreford Cllr. Robert Stopford Cllr. Stephen Baker
County Cllr. Cole Caesar
Clerk Ruth Senior and 1 member of the public

Public Forum

Peter Bowman reported that the abandoned vehicle problem is still an issue with the same Mercedes on Oak Stubbs Lane with no TAX/MOT and a silver van on Harcourt Road which does have TAX&MOT.

It was agreed the Clerk will contact our PCSO for advice again and check on the Fix My Street status with Bucks Council.

Peter and other Dorney residents have also been in touch regarding the change to the No15 Carousel bus service from the beginning of January which has cut out the route along Court Lane and Marsh Lane. **It was agreed** the Clerk will contact Carousel for reconsideration.

PC/01/26 Apologies for absence

County Cllr. Kirsten Ashman

PC/02/26 Declaration of interest on any items of business on this Agenda

There were none declared.

PC/03/26 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2025

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

PC/04/26 To receive the Clerk report

The Clerk circulated the report prior to the meeting with updates on:

Antisocial behaviour at Dorney Village Hall – as this is Bucks Council land, the Police and Bucks have asked for evidence to be provided of any cases of anti-social behaviour.

CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy spend has been added to the Finance Regulations for review in May.

Assertion 10 compliance - .gov.uk emails for all Councillors will come into effect soon.

Ashford Lane Bridge – The response from Bucks Council is that the whole bridge will be removed however replacement is estimated at over £2 million therefore will not be an immediate project. It was noted that this is a legal footpath and access on Palmer land, so must be re-instated – **It was agreed** the Clerk will continue to pursue this as the bridge at Taplow which was bigger, was £300,000 to replace. County Cllr. Caesar will also take this forward.

PC/05/26 Items of business carried forward

Orchard Herbs - The Parish Council received an update from Enforcement in December to report that progress is being made and will continue to be closely monitored until the site is clear. **It was agreed** the Clerk will continue contact with enforcement and also email Stephanie Penney for the work being undertaken by Billy Johal.

PC/06/26 Planning

Update from Cllr. Stopford:

New Planning applications

1. PL/25/55544/FA 52 Meadow Way Dorney Reach Buckinghamshire SL6 0DS
Following a Demolition of existing part rear extension, Erection of a Single Storey Part Rear & Part Front Extension – No comments to be made

Ongoing applications

1. 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.
This has now gone to the Planning Inspectorate on appeal based on grounds of non-determination. All our submissions to Bucks Council will be forwarded to the planning inspectorate, but we have an opportunity to make an additional submission – Agreed a submission containing flood information be sent.
2. PL/24/0586/FA Court Farm Common Road Dorney Buckinghamshire SL4 6QA
3. 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
On going. On 13th November the EA wrote maintaining their objection to the development.

PC/07/26 Finance

07.1 The cashbooks were circulated prior to the meeting and approved.

07.2 The proposed budget was circulated by Cllr. Westcott-Wreford prior to the meeting and **agreed**. The main changes were an agreed 4.5 % salary increase for the Clerk and increased charges for streetlighting electricity.

07.3 A precept increase of 7% was recommended by the Finance Committee. The Council **resolved** to accept this recommendation and the Clerk will inform the Precepts Team at Buckinghamshire Council. This will result in an approximate deficit of £4900 at the end of the financial year.

07.4 **It was agreed** that the Clerk will contact Kuldip Kainth to complete the Internal Audit for Dorney Parish Council for the year ending 2025/26.

PC/08/26 To agree the Parish Council action plan for 2026/2027

A draft action plan was circulated by Cllr. Dax prior to the meeting. A couple of items were removed and added, the agreed plan will be available to view on the parish council website.

PC/09/26 To update on Dorney playground

The Parish Council have received notice from Maria Holloway as she will be stepping down from the Playground from July 2027 and has been unable to recruit anyone to take over.

Cllr. Baker will contact parents from the school Governor board and ask for volunteers.

We will monitor this and consider a long-term plan.

PC/10/26 To discuss the Roundmoor Ditch system flooding

Cllr. Hardman circulated a full report on this prior to the meeting – in summary:

The most likely cause of the flooded areas are the discharges from the Slough Treatment Works (STW), both an increase in rainwater and increased water table can be ruled out as the causes.

STW are planning to increase the number and volume of discharges so the need to prove this is the cause is urgent.

The next report is due in April 2026 on the discharges.

One option is to install flow monitors – more work on the costings and permissions needs to take place.

It was agreed we should also make contact with Eton Wick Council and Waterways groups.

It was agreed that Cllr. Hardman will continue the investigation.

PC/11/26 To update on speeding issues in Dorney and Dorney Common

A response from Bucks Council has only recently been received and needs to be fully reviewed before comment.

It was agreed that the whole chain of communication will be forwarded to County Cllr. Ceasar for review.

PC/12/26 To update on Dorney Village Hall

It was agreed the Clerk will continue to work with Bucks Council to resolve the car park flooding issue. The Clerk confirmed that the new Playgroup should be starting very soon, they are just awaiting sign off from Ofsted.

PC/13/26 To consider any complaints/comments received from residents

Bus service – discussed under open forum.

Wildlife signs on Marsh Lane, Dorney Reach – the second sign for travelling south will be installed.

Pavement blockage outside Dorney Cottage – the resident has assured the Council that the pavement will be kept clear from bins.

PC/14/26 Items to consider for discussion at the next meeting on 24th March @ Dorney Village Hall

Resurfacing update from County Cllr. Ceasar – following confirmed reports of resurfacing along Boveney Road, Village Road and Lake End Road.

CIL spend wishlist.

Draft Action Plan 2025/2026

Updated: 12 January 2026

		In Progress
		Completed
Action	Purpose	
Heritage		
Review formal proposals for new Conservation Areas	Establish Dorney Common and Lake End Conservation Areas	NP Working Group 2026/27
Orchard Herbs Site	Monitor compliance with enforcement action	Robert Stopford
Environment		
Complete roadside verges management review	Implement biodiversity-friendly approach to verge management	Jill Dax
Complete planting improvements	Finish landscaping at Dents Corner, Marsh Lane/Harcourt Road areas	Jill Dax
Trumper's Field	Consider protection strategy: Local Green Space (LGS) Designation, Community Right to Bid (CRB) Listing, Community Asset Transfer (CAT)	NP Working Group
Memorial Garden	Implement recommendations from tree survey	Jill Dax
Trail bikes prevention measures	Continue to monitor	Jill Dax/Robert Stopford
Annual Footpath Audit	Ensure all footpaths are usable and maintained according to standards	Cath Knight, Chiltern Society
Investigate Official Bridleway	Jubilee River: Marsh Lane to Lake End Rd	Parish Clerk
Volunteer litter-pickers support	Provide equipment if available	Jill Dax
Dorney Lake resident access	Continue dialogue for summer weekday access for residents	Jill Dax
Community		
Dorney Village Hall	Management	Anna Palmer/Parish Clerk
Planning and Architecture		
Resume Neighbourhood Plan	Support Neighbourhood Plan Working Group when Bucks Council issues Local Plan	NP Working Group 2027?
Infrastructure		
Speed limit reduction proposals	Continue formal proposals to Bucks Council for three priority roads. Obtain MVAS data	Parish Clerk
Ensure EA replace Manor Farm bridleway gates	Following incident in 2025	Parish Clerk
Road condition surveys	Conduct regular surveys and maintain prioritised repair list	Parish Clerk
Ashford Lane footbridge	Continue pressure on Bucks Council for repair/replacement	Jill Dax
Dangerous Parking at Pineapple	Install mirror for junction of Ashford Lane and Lake End Road	Jill Dax
Conduct Street Furniture/Signage Review	Annual review to reduce unnecessary signage clutter	Stephen Baker
Flooding management (Lake End Common and Dorney Common with EWWG)	Consider reports	Martin Hardman
Resources		
Parish Councillor vacancy	Continue advertising	Parish Clerk
Parish Plan 2026/27	Consider	All

Boveney Court Farm buildings Planning Appeal – Update for Residents

A planning appeal has now been formally launched by Eton College in relation to **Boveney Court Farm buildings, Boveney Road, Dorney**, following Buckinghamshire Council's non-determination of the most recent planning application (PL/25/0354/FA).

The appeal is being considered by the Planning Inspectorate under the **written representations procedure**, meaning there will be **no public hearing**. The appeal reference is **APP/N0410/W/25/3376692**. All decisions will be made on the basis of submitted documents.

Timescale

- **Interested Party comments must be submitted by 9 February 2026**
- Buckinghamshire Council must submit its formal **Statement of Case** by the same date
- The Inspector will then consider all written material, with a decision expected later in spring or early summer 2026

Dorney Parish Council's position

Dorney Parish Council (DPC) is preparing a focused **Interested Party submission**. Ideally, this will be submitted once Buckinghamshire Council's Statement of Case has been published, so that DPC can ensure its comments complement (rather than duplicate) the Council's case. Some of the most important technical information now relied upon in the appeal was disclosed only after the application period, through formal Environmental Information Regulation requests by DPC.

In summary, DPC's draft submission concentrates on a small number of key issues which it considers determinative:

- **Flood risk, access and life safety**
New Environment Agency modelling (released in December 2025) indicates hazardous flood conditions affecting the land containing the site and its access routes under foreseeable flood scenarios. Importantly, this evidence was not available when the application was considered by the Planning Committee. DPC's concern is not simply that flooding may occur, but that safe access, evacuation and emergency response cannot be demonstrated for the lifetime of the development.
- **Ecology (bats)**
Although the appellant has submitted a detailed ecological report, DPC notes that no Natural England licence or appeal-specific regulatory confirmation has been issued. The concern is therefore one of legal certainty at the point of decision, rather than the principle of mitigation. As in the previous appeal, the Inspector is being asked to rely on future regulatory steps that have not yet been secured.
- **Supporting considerations**
These include Green Belt and Conservation Area impacts, access issues, the loss of rural employment use, and the limited weight that can be given to claimed benefits such as affordable housing where safety and legal tests are not met.

What residents can do

Residents who commented on the most recent planning application (PL/25/0354/FA) are automatically treated as **Interested Parties** and may submit comments to the Planning Inspectorate **up to 9 February 2026**.

Residents are encouraged to:

- **Support DPC's submission**, and
- If they wish, add **brief comments based on personal experience**, particularly regarding flooding, access becoming unsafe, or difficulties evacuating during flood events.

Short, focused comments are often more effective than lengthy technical submissions.

Further updates will be provided once Buckinghamshire Council's Statement of Case is available.

Cllr. Robert Stopford

Do you have any photographs that you would like to see in Dorney Parish News?

Each issue we need at least one front cover picture together with others to bring articles to life or just to show great pictures of the wonderful environment we are fortunate to live in.

Please do feel free to send any photos to Peter Bowman by email on

peter.bowman@talktalk.net, with a caption (if it's not obvious!).

We will do our best to use as many as possible and we will, unless you request otherwise, acknowledge the person who sends it in.

Here are a few recent photos of recognisable places that we have recently received:



(With many thanks to Joanie Wraight for these lovely winter pictures)



(and to Paul Humpleman for these)

Please send them to DPN as .png, .jpg or .jpeg format. We can't promise to publish all of them – but we will do our best on pages such as these, as well as the front covers etc.

You may have pictures that you submitted to the Dorney Horticultural Society's Annual Show or just taken on a walk. If it needs a bit of editing, just let us know and we'll do our best to help.

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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, 19	5, 19	12, 29	12, 29	12, 29
2026	Jan	5, 10, 16, 23, 30		5, 16, 30	10, 23	10, 23	10, 23
	Feb	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 20	13, 27	6, 20	6, 20	6, 20
	Mar	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 20	13, 27	6, 20	6, 20	6, 20

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