

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



June 2017

FROM REVD JENNIFER MORTON

When I watch television I tend to be a bit of a channel hopper. When the adverts come on I often see if I am missing anything worthwhile somewhere else. With catch-up avoiding adverts is even easier to do. But when I do see the ads I am struck by what else they portray other than wanting to sell a particular product. Two spring to mind. The first is for a car rental. The good deal is seen to override any crisis in the family. I am not sure that depicting self-centered gain, which is probably deliberately intended to be over the top and therefore satirical, does not actually reflect a grain of truth in the attitude it is portraying. The second is the complete opposite and shows a care and consideration for the other. This advert is one of a series where someone identifies another's need and uses this company's service to solve it in a quirky way. This particular one shows a Vicar and an Iman having tea together as friends and being both of a 'certain age' complain of problems with their knees. Each then buys for the other knee-pads and the ad ends showing each at prayer on their knees in the Mosque and in Church.

At the beginning of June we shall be half way through the Archbishops' call to specifically pray for our Churches' witness in the run up to Whitsunday on 5th June. However I was wondering what all this might mean to those less involved with the day-to-day life of our churches. What do those of you who are reading this consider the role of the church to be? Maybe you would be expecting us to be a place of prayer everyday or at least on a Sunday!! Perhaps, therefore, the advert is actually unsurprising apart from focussing on what we share with our neighbours rather than our self-centred desires and fears.

The contrast between the two adverts emphasises for me the danger our society faces when friendship and family is overtaken by that desire for what benefits ourselves to the exclusion of all others. Jesus commands us to love our neighbour as ourselves and told the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate to his listeners who their neighbour was. Not the person who was just like them but someone they had no time for, who was considered as nothing in their society, a foreigner. However he was the person who showed the injured man mercy. Jesus tells us to "go and do likewise", or as a more recent translation puts it ".....[make sure] you do the same". Can we as a nation do that? Our government reflects our society and who we are as a nation. The Archbishops' Pastoral Election Letter reminds us of this:-

'The Christian virtues of love, trust, and hope should guide and judge our actions, as well as the actions and policies of all those who are seeking election to the House of Commons and to lead our country.'
(*Full text can be found on the Church of England website*)

Let us, then, hope and pray that when we go to vote on June 8th wanting the best for our neighbours as well as ourselves motivates where we put our cross.

DORCHESTER ABBEY NEWS

Events in Dorchester Abbey:

Pentecost Sunday, 4th June

Dorchester Abbey will be hosting a 'Beacon event' aimed at families to close Thy Kingdom Come, with a picnic, Messy Church, and Christchurch Abingdon leading our worship.

Sat June 10th 7.30pm Benson Choral Society Byways of Beethoven including Mass in C (Op 86), Choral Fantasia (Op 80), Solo Piano Anita D'Attellis and Halleluia (Op 85) from Christ on the Mount of Olives. Tickets from Stephanie Martin 01865 407395 (eves only) or bensonchoral@gmail.com prices £15, £12 and £10.

Sat June 17th 7.30pm The Waynflete Singers Sense and Sensibility: a concert celebrating Jane Austen.

Celebrating the life and times of Jane Austen with an evening of music from her era and pieces from her own music archive, recently digitised by Southampton University.

This year marks the bicentenary of Jane Austen's death just a stone's throw from the Cathedral grounds in Winchester where she is buried. Join Winchester's Waynflete Singers in the inspirational space of Dorchester Abbey, together with acclaimed pianist Roger Owens for a special, summer evening concert in honour of this Hampshire Lady.

There will be readings from Jane's own works throughout the evening given by Sheila Forbes, and Roger Owens will play Chopin's Scherzo in C sharp minor and Mozart's Rondo in D, both works contemporary with the period.

The Choir will sing a miscellany of English songs, seven of which are taken directly from Jane's Austen's collection. They will also perform Elgar's *Songs from the Bavarian Highlands* and Moeran's sumptuous *Songs of Springtime*.

The evening will be under the direction of Winchester Cathedral's Director of Music, Andrew Lumsden.

Tickets are £15 unreserved (£12 students and children), available online through www.ticketsource.co.uk/waynflete and on the door on the evening itself.

"Without music, life would be a blank to me" – Jane Austen, Emma.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Villagers may not be aware that the car park on the lane by the Old Forge is available by agreement of the land owner for use of the Village Hall. We only have it if we maintain it. Currently, we have not been able to access it to cut the grass. Please do not park all across the front as this blocks others from using it. Please support us in maintaining this resource that many in the village value.



Car Treasure Hunt *

from 2pm

Summer Fun on the Green

from 4pm

Saturday 17th June

Come to either or both events

Bring your own picnic
plus FREE:

Welcome drink, BBQ, Live Music, Pony Rides,
Bouncy Castle



** See details for the **Car Treasure Hunt** below*



Car Treasure Hunt

This event will take place from 2pm on the Green, 17th June. Fill your car with friends (5 max.) and use the clues provided to find your way around a South Oxfordshire route, collecting answers and points on the way. Some familiar and perhaps not so familiar locations! Prize for the winning car. Once you're done, join the Fun on the Green, which kicks off at 4pm.

To register (entry is free!), please email baldonsevents@hotmail.com, leaving your name and a contact number. Closing date for registrations 12th June.



Vintage Tea Party

**June 10
3-5 pm**

Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall



For one day only the Village Hall will be transformed into a vintage tea shop selling a traditional afternoon tea. Join us for refreshments and music from the 40s and 50s. No charge to attend but cakes, refreshments, and vintage china will be offered for sale.

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the AGM on 8 May the following were re-elected as officers of the council

Dorothy Tonge Chairman tel 343234 d.tonge@yahoo.co.uk

Charles Barclay Vice Chairman tel 343853 cb@barclayfarms.co.uk

John Maskell Treasurer tel 343203 johnd.maskell@btopenworld.com

The meeting also reviewed and adopted the Annual Governance statement, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Planning applications: Hillfield Farm Toot Baldon. An application for the building of three 3 bedroomed houses. Previously permission had been granted by SODC under permitted development rights for the conversion of 3 redundant barns to residential property. This application seeks to allow the demolition of the barns and instead the construction of new single storey houses. Plans can be seen on SODC website planning ref P17/S1420/FUL and the Parish Council is recommending support.

Village Green: At this time of year as lawns are cut and gardens tidied up can we again remind villagers particularly on the south side of the village green not to dispose of garden rubbish and grass cuttings on the green where it risks creating problems for the green and for farmers who cut the green.

Neighbourhood Plan: Good progress has been made in recent months on the preparation of the Baldons Neighbourhood Plan and we hope to be able circulate the draft Plan for Baldon residents comments during the course of this summer.

SODC Local Plan: The council also discussed and agreed its response to the SODC Local plan preferred options consultation document and we have submitted our response to SODC. Whilst continuing to have some concerns about the numbers of new houses required by government we have supported the proposals for housing in Chalgrove on the redundant airfield, at Berinsfield to support regeneration for the village and at Culham and Wheatley, the latter being mainly on the Wheatley campus site. We have welcomed SODC decision to exclude land off Grenoble Road from development. We continue to support the protection of the Green Belt from development but have accepted SODC's argument and Elizabeth Gillespie's advice that in the current circumstances there can be exceptional reasons to release some Green Belt land for development.

We have expressed our concerns about the discussion taking place on the ambition for improvement of the transport links and road networks between Oxford and Cambridge and the possibility of creating a new trunk road: "The Oxford-Cambridge Express Way". Options appear to include both a northern and southern routes with as we understand it a preference for taking a southern route which could have a serious impact on the Baldons. At this relatively early stage of a long term plan we have argued that SODC should be aware of our concerns and support the alternative northern route.

Date of Next meeting: Monday 10th July 7.30 pm Village Hall

'THE VIEW FROM ABOVE: LIDAR AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF WALLINGFORD AND BEYOND'



Dr Edward Carpenter will talk at the Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about Lidar and aerial photography of Wallingford. Edward is an Investigator with Historic England, and joined the Royal Commission on the Historical Monuments of England in 1998. Since 2002 he has been involved in a number of multi-period aerial surveys across England and has a particular interest in the various ways that these landscapes or the individual monuments within them are perceived.

Archaeological aerial survey has proved to be invaluable in the discovery and understanding of past landscapes. In particular, the identification of crop marks of buried features has led to the discovery of many thousands of archaeological sites over the last 100 years. More recently, airborne laser scanning, also known as lidar, has allowed aerial archaeologists to see beneath the trees. Lidar has revealed extensive archaeological earthworks hidden within woodland, but it has also shown that even in open ground slight earthworks may still survive. This talk will show what we can see on lidar and aerial photographs. Edward will use examples from across England, but will concentrate on Wallingford and the surrounding area. He will also consider what can be seen on some of the freely available aerial resources and how to interpret what they reveal.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 14th June, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twahas.org.uk

WALLINGFORD WALKS

Guided Historic Town Walks now take place every Saturday morning until 30 September, starting from the Town Hall at 11.00am. Walks last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head, money which will be donated to support Wallingford Museum.



These are general walks covering the rich history of the town, but also touching on the links with Agatha Christie and 'Midsomer Murders'. They will appeal to residents and visitors alike.

There's no need to book, just turn up!

Alternatively, if you'd like to organise a Town Walk like this for your group / society / school at a different time, then please contact Philip Burton on 01491-836200 or pburton6@talktalk.net

FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

On 4th May I was re-elected as your County Councillor with a majority of 1,054, which represents 55% of the vote. I am really pleased to be able to represent you once again, and would like to thank everyone who supported me.

Whether you voted for me or not I will continue to work hard for everyone in my Division which covers Dorchester, Warborough, Shillingford, Newington, Stadhampton, Chiselhampton, Drayton St Leonard, Berinsfield, Burcot, Clifton Hampden, Culham, Nuneham Courtenay, Marsh Baldon, Toot Baldon, Garsington and Sandford-on-Thames.

The Conservative Party has retained control of the Council by joining into an Alliance with two Independent members as we did before, and I have been re-appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader, Cllr Ian Hudspeth. I will continue to drive our Asset Management and Property Portfolio, our Cultural & Community Services, and in addition I have taken over the County Council's Transformation Programme. Please get in touch if I can help in any way.

SAVE MONEY ON ENERGY BILLS WITH CITIZENS ADVICE CALCULATOR

Anyone aiming to save money on energy bills can use the Citizens Advice price comparison tool to look for a cheaper deal, or contact their nearest Citizens Advice for help.

Go to <https://energycompare.citizensadvice.org.uk> for instant access to the tool. You will be asked for your postcode and which prices you want to compare, and then after a few simple questions you will get an up-to-date price summary which will help you choose a better deal.

Many people lose out by sticking with their energy firm's standard tariff and never shopping around for the best deal. As a result, Citizens Advice says, the poorest pensioners and low-income families in Britain are paying an extra £250 million each year for being "loyal" customers - an average of £140 a year more for a dual fuel gas and electricity bill than if they were on the cheapest tariff available.

Heating and lighting your home are basic necessities and Citizens Advice says energy companies aren't doing enough to inform customers about lower tariffs that could help them to make ends meet.

For further information on subjects covered by Citizens Advice, visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or telephone 03444 111 444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale

Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale is an independent charity. Our 150 skilled volunteer advisers and 10 staff advise over 8,000 clients each year.

BERINSFIELD LIBRARY

Visit your Local Library
and see what we have on offer

Rhymes for the Under 5's Wednesdays 10.30am

Storytime Wednesdays 3.45pm

IT Lessons Thursdays 2.00pm

Knit and Natter Tuesday 6th June &
4th July 2.30pm
(any craft welcome)

Reading Group Thursday 8th June &
13th July 2.00pm

Coffee Morning Tuesday 20th June &
18th July 10.30am

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ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Items for the July - August 2017 DOUBLE ISSUE newsletter by 16th June please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter - this can be anything from articles, poems or pictures, to publicising your event. In addition, if you have an image you would like us to consider for the cover, do send it in! If you would like to receive a reminder e-mail each month for newsletter contributions please let me know.

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Alternatively I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

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4 th June	9.30am	Family Communion for Pentecost	Toot Baldon
11 th June	6.00pm	Evening Service	Toot Baldon
18 th June	9.30pm	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
25 th June	8.30am	Said Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	Family Worship	Marsh Baldon
2 nd July	11.00am	Aircrash Memorial Service	Toot Baldon

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
4 th June		9.30am Graham Hobbins
11 th June		6.00pm Ann Druce
18 th June	9.30am Stephen Dance	
25 th June	9.30am Natasha Eliot	

FLOWERS

	Marsh	Toot
28 th May & 4 th June	F Ardern	A Druce
11 th & 18 th June	L Martin & I Wright	M Trinder
25 th June & 2 nd July	C Attewill & V Sandilands	V Bowler

The Revd Paul Cawthorne is Team vicar for The Baldons with Nuneham Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.

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