

Dorney Parish News

November 2023



World War 1 – St James' Church



World War II – Memorial Ground



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EDITORIAL

Dorney is a good place to live and what is good about it deserves preservation. If you have the privilege of writing this column month by month you think about our village, past present and future, and you realise that many residents will have come to the same conclusion.

Before continuing along that line of thought, let me recognise that, at this time especially, many millions (and inescapably this weekend, we think of the Middle East) do not live in a good place, or if they do, it is torn by bloodshed and hatred. Perhaps it is our humble obligation to improve and harmonise what is around us.

Listening to the discussion in the village meetings on the Neighbourhood Plan, while impressed by the collective zeal to preserve a special neighbourhood, I wondered whether Dorney had a distinctive case to make over and above the normal wish of residents in every rural community to conserve its environment. If it does, how could Dorney Parish News define and promote it?

Could Dorney avoid the dismay current in, say, Bourne End over large scale developments at Slate Meadow and Hollands Farm? Does it deserve to? Then we read with horror of the plight of East Chilmington on the Sussex Downs where a 'new town' with 3000 homes is planned by developers and the owner of the surrounding 500 acres. That landowner is Eton College.

Some time ago, this magazine published an article maintaining that every community, like each and every human being, had its own DNA. Arguably, Dorney's DNA was that little bit more distinctive. Maybe readers could summon up these elements with ease...43 listed buildings, cattle on our enormous Common, a status conferred by Green Belt situation and defined Conservation Areas, natural diversity which sees 400 species of trees, plants and shrubs identified in the parish. Residents will nominate others.

This magazine will, over coming issues, seek to define that DNA, and to understand, and maybe agree over, why Dorney is so special. But also, we need to identify what protections are available, external to the village and internal (for instance, litter picking), that will help us keep it special.

In conclusion, two examples which intrigue this writer. The late Peter Tyler, of whom more elsewhere in this issue, pointed out that the parish formed a north-south wildlife corridor which allows birds and animals to pass safely between adjacent built-up areas – Dorney was a bridge between Burnham Beeches and the Chilterns and Windsor parkland to the south. In addition, the ownership of the land forming that corridor is crucial. Paradoxically, Eton College and the Lord of the Manor have shaped Dorney's landscape over many years, with the reduction in the last century of many local landowners to just these two, who recognised the potential threats posed by Slough's expansion to the rural communities of Eton, Eton Wick, and Dorney. Their agreement, it seems, ensured a green belt around Dorney and Eton Wick, forming a 'rural oasis'. We hope the spirit of that agreement between these two parties will continue to be observed in the years to come.

Services in the Local Churches



St James the Less, Dorney

St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick

St. John the Evangelist, Eton

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Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, Burnham

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

Stephen Baker writes:

National Remembrance

At 11a.m. on the 11th November 1918 the guns fell silent so that Germany and the Allies could reach a peace agreement, effectively ending World War I and the following year on the same date and time, the first two minute silence fell across Britain at the request of King George V, where they would, and we continue to, remember those who lost their lives in the conflict from the British Armed Forces and those across the Commonwealth.

Sunday 12th November marks Remembrance Sunday, a broader national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of the British Armed Forces and those of the Commonwealth that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life, both in historic and current conflict and those who have lost their life through terrorism.

This certainly feels extremely apt looking across the globe today, with a significant increase in conflict and terrorist activities in the Middle East, the ongoing conflicts in Eastern Europe, Africa and increased tensions between Asia and 'The West'.

This year we also remembered those who served in the Korean War which ended 70 years ago and the end of National Service for young men between the ages of 18 and 26 which ended 60 years ago.

Remembrance closer to Home

On Sunday the 5th November at 3p.m. we will be holding a Commemorative and Thanksgiving Service at St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick. The purpose of this service

is to commemorate and give thanks to those loved ones whom we have lost recently or over the years. All are welcome to come, and all are welcome to participate.

Remembrance Sunday 12th November services:

- Dorney, St. James the Less: 09:15 commencing in the graveyard opposite the church.
- Eton, St. John the Evangelist: 10:55 commencing in the Remembrance Garden in front of the church.
- Eton Wick, St. John the Baptist: 14:30 commencing at Eton Wick's War Memorial near the Library with a procession of the scouts and associated youth groups (14:45 if you wish to join at the church).

All services will be followed by refreshments.

Dorney Residents Who Lost their Lives in WWI and WWII

World War I

James Moriarty	Percy Poolman	Albert Poolman
Bertie Belcher	Robert Eustace	Courtenay Lindsay

World War II

Richard Cholmondeley	Andrew Clinch	Alan Comyn
Percy Evins	Peter Ingram	Reginald Leslie
John McCartney	William Poole	Benjamin Rolfe
Edwin Sprackling	Harold Stevens	Harold Thomas

Church Services in November 2023

Wednesday 1st November

10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist Eton
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Sunday 5th November

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

Sunday 12th November (Remembrance)

9.15am	Holy Communion with Remembrance	St James the Less, Dorney
10.55am	Remembrance Service	St John the Evangelist, Eton
3.00pm	Remembrance Service with scouts	St John the Baptist, Eton Wick

Wednesday 15th November

10.00am	Holy Communion (said BCP)	St John the Evangelist Eton
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Sunday 19th November

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

Sunday 26th November

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



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Annual Plan 2023/24

Updated: 19 September 2023

Completed

Action

Purpose

Heritage	
Review of Dorney Conservation Area	Consider expansion to include other parts of Dorney Village and Lake End
Orchard Herbs Site	Work with Burnham PC and Bucks Council for injunction and to revert to permitted usage as soon as possible.
Environment	
Review management of roadside verges	How to manage a less manicured look
Planting at Dents Corner, Marsh Lane/Harcourt Road areas	Improve appearance of Dorney Reach entrance and centre of Dorney Village
Trumper's Field, Dorney Reach Review	Review ownership and usage
Memorial Garden, Village Road	Review planting in Memorial Garden
Memorial Garden, Village Road	Conduct Tree Survey (DEC23)
Trail bikes in fields and on Jubilee River footpaths	Work with Slough, EA, police to prevent trail bike incursion on Jubilee River/local fields & footpaths
Annual Footpath Audit	Ensure all footpaths are usable and maintained according to standards.
Volunteer litter-pickers	Continue to support large group of volunteers with necessary equipment
Best Kept Village competition	Consider re-entering in 2025 - involving Dorney Horticultural Society and others.
Dorney Lake	Meetings with Dorney Lake to gain summer access for residents
Community	
Possible parish boundary change - Lake End	Support parish boundary change
Planning and Architecture	
Complete Neighbourhood Plan by 31 December 2023	Support Neighbourhood Plan Working Group as required
Infrastructure	
Potholes	Pressure on Bucks Council to repair all potholes.
Resurface certain roads	Pursue previously agreed resurfacing of certain roads
Dangerous Parking outside Pineapple	Resolve dangerous parking at the junction of Ashford Lane and Lake End Road
Village Road Cattle Grid	<i>Pressure Bucks Council to make good and reduce noise</i>
Review reduction in speed limits	Lake End Road (Sainsbury's into Dorney): reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph
Review reduction in speed limits	Common Road/Boveney Road: reduce speed limit from 60mph to 40mph
Review reduction in speed limits	Marsh Lane (from entry to Dorney)/Court Lane: reduce speed limit from 40mph to 30mph
Reduce speed on entry to Parish	Review installation of white entry gates on verges - Dorney Reach at Marsh Lane from Taplow and Lake End Road from Sainsbury's
Reduce number of street furniture and signage	Annual Street Furniture/Signage Review
Flooding of Lake End Common (Ashford Lane)	Investigate flooding on Lake End Common/Ashford Lane with Thames Water and Environment Agency



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RJC are experiencing difficulty in cutting the verges in some areas due to placement of logs/stones on these areas. Their machinery has been damaged causing delays in grass cutting. Where obstructions are placed on verges, it is down to residents to ensure the grass in that area is kept tidy please.

To be discussed at next meeting of Parish Council on 21st November 2023 at Dorney School:

- Speed limits – particularly Dorney Common
- Wildlife signage
- Litter picking equipment

Potholes and worse Dorney Parish Council needs your help..

The state of our roads throughout the parish is appalling. Despite DPC's constant pressure on Bucks Council, with a reminder of their commitment to resurface Lake End Road to Dorney Common following completion of the smart motorway works, there is no obvious action, apart from the occasional appearance of a team filling in random potholes. PLEASE will everyone report, on Bucks [FixMyStreet.com](https://www.bucks.gov.uk/fixmystreet), any potholes or any blocked road drains you find on every road in the Parish, especially the ones outside your home. The more complaints recorded the more chance of things getting done.

ORCHARD HERBS:

Still waiting for satisfactory responses from Bucks Council.

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ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN:
POSTED ON
DPC WEBSITE
AND HERE IN
DPN

ETON COLLEGE:

Planning permission
refused for new
stables in Boveney
– due to Green Belt
& Boveney
Conservation Area
Appraisal

DHS – a Harvest Supper, a Christmas Supper and a good 2023

It's not yet Halloween as we write. Is it too early to feel Christmassy? Well, the thoughts of the Dorney Horticultural Society committee have very much turned towards the Annual Christmas Supper, which this year is to be held on Friday 1st December.

DHS approaches the festive season and the end of the year feeling upbeat. There are at least two reasons for this. Membership, with both new members and former members returning, is on the rise, and there seems to be a growing interest in the activities of the Society.

We really noticed the former trend at the Harvest Supper in early October. It was pleasing to see whole tables of new faces. Our speaker at the Supper was the author of several books on foraging and wild food. Topics that reflect growing interest like this could feature more and more for our speaker events. In fact, it would be very good to hear from members and potential members about the kind of speakers, and other activities, which you think should be in the programme.

The growing interest in the Society was reflected in the number of entries and, particularly, in the attendance at the Village Hall, for early September's Annual Show. We've highlighted before the tremendous talents made evident in our community, horticultural, floral, culinary and artistic.

2023 has seen a number of highlights, so welcome after the two-year break forced on us by Covid. We had our first Friday afternoon meeting, with tea served up by our friends at Crocus. We had two celebrity speakers in Chelsea Gold Medal winner, Jamie Butterworth of Form Plants followed by a former editor of *The Garden*, Chris Young. A special coach trip inserted late into the programme saw more than twenty members visit Highgrove, while the regular early summer garden visit whisked us up into the Chilterns to the lovely Lords Wood.

Our chairman is fond of pointing out that DHS is just about the last functioning social organisation in Dorney. So, it's important we have a special Christmas do. Guests last year said they wanted more chance to mingle before they sit down to the serious business of tackling Chrys Fisher's (of the Palmer Arms and Pineapple, whose buffets have done us proud in 2023) roast turkey supper. Enjoying a glass of bubbly on us should help that process. Mini quizzes with bumper prizes will add to the fun along with the crackers, bunting and a very Christmassy looking Village Hall. Advance payment will help speed us all into the fun without hitch, although payment can be made on the night. Reserving a place beforehand by email or phone is vital.

Finally, thank you for all the support given to DHS so far in 2023.

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Dorney Horticultural Society

Annual Christmas Supper

Friday 1st December

7.30 to 10.00 pm

at Dorney Village Hall



A welcome glass of bubbly on entry

Traditional Full Roast Turkey Supper with all the trimmings

Followed by dessert

3 fun mini-quizzes with Christmas Hamper prizes

Crackers, Bunting, Decorations Galore and much more

Come and join us for a great party evening

Don't forget to bring your own drinks and glasses



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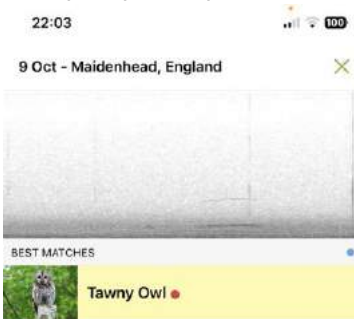
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(with apologies to Elvis): The bats have left the building!

Between various holidays over the summer, I didn't have much time for bat surveys, but they have most definitely moved on for their winter hibernation. At least the patio won't need cleaning for a while. I am intrigued as to what kind of South Bucks bat cave they disappear off into but am pretty sure Michael Caine isn't in there polishing the silver and cleaning any droppings off the batmobile.

Rather surprisingly, on a weekend in Marseilles to watch Scotland vs South Africa in the Rugby World Cup, a lone bat launched itself from a roost in the cavernous Stade Velodrome and did a loop of the pitch over the colourful, cheering crowd. Judging by the number of insect bites I had after the match there must be enough airborne food to keep it well fed.

My most exciting Dorney wildlife discovery lately was heard but not seen. I was at home around 10 pm and heard a bird calling. Given it was pitch black I presumed it had to be an owl (no flies on me, well apart from in Marseilles). My neighbour Theo regularly sees a little owl sitting on fence posts around Dorney when he leaves early for work, and we have put up a couple of little owl boxes in trees to the side of Marsh Lane (with the



permission of James Palmer given they are on his land!). A few years ago, Theo also spotted a short-eared owl hunting over the Thames Water field. Some of the other dads on Harcourt Road do find our "owling" interests rather amusing but we persevere regardless. Anyway, this bird call was not your traditional "twit twoo" and didn't sound very "owl" at all, so I turned to my trusty Merlin app. Merlin didn't seem sure at first, but after a couple of minutes identified it as a tawny owl. The red dot on the photo suggests that it is rare for this area at this time of year. I wonder if the rewilded

field has helped its range and provided a new territory? Just to make sure I recorded it and WhatsApped it to a group of birdwatchers I know, and they confirmed it was a tawny, in fact that it was a "junior tawny still finding its voice". Might now put a tawny owl nesting box on my Christmas list (that's just how I roll) as I've heard it/them quite regularly since.

In other developments that may also amuse the Dorney dads, I have a new wildlife obsession: beavers. Or more specifically, beaver reintroductions in the UK. I took the family for a weekend camping at a place in Devon called Coombeshead Rewilding, which was set up by a Scottish guy called Derek Gow who is a bit of a legend in beaver circles by all accounts. He has beavers in an enclosure on his land, but there are now wild beavers in various parts of Scotland and England (some through legal routes, others through alleged "beaver bombing" where they have been "accidentally" released). There is a good case for beavers being the most influential keystone species for ecosystem engineering after humans and elephants. They were of course previously hunted to extinction in the UK



over 400 years ago for their fur and castoreum*, so most of us have no idea of what a beaver created landscape looks like. They create multiple dam systems that then support an explosion in wildlife from water voles, dragonflies and kingfishers, to amphibians, sand lizards and salmon. Beavers are vegetarian and do not eat fish, contrary to the concerns of some in the angling community. There is also growing evidence that their dam systems slow the flow of water and help prevent flooding and also filter and clean it. Given there are now wild beavers in Oxfordshire and just released in an enclosure in Ealing this month, I am intrigued as to whether the gap in between will be filled and a release in South Bucks would be possible (or perhaps, as their range expands, it's inevitable).



I note there have been some developments in the Thames Water pocket rewilding field with an insect house being erected. I would love to hear more from them and what they are planning. I tried to contact the Thames Water project manager via LinkedIn but sadly appear to be persona non grata. You would hope they are planning to replace many (most/all?) of the trees that were planted last year as most of them do not seem to have survived due to the

summer drought. I think some kind of habitat management is also required either by human intervention, or by the temporary controlled introduction of some large herbivores. I don't think the intention is to allow the field to become closed canopy woodland, but that's what's ultimately going to happen if there is an absence of management (although I guess the deer have some impact). I think on the original plans that were shared for the pocket rewilding scheme there was also some pond creation planned. At the very least the path used by dog walkers and others should be mowed and kept clear.

I wanted to learn more about rewilding and so joined the UK's first nature recovery/rewilding training based out of Embercombe in Devon. The final project is to find some land and form a plan for it. If there are any local landowners (or if you know of any landowners) who would be interested and or open to a discussion around dedicating all or part of their land to a nature recovery programme, please get in touch. This project will be overseen by some of the leading experts in nature recovery in the UK, so a good opportunity for those who want to know more or who have been thinking of doing it. I was thinking recently it would be wonderful if instead of building houses on Boveney Court Farm, Eton decided to rewild it and benefit from some of the new natural capital incentives.

* *Castoreum* is a substance that beavers produce in their glands that used to be prized for perfumes etc.

Andrew Oliver

Celebrating Peter Tyler's Timeless Legacy: A Journey into the Natural History of Dorney Parish and his views on the ongoing Protection of the DNA of Dorney.



The late Peter Tyler (1935-2022), a resident of Dorney, sadly passed away just over a year ago.

In the year 2000, a dedicated and passionate naturalist named Peter Tyler embarked on a remarkable journey, enlisting the help of several kindred spirits, to craft a definitive chronicle of Dorney Parish's rich tapestry of life. His efforts resulted in the creation of "The Natural History of Dorney," an exceptional report that has continued to reverberate through the years, its wisdom and insights enduring in the collective consciousness of the community. As time marches on, Peter Tyler's legacy remains a beacon of inspiration and guidance for the residents of Dorney, and Dorney Parish News is honoured to pay homage to this invaluable work over the coming months by printing extracts of Peter's comments and vision.

The Essence of Dorney's Natural World: Dorney Parish is a place of profound natural beauty and ecological significance. With its beautiful landscapes, diverse flora, and a thriving tapestry of fauna, this idyllic locale has long captivated the imaginations of those fortunate enough to call it home. Peter Tyler's "magnum opus", "The Natural History of Dorney," is not merely a historical record but an ever-relevant testament to the extraordinary biodiversity that defines this precious pocket of England.

Peter Tyler: A Champion of Conservation: A tireless advocate for the environment, Peter Tyler's enduring passion for the natural world is unmistakable in every page of his pioneering work. His meticulous observations, unwavering commitment, and boundless enthusiasm for the preservation of Dorney's genetic heritage are a source of inspiration for anyone who cares deeply about the environment. Through "Dorney Parish News," we embark on a journey to revisit the cherished wisdom that Peter Tyler imparted to us, seeking to understand how we, as stewards of this unique ecosystem, can contribute to the safeguarding of Dorney's irreplaceable DNA.

Preserving the DNA of Dorney: Throughout the coming months, Dorney Parish News will delve into the pages of "The Natural History of Dorney" to explore key contributions and insights by Peter Tyler. We will reflect on his research, his vision for Dorney's future, and his enduring message to all of us: that the responsibility of preserving the DNA of Dorney rests upon our shoulders. Each article will shed light on the myriad ways in which we can actively participate in the protection of Dorney's natural heritage, ensuring that future generations can continue to revel in the wonders of this remarkable ecosystem.

As we venture deeper into the timeless pages of "The Natural History of Dorney," we honour the legacy of Peter Tyler, a true custodian of nature and an advocate for conservation. In a world where the value of preserving our environment is ever more crucial, Peter's work serves as a poignant reminder of our collective responsibility to protect the unique DNA of Dorney Parish. Dorney Parish News invites you on a journey of exploration, reflection, and action, inspired by the enduring wisdom of a man whose love for the natural world has left an indelible mark on the heart of Dorney.

The Natural History of Dorney (2000) and Peter's brief update in 2018 are available on the Dorney History website under the section – The Natural History and Archaeology of Dorney.

Bill Dax



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Dorney Playground Halloween Party



On Wednesday 18th October, about 80 children attended the Dorney Playground Halloween (if a little bit early) party. Entertainment was provided by 'Non Stop Kids Entertainment' and involved a magician show, competitions and games, and of course lots of music and food.

The event raised about £600 for the Dorney Playground fund.

So why, you may ask, are we making all this effort to raise money?

Dorney Playground is funded purely by fund

raising, grants and donations. We get no money from local authorities. Obviously, the amount needed to keep the playground safe varies, but last year it was about £6,000.

But on top of this, we want to improve the playground.

We want to replace the not working i-play with a **timber snake swing**.

But the removal of the i-play and replacement with the timber snake swing will cost **£15,000**.

We have applied to the Beeches Community Fund and applied for other grants, but money is hard to get at the moment.

So we have set up a **fund me page**.

If you would like to donate any money towards the new timber snake swing, go to <https://gofund.me/1a5ed9aa>

or scan



**Any amount will help
Please support Dorney Playground**

Dorney Playground Management committee
Playground4Dorney@gmail.com



Protecting the DNA of Dorney: Update on Eton College's Planning Permissions

Janet Walker's (Bursar of Eton College) article last month provided a helpful insight into Eton College's position regarding the two potential housing development sites she mentioned – Boveney Court Farm buildings and Court Farm.

Eton College also put forward in August a planning application for 10 stables on land at Pond Cottage, Boveney which has recently been refused – for similar reasons to the refusal for the Boveney Court Farm buildings development.

These refusals included being contrary to National Green Belt legislation (National Planning Policy Framework), contrary to South Bucks Local Plan (1999), contrary to South Bucks Core Strategy (2011) and contrary to the Boveney Conservation Area Appraisal (1996).

Boveney Court Farm buildings

However, it is a sad sight to see Boveney Court Farm buildings site closed up and weeds growing outside the listed buildings. The buildings do need to be used, hopefully as they were in the past, by a successful business with relatively limited vehicle movements.

Eton College have stated that they will be appealing the refusal decision – and they have a further three months in which to initiate the appeal.

Court Farm

Eton College stated, before finalising their proposals for this site, that they would like to share them with the local community. This will provide residents with an opportunity to speak to their project team and provide feedback on the scheme, which will be taken into account ahead of submission.

The College will be hosting a public exhibition in Dorney Lake's Lake View Room on the following dates:

- *Friday 17th November* – 4pm to 7pm
- *Saturday 18th November* – 10am to 1pm

This exhibition will operate on a “drop-in” basis, open to all Dorney residents. Ahead of it taking place, details will be distributed to all properties in Dorney Parish (along with those in the immediately adjacent part of Slough Borough, on Common Road), inviting them to attend.

Court Farm is Green Belt land, but new properties can be built on “previously developed land” (brown field sites). However, the footprint of the new and redeveloped buildings cannot exceed the current footprint of the existing buildings unless there are “very exceptional circumstances” – which is unlikely. Fitting the nine new buildings on the existing footprint without significantly increasing the height and mass of these buildings will be architecturally challenging.

The site is currently almost entirely shielded by trees, and it would be necessary, we believe, for there to be a planning obligation to retain all of the trees along the Dorney Common boundary.

Another challenge lies within the Dorney Conservation Area Appraisal document where Bucks Council Planning Department states “*The Council is concerned to ensure that traffic flows through the village do not increase above their current (1996) levels*”. It is difficult to see how an additional eleven houses on the boundary of the Dorney Conservation Area will assist in alleviating the Council's stated concern.

TO QUOIN A PHRASE ON DORNEY COMMON

'Raise your words not your voice, it is rain that grows flowers not thunder' - Rumi

On and off, during the late summer, warmth arrived encouraging visits to friends and trips to consume tea and cake in some comfy teashop. It was on one such trip, we happened to visit and stay with an old friend, Gerry the plate-licker, (next time folks), who was a volunteer at the Norwich Print Museum. Rather dull, I first thought, then quickly changed my mind as I wandered around the historic printing machines that clacked away and watched the ancient technique of bookbinding.

The museum is housed in the estate grounds of the National Trust property Brickling Hall, a fine Jacobean house in Norfolk. Inside a stout barn adjacent to the old stables, was a collection of historic printing presses and associated apparatus spanning the decades. Old volunteer print technicians and masters demonstrated the art of printing, imparting fascinating tales which included some very interesting phrases, still used today:

Upper and lower case - This terminology, familiar to us now, is derived from the original Caseroom practise of separating the capital and small letters into two different cases for efficiency, which were then stored in frames. When required for setting, they were placed on top of the frame with the capital letters on the upper station and the small letters on the lower station, hence the 'upper' and 'lower' case.

Quoin a phrase - One idea is that this comes from the old printing methods when type was locked into the forme (where the typesetting is created). A line of type was a phrase, and it was locked into position in the forme using wedges called quoins. These were originally wooden, but as technology advanced, more reliable metal versions were invented. When they were tightened up, the Compositor (the composer of the type that was laid down) or their apprentice had 'quoined a phrase'.

Come a cropper - The 'cropper' was a small hand fed treadle operated platen press. These were popular with the expanding number of small jobbing printers setting up all over the UK throughout the mid-1800's. There was no safety guard system on these early presses and the inexperienced apprentice or distracted printer could mis-feed a sheet, catch their hand in between the paten and the bed, and so would 'come a cropper'.

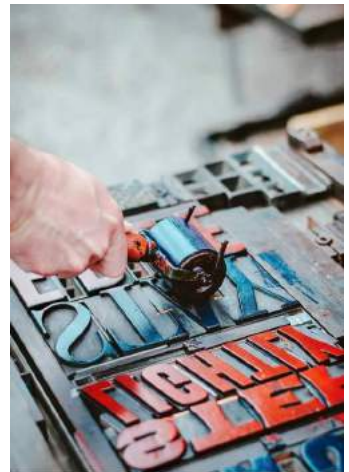
Not the full shilling - The type height in the letterpress process is 0.918" this being the height of a British shilling coin, and the Compositors would keep one in their apron as a handy gauge. If the type was badly cast or damaged, it was 'not the full shilling'.

Putting the newspaper to bed - Once the type for a paper has been composed, proofed and imposed into the forme with any mistakes corrected, it is then laid on the bed (flat surface) of the printing press, signalling its readiness for printing, hence 'putting the newspaper to bed'. Once put to bed, no further additions can be made.

Make a good impression - To produce clean and even print, the imposed forme of type would be planed (with a mullet and planer) to ensure everything was smooth and the printer could 'make a good impression'.

Dab hand - Before rollers, printers used 'dabbers' (a wooden stick with a leather pouch on the end that was filled with sand or straw). It was critical that a consistent even spread of ink was applied to ensure a good impression throughout the job, and those who could do this well were considered a 'dab hand'.

Out of sorts - The 'sorts' are individual pieces of letter type. Should the Compositor run out of sorts in the middle of setting a job, they would most certainly be displeased, and 'out of sorts'.



Mind your P's and Q's - Apprentices were frequently given this advice by experienced Compositors, as it is very easy to confuse the mirror images of the p and q type. In its original sense it meant to take care with your work, although it has evolved to mean take care of your manners.

Wrong end of the stick - Compositors would pick out the letter types to form sentences on use their upper and lower cases, then rack them on a wood stick in the right order by mirror image. An apprentice could easily hold this stick the wrong way round which would result in meaningless text. Hence the phrase 'getting the wrong end of the stick'.



Later, as I wandered around the grounds of the Brickling Estate, I saw one of my very favourite places, and that is the traditional ancient potting shed. Unlike my own 4' by 3' space, barely enough for my spade and fork, this was a perfectly proportioned old fashioned potting shed, complete with decades of gardening odours, a vast line-up of assorted character tools, shelving stacked with many terracotta pots of every imaginable size, and down the opposite side, a long wood workbench that would spill words of wisdom if only it could creak.

'The secret of being boring is to say everything' – Voltaire.

Meanwhile, once the wordsmiths had left the room, with the tail end of summer's fading flowers taking in the last drop of sun, it was back to Dorney village to roll up one's sleeves. Firstly, for the DHS Annual Show (and what a turnout that turned out to be) and then on to plan the remaining two events of the year. Next on our agenda was the Harvest Supper, which promised delicious food from Chrys Fisher and an informative speaker, Charlotte Popescu, who has

great depth of knowledge on foraging. Wild food is very much on trend, and we wanted guests to come along and learn some tips on how to eat the right mushroom and how not to eat the wrong berries.

If you book a place at a DHS event, and next up is the Christmas Supper Evening on December 1st, you reserve your space to celebrate our village life, (a good old chat), the meaning of life, (a glass of your favourite), and the incidents that make light of life, (cheesy jokes from the 70's).

As a distraction from multiple recent rainy spells, after a lot of persuasion, my boyfriend Bob, dragged me out one night to make a mug out of me. Finally, I had taken my ukulele out of its case, and blown off the dust to join the Marlow Ukulele Group, or MUG as everyone else refers to it. Having not played for 35 years, he thought it a good idea I go cold turkey, and despite reminding him that it had been a while, decided to leap in with both hands and hope there would be no discord with my chords.

In fact, it was great fun, my fingers became more active, and bum chords less evident. However, fortuitously, as there were eleventy-eight other players in the hall, my output was somewhat inaudible and irrelevant. I might go again! It was a chance to wind back the years and sing out loud!

Do not grow old, no matter how long you live. Never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born – Albert Einstein

Kristina Perkins

ABSENT VOTERS

When the 1918 electoral register was compiled, a note was made of those men who were still away from home on active service in the armed forces. There were 26 of these from Dorney, and 20 of these had still not returned by the time of the 1919 electoral register. These numbers illustrate that the impact of the First World War in Dorney was not limited to those households that lost members to the conflict. In such a small village, the absence of so many men for such long periods would have been keenly felt. In November 1918, many mothers, wives, children and sweethearts were still waiting for their loved ones to return.

The men came from a variety of backgrounds and occupations and served in different ranks in a wide range of units. Many were farm workers and the Army made good use of their familiarity with horses, which were an important motive power on the battlefield just as in agriculture. Those men who had been regular soldiers or the Territorials before the war, or those who enlisted in the autumn of 1914, were absent for a particularly lengthy time.



Seven of the men were registered in Lake End. Vine Cottage in Ashford Lane was home to Mary Blackford. Her husband Edward was born near Wantage and as a young man served in the Royal Berks Regiment as a regular soldier. It was perhaps in South Africa during the Boer War that he met Mary's brother Richard Newell, a regular soldier in the East Surrey Regiment. After that conflict, Richard returned to his home village of Dorney where he worked as a gardener's labourer, and

Edward too came to Dorney, doing similar work. He married Mary in 1908 and they had two daughters before the war began. Although Edward was by then 50 years old, his previous military experience must have been valuable and the 1918 register shows him in the Army Service Corps. Meanwhile Mary's son by an earlier relationship, Frederick Newell, was only 17 when he enlisted as a gunner in the Royal Artillery in 1913. In the Royal Field Artillery, he found himself immediately involved in the war, sent to fight in France in August 1914. Wounded in 1915 and again in 1918, he like Edward had not returned home by 1919. The war years must have been a particularly worrying time for Mary with both her husband and son away in the army. Thankfully both returned home safely to Lake End.

Another anxious mother nearby was Lois Shirley, whose parents lived at End Cottage. Her son John had trained as an instrument maker before joining the Royal Navy as an electrician in 1910 at the age of 22. For much of the war, he was assigned to HMS St George. This ship was a cruiser that had been converted to a supply ship and during the later years of the war was used to supply submarines. John would have been in the Aegean with the 2nd Submarine Flotilla in 1918-19. He too came home safely but continued in naval service, absent more often than not from his mother's cottage in Lake End.

Robert Blake came from Eton Wick but in August 1915, when he joined the Royal Engineers, he was working at Lake End Farm. Aged 22, he was "*very anxious to be doing something*", like many young men who were keen to play their part in the war effort. By the end of the month he had landed in France where he worked as a pioneer. As the war dragged on, army service perhaps became less attractive, and Robert was punished a few times for minor incidences of absence without leave - including overstaying home leave by one day in October 1918 – and insolence to an NCO. He was finally demobilised in April 1919.

In Wheeler's Cottage in Lake End lived Percy Holdway from Slough. He was living with his sister Emily who married William Shrimpton, the wheelwright who had followed his father in business at the cottage. Percy had various jobs including working on farms before the war, when he then became a private in the Middx Regiment. He was safely back in Lake End by 1919 and resumed farm work.

Three of the eleven houses in Dorney Reach were waiting for men to return in 1918. Essex and Leonard, the two sons of Arthur and Annie Birch at Rippledene, had both joined the Royal Navy. Their ships were still actively involved in the war effort, one in the Mediterranean and the other the English Channel. Soon after their return, the family moved to the new Taplow Station Estate. Like many other returning veterans, Essex and Leonard had difficulty finding work in their previous occupations of fitter/turner and motor repairer, and both were unemployed in 1921.

Herbert Cope was an engineer who was probably in the Territorials before the war. By the end of it he was a captain in the Royal Engineers. His unit was involved in installing searchlights to defend the coast and to detect enemy attack on the front in France. Herbert and his wife Maud moved to rent The Mead during the war and, when that house was sold in November 1918, they rented Island Close. Herbert was away throughout this time, so the responsibility of moving must have fallen largely on Maud.

The third family was the Wordleys at Dorney Reach House. Henry Wordley's daughter Winifred married Frank Garraway, a lieutenant in the London Regiment, in May 1914. After he was sent to France, his wife and baby son lived with her parents and sisters. By the end of the war Frank had been promoted to major and awarded the Military Cross.

Fifteen of the absent men were recorded in Dorney village or the common. The most senior ranking of all was Major Piers North at Northfield. A career officer, he served in the Royal Berkshire Regiment during the Boer War and later became a King's Messenger. In 1915, he was appointed to the Royal Marines and fought in France and in Gallipoli where he was wounded. The following year he was given command of the 20th Battalion Durham Light Infantry as acting lieutenant-colonel. During the battle of Ypres in August 1917, he was severely wounded again, in the chest and back, and was awarded the DSO for the way he led the attack under heavy fire.

Daniel Pusey from Lent Rise was a gardener like his father. He was 27 when he enlisted in December 1914, married for 5 years to Annie and with 4 small children. He rose to sergeant in the Oxon and Bucks Light Infantry and spent much of the war in the Balkans. At least from 1918, the family was living on Dorney Common, where Daniel returned in March 1919. But the war had left him in poor health. As well as having had malaria, he was 100% disabled by TB. By May 1922, the Army awarded him a disability pension and he was in a sanatorium, where he died in June 1924.

The Quarterman household in Vine Cottage on the common was awaiting the return of three members. Daughter Alice, a laundress like her mother, had married George Austin in 1917. One-time groom to Captain Palmer, he was a corporal in the Lancers, awarded the Military Medal for service in France in 1918. Alice's two younger brothers were also away. Arthur had enlisted at Taplow in September 1914 as a driver in the Army Service Corps, serving in France and Italy. Frederick was a private in the Gloucestershire Regiment, also in France. All three men returned home, though Arthur was still suffering the effects of being kicked by a horse while on duty and received a disability payment. His leave records

show that his mother would have seen him only twice, briefly, in the four years he was abroad.



In the village, it must have seemed as though every other cottage was waiting for a soldier or sailor to return. At the post office, Emma Grove's eldest son William was serving with the Durham Light Infantry. Arthur Tugwood, son of George gatekeeper to Dorney Common, was in the Army Service Corps. Arthur had married neighbour Florence Jacobs in 1916; her younger brother Bert was invalided out of the army the previous year after being wounded. At 3 Woodbine Cottages, the Bampton family was missing son Arthur. Their older son James had been invalided out in May 1915 after service in the Royal Fusiliers left him with a pronounced limp (battle of Mons) and an amputated index finger (Ypres). Agnes Cox in Walter's Cottage with four children was waiting for her husband Albert, on HMS Lucia, a captured German ship converted into a depot ship supplying submarines off the Tees.

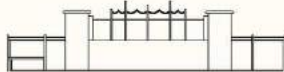
Emma, the daughter of James Watson, coachman at Dorney Court Lodge, had married Frank Ford, a corporal-of-horse in the Life Guards, in July 1915. As a regular soldier, he had been sent to France in August 1914 and was wounded at Ypres in May 1915. He returned in 1919 to start a family.

Village blacksmiths Albert and Thomas Climo were both away serving as farrier sergeants. Aged 50 by 1919, Albert was already married with a family; Thomas married around the time he was released from the army in March 1919.

One family suffered not just the prolonged absence of their men but the pain that some of them were never coming home. This was the Poolmans. Albert and Percy, two of the sons of shepherd William Poolman and his wife Mary, lost their lives in 1918 and are commemorated on the memorial in Dorney church. Meanwhile, their older brother George and his stepson John Webb were still away, leaving wife and mother Annie Poolman with four children to look after. John was only 16 when he enlisted in November 1914. As a driver in the Royal Field Artillery, he suffered two bouts of malaria in Salonika.

These are just some illustrations of the effects of the war on Dorney families. There were others who likewise left our village to serve their country but whose stories remain to be told. Thankfully, the men recorded as absent voters in 1918 and 1919 did eventually come back and most resumed their pre-war occupations. This year on Remembrance Day, let us remember the sacrifice of these soldiers and sailors who played their part in fighting to protect their country for future generations.

Virginia Silvester



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News from Dorney School

In a world full of turmoil and escalating war, Dorney School actively works to raise awareness, understanding and compassion through lessons and activities at school. It will be our children who will inherit this world we live in; what do we need to do to ensure they are equipped with the language and toolkit of peace?

Harvest Celebrations

Our school hall was packed! Year 3 class had put on a great show singing Harvest songs and hymns. We were thrilled with the presence of Lester Tanner from Maidenhead Foodshare who thanked the Dorney community for the food donations and informed us of the 600 families they serve locally who turn to them for help. These are just the families who reach out to Foodshare – there are so many others who face increasing hardship. It is very sad that food poverty is such a problem in our country. In the UK, an estimated 14.5 million people are living in poverty, which represents 22% of the population. Of these, 4.3 million are children. According to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (2022), for the last 25 years, children have been the demographic most affected by poverty. It is time for urgent action and the need to work together to reduce, and eventually eradicate this statistic.



We also welcomed Farmer William Emmet who drove his tractor through the school playground. William spent the morning talking to all children about the history of local farming, his own family history, how farming has changed today, the massive impact of climate change and how harvest is the busiest time of a farmer's calendar year. William owns and manages a local farm - you may notice the fields around

Dorney, Taplow and Maidenhead that are being harvested now - he owns 120 of them! Classes took it in turns to look at the massive tractor and asked fascinating questions such as the one from Harley where even William could not answer - "How much wheat goes into a box of Weetabix?"

Working with the community

Community officer PCSO Angela has been in again to talk to all pupils across school on cyber safety, and how pupils can ensure that they use the internet safely. Angela is a friend of our school, and her role is so important in being part of the wider network in ensuring that we are updated on any worrying trends and in giving pupils, staff and parents advice.

International Walk to School Month (October)

Thank you to all children and their families who cycle or scoot to school. Our school is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the school actively promotes sustainable ways of travelling to and from school.

We do so much at school, and work alongside our families and the community to provide our children with a safe space to learn, laugh, care, love and just be children. Our thoughts go to the children affected by war who do not get this chance. Our school prays for ceasefire and peace – it is the only way.

**“These are all our children. We will profit by, or pay for, whatever they become.”
James Baldwin**

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Sharifah Firza Jelany-Lee

Headteacher

The headteacher at Dorney School shared with us a note sent out recently to parents. Dorney Parish News congratulates our local school on recent achievements.

Dear Parents,

Our school's Year 6 SATs Reading results were higher than other local schools and higher than national results.

90% of our pupils achieved age related expectations when compared to 76% locally, and 73% nationally.

A higher percentage of our pupils were judged as working at Greater Depth at the end of Year 2.

The **Year 1 phonics results (83%)** are 4% higher than national results.

Our pupils' **Good Level of Development (GLD) in Reception stands at 84%**, 17% higher than national results.

This is testimony to the excellent curriculum and Teachers at Dorney School. We have never rested on our laurels. Even during the last re-inspection (September 2021), the HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) was frustrated with the timing of his inspection as he could see the accelerated progress of the school and urged us to look at the criteria for Outstanding in the category of Behaviour and Personal Development. He could see good progress in all areas and knew that our results would validate the work we do.

Yes, we now wait for the next round of inspections which seem really unfair (as the results above demonstrate) and yet we carry on, going from strength to strength! This is the reason why the illustrious Chartered College of Teaching chose our school amongst thousands of applicants to help them develop a bespoke primary curriculum which will be rolled out nationally. It is a great time to be a child at our school, and I am delighted by the success, positivity and happiness of our pupils, staff and parents.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Sharifah Firza Jelany-Lee

Headteacher

Is there room for both the Commercial Christmas and Traditional Christmas?

As we are coming up to my personal favourite time of the year, I thought it was appropriate to talk about Christmas and how it has changed and adapted to society even during my lifetime. So, with the rise of the commercial side of Christmas how is it affecting the old Christmas spirit? Does the commercial Christmas reach all audiences or are some people still clinging onto the traditional side of Christmas?



Black Friday, probably more commonly known to the shopaholics out there, has become the biggest date in the retail calendar. It has almost weaved its way into the fabric of the lead up to Christmas, with its phenomenal sale prices and offers, which is ideal for the cost-of-living crisis going on. It falls on the 4th week of November, which this year is the 24th of November. There is an estimated £3 billion to be spent this year, with 79% of the Gen-Z

(which is my generation) participating and spending an average of £176.

Another example of the commercial side of Christmas now, is the change in Advent calendars. They are no longer your £2 classic Cadbury Advent calendars, rather they now come as £260 beauty advent calendars, for example, which allows you to effectively open a present everyday till Christmas. What more could a teenage girl want! The extraordinary range of various advent calendars is astonishing, going from dog themed to beer ones. I mean who would have thought the classic opening of a little door to a religious Christmas scene would have turned into opening that door and finding yourself with a different type of beer each day?



Now, less about commercial Christmas. Christmas as I knew it when I was younger, as I mentioned in my first article was going to the church on Christmas Eve for the Christingle service, and it being a wholesome evening. Carol singers going round the village bringing joy as festivities around the Christmas time. These are memories that stick with people. Creating traditions around Christmas, for the Marples family it is always getting the Christmas tree from the same place in great Windsor Park and going up to London so each of us could choose a new bauble. I think all these elements create the special love I have for Christmas. As a young person living in a small village, I think that creating these memories in the village is so important.

But has this commercial side of Christmas ruined the spirit for generation alpha 2010 – 2024? This is why it is so important to keep traditions flowing through and keeping the true meaning alive. So as a community what could we do to keep it alive? Well, as some of you may know Eton host a Christmas Street party, creating a Christmassy atmosphere which involves the arrival of Father Christmas, turning on the lights, singing, food and more. Yes, Eton is a larger village, but it shouldn't mean Dorney can't have their own version. Could this be a new tradition for Dorney? Or at least we could get some of the Christmas lights to match Eton Wick?

Christmas is a magical time of the year, and yes, it is changing, but I am all for keeping the memories *and* making new ones!

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Now You See It..... by Mike Quincey

There was something strange that caught my eye as the new Mrs. Quincey and I approached our home at 6.30pm. I noticed through the bedroom window our laundry basket up ended on our bed and clothes scattered across it. Neither of us are very tidy but even for us, this was a bit far and smugly, I knew I hadn't done this and inwardly recriminated the lovely aforementioned with a raising of eyebrows. As soon as I opened the door I knew that she was blameless; some unspeakable moron or perhaps more, had ransacked the room, and Cheryl shouted alarm from the lounge in the rear where we found diamond shaped fragments of safety glass shot across the carpet from where the same morons had smashed a French window and climbed through the hole. Most of the house had been ransacked.

We had been burgled with what the police call an 'untidy search.'

"Don't touch anything Honey," I said and dialled 999.

"Police please."

"Police emergency."

"Hi. We've been burgled."

"How long ago?"

"We've just come back. Been away about 6 hours, but it could have happened just before we arrived."

The male voice was professional and reassuring.

"That will be an urgent call. Someone will come."

"How long will that be?"

"It's one down from a blues and twos," he replied uncommittedly. "Please don't touch anything."

In my Met policing days such a call was what we dreamed of; a chance to turn on the woop-woops and the flashing lights and scour the area for breathless burglars with broken glass in their hair with hopefully some booty nearby. With luck, Floyd the dog and his handler Conrad would arrive with the excited pooch yelping in the back of the van eager to please Dad, sniff out the villains, ideally bite them if they ran off or attacked Dad, and as a reward, be allowed his favourite ball on duty!

The road would soon be teeming with police cars; perhaps even a throbbing helicopter above tracking infra-red bodies in their frantic rush to hide.

We waited in excited anticipation. It was, after all, an urgent call.

And we waited, as the temperature dropped to freezing through the smashed glass door, and still we waited.

At 8.30pm I rang 101.

A long diatribe of information and numbers to press continued to a number where I thought I might find out when Thames Valley's finest might show an interest, pressed it and we waited, and waited some more.

To counteract the boredom of listening to warnings of long waits due to 'exceptionally high' workload, and the freezing cold, I counted the number of recorded updates that interrupted the ringing tone.

I paraphrase, but there were:

25 entreaties to go online since they were busy.

7 polite suggestions to clear off.

12 threats of termination of the call and/or prosecution if I wasn't nice, and, believe it or not,

1 invitation to complete a satisfaction survey.

Thirty-five minutes later a charming lady answered the phone and listened politely to my equally polite enquiry as to when the blue lights would screech to a shuddering halt outside my more than usually open home?

She explained politely that no officer could be 'identified' to take the call, and she accepted that I would at least fill the hole in the door as best I could and clear the bed so that we could sleep.

About eleven minutes later a lady called and informed me that we were next for 'resourcing', whatever that meant, but clearly, I was next in line and so we waited in the colder cold, and we waited some more.

At 10.30pm we gave up, cleared the bed, clingfilmed the hole in the glass and went to bed. I reckoned by now our unwelcome guests would have been round their dealer and 'shooting up' in some litter strewn hovel or alley on the proceeds of yours truly's property. We slept the sleep of the just.

At about 9.00am we were woken by the doorbell. I struggled into my dressing gown and opened the door to be met by two CSI experts who had arrived to search for clues.

They were efficient, polite to the point of charming, took lots of photos of the mayhem and dusted fingerprint dust over all the shiny objects they could find. I thought they were very good and redeemed to some extent the dismal failure of TVP thus far.

Cheryl though the male was 'dishy'.

They were followed later by two detectives, and as one knocked on many doors in a 'house to house' enquiry, the other took thorough details and showed interest and compassion, with a genuine desire to find the morons and arrest them, which again redeemed TVP even more.

A friend rang me to commiserate and arrived later with two sheets of timber for boarding up with an apology for having to rush off!

Another neighbour found a clue buried in her garden which was collected by our detective soon after.

Concerned neighbours called constantly and we were both warmed by our friends and neighbours wrapping round us. Soon, as the clear up progressed and our home returned to normal, the burglary faded into the background as we resumed our lives.

But wait! What's this? Why, it's a letter from the Thames Valley Police, hand delivered too as it bore no stamp.

It's from Amersham Police Station!

"Dear Resident," it reads.

Well, it's a little distant, but they are very busy.

"There has been a burglary in this area."

No Sh** Sherlock! You don't say!

It tells me that "the impact of having my house burgled is immense."

Yes, I know, probably better than most!

It all comes flooding back, with some anger thrown in. Who thought it was a good idea to put this through my door?

It's signed by an Inspector no less, who's contribution to holding back the forces of darkness it appears is to sit in leafy Amersham Nick writing patronising nonsense to victims of crime!

Those papercuts can be nasty!

Stay safe.



Dorney Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update

Firstly, a big thank you to all of you that came along to one of the three consultation meetings. We were pleased that so many of you recognised the importance of the Plan to the future of Dorney.

For those that were unable to attend, the presentations by Mark and William are now available on the Dorney Parish website on <https://dorneyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-plan/neighbourhood-plan/> and, without the settlement maps, are shown below.

Thank you to those that subsequently provided feedback to us following the last meeting. We have now closed the window for responses and are putting together the final draft to be sent to Dorney Parish Councillors for their final comments and then to Bucks County Council.

We will soon be entering a period of liaison between the Neighbourhood Plan Working group, the Dorney Parish Council and Bucks County Council to enable the best possible plan for Dorney that has the support of all parties.

After that it will be published and the residents of Dorney Parish will be asked to vote on its acceptance. It is really important that we receive a massively positive vote at this stage.

So, thank you for your amazing support up to now and if you are not on our mailing list for future updates and wish to be, then please send an email to dorneyneighbourhoodplan@gmail.com.

Neighbourhood Plan Meeting 12th Oct 2023 (document circulated)

Vision and Objectives

I'm sure you will all agree that we are lucky to be living in Dorney Parish with its rural character, cherished history, and beautiful scenery. It is one of the few unspoilt areas between Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead and must be preserved for all to enjoy and our objectives will relate to doing just that.

So, our objectives are simple and based on both the questionnaire responses and meeting feedback.

- To protect and enhance the rural quality of Dorney Parish
- The historic character of the parish must be conserved and where appropriate enhanced.
- The diversity of wildlife and habitats to be preserved and encouraged.

- Housing development will have a positive impact on the parish by enhancing the area in which it is constructed.
- Footpaths, cycle ways and bridleways will be enhanced or constructed to ensure connectivity between places and access into the countryside from the village and transport hubs.
- Formal and informal amenity green spaces will be protected and enhanced where they are of community value.
- A parish with social diversity and cohesion that is also a healthy and safe place to live.

We also wish to ensure that we have sustainable development and there are three main principles.

- Any new development achieves high quality design and environmental standards whilst also being sympathetic to housing stock in the area.
- It reflects local preferences in terms of location.
- It supports community infrastructure.

This translates into the following for Dorney Parish

We believe that:

- We should aim for 20 new dwellings by 2040
- Any new development should be small scale and no greater than 10 dwellings in any one location.
- There should be development boundaries for Dorney Village, Dorney Reach, Lake End and Boveney to sustain the character of the parish, and to protect the current environmental areas, which should have at least equal protection.
- There is a need for development to contribute to the quality of life for residents, including healthy lifestyles, green open spaces, safe places for active play, and to be accessible by walking and cycling.
- Construction must be in areas where all key utilities are sufficient to support additional building or subject to an improvement where required.

In summary the overriding principles for housing development in Dorney Parish are:

1. It should be constructed on brown field sites or infill plots as a priority.
2. It will protect, conserve, and enhance the quality of its environment including designated heritage assets and their settings.
3. It will be small scale and in locations where it would support the community.
4. It will be of a high standard of design and reflecting the housing stock in the area of construction.
5. It will contribute to community infrastructure.
6. That existing key utilities, including fibre-optic broadband, are efficient and available or are enhanced prior to construction.
7. It will be of contemporary construction requiring energy efficiency and water management to be adhered to.

JOY MORRISSEY MP

Standing up for the Beaconsfield Constituency



It has been a busy few weeks since I last wrote for this magazine. I have been working to deliver on various issues, including our Greenbelt, support for our elderly community members, and the well-being of the people of Dorney and across the Beaconsfield constituency. Despite my return to Parliament, every vote and discussion I have has been conducted with the people of the Beaconsfield constituency in mind.

The preservation of our Greenbelt has been my top priority since I was elected in 2019. From Beaconsfield to Marlow, I have been dedicated to protecting our beautiful greenspaces, many of which played a significant role in our decision to make this constituency our home. Alongside the residents of Little Marlow, I've been actively involved in the fight to protect a substantial portion of our Greenbelt from a film studio development. I was hugely disappointed that the Strategic Sites Committee delayed their decision on this application until next year. While this delay is disappointing, I take pride in the collective efforts of the residents of Little Marlow, and I remain committed to working alongside them to ensure the protection of our Greenbelt.

Meeting the residents of Westhorpe Park reaffirmed why it is so crucial for Buckinghamshire Council rejects this application. The residents of Westhorpe Park are threatened by the potential increase in flood risk that the development would provide and fear for the air quality if development does begin. As I've consistently done as the Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield, I stand with those who feel their voices are not heard.

As previously mentioned, I am determined to support our elderly and vulnerable constituents. I was delighted to visit Farnham Common House Care Home earlier this month, engaging in delightful conversations with the residents about the issues that matter most to them. One of the most heartwarming aspects of such visits is the opportunity to hear the remarkable stories and experiences shared by the elderly residents. There is so much we can learn from residents like those at Farnham Common House Care Home.

In Parliament, it was fantastic to mark Loud Shirt Day with Auditory Verbal UK. The charity provides crucial support to individuals with hearing loss, delivering early and effective assistance to people like Louis and Noli, whom I had the privilege to meet. Their journey with AV UK over the years is a testament to the positive impact of the support they received, enabling them to thrive.

October marks the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness, highlighting the need for further research and support for those affected by breast cancer, an issue of great importance to me. I was proud to wear pink on 'Wear It Pink Day' last week to support Breast Cancer Now in raising awareness of the disease.

Lastly, I want to talk about the current Israel and Palestine conflict. What unfolded in Israel just over two weeks ago was a horrific and barbaric attack, and I join the UK Government in standing by Israel as it seeks to defend itself. The Government and I support Israel's right to take back the hostages, defeat Hamas and strengthen its security for the long term.

The situation in Gaza is also extremely troubling, and I am pleased that the UK Government announced it will send an additional £20 million of support to the region. I know that the UK Government supports a lasting solution for Israelis and Palestinians to live alongside each other in peace.

Thank you for taking the time to read this month's update. It is a privilege to serve the people of Dorney, and I will always give a voice to the voiceless residents across the constituency. If you require further assistance or have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me at joy.morrissey.mp@parliament.uk or 01494 977 505.



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Thames Valley Adventure Playground - Update

Hello,

I have worked as a playworker at TVAP for 21 years. I have just taken on a new role working in the community and would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in popping in for a tour or getting to know more about what we do. We have lots of exciting events coming up and loads of opportunities to get involved in a truly magical playground!

There are lots of different ways to become a Friend of TVAP; areas to help include gardening, art donations, poster design, spreading the word about the playground, stalls at local events and cake baking to name but a few.

We have also set up a Community Choir this year for our friends with special needs and supporters of TVAP. We performed to their family and support network on the last session before the Summer which was a very special occasion for everyone involved and we can't wait to do it again at Christmas (email if you would like to join us!).

Please take a look at the videos on our social media pages to get a real insight into everything TVAP.

Facebook - "Thames Valley Adventure Playground"

Instagram - "tvap_charity"

Email – lucie@tvap.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you soon,
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Lucie
Community Outreach Coordinator

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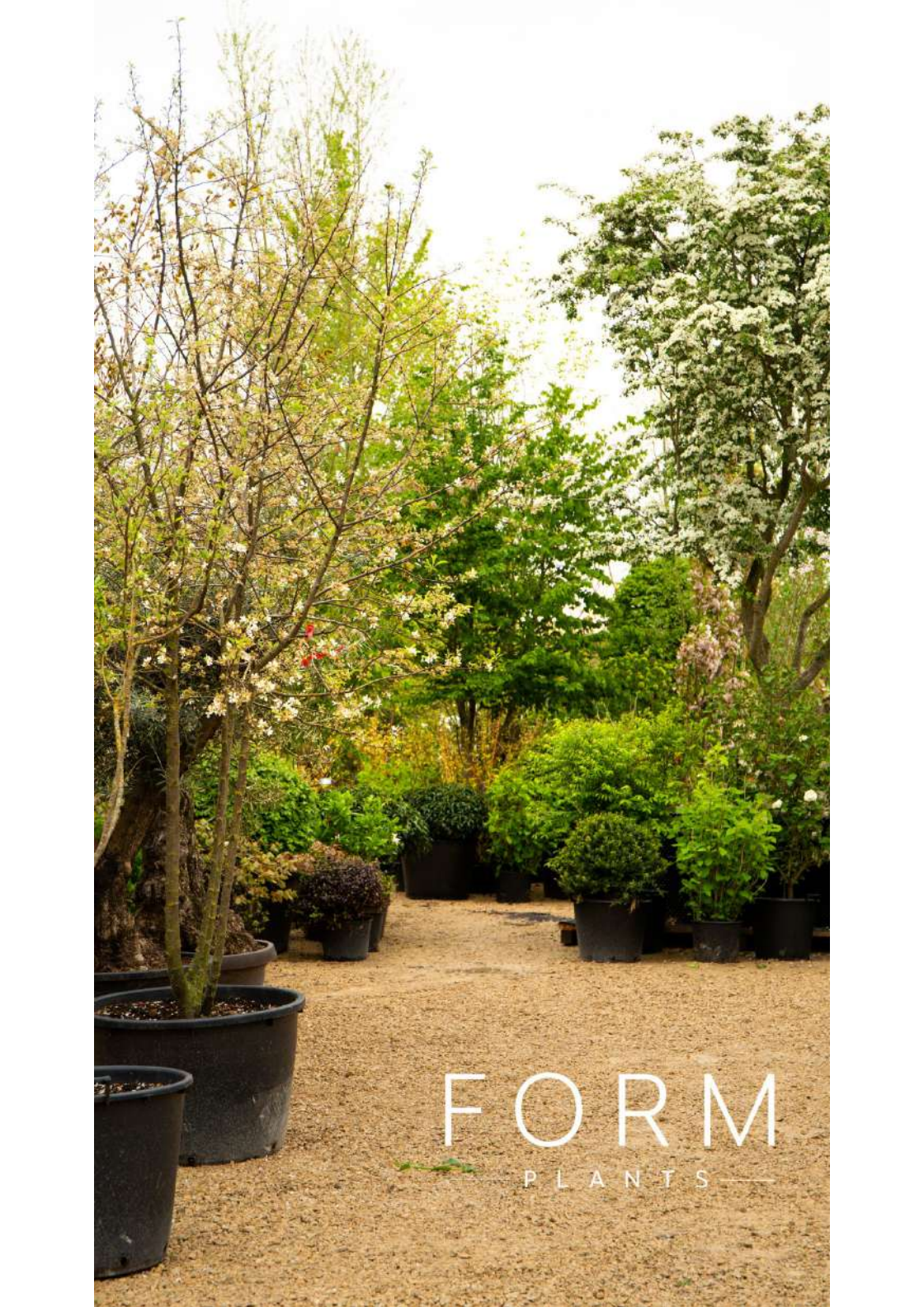
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