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A DoT view

My news this month is the change of email address for Dorchester News.

Following the demise of the old village website we are transferring the Dorchester News to the Dorchester Abbey domain.

Many thanks to the Abbey for agreeing to do this, but it means that if you have sent emails to Dorchester News in the past you will need to update to the new address which is given at the bottom of this page.

Turning to other matters, we are delighted to see the return of the Village Fete to the Recreation Ground. Well done to the Cricket Club for taking this on and I am sure we are all looking forward to a bit of welly-wanging or whatever else the guys have in store for us. Let's just hope for some good weather.

For the more sedate of us the Open Gardens is the week before the fete, always a good opportunity to go and look at other people's gardens and try to get to some tips as to how they all look so wonderful.

Summer is really here.

Ian Brace

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'You've got to grow, grow, grow big in love.' If you happen to be passing the Abbey's Cloister Garden on the first Sunday afternoon of the month, you will hear a group of children with parents and friends singing these words. This is the Forest Church, part of the Abbey's offering for children and families, along with the lovely Family Service and other activities.

Over the spring, it has been a joy to see children excitedly planting daffodil bulbs and blackcurrant bushes and making a bug hotel (definitely 5 star), with superb support from the DOTS gardening team. Together we have also been making mobiles and collages to celebrate our beautiful environment, our shared home – and to give thanks for this gift and think about how we can love and protect it. And we also

created an Easter Garden to reflect on the promise of new life in Jesus' resurrection.

With the arrival of June, the village is now in full bloom. It was a long winter, and we have lost so many beloved people in our community. We think of those of us who are grieving, for whom the world may seem to have lost its colour - for whom we pray that the message of the Easter garden can bring hope. And this is where our community itself becomes like a living and loving forest, grounded with roots of relationship, connected by branches of friendship and care.

I recently read a book called The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben, a forester. He had observed that trees are not individual

isolated entities, but rather are bound together in communities, helping to protect, feed and sustain one another. Trees form communities able to share nutrients through their root networks. It seems that trees understand that supporting the whole forest is best for the well-being of all.

This is what I have observed and experienced in our community – how we love and care for one another, especially at our times of need, so that as a whole community we can live and flourish together, while also looking out into the needs of the wider world. And as the children sing at Forest Church – may we continue together to 'grow, grow, grow big in love'.

God bless,
Rachel

Service Information

See service list in Dorchester Diary, page 34 but please check with your minister.

Most parishes send a weekly email with service information; if you want to receive this email – and for up to date information about services - please call the Team Office on 01865 340007 or email admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



Sunday 8th June 2025 10.30am



You are warmly invited to join us
for Bible stories, music and refreshments

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our churchyard: help us to 'Care for
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Saturday 28 June 7.30pm Benson Choral Society

Summer concert on 28th June, guest conductor Harry Sever will direct Benson Choral Society and members of the British Sinfonietta for a performance of John Rutter's beautiful Requiem coupled with Tarik O'Regan's haunting work Dorchester Chronicles. The concert will be completed by our wonderful accompanist Anita D'Attellis joining members of the orchestra to play Mozart's concerto for flute, harp and piano. Tickets from £17 unreserved / £20 reserved.

<https://www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk/>

Ordination Service 29 June

Ordination of Priests service at Dorchester Abbey: We are delighted that on this occasion one of the ordinands is our very own Emma. We have been so blessed by her diaconal ministry over the last year – do come to support and pray for her as she is ordained priest.

See page 4 for further information.

Contact the Abbey Office

If you are feeling fragile or alone at home, and would like to have a home visit or Communion at home, please contact Sandie or Sam at the Abbey Office on 01865 340007.

DORCHESTER ABBEY

Sunday 29th June



8.00am Holy Communion

A simple said service in the traditional words of the Book of Common Prayer

10.30am The Ordination of Priests

The service will include Holy Communion and will be conducted by
the Bishop of Dorchester, The Rt Revd Gavin Collins.

Preacher: Revd Jane Hemmings, Area Director of Ordinands

Everybody's welcome



Hempcroft Allotments June

June is a critical month on the allotments as temperatures rise and daylight hours peak, bringing vigorous growth. Action now will help maximise the harvest and give you the satisfaction of seeing rapid results. At time of writing, we are desperate for some gentle, persistent rain. Without any guarantee that our wishes will be answered, we need to be smart to keep our plots productive.

1. Planting and Sowing

June still offers opportunities for sowing vegetables (especially if you want to enter the vegetable show in September!). Consider:

- **Salad** – Lettuce, rocket, and radishes can be sown in succession for continuous supply.
- **Carrots** – Sow directly into well-prepared soil for a late summer harvest.
- **Beetroot** – Quick to mature, ideal for succession planting.
- **Runner and French beans** – should thrive now that the risk of frost is low.
- **Courgettes and squashes** – can now be planted out or sown directly.

2. Watering and Feeding Wisely

During dry spells, consistent watering is essential. It is advisable to water early morning or late evening to reduce evaporation. Aim at the base of the plants rather than spraying the leaves and consider watering deeply twice a week rather than shallow, frequent watering. Please remember not to water directly from a hose (against the allotment rules). Use mulch (straw, bark, or compost) to retain moisture and suppress weeds.

Given the active growth, plants require proper feeding on our light soil. Apply liquid tomato feed to flowering and fruiting crops and use seaweed extract to strengthen plants against

drought and disease. Incorporate organic material (compost) to enrich soil health and fertility whilst retaining moisture.

3. Pest and Disease Management

Summer brings an increase in pests, so vigilance is key. Keep an eye out for slugs/snails – use organic deterrents if necessary. Watch for blackfly on broad beans – pinch out the tips to prevent infestation. Protect brassicas and peas with netting against cabbage white butterflies and remove asparagus beetles (adults and larvae) from the growing fronds to avoid them being stripped.

4. Supporting Growth

Many plants require structural support to maximise the crop. Tomatoes and beans need sturdy stakes or canes – and don't forget to pinch out side shoots from tomato plants for better fruit production. Peas thrive with netting or twig supports, whilst climbing squashes can be trained on cane wigwams to save space.

5. Harvesting

Some crops should be ready to be picked now. Strawberries should be harvested regularly to encourage more fruit and early potatoes can be lifted when flowers begin to fade. Asparagus can be picked until mid-June after which the growth should be left to nourish the crown. Broad beans are best picked young - don't let them become starchy.

6. General Maintenance

More than ever, now is the time to keep on top of weeding to prevent competition for nutrients. And for those of you growing flowers, remember to deadhead regularly to prolong blooming and support pollinators.

Please get in touch if you are interested in taking on an allotment .

Roger Seabrook
seabrr01@hotmail.com

Thieving short-sighted Red Kite

Dorchester resident, Liz Hall, recently lost her spectacles to a Red Kite that swooped down and took them off the garden table at which she was sitting.



We probably all know of their tendency to steal food, but this is the first time I have heard of one taking other objects.

Liz would like to remind all residents to watch out for these birds and try to make sure that you don't leave things in the open that might attract them. They have been known to injure people.

She would also like to ask anyone who comes across a pair of orange oval varifocal glasses, discarded by a Red Kite with a different prescription to hers, to contact Dorchester News and we will reunite her with them.

When 'Thank You' doesn't seem enough!

Chris Timms, Marilyn, Terry, Alison and all the grandchildren would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Brian's life. We were overwhelmed with how many people turned up, it meant such a lot to know that he was so well loved and thought of.

Jane we thank you for the beautiful service and comfort you gave and are still doing.

Chadwicks were absolutely amazing from the first time we spoke to them.

The food and service we had from The White Hart was brilliant and their choice of clothes didn't go unnoticed, thanks.

The donations from so many people has reached an amazing £1000, WOW! which The British Heart foundation and Diabetic society will be delighted with.

It's been so hard for everyone, as you can understand, but we have had much comfort from you all being there for us.

Many many thanks from us all to you



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St Birinus Primary School News

We're so happy to be back in school for the Summer term and we're looking forward to lots of our usual events such as Festival of Voices in the Abbey, sports afternoon, some exciting sport fixtures and our end of term celebrations.

Children have embarked on their new topics for the final term. Our younger children are learning about transport, year two and three are busy finding out all about the Tudor times and the older children are learning about the Stone Ages with an exciting trip to Stonehenge planned.

We are also incredibly grateful to the Hurst Water Meadow Trust for helping to fund our forest school provision again and we have returned to our weekly forest school sessions over the summer.

Do you have any of the skills or expertise we are seeking?

We have some wonderful ideas for how we could improve our outside areas in our school. We would like to create a peace garden in one of our playground areas and we are keen to spruce up our Foundation Stage playground by building a wooden sandpit, installing a wooden shelter, repainting the shed and having a general tidy up.

Consequently, we are looking for people who could come and help with any of these jobs; sanding and painting a shed, planting, building planters, building a sandpit, drilling and fixing boards to walls and other basic maintenance type jobs.



Dorchester Pre-School

This term went ever so quickly being a shorter term. The new starters settled in really well and the rising 4s, who are their friend buddies really helped them to settle in.

The setting has had a little revamp. The children gave us suggestions which we then implemented into the setting.

With our fundraising money we have been able to purchase some small world toys and some fiddly finger toys which the children love.

We celebrated VE Day: we made a time capsule that we buried in the garden, and we had a little tea party and really enjoyed celebrating this.

We also celebrated Father's Day making gifts and cards and learning songs.

This term is always our busiest celebrating our rising 4s with their graduation and then sports day.

We continue to need committee members for the setting. Rachel Winslet-Morris is our chair person and can be contacted on chair@dorchesterpreschool.co.uk. If you are interested in joining, please do contact her.

Jessica Morris



If you have any of these skills and would be happy to join a working party (probably towards the end of the summer holidays in August), I would be really grateful if you could let me know so we can get organised.

In addition, if you know any tradespeople or companies who could assist us with any of the work or provide any of the resources and equipment that will be required please put us in touch. We will need outdoor wood paint, sandpaper (or a sander), plants, compost, sand, timber, tools, brushes, brush cleaners etc.

If you or someone you know is able to help, please give us a call at school on **01865 340081** or drop me an email at head.3186@st-birinus-pri.oxon.sch.uk.

Thank you!
Jo Staples
Headteacher

Valorum Care Group Summer Fete

Saturday 28 June 2025

2.00pm to 4.00pm

At John Masefield House

The Valorum Care Group will hold its Summer Fete on Saturday 28 June at John Masefield House, Burcot, OX14 3DP from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

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Robin Hood and His Merry Men Abbey Cloister Garden 10 to 12 July 2025

Dorchester-on-Thames Amateur Dramatics Society (DADS) are performing their summer production, **Robin Hood and His Merry Men** by Bob Hammond, in the Abbey Cloister Garden in July 2025.

The greedy Sheriff of Nottingham forces the noble Robin of Locksley to become an outlaw in Sherwood Forest and join a band of outlaws. Robin fights to regain his confiscated estate and win back his darling Maid Marion. With King Richard held for ransom in the Crusades, who will defeat the Sheriff?

Come along, bring a picnic, enjoy the sunshine, join in the fun, and find out.

Tickets are available from ticketsource

(**www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads**) or on the door and are £12 (under 13 £6). The performance starts at 7.00pm on Thursday 10 July and Friday 11 July, and 6.00pm on Saturday 12 July.



Village fete returns to the recreation ground Sunday 29 June

The final Sunday in June will see the village fete return to the recreation ground.

The event will run from **noon until 4.00pm on 29 June**.

There are already almost 20 stalls confirmed including face-painting, a penalty shootout, teddy tombola, barbecue and plenty more.

Visitors will also be able to meet animals from Bishop's Court Farm.

Entry is free and money raised from individual stalls will help village causes including the football, tennis and cricket clubs; St Birinus Primary School and Dorchester pre-school.

The event is being hosted by the cricket club, led by James Neal. He said: 'We're really looking forward to holding a traditional village fete on the lush green grass of the recreation ground.'

'The parish council have kindly let us take the reins and organise the event, and we hope it becomes an annual fixture back at this location where many previous fetes have been held.'

'We're working hard behind the scenes to offer as many different stalls and attractions as possible, but we'd welcome any suggestions and offers of help.'

'A number of our players have fond memories of past events on the rec, and while we can't promise the return of Graham Howard's famous 'cow-pat caper' from more than 30 years ago, there's definitely still space for a welly-wanging stall if anyone wishes to run one.'

If you want to run a stall (spots cost £15) contact James on **james.neal.1992@gmail.com**



Football Results Oxfordshire Senior League Div 2

19/04/2025	Oakley United	0	0	Dorchester
26/04/2025	Dorchester	1	3	Harwell United
03/05/2025	Woodstock	3	1	Dorchester

Dorchester Cricket Club

Cherwell Cricket League

10/05/2025	Horspath 3	Beat Dorchester 1	by 9 wickets
10/05/2025	Letcombe 2	beat Dorchester 2	by 2 wickets

Oxfordshire Senior League Div 2

League Table		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Witney Town FC	26	22	2	2	40	68
2	Hanwell United	26	19	2	5	63	59
3	Bletchington First	26	17	4	5	34	55
4	Oakley United FC	26	17	2	7	35	53
5	Dorchester	26	14	3	9	22	45
6	Woodstock Town First	26	12	4	10	6	40
7	Saxton Rovers Reserves	26	11	4	11	-5	37
8	Kennington Athletic Reserves	26	10	3	13	11	33
9	Hornton First	26	9	1	16	1	28
10	Chinnor Reserves	26	9	1	16	-42	28
11	East Oxford First	26	8	3	15	-28	27
12	Summertown Stars AFC Reserves	26	6	4	16	-33	22
13	Oxford Irish Athletic FC	26	6	2	18	-39	20
14	Launton Sports Development	26	3	3	20	-65	12



Club sessions

Sunday

Adult Mixed 10.30 -1pm

Wednesday

Coaching 9.30am – 11am

Adult Mixed 11.am – 1pm

Friday

Ladies – 10.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday

Gentlemen – 9.30 – 12.30

The weather was excellent for our **Spring Mixed Doubles tournament**.

Pairs and opponents were drawn from a hat and this year's league champions, by a clear margin, were Mandy Hipkins and Antony Atkinson (either side of the Chairman in the picture above).

The competition was followed by a lovely afternoon tea and refreshments, plus of course a lot of chat, so a very enjoyable afternoon all round!

How great it was to see the recreation ground fully utilised – not only tennis players, but also playground users and the Scouts' St George's Day parade.

If you're interested in playing tennis why not join our friendly local club by contacting rachelamarriott@btinternet.com or <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Dorch2>

Annual membership fees – £50 family of four, £32 individual, £5 junior

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July 25th - Dressage
August 29th - Clear Round Jumping
September 26th - Dressage

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Dorchester Open Gardens

Saturday June 21st
1pm-5pm

Pimms & Refreshments

Children's gnome hunt



Maps £5 / £10 for a family (2 adults)
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Donations of plants for the plant stall
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Warborough & Shillingford WI

April lifted spirits with sunshine and warmth, perfect conditions for the WI walk around Nuffield Place to see the display of bluebells.

This was my first visit, although I have often wanted to go there. Parking was easy (and free), and the circular walk is flat, suitable for anyone but the most infirm. Our party were rewarded with carpets of blue and the fresh scent of flowers.



On 8 May a VE Day service took place, at the cenotaph in Warborough, to commemorate 80 years since the ending of World War 2. Residents were joined by children from year 5 and 6 in St. Laurence junior school. The children laid a wreath and sang. The WI President Kim Tompsett, read extracts from *The Patchwork*. The *Patchwork* was written just after the 2nd World War ended and includes contributions from different members of the WI talking about life during the war. They describe the village and how it changed, evacuees, the Home Guard, food production, making clothes for the Services and Red Cross (villagers made 3,403 garments in 6 years) and life at the Inn are among many other interesting memories. The fact that we still have this book at all is a wonder. It was found in an attic in Suffolk in 1995 and returned to the village. Over the years it had deteriorated, and it was decided it should be re-typed to preserve these memories. Thanks must go to the Warborough and Shillingford Society who have produced a hard copy and a digital record in 2025. You can read it by following the link on the Warborough and Shillingford WI Website.

Another World War was the subject of Martyn Drury and Clive Richards' talk in May, entitled 'Cycling the Western Front of WW1'. In June 2023, inspired by Anthony Seldon's book, "The Path of Peace, Walking the Western Front Way", Martyn and Clive cycled the entire 1000km of the Western front of World War One from Nieuwpoort on the Belgian North Sea coast to "Kilometer Zero" at Pfetterhouse on the French/Swiss/German border. The journey was inspired by the young soldier, Alexander Douglas Gillespie, who dreamed of creating a "Via Sacra" that the men, women and children of Europe could walk to honour the fallen of the First World War. The talk was accompanied by vivid photographs and WW1 stories gleaned along the way. An important objective was to locate some of the war graves of the men of Warborough and Shillingford who fell in the First World War. Poignant and thought provoking this presentation could not help but show war to be futile.

Future Programme: Kamran Irani SERV OBN talks of 'Blood Bikers and Babies' in June; July, Jennifer Cowling 'Those Extraordinary Things We Say', Swan Upping also in July.

We would love to see you at one of our meetings, so why not put the second Wednesday of next month in your diary and come along to the St. Laurence Hall. Members come from Dorchester, Shillingford, Warborough and district. Come and join us, there is no charge for your first meeting, and you will receive a warm welcome.

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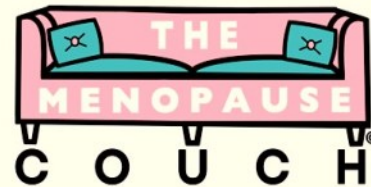
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Dorchester-on-Thames Village Fete

Recreation Ground

Sunday 29th June 2025

12.00pm - 4.00pm



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Dorchester Abbey Museum News

For the week of the 80th anniversary of VE Day, Dorchester Museum mounted an exhibition of memories and artefacts of World War II, both from the village and further afield.

The Museum is still collecting stories and artefacts as part of its on-going history of Dorchester, so if you have anything it is not too late to go along to the Museum with it.



Top: A pre-war Riley that would have been seen during WWII.

Above and left: Some of the exhibits in the Museum



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Dorchester Spring Flower Show 2025

On Saturday 12 April the Village Hall was buzzing with a fantastic atmosphere of excitement and just a little bit of healthy competition. Our Flower Show once again proving itself a wonderful community event. Thank you so much to all of you who entered (the numbers were up – again!) and the large number of you who came to view in the afternoon. It is so very nice to see a number of new faces and young families taking part.

There was a glorious display of tulips which were bright and colourful, with many different varieties on display. There were spring flowers in abundance – seventeen entries in the ‘any other spring flowers’ class!

As always, the flower arrangements were simply stunning. Every one of them really beautiful and showing great skill.

The domestic classes were well supported with five or more entries in each class. The domestic judge really did have their work cut out for them.

Again, the photography classes, always popular, demonstrated some real skill and an eye for a good shot. The handicrafts once more were an absolute treasure trove of such diverse talents. The level of skill and attention to detail is astonishing.

A special mention should be made of the children’s classes, which were better supported than ever. I hope everyone got to see them. The cookies looked good enough to be in the main class, and the collages were made by two children under three years old! The Lego entries were all very good, especially the brilliant winning exhibit. Well done children!

Both the plants and tea stalls attracted a lot of attention, as did the raffle (thanks to The George Hotel who generously donated the First Prize of tea for two).



Congratulations to this year's cup winners:

- **Robert Soffe Cup** - best long trumpet daffodils - Honor Juniper
- **Short Trumpet Daffodil Cup** - Candy Madeley (5 varieties)
- **Vegetable Cup** - David Parker (for rhubarb)
- **Spring Flowers Cup** - Claire Grant (for pansies)
- **Domestic Classes Cup** - most points in domestic classes - Ellie Ribeiro-Beaman
- **England in Bloom Cup** - Most points in all flower classes - Honor Juniper
- **Blackwell Photography Cup** - Gaynor Roberts (Signs of Spring)
- **Mary Tame Handicraft Plate** - Ellie Ribeiro-Beaman (for her mosaic)
- **Spring Show Children's trophy: The Haven Cup** - Fred Petherbridge (for fantastic Lego based on a book by Terry Pratchett 'Guards! Guards!')

Hope to see you all at our Autumn Show, **Saturday 13 September 2025**



What Goes on at The Village Hall The Gilbert Scott Hall (The village hall of Dorchester-on-Thames)



When I was a young boy our family would often go to a 'social' at the local church hall on a Saturday evening. Several dozen people would be there and one by one they would get up and do a turn. My father played the piano (he was also an organist at the church) and I would recite a poem until my piano teacher, who was also always there, deemed me sufficiently proficient to play someone's trumpet voluntary (possibly Purcell's) on the piano. Those who didn't perform made tea and served cake. (It was a Methodist church so nothing stronger was on offer.)

I was reminded of this at the Open Mic evening in the Village Hall on 3 May. The community had got together to hear a bunch of volunteer performers marshalled by Steve Eyre for their entertainment. And what a mixed and varied evening they had.

Open Mic

Steve, as host for the evening played first with Tara, a well known duo in Dorchester, playing and singing their own compositions, followed by James Pratt with a couple of popular songs and one of his poems, which went down well with the audience.

Next up was the superb duo of Julia Thomas and Matt, who are well known in local music circles. They were followed by a complete contrast in musical style with David Wilkinson playing Scottish reels on the penny whistle followed by a poem.

The fifth act, Roisin Barnfather, sang and accompanied herself on guitar, and was followed by another act accompanying himself, this time on electric guitar, the only one of the evening, and unfortunately marred by initial tuning issues but eventually getting going.

That was myself, which left several people surprised that the editor of Dorchester News also owns a guitar.



Photo: R. Metcalfe

A superb set from Uma accompanied by her dad Rishi Sharma followed, and then came Geoff Russell. Geoff talked about his time as clerk to the Parish Council and very funnily about being mistaken for Michael Caine – a story based on actual events, and a great way to round off the first half.



Photo: N. Forth

ic Night

After a short break Aled Bath gave us some wizardry on guitar and electronic gizmos. Mark and Elaine Wilkin then sang a couple of familiar old songs and were followed by Hayley Poole who sang two standards supported by David Gentleman on keyboard. Lovely.

Rishi appeared in his own right with a couple of songs, and then Adrian Brooks gave us amusing stories about Donald Trump. Rachel Winslet-Morris, accompanied again by Rishi, showed what a great singer she is. and finally the ever brilliant Robin Bennett rounded off the evening playing and singing a couple of numbers together with his son, Bryn.

It was a great testament to the amount of talent there is around with all but two of the acts living in Dorchester,

The village hall was packed with around 100 people and over £1,000 was raised for the hall. Everyone, I hope, had a good evening, just as they did at the socials of my boyhood. However substituting tea and cakes with a paying bar contributed nearly half of the money raised.

Steve finished off by saying that another Open Mic evening is likely, when we can do it all again. Bring it on.

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Beryl Fisher

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Born in 1932, Beryl grew up in Huntingdon alongside her elder sister Sibyl. Having passed the 11 Plus she attended Huntingdon Grammar School. On leaving school, Beryl worked for Huntingdon Borough Council and met her future husband Terry, who was employed in the Architect's Department at Huntingdon County Council. They married at All Saints Church in Huntingdon in 1953. In 1957, Beryl and Terry moved to Dorchester, initially living in Malthouse Lane and later Wittenham Lane, where they raised their three sons; Tim, David and John. Beryl embraced life in a rather male-dominated household, even attending evening mechanic courses to become more familiar with the vehicle parts she was often asked to pick up for the boys!

Beryl loved village life and always played an active role in the local community. For over twenty years she worked at Dorchester village school, initially as a dinner lady and lunch time supervisor then as the school secretary. She played an active part in school trips, even going potholing with the children. When Lettice Godfrey established the Abbey tea rooms, Beryl became a founding member of the team, who could always be depended upon, often helping out on Saturdays and bank holidays. A



talented cook and baker, Beryl was renowned for her excellent cakes and her grandchildren fondly remember many years of wonderful homemade birthday cakes. Her roast dinners were legendary, with many a delicious homemade pudding. In the 1970s, Beryl starred as Mrs Bumble in the village pantomime. Beryl enjoyed services at the Abbey, helping with the flower displays and was a regular attendee at the 8.00am Communion Service.

In later life, Beryl and Terry enjoyed travelling, visiting Terry's sister Sibyl in

Australia and making a memorable trip to Fiji too. Beryl was a loving grandmother to her six grandchildren, Russell, George, Matilda, Kate, Annie and Alex and later great-grandson Oliver. Beryl is remembered as a fun and caring grandma who was always eager to play a full part in their games, indulging a toddler's request to make 'messy cake' (an inedible array of ingredients that would later be flushed down the toilet) rather than the scones she had in mind!

Beryl was a lifelong lover of animals, especially dogs. Beryl and Terry had four corgis - including the infamous Tottle! In later life Beryl adored spending

time with all the dogs in the wider family, who adored being with her too, especially given her patience during a game of 'sock' and her generosity with the treat tin.

Sadly Beryl developed Alzheimer's and spent the last years of her life in Benson House care home. She died on 12 March and is greatly missed and much loved by her entire family.

Written by Matilda Fisher, Beryl's granddaughter

Affordable Homes for Dorchester

Many of you will remember the well-attended meeting in the Abbey last September, when we presented ideas on how to achieve affordable homes for the village, which included presentations from Architect Charlie Luxton, and Fiona Brown from Oxford's Co-housing Hub. Many of you raised questions of 'how' and 'where' and it was agreed that the best way forward would be to establish a Community Land Trust for Dorchester.

Well guess what? We've done it!

On 15 April, the Dorchester on Thames Community Land Trust Ltd (CLT) was officially registered, and we are now working to form a Board to take an overview of the work ahead, and to offer membership of the CLT to the whole community of Dorchester. But more importantly we want to begin the exciting work of understanding how to offer affordable homes. To this end we have started exploratory discussions with Bishop's Court Farm, Chase Construction in relation to Allens Pit, SOHA and SODC. We will keep the community advised as these develop.

With huge thanks to the Parish Council for funding the registration process, and to Fiona Brown and the Community Land Trust Network for helping us along the way.

John Stevenson, for the CLT working group.

John Rutter's 80th Birthday Tribute Saturday 28 June

Sir John Rutter is Britain's most celebrated living choral composer, and Benson Choral Society is delighted to mark his upcoming 80th birthday in September by singing his Requiem. Rutter is best known for his Christmas carols and anthems which bring a smile to the faces of any audience, and of his larger scale works the Requiem of 1985 is one of the most powerful and haunting.

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The bill is completed with the Dorchester Canticles (actually the one in Dorset!) by the English-educated but internationally recognised Tarik O'Regan who has had works performed at the Proms and at Charles III's Coronation.

Guest Conductor Harry Sever is in charge of the choir and the British Sinfonietta.

The concert takes place on **Saturday 28 June** at 7.30pm in Dorchester Abbey and will be popular, so get tickets now for £20 reserved or £17 unreserved online at www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk.

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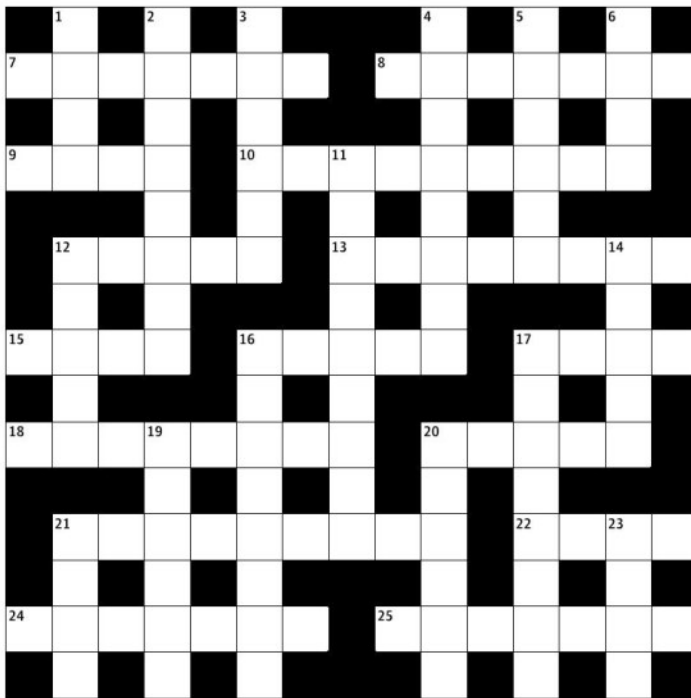
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Across

- 7 Gossip with a second change to make a noise. (7)
- 8 Informed from the right then played a winner and altered visually. (7)
- 9 Take a cut it's easy. (4)
- 10 To get fixed sounds correct for this lonely character. (9)
- 12 Overcome when crawled quietly. (4)
- 13 When there is a day short relay pea soup. (4,4)
- 15 Herb is such a wise fellow. (4)
- 16 Refinement of flavour (5)
- 17 Small flyers are alongside. (4)
- 18 Tear code apart to give recognition. (8)
- 20 Steps up to host an Irish gathering. (Not November) (5)
- 21 Seasoning to the so-called saint could be explosive. (9)
- 22 The 'ayes' have it by the sound of it. (4)
- 24 A short hoarder goes round a city and gets unwell. (7)
- 25 A little Indian goes home to Serula to begin with then gets on a train. (7)

Down

- 1 One of these may include the family Mac'Lanister (4)
- 2 Where to catch the bus? A servant comes later when no more work is to be done... (8)
- 3 ... Strike! the tents must go and we get to leave. (6)
- 4 A drug with a label (nothing red) to knock back and put down. (8)
- 5 With equality you can hear a defensive move coming over drink. (6)
- 6 A widespread idea of self-importance? (4)
- 11 When lost we break out in this (after a cd is inserted) (4,5)
- 12 At first sidecar combinations are likely to give you a fright. (5)
- 14 A cautionary sign forever in the book. (5)
- 16 There's a catch on the short trail and he won't talk about it. (8)
- 17 Once a carrier calls get some directions. (8)
- 19 This may ease a maniac lion's westward containment (one India lost) (3,3)
- 20 Orders letters for the starting price on cloth measurements. (6)
- 21 A clean transmission? (4)
- 23 One zero thank you very much, it's just a smidgen. (4)

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Monthly Meetings 2025

The June Parish Council Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 25 June**, the July meeting on **Wednesday 30 July**.

Council meetings commence at 7.30p.m. and are normally held in the back meeting room of the Village Hall.

The Agenda will be posted on Village notice boards and on the Parish Council website www.dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk - three clear days in advance of the meeting.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. A resident who wishes to raise any matter of concern is welcome to do so at the start of the meeting.

Contacting the Parish Council

The Parish Clerk is Jenny Welham. She can be contacted on **07444 239077** or at parishclerk@dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk.

Cllr Mike Corran, the Chairman, can be contacted via chairman@dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council's new website is www.dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk

Right: Parish Council Chair Mike Corran addresses the Annual Village Meeting on 7 May.



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From the Chair of the Parish Council



It was great to see around 50 people join the Parish Council for the annual parish meeting in the Abbey earlier in May. We had the opportunity to highlight what the parish council has been doing for us as residents and also to catch up on the Dorchester 2030 projects. The highlights for those who weren't able to make it were:

- We opened with thanks to your councillors and our clerk, Jenny, for their hard work, to Robin Bennet as our County and District Councillor for his support and to all the volunteers in the village as well as our local businesses that provide services and employment.
- As many of you know the government is looking to radically restructure local government. Decisions are due later on the shape of that reorganisation later in the year but parish councils will remain as the vital element that focuses on our local priorities.
- We reminded people that with local government funding in general very tight we chose to raise our parish council precept by 20% this year to make sure we have the funds to do what you want us to focus on.
- The parish council is responsible for maintaining the areas we own as a parish council, the rec, the allotments, the cemetery and the closed churchyard by the abbey. In addition we choose to look after a number of footpaths and verges that have less clear ownership or to supplement the work of the county council. We have recently made the decision to transfer how we manage our grass cutting, hedges and trees to a new provider, an Oxfordshire based company, BGG and to increase the scope of their work to provide better maintenance of things like the hedges by the rec and allotments and also to look after more regularly some more important footpaths, such as those down to the bypass bus stop.
- We have tweaked how we do parking for big events better so they don't disrupt residents more than necessary. We now use both the Rec and Abbey View car parks for more events, weather permitting. It won't always be perfect but we hope it will work a bit better.
- This year we launched a new, upgraded PC website. As well as holding the usual information this has allowed us to provide a way for residents to sign up for information updates from our clerk on things like road closures. If you haven't signed up, and over 80 households have, it's a useful service and easy to sign up for on our website.
- The parish council is allowed to make donations that support our community. We get a number of requests each year. This year our largest donation has been our regular support of Green DoTs. If you have an initiative you want funding for, try us, you can contact our Clerk.

The Clerk then provided an update on the Parish Council finances, in summary the council broadly ran a balanced budget and has a good level of cash reserves to help with projects and any unexpected expenditure.

We then provided a brief update on the Dorchester 2030 initiatives:

- We are pleased with the overall progress on the stretching goals we have set ourselves but there is, of course, a lot more to do.
- Pavilion – over 100 residents gave their view at a recent meeting in the pavilion and plans for designs are proceeding with the great support of our sports clubs. Ahead of us funding is, of course, the major challenge.
- Affordable housing – following a well attended meeting last autumn we have now established a Community Land Trust to follow the model used by a number of other communities in Oxfordshire. The land trust, provides a vehicle for raising funds and providing long-term community stewardship of assets. We have begun holding exploratory talks around potential projects.
- Traffic – our traffic working group have been focused on three areas; the bypass; speeding on roads within the village; parking on the high street. We have high expectations that this year will see both a change to a 50mph limit on the A4074 and a redesign of the bypass to remove the central hatching that encourages speeding. This is real progress but there is more to do with TVP on enforcement. On the speeding within the village we are looking to see if there is interest from residents to join the TVP Community Speedwatch programme, using cameras which feed data to the police, the most popular way of controlling speed within Oxfordshire, so if you want to get involved, make contact with us, otherwise we will have to park this idea. Lastly we hope to agree some parking best practice on the high street in particular that is sympathetic to the needs of residents with cars but also to those with buggies and lower mobility.

Nature recovery plan – a NRP is important to provide a framework for initiatives to promote wildlife. Work is ongoing to document what is already going on inside the village and we hope to finish that process in the next few months and share it with the community. In the meantime the parish council has approved a biodiversity policy that ensures the environment is taken account of in all our decisions. Alongside the efforts of the farms in the parish and Green DoTs we are keen to encourage local initiatives so if you have ideas for nature initiatives, do let us know and we'll see if we can help.

After the formal meeting ended residents had the opportunity to talk to councillors and those leading the various D2030 initiatives about their ideas and how they might help.

All in all, a successful Annual Parish Meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

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From your District Councillor... ...Robin Bennett



New garden waste permits purchased by green-fingered residents this spring

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When customers sign-up they are sent a garden waste permit sticker to put on the top of the lid of their brown bin. Each bin needs its own permit and all customers will receive a new sticker annually each time they renew.

These permits will help the waste collection crews identify which bins should be emptied, ensuring that only households that have paid for the service have their garden waste bins emptied, improving efficiency and also meaning that the councils can contact people quickly if there are any major disruptions to the service, such as during adverse weather.

If you haven't already done so, you can still sign-up for a garden waste permit online at:

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Accessible moorings on the River Thames at Wallingford now complete

Over £209,000 has been invested in major accessibility improvements at the riverside in Wallingford. Work has covered improvements to the existing access path, roadway, ramp and moorings at the riverside – in addition to the installation of an accessible pontoon designed for river lovers with a disability.

Whilst the facility is available to all, it has been specifically designed to meet the requirements of the Wallingford Accessible Boat Club's wheelyboat, WOW-one, to enable disabled and less mobile people to have equal access to the river. To contact the club for further support or guidance, visit **www.wabc.org.uk**

In a related project, a Changing Places accessible bathroom has also been created at the riverside, next to the existing toilet facilities and is now available for use. The completion of the work times perfectly with the summer opening of the Riverside site. The project has been financed by CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money, charged on new development in the district. This refurbishment work follows a £400,000 boost of the onsite wash facilities and a revamp of the splashpads in 2023.

Everyone Active grants 2025/26

Another round of 'Everyone Active 2025/26' in South Oxfordshire has launched, to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents. The council have a budget of £50,000 - with a maximum of £1,000 for each application. The grant scheme is open to a wide range of not-for-profit groups and sports clubs, town and parish councils/parish meetings, not for profit pre-schools, PTAs and local authority run schools or academies for non-statutory elements of the education programme. I was happy to hear one Dorchester sports club has already received one of these grants this year!

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County Council Election May 2025 Result

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Candidate	Party	Votes	%	Outcome
Gavin Ian McLauchlan	Green Party	1070	33.8%	Elected
Julius Parker	Liberal Democrats	930	29.4%	Not elected
Pete Longman	Reform UK	579	18.3%	Not elected
Julian Henry Orlando Kingsbury	Local Conservatives	514	16.2%	Not elected
Nick Walker	Labour Party	73	2.3%	Not elected

The turnout was 40.1%. Gavin McLauchlan now represents Dorchester on Oxfordshire County Council.

Across the county, the turnout was 35.6% and the outcome for the 69 seats on Oxfordshire County Council was:

Liberal Democrats	36
Conservatives	10
Labour/Labour and Co-operative	12
Green	7
Reform	1
Independent Oxford Alliance	1
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June

Sun 1	Penguin Lessons (12A)
Mon 2	Penguin Lessons (12A)
Tues 3	Macbeth (12A)
Thurs 5	The Uninvited (15)
Fri 6	The Uninvited (15)
Sat 7	Holy Cow (15)
Sun 8	Holy Cow (15)
Mon 9	The Phoenician Scheme (15)
Thurs 12	The Phoenician Scheme (15)
Fri 13	The Phoenician Scheme (15)
Sat 14	Falling into Place (15)
Sun 15	Falling into Place (15)
Mon 16	The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)
Tues 17	The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)
Wed 18	Parthenope (15)
Thurs 19	Mission Impossible—The Final Reckoning (12A)
Fri 20	Mission Impossible—The Final Reckoning (12A)
Sat 21	Mission Impossible—The Final Reckoning (12A)

Live Screening

Wed June 4, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Exhibition on Screen—Michaelangelo (PG),

Tues June 10, 7.00pm

NY Live: A Streetcar Named Desire, (15)

Tickets £18 (adults), £15 (seniors), £10 (under 18s)

Wed June 11, 7.00pm

Romeo and Juliet, (12A)

Tickets £12 (adults), £10 (seniors), £8 (under 18s)

Live on Stage

Tue June 24, Wed June 25, Thurs June 26, Fri June 27, Sat June 28 7.30pm,

Corn Exchange Drama Festival



Thames St, Wallingford OX10 0HD
wallingfordrc.co.uk

Local Rowing Club Races Towards Fundraising Goal with Chance to Name New Boat Help Our Young Rowers Get a New Boat!

Wallingford Rowing Club is making waves with a community-led campaign to raise funds for a new boat for their Juniors - helped along by a generous offer of matched funding from Sport England.

Wallingford Rowing Club has already raised over £4,000 through local donations, qualifying them for an £8,000 grant from Sport England's 'Movement' fund. The campaign is now in its final stretch, with supporters being offered the unique chance to name the new boat through a prize draw.

Every £20 donated via the club's Crowdfunder page earns one entry into the draw to name the boat—a key piece of equipment for the club's growing junior squad, which is in urgent need of updated resources.

'Our young rowers train all year and regularly compete against some of the best-resourced private schools and clubs in the region,' said Mrs Uma Urs, volunteer fundraiser and parent at the club. "This new boat will help level the playing field and give them the equipment they deserve."

The club, which is mostly volunteer run, plays a vital role in promoting sport, confidence and teamwork for young people in the local area.

'It's not just about rowing – it's about giving kids from all backgrounds a chance to thrive,' Mr Geoff Brown, Captain of the club.

The team is urging the community to help them reach the final target by donating, sharing the campaign, or checking if their workplace offers charity donation matching or CSR funding.

Click on the link below to access the Crowdfunder **website** and support our Juniors to get a new boat:



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-our-young-rowers-get-a-new-boat>

Chiropodist
Wednesday 11 June
 Village Hall
 Appointment only
 Call **07850 196714**

Day by day

Sun 1 June	7th of Easter 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 3.00pm Forest Church
Sat 7 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 2 v Stevenston 2 1.00pm Recreation Ground
Sun 8 June	Pentecost 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Family service 5.00pm Evensong at Nuneham Courtenay with Dorchester Abbey Choir
Wed 11 June	Chiropodist Village Hall Appointment only; see page 29
Sat 14 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 1 v Stanton Harcourt 1 12.30pm Recreation Ground
Sun 15 June	Trinity Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sat 21 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 2 v Didcot 5 1.00pm Recreation Ground Dorchester Open Gardens 1.00pm to 5.00pm Various locations



Wed 25 June	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Sun 22 June	1st after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Morning Worship with Baptism
Sat 28 June	Cherwell Cricket League Dorchester 1 v Cumnor 2 12.30pm Recreation Ground Valorum Care Group Summer Fete 2.00pm-4.00pm John Masefield House Benson Choral Society Tribute to John Rutter 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey
Sun 29 June	1st after Trinity 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Ordination of Priests, Team Service Village Fete 12.00 Noon to 4.00pm Recreation Ground National Gardens Scheme Gardens open 2.00pm to 5.00pm Various locations

Weekly events

Tuesday	Coffee Morning 11.00am Dorchester Abbey Abbey Bell Ringers Practice 7.30pm
Wednesday	Baby and Toddler 1.45-3.00pm Dorchester Abbey Mobile Post Office 11.00am-12.00pm but may vary Outside Co-op
Thursday	Wellbeing Walks 10.00am Outside Co-op Pickleball St Birinus School playground
Friday	Abbey Junior Choir Practice 6.00pm Abbey Senior Choir Practice 7.00pm
See also the Parish Council website: www.dorchesteronthames.co.uk	

Weekly events in the Village Hall

Tuesday	Move Together with Jo 1.30pm Yoga 7.30pm
Wednesday	Busby Dance for children 3.15pm Tango 7.30pm
See dorchesteronthamesvillagehall.org.uk/ #calendar for additional one-off events.	

Sunday 15 June

Father's Day



Father's day off.

Parish Registers

Weddings

10 May Georgina Michael Bamforth
and Victoria Holloway

Baptisms

25 May Gunner William Garvey and
Amelia Elizabeth Garvey

For current information about other services
at Dorchester Abbey see
www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

For St Birinus RC Church go to:
www.stbirinus.co.uk

CONTACTING THE POLICE

To report a non-emergency crime, or to give information to Thames Valley Police, call **101**. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555111**. In the event of an emergency dial **999**.

HEALTH SERVICES

DIRECT LINE TO URGENT LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

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**.

A&E

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 **01865 340007**, email admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

HIRE OF DORCHESTER VILLAGE HALL

To hire our Village Hall, contact Emily Moore (interim) bookings@dotvh.org.uk or **01865 689452**.

Please telephone at least 24 hours in advance to arrange collection of the key.

FAULTS AND COMPLAINTS

POTHOLE, STREET OR ROAD PROBLEMS

Abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, fly tipping or litter, street cleaning, such as broken glass in a cycle lane, unlit lampposts, potholes can be reported on fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk. In an emergency, call **0345 310 1111**.

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

POWER CUTS

If you suffer a power cut call **105** to get **National Grid** who will put you through to the network operator.

ANIMAL WELFARE

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

MOBILE POST OFFICE

The Mobile Post Office stops outside the Co-op every Wednesday between 11.00am and 12noon but may vary.

Useful Information

BUS SERVICES

Bus services by Going Forward buses
Dorchester to Wallingford and Dorchester to Didcot

To Wallingford: Mon & Wed: - 09.56, 11.10, 13.34;

Fri - 09.56, 11.05, 12.31.

From Wallingford: Mon - 10.05, 12.25; Fri - 12.15, 12.40.

To Didcot Station: Mon & Wed - 10.15, 12.35*.

From Didcot Station: Mon & Wed - 10.50, 13.00.

Dorchester times are at the War Memorial.

See: www.goingforwardbuses.com

Other Bus Services

Service X40 every 30 minutes from the bypass at the end of Drayton Road to Oxford and Wallingford. Information about bus services, is available from www.traveline.info and **08712 002233**.

AGE UK

The UK's largest charity working with older people For help and advice etc. go to www.ageuk.org.uk

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

CONTACTING THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Clerk is Jenny Welham who can be contacted on parishclerk@dorchesteronthames-pc.gov.uk

SODC CONTACT

Telephone **01235 422422**
Email: enquiries@southoxon.gov.uk
South Oxfordshire District Council
Abbey House
Abbey Close
Abingdon OX14 3JE

USEFUL CONTACTS

ANGLICAN PRIEST

Dorchester Rectory
01865 340007

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

ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST

The Presbytery
Fr. John Osman
Bridge End
01865 340417

www.stbirinus.co.uk

Dorchester Abbey Museum E-mail

museum@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Tues 3 June **Black**
Tues 10 June **Green**
Tues 17 June **Black**
Tues 24 June **Green**

Weekdays from 7.00am

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

The recycling centre at Oakley Wood (off the A4130) is open 8.00am – 5.00pm seven days a week. Check website www.oxford.gov.uk/

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ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

By

Bob Hammond



July 10th to 12th 2025

www.ticketsource.co.uk/dads

An outdoor production in
Dorchester Abbey's Cloister Garden



DADS

Dorchester Amateur Dramatics Society

www.dads.org.uk

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