

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



June 2019

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

Our Church Annual meetings were held on Sunday, 28th April.

At this meeting Church Wardens and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected for the coming year and a report of the past year's work is presented. We are very fortunate in the Baldons that we have a dedicated group of people who quietly care for our churches and make sure services and events run smoothly. Special mention was made at the meeting of people in the community who mow grass and keep the churchyards tidy, do the flowers and help in all sorts of ways.

The most particular thanks at this time goes to Debbie Dance who has stood down as Church Warden after ten years of wonderful service. Debbie's expertise in the care of the buildings has been invaluable and we are very grateful that she has indicated that she will continue to advise us. The Church Warden's role is, however, a very wide one and Debbie has carried the responsibility and met the various challenges with great skill and care - whether it be meeting Bishops and Archdeacons or providing teas at Nuneham, Debbie has coped with it all and we are greatly indebted to her.

We are fortunate that Ian Gillespie is continuing as Church Warden and we will be appointing our second Warden in due course. Interviews for a new Team Vicar are being conducted this month and meanwhile we continue to be immensely grateful to Jennifer Morton and the Dorchester Team for keeping everything running smoothly.

The current members of the PCC are Ian Gillespie (Church Warden), Graham Hobbins (Treasurer), Sonia Hobbins, Catherine Mason, John Mason, Sara Mcdouall, Jennifer Morton, Alison Porter (Secretary), Veronica Sandilands (vice Chair) and, newly elected at the Annual Meeting, Natasha Eliot.

It was a particular pleasure to return to St. Peter's in the afternoon of 28th April for the Baptism of Arlo, Denice and Nikolay's new baby. A lovely family and village occasion.

Sue Booy is Team Rector for the Dorchester Team. Any queries about services, or if you would like to speak to someone about a baptism, wedding, or funeral the person to contact in the first instance is the Administrator in the **Dorchester Team Office** on **01865 340007**. Or, if you prefer, email admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk.

01865 340007 is also the number you can ring **at any time** if you need to contact a clergy person urgently.

Baldons Churchwardens: Debbie Dance (341323) and Ian Gillespie (341398).

Cover Photo: This month's cover photo is from Lizie Giraudeau: see her advert for Flowers from Toot elsewhere in the newsletter!

...BREAKING NEWS...

**A NEW VICAR IS APPOINTED FOR
THE BALDONS AND NUNEHAM COURTENAY**

We are delighted to announce the Reverend Teresa Stewart Sykes has been appointed to the post of Team Vicar in the Dorchester Team with primary responsibility for Berinsfield, the Baldons with Nuneham Courtenay and Drayton St Leonard. She will join us in the late summer /early autumn.

Teresa joins us from the 'other' Dorchester (Dorset) where she has been a self-supporting member of the Team there and has been working as a support co-ordinator for Dorset County Council. She has also been a secondary school teacher and special needs co-ordinator. Teresa is married to John and they have four grown up children.

ANNUAL EVENSONG IN THE CHAPEL NUNEHAM COURTENAY



Many thanks to all who were involved in arranging Evensong in the beautiful setting of Nuneham Chapel on Sunday 19th May, especially Jon and Jennifer, Dorchester Abbey Choir and Debbie for providing tea and cake under the portico after the service.





Wednesday 12th June
7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall
OX44 9LL

Anne De Leyser
at the South Oxfordshire Filling Station

In June the speaker at the Filling Station is Anne De Leyser. Anne travels worldwide training Christians in the ministry of Local Houses of Prayer, an initiative flowing out from the move of God at Ffald-y-Brenin in Wales (cf. best-selling book 'The Grace Outpouring'). The vision of Local Houses of Prayer is to see God's Kingdom come and God's will be done on our particular area of earth, as in heaven.

Everyone is welcome. Coffee/tea and cake will be served at 7.30pm, there will be a time of worship at 7.50pm and the talk will start at 8.10pm. You are welcome to join in at any point in the evening. The evening will end at 9.30pm.

If you are interested you can find out more at <http://thefillingstation.org.uk>. Or contact Catherine Mason (07879 626828) or Tom Hunnings (07778 104806).

EVENT IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

Sat 15th June 7.30pm Benson Choral Society Summer Concert

The Summer Concert brings together Andrew Carter's tuneful Benedicite and Stanford's nautical Songs of the Fleet, along with the exciting Overture and Polovtsian Dances from Borodin's opera Prince Igor. Accompanied by The Elgar Orchestra, with baritone soloist Michael Bundy. Tickets from www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **July / August 2019 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.

Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Sheila Harris on:
sheilaharris778@yahoo.co.uk or on 340403.

ST GEORGE'S DAY, BALDONS VILLAGE HALL



Thank you to all who organised and ran the St George's Day celebrations in the Baldons Village Hall, especially Phyllis Slaney and Heather Maskell and Fiona Ardern and Kevin Hutchinson for providing the entertainment

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Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall



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No charge to attend but cakes, refreshments, and vintage china will be offered for sale



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

We have been advised by Oxfordshire County Council that the B4015 between Golden Balls Roundabout and Chiselhampton will be closed for resurfacing from 25 – 29 June 2019 inclusive.

Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works.



Do you know that 95% of collisions are due to human error? Distraction, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink or drugs are the big fatal four on our county's roads.

Could you?

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to do not disturb before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created an handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide [365alive.co.uk/fatalfour](https://www.365alive.co.uk/fatalfour).

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Election

There was no formal vote for the election of councillors as 5 councillors stood for the 6 places and were elected unopposed. The Councillors elected are

Toot Baldon

Elizabeth Gillespie tel 341398

John Maskell tel 343203

Marsh Baldon

Lawrence Attewill tel 343336

Stephen Dance tel 341323

Dorothy Tonge tel 343234

With a vacancy for a councillor in Marsh Baldon the council at its AGM on Monday 13th May agreed to co-opt Lauren Collett 43 The Green MB tel 340218.

Election of Officers at AGM

Chairman Dorothy Tonge

Vice Chairman Stephen Dance

District Council Election

Our newly elected District councillor is Sam Casey Rerhaye.

Planning applications

The Mole Inn: The council is aware of a pre planning application to SODC for permitted development a to provide bed and breakfast accommodation at the Mole Inn. There were no other applications.

Village Green

The condition of the track on the south side of the green, and the associated erosion of the edges of the village green, by driving and parking is a concern for the village that was referred to in last month's newsletter. There is clear evidence of regular driving on the green despite the council's No Driving notice.

We must ask villagers and visitors to respect the green and only drive and park on the track or in front of properties

To try and find an acceptable and affordable way forward the council has agreed to initially hold discussions with the land agent for the college and landowners and to explore options, prior to arranging a meeting with residents later in the year.

The Parish Council's responsibility is to protect the village green and we must as villagers to do the same.

Apologies to any villager who hoped to attend the council meeting on 13th May. Unfortunately, the village hall had been double booked and we held the meeting at short notice in public at the Seven Stars

Date of Next meeting: Monday 8th July 7.30 pm Village Hall

YOUR PUB NEEDS YOU!

Do you have spare room in your property, or know someone who has? Would you like to make a bit of extra cash?

The Seven Stars is in urgent need of more accommodation for its staff if it is to keep providing the high standard of service that has made it such a success. If you would be interested in accommodating a member of the pub staff, or have any accommodation ideas, email info@bnclsld.com or contact Matt at the pub or leave your details - where you live, the sort of space you have on offer and what your terms might be.

Would you like to have more say in your pub? Then why not apply to become a BNCS committee member - an enjoyable way to contribute to the success of this valuable village asset.

If you are interested in standing for election to the committee contact one of the committee members: Elizabeth Belcher, Fran Butler (Chair), Dave Greenaway, Kevin Hutchinson, Catherine Rohll, Robin Timms, Paul Torevell, Jason Warner or Fiona Webster.

Date for your diary if you are a BNCS shareholder: the 6th annual AGM of the Baldons and Nuneham Community Society Ltd will be held on Monday 24th June at 7.30pm at the Seven Stars. Do come along and see how it works or have your say.

Power cuts. Don't forget the pub now has a generator so when there is a power cut - one is expected in the Baldons area on Monday May 20th - you can pop to the pub for hot food, WiFi and a warm welcome!

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Wallingford Museum - What did you say?



Didn't realise it was so extensive - (Wallingford resident)

The kids loved it - such fun! - (Oxford resident)

A very well planned and laid out museum. One of the most interesting museums I have visited - (South African visitor)

Haven't been for some time. Great to see changes - new exhibits and other archive rooms - (Wallingford resident)

These are just a few comments in Wallingford Museum's Visitors Book - visits that have been appreciated from far-and-wide. One of our exhibitions this year is the special 'Once upon a time ... the changing face of Wallingford'. Old and young alike can enjoy 'hands on' activities, discovering the secrets of garden archaeology and tracing the passage of time through photographs and objects, all of which reflect the changing face of Wallingford.

Why not complement your visit by joining Wallingford's popular Guided Historic Town Walks, held on Saturdays starting from the Town Hall at 11am. The Walks are led by knowledgeable volunteers from Wallingford Museum, last 1 - 2 hours and cost £5 per head.

'Oxfordshire in the British Civil Wars 1642-51' with Stephen Barker

Wednesday 12th June, 7.45 for 8pm, St Mary's Church, Wallingford

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.



Oxfordshire was on the frontline of the Civil Wars. The county's story is that of King Charles, Prince Rupert, Cromwell, Fairfax, Waller as well as a number of women who played significant parts and whose stories are being widely told for the first time. Oxfordshire's story is that of the battles at Chalgrove and Cropredy; of amazing castles that once stood at Wallingford and Banbury and of Cromwell's raids in the Spring of 1645. This presentation will be fully illustrated, with personal accounts, archaeology and what can be seen today.

Stephen Barker is an independent Heritage Advisor who works with a number of museums, universities, charities and other heritage organisations to design exhibitions and make funding applications on their behalf. He is currently working with the History Faculty, University of Oxford and the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. Stephen specialises in military history, particularly the First World War and British Civil Wars.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Council Meeting

The newly-elected councillors meet for the first time at 7pm on Tuesday 21st May at the Village Hall to elect a Chair and Vice-Chair, and to amend or re-adopt all the Council's rules and procedures. The councillors are also free to co-opt someone to fill the one vacant place on the Council. The parish council's meetings are open to the public, so you are welcome to come along.

2019 elections

Four of the outgoing parish councillors were re-elected unopposed to serve for a further four years: James Fallon, John Peters, Madhvi Saini and Mandy Rigault. There was no fifth candidate so there was one place left unfilled on the parish council.

As you may already be aware, only two candidates contested the South Oxfordshire District Council election for Sandford and the Wittenhams ward, which includes the parish of Nuneham Courtenay. Sam Casey-Rerhaye (the Green Party candidate) was elected with 956 votes to 347 for Fiona Ardern (the Conservative candidate).

At the time of writing, it is not known who will be running South Oxfordshire but there are now six groups on the new council, none of which has more than one-third of the 36 seats.

Annual Parish Meeting

A dozen parishioners attended the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April. As usual, parishioners aired a very long list of concerns: the London plane trees, speeding, gas supply, the cycle rack, a defibrillator, the Village Plan, the playing field, electronic communication, and the hoarding at the building site.

As ever, there were parishioners present with long memories who were able to cast fresh light on some of the problems with which the outgoing parish council has been grappling.



New Parish Notice Board

We are very pleased that our new parish notice board is now complete. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to David Clibbon who made the board and to Simon and team at Restore, Sandringham Road, Didcot who made the name plate.

Handel: *Athalia*

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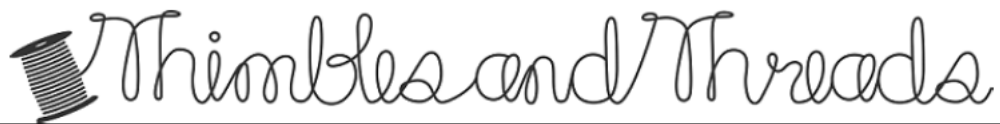


Cello in the Church

Benjamin Dry will play solo Bach Suites on the cello in this beautiful church on Saturday 27th July 2019 at 8pm

Tickets £10 from www.wegottickets.com (plus £1 booking fee) or reserve a seat and pay cash on the evening by emailing dmundy@hccct.org.uk. Proceeds to The Churches Conservation Trust.

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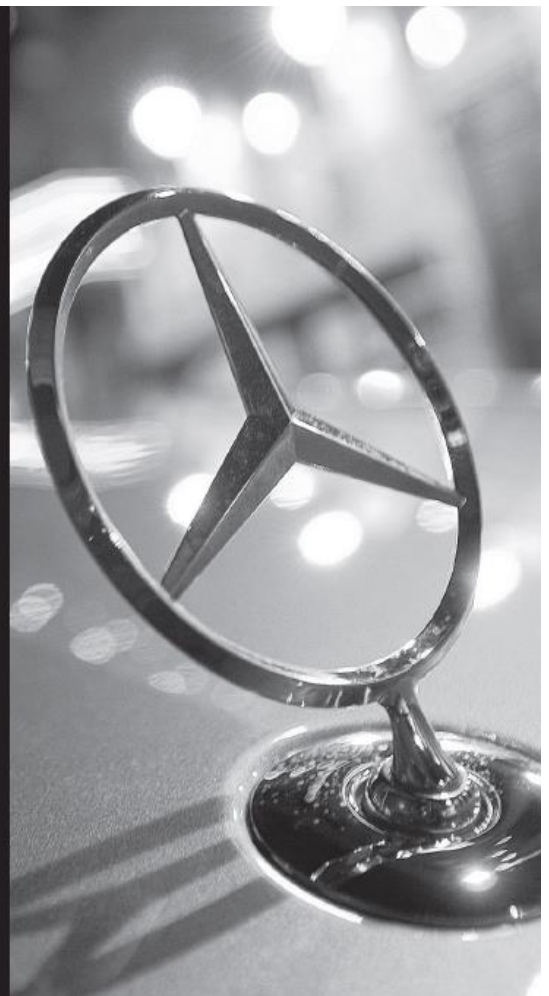
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2 nd June	9.30am	Family Communion <i>Jon Roberts</i>	Toot Baldon
9 th June	6.00pm	Holy Communion for Pentecost <i>Marcus Braybrooke</i>	Toot Baldon
16 th June	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>Jon Roberts</i>	Marsh Baldon
23 rd June	8.30am	Said Holy Communion <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	Family Worship <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	Marsh Baldon
30 th June	10.30am	Team Service <i>Michael Lakey</i>	Culham
7 th July	11.00am	Aircrash Memorial Service <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	Toot Baldon

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh Baldon	Toot Baldon
2 nd June		9.30am Jenny van Dijk
9 th June		6.00pm Ian Gillespie
16 th June	9.30am Stephen Dance	
23 rd June	9.30am John Mason	

FLOWERS

2 nd & 9 th June	C Attewill & V Sandilands	J Brook
16 th & 23 rd June	P & J Slaney	V Bowler
30 th June & 7 th July	A Lyall	S Hobbins & J van Dijk