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July/August 2018





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DoT view

After writing this column, I shall put down my keyboard and look forward to a few weeks off. The number of events and concerts in Dorchester now slows up for bit, and Dorchester news will take a holiday. We have been richly rewarded with entertainment over the last couple of months. There has been DADS' production of *Caught in Court*, (reviewed in this issue); the Dorchester Artists Exhibition, also covered here; the English Music Festival; Chiltern Arts; and Benson Choral Society. If it was outdoor entertainment you sought, then Dorchester Open Gardens gave a magnificent afternoon in terms of weather and number and quality of gardens, and our junior photographer was there to record it.

Early July sees the Oxford County Music Service concerts in the Abbey, but thereafter there is little to disturb the peace of the village other than the sound of leather on willow as the cricket carries on.

But September kicks off with a busy weekend of the Autumn Flower Show and the new Allotment Picnic on the first weekend. The following weekend sees the annual Ride and Stride day for Oxfordshire Historic Churches, and later in the month the Festival of Flowers in the Abbey.

So I hope you get some down time over the summer, because you are going to be busy again come September.

Ian Brace

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A recent episode of 'Escape to the

Talking Point

Rev. Jennifer Morton

no difficulty in getting there.

Country' featured Oxfordshire and the escapees wanted to move further west out of London to avoid the traffic in St Albans where they currently lived. Had they, I wondered, ever been to visit this county during the rush hour when the roads to and from work and school are very congested. Those who live in Nuneham Courtenay or Clifton Hampden can testify to that. The other main impetus to move away from the sprawl of urban areas always seem to be the desire for peace and quiet. Those of us who live in South Oxfordshire are lucky enough to enjoy the peace of the countryside that surrounds our villages, however I won't say quiet, because even away from the road and traffic noise the countryside is anything but. If we listen we can hear the birds, maybe a fox or deer, or as I heard the other night the heavy breathing of the horses in the field next door. But are there other sounds we should be listening out for?

It is all too easy in our communities, when our lives are busy, to miss hearing when our neighbours are in need of a listening ear. We can become complacent that the small community spirit will prevail and assume everyone has regular contact with someone. However for those who have difficulty leaving their home for whatever reason, isolation can become more and more of a problem. As someone who lives alone, I know that I can go a whole day without speaking to another person. Then could it become two, then maybe a whole week or more...?

Loneliness is one of the main social ills of our time but in our communities we are fortunate that for those who are able to get out of the house there are many opportunities to get together with others, at coffee mornings, lunch clubs, with other parents at the school gates, book and other clubs and classes, in Church. This presupposes that there is

We must remember that it is not only the frail and elderly that are so often housebound, but also parents with new babies or young children.

However over the summer many of these opportunities will not be there to provide a meeting point and it becomes even more difficult not to feel trapped and isolated. Our Churches are one place each week that can offer a welcome and friendship when all else takes a break but even these are not always easy buildings to access or comfortable if they have no facilities, however warm the welcome.

So, as we approach the holiday season when so many of these regular opportunities to get together take a break, can we listen out for those whose voices in our communities we need to hear? What as friends and neighbours can we be doing to make sure that no-one that we know feels abandoned or alone?

Note from the Rector

I do hope that you all have the kind of relaxing summer that suits you and, as Jennifer says do listen out for those who might be missing family or friends who have a different pattern of life in August. Unusually for me I shall be away for most of the month of August this year and so may I wish you a refreshing summer.

Thank you to the Abbey choir who have a break from choir practice and Sunday services during August – we always miss them and look forward to the first Sunday in September!

To all the volunteers who welcome people in the Tea Room, Museum, as Abbey Stewards, to services and by keeping our grounds beautiful. I am often thanked for MY hospitality – which is really yours!

To many people who do jobs for the community across the whole village – I hope you don't think it presumptuous but a BIG thank you for organising community events, keeping the War Memorial and other public areas looking good, helping in the school and pre-school, serving on all kinds of committees and keeping community life alive!

Particularly to everyone from the community who took part in two Abbey fundraisers last month, Open Gardens and Safari Supper, and to Steph and Nick Forman, Hilary Warburton and all the supper hosts for their generous work.

The terribly sad news that Steph's father had died in a tragic accident came in the week that the Dorchester News went to print and I know everyone joins us in recording our sadness at this news and our love for Steph, Nick, Josh and Ella, and Mary, Steph's mother.

Morning Service Sunday 1 July Sea Sunday

The Mission to Seafarers works in over 200 ports providing help and support to the 1.5 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat.

Through their global network of Chaplains, Staff and Volunteers they care for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs offering them practical, emotional and spiritual support through ship-visits, Flying Angel seafarers' centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services. We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Victor Story (whom you may remember as Vicar of The Miltons and Great Hasely) who has worked as a Seafarers Chaplain and will tell us more about the work of the Charity. The Mission to Seafarers is one of the Charities we support from time to time through Abbey charitable giving.

Mission Partners Sunday 2 September

As reported in the June edition of the News Tony and Katherine Paton will be on leave in the UK this summer. We have supported Tony and Katherine in their ministry in Laos through the Church Mission Society for more than six years now and the money raised in the Tea Room enables us to continue this and to support a range of different charities nationally and internationally. Tony and Katherine will be visiting and we can now confirm that they will be with us for our Morning Service on **2 September** (not 1 July as we thought at one stage). If you would like to meet them in a smaller group please let us know.

The Dorchester Team is (nearly) 40!

The Dorchester Team was created in 1978 and so this year we will celebrate our 40th Birthday. We plan to celebrate on **29 September** with a special Team Service in the Abbey at 10.30am. We will also mark the actual date of the legal Instrument that brought the team into being nearer to its actual date. **We would love to hear from you** if you were involved in the original plans for the Dorchester Team (especially if we have lost touch) or if you have any photographs of past Team events. We are one of the oldest Teams in the country – something worth celebrating!

LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey is coming to the Abbey on 20 October 2018!

An original and exciting installation is planned for the Cloister Gallery. Utilising a range of visual and audio media including a projection of breathtaking images of the Cosmos from the Hubble telescope, it will be entitled: **LIGHT – A Spiritual Journey**.

This unique event is due to open on **20 October 2018**; definitely not to be missed!

Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of World War One

As one of the village events to mark 11 November 1918 Dorchester Abbey will offer the opportunity for the whole community of Dorchester to honour the memory of those who died during World War One, either as a result of military or civilian service. If you have the names of anyone you wish to commemorate and, importantly, regardless of whether you, or they, have a connection with the village of Dorchester, you are invited to join in.

This project is in addition, and complementary, to the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Abbey and the War Memorial on the High Street on 11 November.

The commemoration will mark the 100th anniversary of the Armistice by creating a 2018 memorial which can be part of the other ceremonies marking the date. Its scale will depend upon how many people wish to contribute. It will be something beautiful and moving to bring family and friends to view, or to visit quietly alone. The Parish Council, the Village Hall, the British Legion, Dorchester Historical Society and the school and pre-school will be working together on this and other projects to ensure that this will truly be a whole community project to which everyone may contribute, in either support or creativity, whether they are residents or visitors.

More details will follow but, in the meantime, please let the Rector or Denise Line know if you have any red wool, black buttons (no larger than one inch across) or red fabric scraps (even if they have a pattern) to donate. Or leave them at the Rectory, Manor Farm Road, clearly marked 'Poppies'. From 1 July, there will be information and materials freely available in the back of the Abbey for anyone who wishes to learn more, or to take part.

No donation of money will be required in any contribution you choose to make to this project. For people who like to create, there will be poppies to fashion, but everyone can join in, creatively or otherwise.

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Dorchester WI



INSPIRING WOMEN The Dorchester WI will be visiting Brightwell Vineyard at Shillingford on Thursday **13 September** at 2.30pm and **would welcome anyone else in the village to join them on this visit.** The afternoon should be very interesting learning about the history of the vineyard, the variety of grapes grown and their care, the process of making the wine and an opportunity to taste and, if you like, buy wine. At the end of the afternoon we are given tea at the vineyard. The cost per person for the visit is £12. Please phone Susan Jupp (**01865 341066**) if you would like to come.

In August the WI and several other residents of Dorchester will be visiting Highclere Castle in the afternoon of **Thursday 9 August**, a visit we are all very much looking forward to.

The Dorchester WI would welcome new members to join us, particularly younger ladies, so new residents in the village please think about it, and if a number of you joined together as a group you could bring new dynamism into the Dorchester WI and make it as you would like it to be.

Susan Jupp
Secretary

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Hopefully you'll be

Hempcroft Allotments July/August

having lots of sunshine, but enough rain to keep things growing. Don't forget to keep sowing over the summer, there are lots of things to put in now that will keep your garden productive over the winter and into next year.

A seed to try which may be new to some members, Squash Tromboncino a climbing squash, also aptly called Crookneck Squash. Perfect for growing where space is limited, grown up a trellis the fruits will push through the gaps creating an interesting ornamental display. This Italian cultivar from Liguria is actually a variety of butternut squash, picked while still tender and green. As well as looking incredibly ornamental in the garden, it has the flavour of artichokes.

Outside

- Dwarf french beans (up to early July) in warmer areas only

- Last sowings of root crops including carrots, beetroot, turnips (July)
- Winter radishes and swedes
- Swiss chard and leaf beet
- Oriental greens (mustard greens and turnip greens)
- Lettuce, moving over to winter varieties by late August, rocket, cress and salad radishes
- Fennel
- Spring cabbage (from late July)
- Bunching and spring onions.

July/August Pests and Diseases:

Slugs, snails. Aphids, caterpillars, powdery mildew, can be troublesome.

An important note: Please do not put eggshells/household waste on your compost heap it attracts vermin.

We have professional grade weed mat which is available 4m wide and sold by the linear meter at £2.50 per linear meter. (Example 4m x 10m = £25.00)

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Archaeological excavation in the allotments

This year will see the final season of the long-running Oxford University training excavation in the allotments. The excavation started on **24 June** and will continue to **20 July**, with on-site work every day of the week except Saturdays. As in previous years there will be a general open day for the excavation, on **Saturday 14 July** to which all are warmly invited.

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Allotment Party

There will be an 'allotment summer party' on **2 September** from 12.30pm on the allotments. All members and villagers will be invited to come along and bring their own drinks and picnic food to share with others. Free of charge and all welcome.

See separate advert on page 8, and notices on allotment.

Old and new members welcome!

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St Birinus Primary School News

During this year, Mrs Bennett has been very kindly working with Fox and Squirrel Classes to improve the outside area (near my office), whilst developing their gardening skills. As part of this Jake in Year 3 has been nominated

for a competition run by the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) - in the category - Young Gardener of the Year 2018. To enter Mrs Bennett had to write what she thought singles Jake out as an exemplary school gardener. These areas are

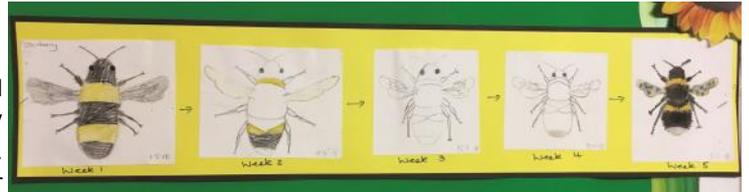
- His excitement and intuition when interacting with plants and nature.
- His caring nature and consideration for creatures and the environment
- His generosity towards the other pupils in his gardening group

The Year 6 children had a busy week taking their SATs. I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 children for their positivity throughout the week and their determination to do their best. We have also had a relaxed time by sharing breakfast together each morning, which is always a brilliant way to start the day (they certainly can eat!). I am proud of all of them and have really enjoyed these sessions with them.

On 22 May we held our annual Music and Drama evening, where we were extremely impressed by the amazing talents within our school. This evening gives our performers such a valuable experience to perform in front of an audience, whether just starting to explore their talents or those who have been

practising for a while. I was so proud of the children and their enthusiasm. A big thank you to Caroline Seed (Drama), and Jill Lloyd (Violin teacher) who were able to come and support their students; also Ian Fawcett (Flute teacher) and the other music teachers working with the children to achieve such wonderful results.

How closely do we look at certain objects, Fox Class have been putting this to the test by developing their drawing and observational skills. Over a period of four weeks they have drawn the same object – in this case a bee, and through feedback and closer observation have improved their work. The display of their work is amazing. Here is one example:



As this is the last news this academic year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children, staff, governors and parents for all their support and hard work this year. It is wonderful to be part of this great team.

Russell Leigh
Headteacher
Dorchester St Birinus CE Primary School

Pre School News



Our big news is that we have recently had an Ofsted inspection and got a glowing report scoring 'Good' across all areas. We are very proud and our thanks go to Helen and all the staff for their exceptionally hard work. We even featured in an article in the Oxford Mail which was a wonderful surprise.

For the last term of this school year our topic is 'Let's go to the beach', our numbers are from 1 to 10 and back, and the colour of the term is Pink. We are going to cook 'Alphabet soup' from all the letters we know, and the Love heart is our shape of the term. We have plenty of events coming up this Term: Sports Day, Graduation, Cake Sale and Teddy Bear's Picnic. When this is published we will have just had our fundraiser fun day at the Abbey Tea Room which hopefully we saw you at!

Children that are moving up to 'big' school this year will be having visits to their chosen school during June and July in preparation for their move. We have seven children leaving us this year, they will be missed but we wish them all the best in their new schools.

There are still places available for September, just contact Helen Morris or Hayley Poole at Pre School for information, a visit and a registration form.

Kristina Palm
Pre School Secretary



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A Festival of Flowers at Dorchester Abbey



The Berks Bucks & Oxon Area of NAFAS (the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) is delighted to be returning to the historic abbey at Dorchester-on-Thames for the third time to stage a festival of flowers.

Some of you will remember the last festival entitled 'Renaissance' in 2003. The Abbey was in the midst of a major restoration project when the plans were being laid; flower arrangers donned hard hats and viewed their allocated areas through scaffolding. All was well however; the scaffolding came down just in time and the festival was a huge success, raising thousands of pounds for the Abbey funds and the chosen charity, the then Douglas House Respite, now the Helen & Douglas House Hospice.

We are hoping for just as much success this year. When choosing a charity to benefit from the proceeds in addition to the Abbey we were delighted to discover the Footsteps Foundation based right in the village. We had spent some time deciding on a title for the festival but then it became obvious: 'Footsteps - Journeys of

the Soul', the second part of the title is taken from a phrase in the Abbey guide book.

Our area of NAFAS has 47 flower clubs spread throughout the three counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Almost all have agreed to stage exhibits and to fundraise in order to pay for the flowers themselves, for which we are most grateful. Visitors will see the work of many of our most talented members, some of whom regularly arrange flowers at Christchurch Cathedral and at Westminster Abbey and who have won prizes at Area, National and International competitions, as well as winning RHS medals at Malvern and Chelsea flower shows. (This includes 'Best in Show' floral design award winners both last year and this). Our arrangers will be joined by Sandie Griffith and the Abbey's team of flower arrangers who will stage designs in the St Birinus Chapel.

Approximately 50 floral arrangements - both contemporary and traditional - will fill the Abbey and the grounds for the three days of the festival. The Friends of the Abbey will be selling tickets for the preview evening and these will include the

programme, a glass of wine and canapes. There will be musical accompaniment whilst visitors view the flowers ahead of the hoped for crowds!

The flower arrangements have been designed to fit in with the architecture and fixtures in the Abbey and to depict a variety of journeys. There will be a Labyrinth, a Journey of Enlightenment, Footsteps in the Sand, A journey through the Seasons and a Dorchester Family through Time to name just a few. In addition there will be a children's decorated footsteps competition, details of which can be found on the area website: bbandoflowers.org.uk

I hope that many of the readers of the Dorchester News will take the opportunity to visit the Festival of Flowers and that as you wander through the historic building you will be inspired by the beautiful blooms and by the artistry with which they have been displayed.

Alison Mount
Chairman BB&O Area of NAFAS

The Festival of Flowers at Dorchester Abbey will 28 to 30 September. See page 36.



skogen KITCHEN



I am very excited to announce the opening of Skogen Kitchen, a brand new Scandinavian café in the heart of Oxford. We will be launching on the 22nd of June 2018 with tasters of smörgåstårta (extra special Swedish sandwich cake) and Midsommar tårta (layered cake of sponge, meringue, cream and strawberries) to celebrate midsummer and of course, finally getting this project off the ground.

The café has been expertly refitted by Tim Fisher and is a lovely space to enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch or just come by for a speciality coffee (using none other than the best locally roasted coffee from Emily's Horsebox Coffee Company) and try one of our home-made cinnamon or cardamom buns.

The Dorchester community has been a huge supporter of my business in the past and I know many of you have been to an Abbey Guest House Supper Club or catered event. I hope you will stop by next time you are in Oxford and say hello and please make use of the voucher below with my compliments.

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'Royal Academy Summer Exhibition'

Well, not quite, but the exhibition of Dorchester Artists certainly had a buzz.

This is the second occasion on which these artists have exhibited in the Guest House and they agree it's the ideal venue for a Summer Show; light and friendly with room to exhibit, serve drinks and give visitors the space to mix and chat.

Like the RA, Dorchester Artists provided a range of work from the academic to the quirky, from established names to newcomers, a nice mix.

Visitor numbers were high, a mix of villagers and visitors, customers were satisfied, but most of all, what you expect from a Summer Show, a friendly and convivial atmosphere.

It could even become an annual event on the Dorchester calendar providing a delightful occasion at the start of the Summer.

Visitors and artists at the Dorchester Artists Exhibition



Of course they know they're not the RA Summer Exhibition... but give them time.

Adrian Brooks

Jan Harvey

In the June issue of *Dorchester News* we reported on 'Allotment', the event held in the Abbey Guest House in April. One of the principals in this was Adrian Brooks, and the other was referred to as 'Jan xxxx'. Jan was not trying to hide her identity; this was an error by the editor and no-one else for which I apologise profusely to Jan, who is, of course, really Jan Harvey.



If you have not come across Jan before she lives in the Cotswolds and is an author and artist who is a tutor in creative writing drawing and printing.

Her first novel was published in 2017. Called *The Seven Letters* it has been very well received with some excellent reviews. The following are extracts from just a few of the more than 100 five star reviews on Amazon:

'What a brilliant first novel. From the first shocking line of the prologue to the very last satisfactory line this is an excellent read.'

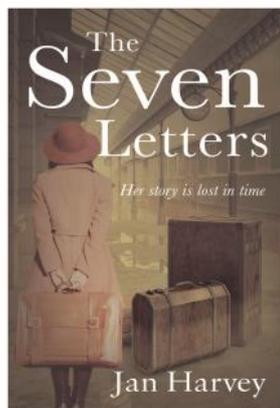
'Impressive debut novel. Really good read, well written and researched.'

'Jan Harvey has created a fantastic story of love and betrayal against the backdrop of the French Resistance.'

'This is certainly one of the best books I have read in a long time.'

It is certainly a novel that I shall be reading, and not just in atonement, but because it sounds really very good indeed.

Ian Brace



From Southern Heat

To where the green hangs shading
Above a clean-clear stream
A cooling taste of milk-stemmed grass
That's where we must go

Northern miles from yellow baking
Sere sand dune and needle leaf
Our river runs its endless balm
And that's where we should go

Lilypads, and reeded bank
Full willows' bowing grace
A sweet young breeze just teased their tails
Oh, that's the place to go

The white-watered weir still chatters on
Down -stream where we would walk
Its soothing spray a dream-delight
It's there we need to go

A shapely boat is what we'll have
Its beckoning lines to please
We'll quietly moor and take our wine
Oh yes, it's there we'll go

And here are we in Southern heat
Conjuring the cool green flow
But mixing sweat, sun- oil and sand
Next summer to the river we'll go.

John Pickard



RULES

1. The Show is open to any person residing in Dorchester-on Thames, Burcot, Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield, or with a Dorchester allotment.

2. No exhibitor may exhibit more than one exhibit in each class, excepting Classes 20, 25 and 26, where three entries may be made.

3. The **number** of exhibits in Class 1 must be the same as in the corresponding class **where applicable** and **in a container**.

4. All entry forms and fees to be submitted **no later than 7.00 pm on the Thursday evening** before the show.

5. All exhibits in classes 1-39 must have been grown by the exhibitor. All exhibits in classes 42-55 must be home produced by the exhibitor. All pot plants must have been owned for a minimum of 4 months.

6. Exhibitors must provide their own dishes, stands etc. Every care will be taken of the exhibits but the committee will not be held responsible for loss or damage.

7. On the relative merits of the exhibits, the opinion of the judges shall be final, but the committee reserves to itself the decision on any other points in dispute.

8. The Committee reserves the right to inspect any competitor's garden or allotment before or after the day of the show.

9. All exhibits for competition must be staged **between 9.00 am and 10.30 am** on the day of the show.

10. All competitors must leave their exhibits on show until after the Prize giving and raffle and **clear immediately afterwards**.

11. Any protests must be made in writing before 3.00 pm on the day of the Show.

12. Any exhibitor infringing any of these rules will be disqualified.

**DORCHESTER-ON-THAMES
AUTUMN FLOWER SHOW**

and

Plant Sale/Raffle

in

DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

on

Saturday 1st September 2018

Staging 9.00 am -10.30 am

Viewing 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm

Raffle draw and
presentation of prizes from 3.40 pm

Exhibitors will be competing for:
The Amey Rose Bowl, The Rose Plate,
The Amey Tankard, The Fruit Plate,
The R Belcher Onion Cup,
The Floral Art Cup, The Runner Bean Plate,
The Britain in Bloom Cup, The Best Vegetable Award,
Vegetable Collection Plate,
The Best Kept Allotment, The Pat Cheese Potato Cup,
Victoria Sandwich Award, The HC Smith Dahlia Cup,
The Blackwell Photography Cup
The Jerry Nudds Fruit Cake Plate and
The Jenny Nudds Tomato Cup

Section 1 - Vegetables

- 1) Collection of 4 different types of vegetables (see rule 3)
- 2) Potatoes 5 white
- 3) Potatoes 5 coloured
- 4) Carrots 3, foliage 3" max
- 5) Parsnips 3, foliage 3" max
- 6) Onions 5 from sets
- 7) Onions 5 from set/seed max 3" dia
- 8) Shallots 7
- 9) Beetroot 3
- 10) Runner Beans 5
- 11) Longest Runner Bean
- 12) French Beans 5
- 13) Any other beans 5
- 14) Marrow 1, fit for table (up to 12" long)
- 15) Peppers 2
- 16) Tomatoes 5
- 17) Tomatoes, Cherry type 7
- 18) Cucumbers 2
- 19) Courgettes 3 (4-6" long)
- 20) Herbs - 4 bunches in water (space 12"x12")
- 21) Any other vegetable (see rule 2)
- 22) Squash 2
- 23) A disaster vegetable

Section 2 - Fruit

- 24) Apples, Cooking 5
- 25) Apples, Dessert 5
- 26) Berry Fruit (see rule 2)
- 27) Any other fruit (see rule 2)

Section 3 - Flowers

- 28) Flowering plant in pot, pot not to exceed 8" diameter
- 29) Foliage plant in pot, pot max 8" dia
- 30) Dahlia - 1, 6" diameter and over
- 31) Dahlias - 3, 3" to 6" diameter
- 32) Rose - 1 bloom any type
- 33) Roses - 3 stems, one variety or mixed
- 34) Flowering shrub - 3 stems, one variety
- 35) Berried shrub, including hips - 3 stems, one variety
- 36) Michaelmas daisies - 3 stems
- 37) Annuals - 3 stems, one variety
- 38) Annuals - 5 stems, all different plant families
- 39) Biennials or Perennials - 3 stems, one variety
- 40) Biennials or Perennials - 5 stems, all different plant families

Section 4 - Flower Arrangements

- 41) 'Mardi Gras' (max 46x46x46cm/18x18x18")
- 42) 'Flavour of the sea' (max 20x20x20cm/8x8x8")

Section - 5 Domestic

- 43) Tarte Tatin
- 44) Gentleman's Fruit Cake
- 45) Victoria sponge, caster sugar topping, jam filling
- 46) A tear and share loaf
- 47) Savoury scones - 3
- 48) Pot of Jam - sealed with plain screw top lid
- 49) Pot of Jelly, sweet or savoury - sealed with plain screw top lid

Section 6 - Photography and Art - All unmounted, not exhibited previously.

- Classes 49 & 50: Conventional or digital camera (*must not be manipulated or enhanced in any way*) Max 8" x 6"
- 50) 'Remembrance'
- 51) Subject beginning with "B"
- 52) Manipulated photograph, any subject - up to A4
- 53) An unframed painting or drawing - please state size on entry form

Section 7 - Children All own work please - state age on exhibit

- 54) Age 9 and over: A paper boat
- 55) Age 8 and under: A paper boat

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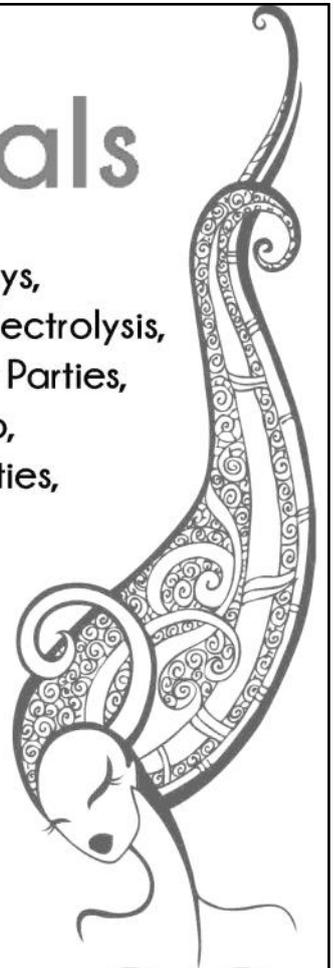
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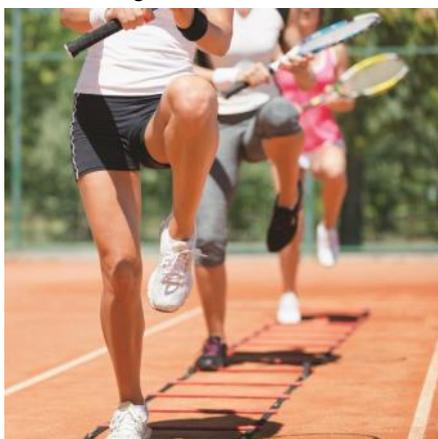
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Oxfordshire Cricket Association



Division 3

Date	Match	Result
19/05/2018	West Ilsley v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 4 wkts
02/06/2018	Marcham v Dorchester	Dorchester win by 21 runs
09/06/2018	Dorchester v Brill	Brill win by 32 runs

Division 6

Date	Match	Result
26/05/2018	Dorchester II v Chalgrove	Chalgrove win by 77 runs
02/06/2018	Dorchester II v Chesterton	Chesterton win by 1 wkt
09/06/2018	Chalgrove v Dorchester II	Dorchester II win by 58 runs



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4	Chequers First	23	16	3	4	34	51
5	Oxford Brookes University Fourth	24	14	0	10	19	42
6	Masons Arms First	24	12	1	11	16	37
7	Union Street First	24	11	2	11	0	35
8	East Oxford Firsts	24	11	1	12	5	34
9	Great Milton Reserves	24	8	2	14	-51	26
10	Chinnor A	24	5	2	17	-38	17
11	Thame United Churches First	24	3	2	19	-41	11
12	Headington Butchers First	24	3	2	19	-96	11
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Julia Morrison 1933-2018

Julia was born in 1933 into a privileged farming family at Beckley Park Farm, Near Oxford. Despite the distraction of the war she was able to grow up safely and maintain her excellent academic studies. She passed all her school certificate subjects with distinction at the age of 15, and as she was too young to go straight to architectural school, so she was sent to Spain, to Madrid for a year to learn Spanish and ready herself for architectural studies at 16 which was youngest age she was allowed to start.

She was the eldest child of four children and had a close bond with her siblings Chloe, Jocelyn and Amanda who all survive her.

After the war Julia continued her studies and deep passion for art. She went to Oxford School of Architecture to study and qualify as an architect. It was unusual in those days for women to be so independent and free spirited. She had so much energy and enthusiasm. She owned smart sports cars and even raced at Silverstone. Even up to the week she passed away, she still used to watch the Formula One Grand Prix every Sunday and was a huge fan of Lewis Hamilton.

As a young woman she was attractive and was admired wherever she went. Julia has always been highly intelligent and had the ability to achieve anything she put her mind to.

Julia was married twice, first to my father Leslie Rebanks and had two children - Alex and Leander. However, this marriage only lasted a couple years.

Julia, then married again to her soulmate and dearest love - Donald Morrison and had two more children – Zukie and Justin.

Julia and Donald moved to Dorchester in 1966 into the 'House on Stilts' a home designed and built by both of them. This wonderful house is situated next to Dorchester Abbey and the River Thame which provided a perfect setting for a family. They built the house on stilts on ground that flooded every year and was previously used as the village dump. Nobody at that time believed it was possible to build a house there.

Julia and Donald were a close partnership, not just as husband and wife, but also as architectural partners. On complicated new jobs they would both go away and sketch out their own ideas. They would then present them to each other, decide which was best and then run with the best idea through the process of design and construction. A true partnership in every sense.



I remember the house being built when I was six years old and how Julia used to have so much energy bringing up all four of us children. We were a very happy family. Julia had so much attention to detail to each of our needs for schooling, care and interests.

Julia also had a great sense of humour and would play the occasional practical joke. I remember when I was 10 coming home from school – getting off the school bus by the Dorchester Bridge. Julia was standing by the bus stop holding a huge fish about four feet long with big teeth, a pike. Everyone on the bus, my school friends were amazed by this fish. As I approached Julia to look closer, Julia started to chase me holding this fish. I was terrified and ran away as she chased me. Finally she told me it was a stuffed fish that she had found in a store room and was playing a trick! Everyone on the school bus thought it hilarious!

Julia had another amazing achievement about 35 years ago when the UK government were planning to build the M40 motorway across our family farm, right in front of the house and garden of Beckley Park Farm and also a place of outstanding natural beauty called Otmoor reserve. Julia and her close friend Anthony Philips, who also had a farm in the path of the proposed M40 motorway, both fought the government for many years with petitions and political influence and finally won and had the M40 motorway moved to its current location today which is many miles away from Beckley Park Farm which was a massive achievement.

Julia also had a deep respect and love for nature and animals. We had ponies and a goat. Julia was also a very competent horse rider taking part in competitions and fox hunting when she was younger.

Throughout her life she loved to travel all over the world. and absorbed artistic styles for her designs back in England.

Julia always found the river life a never ending source of entertainment and delight. We were always laughing and admiring our ponies which were for 20 years an extended part of our family.

Julia would often go boating on the river and have picnics on the river bank and admire the ducks, otters and the swans busy in their own world while listening to the dreamy clear river water bubbling and trickling by.

During the spring Julia delighted in watching the young grey fluffy swans or signets which came padding across the lawn from the river with the big white mother and father swans. She would feed them from the house window.

Also during the spring the young ducklings would hatch inside the tall willow trees and the poor little ducklings had to jump and tumble 14 feet onto the grass lawn. This was an annual event that Julia loved watching.

More recently Julia always used to watch the big grey heron fishing in the river and the muntjac deer calmly grazing on the lawn by the river.

At night Julia would delight in listening to the owls calling out in the middle of the night. And sitting on the balcony enjoying a glass of wine and watching the bats flying around in an evening dance catching the flies. Nature always felt so close. There was never a dull moment and that's why she wished to stay at the Dorchester house as long as possible.

Julia was unaffected by the material world that we live in today. She loved living in Dorchester by the Abbey and the river, in the glass house within the willow trees. Having the warm familiar sound of the Dorchester Abbey chiming every hour and breaking out into a symphony of bells every Sunday. Pure paradise, a heaven on earth. She loved everyone she was surrounded by especially her long loyal friends Trisha and Jeff, Jackie and her carers. She loved everyone in the village especially Margaret who did her hair every Thursday. She loved all her family both close and distant relatives.

Julia had so much attention to detail and never forgot anyone's birthday both family and friends.

She always remembered and loved each of her seven dear grandchildren:

Leander Rebanks

DADS

Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society

The arresting new
comedy by Mike Davies:

Caught In Court!



Dorchester Village Hall
16th-19th May 2018

Hats off to Mike Davies. He not only wrote but directed, produced and appeared in this clever play that entertained audiences for four nights in May in the village hall. The plot revolved around two couples who are friends, John and Jo, and Simon and Linda. But one of each couple has a guilty secret: they have been arrested. John has been arrested for kerb crawling, Linda for assault of a Sainsbury's security guard. Both are due to appear before magistrates on the same day, and neither wants their partner to find out. There then ensues a series of encounters and plot twists that ends with the final scene when all is dramatically undone.

Mike has put together a clever play, with some nice observation of dialogue and behaviour, particularly amongst the two couples, that comes across very naturally and realistically. As a first-time director, Mike was supported by Rachel Winslet-Morris, and her hand may have been detectable here. This naturalism is mixed with some rather larger-than-life characters who appear around the court room, and who contrast with the rather everyday ordinary domestic existence of the couples, putting some perspective on the rather more routine offences with which John and Linda are charged.

The cast, as we expect from DADS, executed the play extremely well. The two couples take the lion's share of the lines, opening the play and setting the scene over the first three acts. Here was quite a task for Mark Williams as John, Mike Lord as Simon, Rosemary Mills as Linda, and newcomer to DADS, Kate Phillips as Jo. Mark Williams as ever has a naturalism about his acting that allows you to really believe in the character he is playing, that he is that character. Rosemary Mills was sparky as Linda, running a range of emotions from tranquillity to desperation. We last saw Mike Lord as Widow Twanky in Aladdin, and it took a few seconds to switch from the image of him in a dress to his role as a golf-playing middle manager, as whom he gave an accomplished performance.

This was the first time we have seen Kate Phillips in Dorchester, and she handled the role confidently. I particularly liked the scene at the end of Act 3, where, after the two men had had a trying afternoon at the golf club and the ladies had spent the afternoon gossiping, and both pairs had told us the audience about their secret, all four of them were a little worse for wear, almost tired and emotional. They portrayed this convincingly, which is not an easy thing to do, without actually going there.



Action then switched from the cosy living suburban living room to court. Now we met some contrasting characters, the likes of whom Linda in particular had not come across before. Mike Davies himself played Anthony 'Tone' James Clarke the old lag who frightened Rosemary's Linda in the waiting room with his coarseness. But she was saved by the 'tart with a heart', Magdalena Wozniak, played by Christine Jones. And what fun Christine had with this character. Cleverly written as an Essex girl pretending to be Polish, she was able to switch from over the top East European to sympathetic Estuary Girl and wrench the comedy and the bathos out of both. And the audience loved her as she pouted and strutted, particularly in her scenes in court, firstly as the accused and then as a witness. There was another comic interlude when Ed Metcalfe appeared as an Arnold Layne-like Welsh preacher, charged for the umpteenth time with stealing ladies underwear. I am sure Ed would not mind me saying that it was a little difficult to pin down exactly where in the Principality his character came from, but he certainly gave it everything.

The stage sets were very well designed, with a shifting flat transforming the domestic sitting room to court room relatively painlessly, and the idea of having the three magistrates sitting high above the back of the stage, was genius. Up there, Mike Selway was as magisterial as he should have been as the chairman, with another newcomer, Ian Salisbury, throwing in the sort of lines that second

magistrates are wont to do in my experience. (Not that my experience in this area is extensive, I hasten to add.) Michael Herbert, who was also largely responsible for set design together with Mark Wilkin, made up the triumvirate. In the court, we saw another newcomer, Russell Bailey as the clerk of the court, mercilessly teased by Magdalena, together with Sue Booys playing the solicitor with aplomb, and Maxine Briscoe as a detective giving evidence.

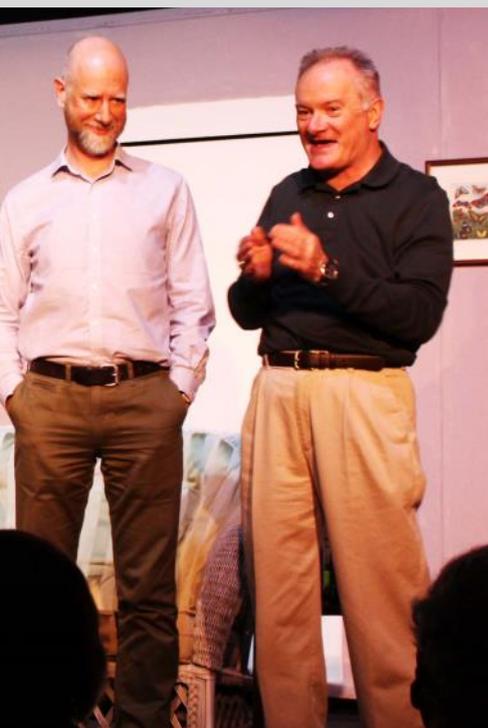
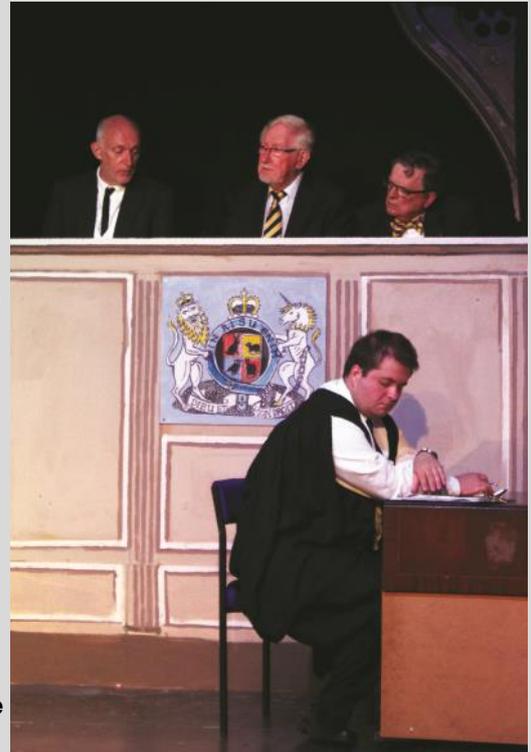
After both John's and Linda's hearings were completed, and both avoid jail, the action shifted back to the domestic sitting room, where both parties are discreetly celebrating their freedom, still without their partners being aware of what has occurred. A new friend, played by Ann Winslet, brings her husband to dinner, who none of them have met before, or so they think. But he turns out to be the chairman of the bench, the head magistrate!

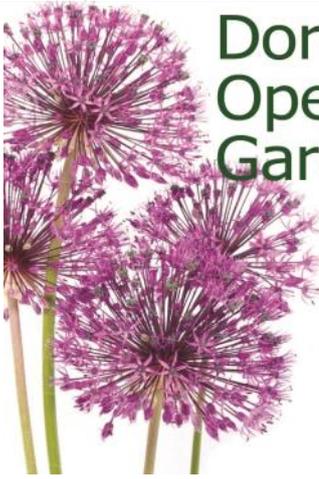
We don't find out what happens following the shock to John and Linda that his appearance caused, which I would have liked to have been let in on. Did the couples end in divorce, as each had feared, or did they all find it rather funny now it was all over?

That quibble aside, it was a great first play by Mike, with the DADS team, cast and crew, giving it their all to give the rest of us four evenings of first class entertainment.

Ian Brace

Photos: Far left: John and Simon return from their golf club, just a little tipsy; Bottom middle: both men and women are happy with their outcomes in court that day, just before it all come crashing down; Bottom: Linda meets old lag 'Tone' Clark and working girl Magdalena; Below: the magistrates preside





Dorchester Open Gardens

Sunday June 10th
2pm-5pm

The weather on Sunday 10 June opened with a mixture of sun and cloud but a little nippy, in preparation for the Dorchester Open Gardens. But as the day wore on the cloud cleared, the temperature rose and on a glorious afternoon there were 15 gardens around the village open to view. From the allotments to the Abingdon Road, there was a trail of people admiring these gardens.



The attraction of a garden comes how they it is laid out and with which plants and flowers it is stocked. In early June we saw foxgloves, lupins, paeonies, delphiniums and, of course, roses. A number of gardens contain small sculptures, including the marvellous watering can at Charlotte and Andy's allotment (below).





Gardens are also about quiet spaces—those places to sit and reflect, do the crossword, or enjoy the early evening warmth when we get it—with or without a glass of something to keep you company. Many of the gardens had just that. Several had more than one peaceful spot, to allow the gardener to follow the sun, or avoid it, as it traverses the sky.

The open gardens showed us patios surrounded by pots of plants, benches located strategically near the greenhouse, seats with arbours, and shady spots with dappled sunlight beneath trees which, on this lovely afternoon, could have been mistaken for the Mediterranean (well, almost).



Getting round 15 gardens is a tiring business, particularly on a warm afternoon. So refreshment stops were strategically located mid-way at Garden 7, where you could refresh yourself with tea and cake, and at Garden 15, where you could collapse in triumph with a glass of Pimm's in the shade of one of the Rectory trees.

Running an Open Gardens is always a bit of hostage to fortune, or rather a hostage not only to the weather on the day, but the conditions in the weeks leading up to the day, which determine what is going to be out. This year the Dorchester Open Gardens laughed in the face of misfortune, and had many wonderful displays on show and glorious weather in which to see them.

The outcome was that around 200 people bought tickets for the gardens, and spent £1260 on entry and refreshments, a new record.



Local Dental Practice Wins its second National Award



Dr. Neel Tank, Owner and Principal dentist commented "What a euphoric evening, I am thrilled that we have formally been recognised as Dental Practice Team of the Year 2018 in the South of England, making this our second National Award. The hard work, commitment and dedication from the whole team has been exceptional. I am delighted and very proud to announce that Imogen Dental is your local double award winning team!"

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Community Speedwatch Campaign

As reported in the May issue of Dorchester News, our Speedwatch campaign has the aim of raising public awareness and improving road safety. The campaign will run for a period of six months at a limited number of strategic locations before being reviewed.

The monitoring equipment is on loan from Thames Valley Police and is shared between several local communities.

During the first week of May, observations were taken on High Street and Henley Road. As previously reported, there were 19 observations of vehicles exceeding the speed limit excessively including a number above 40mph and one over 50mph.

Further observations were taken in the second week of May with 24 vehicles recorded with speeds over 35 mph. A further 3 vehicles were recorded over 35mph along High Street on 23 May.

As stated in the Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report, it should be emphasized that the Speedwatch campaign is aimed at making drivers aware of their speed and to record speeds over 35mph. Our function is to try to deter excessive speeding and not to enforce speed limits - that is the work of the police. It is not so much about who has been caught speeding but how many.

We have been complimented by a number of local residents in support of the initiative. Observations will continue to be made over the coming weeks.

Solution to Dorchester News Crossword No. 4 Compiled by Slider

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There will be a new crossword in the next issue of Dorchester News.

Dorchester Housing Survey

In the next few weeks you will be getting a housing survey questionnaire.

So what is it about?

At the recent referendum the village approved our own Dorchester Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The plan aims to conserve and enhance the village, and preserve the reasons why it is such a good place to live.

But our Neighbourhood Plan did identify that housing in Dorchester is very expensive, with almost nothing available to those on average or even above average incomes. The recent closure of Belcher Court, one of the few affordable housing schemes in the village, now to be replaced by four executive homes, has made the situation more difficult.

All this means that some people with local links cannot find local housing, and have to move away (or live with parents longer than they want to!).

The Parish Council has been discussing the possibility of a small number of affordable homes to be built on the site known as Allens Pit on Abingdon Road. Any new homes would be for people with strong local connections, who have either lived or worked here for many years, as children or adults. There would be conditions placed on the homes so that they would have to remain affordable in the future.

But before we go ahead we need to find out how great the need is. Therefore one of the reasons for the survey is to determine if and how great the demand would be for such housing.

The other part of the survey is for all households in the parish, to get a clearer idea of everyone's housing position and intentions.

The survey is being run by Community First Oxfordshire, and will be completely confidential. The Parish Council will only get the aggregate results.

So please do take a few minutes to fill it out and return it.

Any queries? Contact:

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From your MP...

...John Howell

In the last couple of months I have written about different ways in which I work and about the way in which Parliament works. I am often asked about the work that I do on behalf of the Government overseas. This month let me explain how this fits into the overall picture.

I have two roles on behalf of the Government which take me abroad on a regular basis. These are as the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Nigeria and as a representative on the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Also as a Member of the Justice Select Committee I am sometimes asked to go on fact finding missions to other countries with the Committee.

Trade Envoys are appointed to countries where substantial trade and investment opportunities have been identified by the government. My role in Nigeria is therefore to promote British business and trade interests and particularly to help open channels for people from the UK to trade with Nigeria. The Trade Envoy programme predates Brexit but has taken on greater significance in the light of it. The programme is to support the drive for economic growth by building on the UK's existing relations with these markets and maximising bilateral trade, thereby generating real and long term benefits for the UK. Nigeria is one of the largest countries in sub-Saharan Africa and has a population of some 186m people. It is also rich in natural resources, especially oil, and has a fast-growing economy. It is infamous for corruption but the current Government there is working to stamp this out. In this role I am asked to go to Nigeria on short visits several times a year. I also meet with representatives from Nigeria here in the UK and attend a series of bi-lateral meetings as arranged by the Department for International Trade.

The Council of Europe is an older and wider circle of nations than the European Union – it includes, for example, Russia and Turkey among its member states. We will still remain members of the Council of Europe once we have left the EU. The Council was founded in 1949 and currently has 47 member states. As an international organisation it is dedicated to upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law. It oversees the European Court of Human Rights. The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) is made up of 324 members drawn from the national parliaments of the Council's member states. It usually meets four times a year for week-long plenary sessions

in Strasbourg. PACE is one of the two statutory bodies of the Council of Europe, along with the Committee of Ministers, the executive body representing governments. The Assembly is often seen as the driving force of the Council, holding governments to account on human rights issues, pressing states to maintain democratic standards, proposing fresh ideas and generating the momentum for reform.

These international roles are yet another facet of the work of an MP and are an important part of the work we do on the international stage to secure the UK's place among other countries.

There is information about both of these roles on the UK Parliamentary website www.parliament.uk alongside all the other information on the workings of Parliament.

If you would like to know more about my work in Westminster, on behalf of the Government and the Constituency, please do look at my website which is regularly updated. The address is www.johnhowellmp.com. As always, I am interested to hear constituent's views on the proposals before the House. If you would like to share your thoughts on an issue you can email me at howelljm@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons.



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Further information will be available later on this month, including a list of participating churches, sponsorship forms and instructions for taking part.

For further information, please contact me:

Rosemary Byrde, on rosemarybyrde@btinternet.com

From your County Councillor... ...Lorraine Lindsay-Gale



Ground-breaking shared service arrangement between councils

Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council (CDC) are considering a proposal for shared service arrangements under a joint chief executive, while retaining separate councillor bodies, budgets and decision-making processes. The proposal follows a decision by CDC not to join the proposed new unitary council with its existing partners, South Northamptonshire District Council after the collapse of Northamptonshire County Council. The proposal will be considered by the county council's Cabinet on Monday 4 June. OCC is keen to work with Cherwell to ensure its residents continue to receive good services. The county council also believes a joint arrangement would help to secure investment in the infrastructure needed to support increases in jobs and homes. The proposed partnership is not connected to unitary reorganisation proposals, and would instead offer an innovative opportunity to make two tier local government more effective.



Making adult social care charges more fair, consistent and transparent

A series of changes to the way people contribute to the cost of their care in Oxfordshire will see some people charged more so that resources can be targeted better at those who cannot afford to pay and will bring OCC more in to line with how things operate elsewhere in England. All councils are allowed to charge for care and support to recover the costs incurred in line with the Care Act 2014. This means that people receiving social care across the nation may be expected to contribute towards the cost of their care depending on their individual financial circumstances. The changes are estimated to save £1.8m per year. This will be used to provide social care for people with significant care needs and who are unable to pay for care themselves. This is not a saving to the council's bottom line. Full details can be found here:

<http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/changes-would-make-adult-social-care-charges-fair-more-consistent-and-more-transparent/>



Better Broadband for Oxfordshire update

Oxfordshire now has 96.5% superfast broadband coverage, increasingly enabling digital infrastructure in the most rural parts of the county, with adoption of the newly available fibre broadband services running at over 54%, which is well above national average.



OCC retains 'Good' OFSTED rating for children's services

Despite the increase in cases of children at risk of neglect and abuse, the OCC children's service has received an overall 'Good' rating from Ofsted, the children's services watchdog. This is the third time running OCC has received the 'Good' rating from Ofsted. The report was published on Tuesday, May 22. It praised the way staff had dealt with a huge rise in the number of children needing protection from abuse and neglect since 2015, and the rise in admissions to care, driven by better reporting and awareness by people working with children and families. Ofsted praised OCC and found that when children are at risk of harm, prompt action is taken to understand their circumstances and protect them. Children in care and care leavers receive a good service



Taking care back to its roots in Oxfordshire

Care in Oxfordshire looks set to go back to its community roots with teams of very local people set up around older and vulnerable people in an innovative project originally inspired in Holland and so far tried in only one other place in England. Teams are to be set up around people who need care in Abingdon and Wallingford as part of a £100,000 trial to be managed by a specialist Manchester based company called Wellbeing Teams who have already set up the new teams in Wigan. Only people who live within a five-mile radius of those for whom they'll care will be recruited to the new teams – but they don't have to have any experience in the care industry – they just need to be able to offer up to 21.75 hours of time per week and have a clear commitment and pride in their local area and community. People recruited to teams would be supported by Wellbeing Teams through a buddying system and the usual DBS and safety checks would be required before recruitment could take place.



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Parishes Against Gravel Extraction (PAGE) Update



The key points are that the Oxfordshire County Council approved Part 1 of a new Minerals and Waste Strategy on 12 September 2017. The Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA), which is the annual sales planning number set at 1.015 million tonnes compared to the 2016 last 10 year sales average of 595 kilotons (an excess of 70%) or 3 year sales average of 686 kilotons (48%). This provides operators with the opportunity to apply for planning applications far in excess of likely need. Additionally, 75% of new sites will be located in our region in the south of the county compared to 25% in the west.

OCC launched Part 2 -(Site Allocations) earlier this year requesting site nominations from operators. There has been a big response with many previous nominations re-confirmed and a few new sites put forward.

All the PAGE sites of Benson, Dorchester, Shillingford and Warborough (SG 03 & 13, 5.4 million tons) and Berinsfield, Drayton St Leonard, Newington and Stadhampton (SG09 & 59, 6.0 million tons) have been re-confirmed. The key message is that the threat of gravel extraction in the PAGE area is still very much alive!

The OCC's timetable is;

- 22 May - Consultation Paper to Cabinet
- June-July - Consultation on site options
- Jan-Feb 2019 - Consultation on Preferred Options
- Sept-Nov 2019 - Proposed submission plan for representations
- Dec 2019 - Plan to Secretary of State
- March 2020 - Independent examination hearings
- Nov 2020 Adoption of Part 2 -Site Allocations

This timetable assumes no slippage, though our experience over the last few years is that this is highly likely! So we have a fight on our hands for at least the next three years to protect our parishes from sand and gravel extraction. In the interim period any operator can apply for planning permission.

The PAGE Steering Group, with representatives from all eight parishes, has agreed to continue to lead this campaign to protect our villages, with the support of professional consultants. The PAGE group greatly appreciate the financial support from Dorchester Parish council and trust that they have our continuing support in 2018/19.

Parish Council Notices

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Parish Council's Privacy Policy, which conforms with GDPR, can be viewed on the website.

Monthly Meetings – July and August

The July Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 11 July** commencing at 7.30 p.m. and the August Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 8 August** commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The Agenda will be posted on Village Noticeboards and on the Parish Council section of the Village website – www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk - three clear days in advance of the meeting.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), 5-7 High Street, Dorchester-on-Thames OX10 7HH . Telephone (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency) **07745 311439**. Texts are always welcome. e-mail: parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Cllr Chris Hill, Chairman of the Council, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames.co.uk

More information about the Village is available at

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- Tues 3 **Edie** (12A)
- Wed 4 **Edie** (12A)
- Thurs 5 **An American in Paris.** Live screening from the Dominion Theatre Tickets £10 (Adults), £6.00 (Under18s)
- Fri 6 **Solo - A Star Wars Story** (12A)
- Sat 7 Wallingford Festival Of Cycling '**The Cycling Show**' including a showing of the film **Divided** (U). 4.00pm
- Sat 7 Cycling film **Sunday In Hell** (U) All Tickets £5
- Sun 8 **Solo - A Star Wars Story** (12A)
- Mon 9 **Book Club** (12A)
- Tues 10 **Book Club** (12A)
- Wed 11 **The Piano** (15) Reissued and Restored
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- Fri 13 **Swimming With Men** (12A)
- Sat 14 **Sherlock Gnomes** (PG) 2.30pm
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- Sun 15 **Sherlock Gnomes** (PG) 2.30pm
- Mon 16 **Arcadia** (12A)
- Tues 17 **The Magic Flute** (1975) (U) with subtitles
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- Thurs 19 **Super Troopers 2** (15)
- Fri 20 **Jurassic Park—Fallen Kingdom** (12A)
- Sun 22 **Jurassic Park—Fallen Kingdom** (12A)
- Mon 23 **The Happy Prince** (15)
- Tues 24 **The Happy Prince** (15)
- Wed 25 **Whitney** (U)
- Thurs 26 **Whitney** (U)
- Friday 27 **Mamma Mia - Here We Go Again** (PG)
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Saturday 21 July: 7.00pm Angels Stage School

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Recent archaeological discoveries in Wallingford and its environs

Richard Oram (Planning Archaeologist at Oxfordshire County Council) will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about the 'Recent archaeological discoveries in Wallingford and its environs'.

Richard has been the Planning Archaeologist at Oxfordshire County Council providing archaeological advice within the planning system to South Oxfordshire District Council and Cherwell District Council for the last 12 years. Prior to this he worked as a field archaeologist for a number of commercial archaeological organisations in the UK and the Republic of Ireland since graduation from Sheffield University with a BA (hons) in Archaeology and Prehistory. In his role at the County Council, Richard has an interest in all periods of Archaeology up to and including the late 20th century, and is particularly interested in transition periods such as the Late Iron Age to Roman and the Roman to Saxon period. He is also interested in transportation and trade links between settlements and how the infrastructure of the prehistoric and Roman landscape may have functioned and what evidence for this may have survived.

This talk will be held on Wednesday **11 July**, 7.45 for 8.00pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

Katharine Keats-Rohan

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Wallingford Country Market

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Please telephone the Market Manager: **01491 681596** or come and visit her one Friday morning to find out more about your local Country Market. New Producers are always welcome.

Table Top Sale

On Saturday **14 July**, 10.00am to 1.00pm, I will be holding my annual table top sale in my garden, 1 Thames Street, Wallingford OX10 0BH. There will also be refreshments and cakes.

The purpose of the sale is not only to declutter stallholders homes, but to raise funds for the charity 'Compassion in World Farming (CIWF)'. Anyone is welcome to have a stall at a cost of £10. Please contact me as soon as possible if interested.

The charity was established 50 years ago and is a peaceful campaigning group to end factory and intensive farming methods, and to improve animal welfare. They work with some of the world's biggest food companies.

There will be no parking available, except for stall holders unloading, but Thames Street has two public car parks and some on-road parking. Dogs will be very welcome on a lead.

Please put the date in your diary as I know you will not want to miss out on any bargains. See you here.

Theresa Jordan
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Family Archaeology Day @ Wallingford Museum

On Saturday **28 July 2018** from 11.00am to 4.00pm, Wallingford Museum has organised another exciting Family Archaeology Day at the Museum.

Bring along your fossils to show our expert, Steve Head, who will be on hand to identify anything you might have found. Steve will also be able to show you some of his own fossil collection from around the world.

You'll be able learn all about how archaeology is done from the experts and see the results of recent work done in Wallingford Castle. You'll also be able to take part in some 'hands-on' work - pot-washing, identifying pottery, bones, shells, ironwork and much more. Then you can find out how to begin to identify the sort of pottery that helps to date the finds from archaeology, and even try making your own pots for fun!

There'll be a display of things found in past years in the Museum or courtyard, including the rare medieval chess piece excavated from behind the Museum which is now on display there!

You'll be able to explore the delights of the Museum - find the Roman skeleton, the woolly mammoth bones, spearheads, daggers, stones from the lost Priory; handle the cannon ball, search the 'smelly-feely' drawers, and complete a quiz sheet - plenty to interest and occupy the whole family!

Of course, you can also have a good look at this year's special museum exhibitions where there is great interest in its 'Treasures with Tales' exhibition. Residents from Wallingford and the surrounding villages have loaned the museum a wide variety of fascinating objects, each with its own special significance - from exotic to fun to poignant! Visitors are able to follow the 'Treasures Trail' and discover these things for themselves throughout the museum. Each has its own 'tale' displayed and can be enjoyed by the whole family. The treasures are woven in amongst other exhibitions which include not only the story of Wallingford's Saxon origins, its great Royal castle, the town's links with Agatha Christie, but also updates on the recent archaeology that is being uncovered by new developments around the town.

So there's plenty of family entertainment for this special archaeology day!

Entry is by Museum ticket at the door - £5 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until 30 November) but accompanied children are FREE.

Stu Darby

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Day by day

Sun 1 July **Trinity 5**
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Morning Service
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12.00noon
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1.00pm
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Fri 6 July **OCMS Concert**
7.3pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sat 7 July **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 6
Dorchester II v Wolvercote III

OCMS Concert
7.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 8 July **Trinity 6**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd David Haylett)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

Mon 9 July 2.30pm
Memorial Service

Tues 10 July 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed 11 July **Parish Council**
Monthly Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall



Sat 14 July **Archaeological Dig Open Day**
Hempcroft Allotments

Oxfordshire Cricket Association
Division 3
Dorchester v Broughton and NN

2.00pm
Mothers Union Service

Sun 15 July **Trinity 7**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Family Service

5.00pm
Choral Evensong

Mon 16 July **Service at The Close**
2.30pm

Wed 18 July **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p30)

Thurs 19 July **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

Sat 21 July **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 3
Dorchester v Chadlington

Wedding
2.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 22 July **Trinity 8**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Canon Sue Booyes)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

Wed 25 July **Science and Religion Lecture**
7.30pm
Dorchester Abbey (see p4)

Sun 29 July **Trinity 9**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Rachel Carnegie)

Weekly events

Tuesday **Coffee in the Abbey**
10.30am-12noon
Bellingring Practice
7.30pm Abbey
Fishmonger
9.30am to 9.50am by War
Memorial (p.28)

Wednesday **Holy Communion at Berinsfield Church**
9.30am
Keep Fit Senior Circuits
10.00am
Village Hall

Thursday **Baby & Toddler Group**
9.30am – 11.00am
Village Hall: (term time only)

Friday **Choir Practice**
7.00pm Abbey

Regular events also appear in the Parish
Council's website:
www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

Parish Registers

Funerals

18 May Julia Morrison
31 May Gordon Jarvis

Church services in the Abbey appear in red.

More details can be found at :

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

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Day by day

Sat 4 Aug **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 3
Dorchester v Marcham

Sun 5 Aug **Trinity 10**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Marcus Braybrooke)

10.30am
Morning Service

Wed 8 Aug **Parish Council**
Monthly Meeting
7.30pm
Village Hall

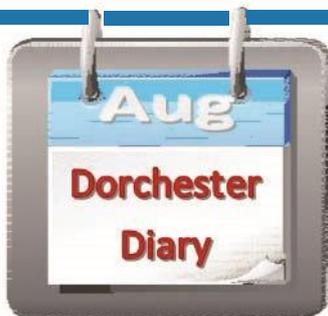
Thurs 9 Aug **WI**
Visit to Highclere Castle

Sat 11 Aug **Wedding**
1.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Sun 12 Aug **Trinity 11**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Jon Roberts)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

12.00 noon
Baptism



Tues 14 Aug 10.15am
Short Communion

Wed 15 Aug **Chiropodist**
Village Hall (see p30)

Thurs 16 Aug **Classic Car Show,**
1.00-4.00pm
George Hotel

Sat 18 Aug **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 6
Dorchester II v Middleton Cheney II

2.00pm
Trefoil Guild Service

Sun 19 Aug **Trinity 12**
8.00 am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Rachel Carnegie)

10.30am
Family Service

Sun 19 Aug **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division 6
Dorchester II v Risinghurst II

Mon 20 Aug **Service at The Close**
2.30pm

Sat 25 Aug **Oxfordshire Cricket Association**
Division
Dorchester v West Ilsley

Sun 26 Aug **Trinity 13**
8.00am
Holy Communion (1662)
(Revd Marcus Braybrooke)

10.30am
Sung Eucharist

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Dial **111** to access urgent local NHS health care services. Where possible, they will book you an appointment or transfer you to the people you need to speak to or send an ambulance if they think you need one. For non-urgent health needs you should contact your GP in the usual way.

MINOR INJURIES

The Minor Injuries Unit at Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Road, daily from 10.00 am to 10.30 pm: **01865 903476**.

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The nearest A&E units are at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford (**01865 741166**) and the Royal Berkshire in Reading (**01183 225111**)

SURGERIES

Berinsfield Health Centre: **01865 340558**
Clifton Hampden: **01865 407888**
Millstream Benson: **01491 838286**

ROOM HIRE

ABBEY GUEST HOUSE BOOKINGS

To hire the Abbey Guest House for private functions, meetings, exhibitions, etc, contact Kate Herbert on **01865 340007**, email admin2@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Tracey Francis; bookings@dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk or telephone **01865 340352**. Please telephone at least 24 hours in advance to arrange collection of the key.

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

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Report any problems with a street light to **0800 317802**, available 24 hours a day. Callers will be asked for the address of the site and the nature of the fault.

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Ring Oxfordshire Highways on **0845 310111**, available five days a week, with a 24-hour answering facility. Complaints can also be sent via e-mail to southernarea@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

BLOCKED DRAINS

Ring Thames Water for blocked drains on **0800 316 9800**. Callers will be asked for the postcode of the address where the drains are blocked.

REFUSE COLLECTION

If your rubbish is not collected on the due date contact the contractor direct. Call **03000 610610** and the website: www.morerecycling.co.uk

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

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OPENING HOURS

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Tues 2.00-7.00pm
Weds, Thurs 2.00-5.30pm
Fri 2.00-5.00pm
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm

Useful Information

ANIMAL WELFARE

RSPCA (wildlife): **0300 123 0206**
St Tiggywinkles animal rescue: **01844 292292**
Swan Lifeline: **01753 859397**

TRANSPORT

DORCHESTER FLYER

The Dorchester Flyer runs every Friday from Dorchester to Wallingford at 10.15am and 12.00noon, returning at 11.40am and 1.00pm. Tickets must be bought from Lily's in advance.

OTHER BUS SERVICES

Information about bus services, both local and national, is available from www.traveline.info, and **0871 200 2233**.

OXFORDSHIRE TRAVEL ADVICE LINE

Free journey planning and advice for people over 65 and those needing a high level of support whilst travelling. **01865 323738**

AGE UK

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WALLINGFORD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

WVC Volunteers provide help for the elderly, disabled or vulnerable, especially by giving lifts to medical appointments at hospitals in Oxford, Abingdon and Reading. You need to register as a client. Contact the Centre for more information. **01491 836345**
www.wallingford.volunteercentre@gmail.com

MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post office stops outside the Co-op every Wednesday between 10.30 and 11.30 am

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk is Geoffrey Russell of The Pigeons (next to The Fleur de Lys), High Street, Dorchester on Thames OX10 7HH; **07745 311439** (during normal office hours, please, unless an emergency); parishclerk@dorchesteronthames.co.uk.

USEFUL CONTACTS

ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory
Rev. Canon Sue Booy
01865 340007

EDUCATION OFFICER

Margaret Craig
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education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

ABBEY E-MAIL:

admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk
Contact details for Church Wardens and other Abbey information are on the notice board in the Abbey.

ABBEY WEBSITE

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk

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The Presbytery
Fr. John Osman
Bridge End
01865 340417
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Dorchester Abbey Museum E-mail
museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Fri 6 July **Green**
Fri 13 July **Black**
Fri 20 July **Green**
Fri 27 July **Black**
Fri 3 Aug **Green**
Fri 10 Aug **Black**
Fri 17 Aug **Green**
Fri 24 Aug **Black**
Sat 1 Sept **Green**

Weekdays from 7.00am
Saturdays from 6.00am

Weekly: food waste (in biodegradable starch-based bag or wrapped in newspaper, in green caddy).

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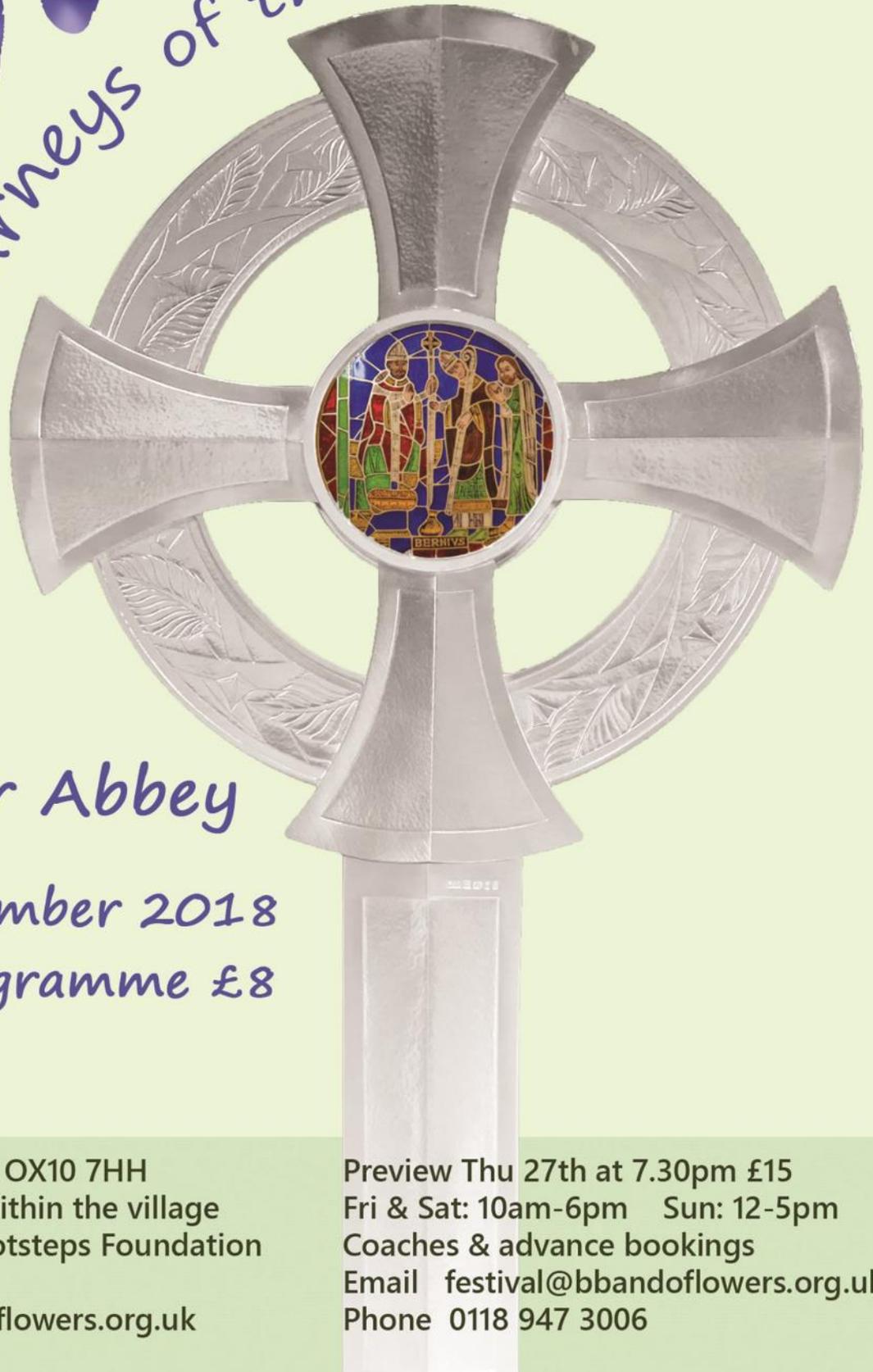
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