

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



October 2017

FROM REVD PAUL CAWTHORNE

During the summer, we came away from the beach for a day at the folk festival in Shrewsbury. There was a vibrancy about the music, children's activities, food and drinks on offer which fits well with the season.

Not everyone is a fan of folk music but I have a deep respect for its role as a carrier of culture across generations, in contrast with our recent dizzying culture shifts which seem to be leading to a loss of historical memory.

Some of the vigour of folk music is shown in the prophetic new songs recently written by Jon Boden addressing contemporary challenges in 'Songs from the flood plain' and in the popularity of Devon folkie Seth Lakeman with mainstream audiences. There has been a revival of interest, with lots of young performers and a complete spread of ages evident at Shrewsbury.

The contrast between this and many of the sad happenings over the summer, with terrorist attacks, refugee crises, flood and drought beleaguering different communities across the globe is stark. Such events could leave us very fearful indeed.

If we allow ourselves to become over-focussed on the threats, fear gains the upper hand and our understanding of human nature becomes impoverished. An antidote to this dynamic was recently shown in a meal held at Abingdon where local leaders of the progressive Muslim community invited people from other faiths to share a meal together, with traditional singing and relaxed opportunity to get to know each other better through table fellowship.

Such affirmative events as music festivals and multi-faith initiatives show ways to feed the spiritual imagination and help us avoid retreating into narrower defensive patterns of life. It is no coincidence that there was a collection for Rohingya refugees at the interfaith meal. Our God is the Lord of time and space, calling us on into an unknown future, but asking us to appreciate the past, to retain what is valuable, to listen and learn, to continue the precarious journey of life in faith.

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Harvest Supper

The Harvest Service this year will be at St Lawrence's, Toot Baldon. All are most welcome to this family friendly service, and all food gifts will be passed onto the local Wallingford food bank (see below for suitable items).



The service will be followed by a Bring and Share supper held in the church - if you would like to come along to this, please coordinate what to bring with Sonia (323227) and / or Sara (343567).

Items that are suitable include tinned foods, cereals, pasta, biscuits, sauces, jams, coffee, sugar, etc. The expiry date should be at least 3 months ahead. Additional items such as nappies, wet-wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste are also welcome.



Berinsfield Health Centre PPG Meeting - Reminder

The next meeting of The Patients' Participation Group will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 8pm at The Health Centre. All patients who are registered with The Health Centre in Berinsfield are very welcome to attend this meeting



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I feel privileged to introduce myself to you as the new Headteacher of Marsh Baldon CE Primary School. I have had a wonderful start to the new school year and I have been fortunate to have already met several members of this fantastic community. I look forward to meeting others amongst you soon.

Before taking a year out to settle my autistic son into secondary school, I was previously Deputy Headteacher at Rose Hill Primary School. Over my 20 year teaching career I have taught in a variety of schools, from small schools in rural Oxfordshire to large primaries in both London and central Oxford. I hope this wealth of experience allows me to bring a diverse range of perspectives and experiences to the school and community.

I live in the centre of Oxford with my husband and three children. As well as teaching and parenting, I enjoy travel, reading and the Arts. My children inform me that I also support The Arsenal.

I am excited by the prospect of sharing my passion for education with the children and to working in partnership with all of you to ensure that the school sits at the heart of this community. I share the community's wish to retain the distinctive small school nature of this delightful school.

I would like to invite members of the community to come and introduce themselves to me at the school at anytime. If you interested in visiting the school as a prospective parent, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to sharing our ideas for the future with you.

Beccy Harris

THE BALDONS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Public Meeting on 3rd October at the village hall at 7.30 pm

We are now in a period of Public Consultation on our draft Neighbourhood Plan and all Baldon households should by now have received a copy. If you haven't or if you would like another copy - please let any Parish Councillor know.

It is vital, for the success of the Plan, that as many parishioners as possible respond with their comments on the draft Plan and for these comments to be discussed at the proposed public meeting.

Please therefore make every effort to attend this meeting and have your say. Refreshments will be provided.






WASTE AND RECYCLING CHANGES

Oxfordshire County Council's for free disposal of three DIY waste items is changing. From 1st October 2017 this changes to a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for most **non-household or DIY** items. Residents can still deposit **household** waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre. This change will allow all of the County's Household Waste Recycling Centres to remain open. See below and www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste for more information.

Household Waste No charge

 household waste	 household & garden chemicals	 hard plastics
 mixed paper & card	 gas bottles	 small appliances
 cardboard	 mattresses	 large appliances
 mixed glass bottles & jars	 carpet	 scrap metal
 garden waste	 furniture	

Non-household waste Charges apply Charges may apply

 tyres	 wood & timber
 building materials	Charge Floorboards, doors, skirting boards No charge Wardrobes, tables
 plasterboard	
 hardcore & rubble	

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning applications

Mallams, Toot Baldon: an application for a replacement house and garage following demolition of the existing property. Planning ref P17/S3077/FUL. The Parish Council is considering its response.

Manor Barn, Toot Baldon: an application for replacement and new conservation roof lights. P17/S2732/LB. The Parish Council has indicated support to SODC.

33 The Green. P17/S2411/FUL. A retrospective application for change of use from agricultural to garden status for a part of the garden. The Parish Council has indicated support to SODC.

Neighbourhood Plan

Every household should have had their copy. Please read it and comment, your view is really very important to the future development of the village.

See separate notice of the public meeting on 3rd October.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

Many of you will have heard or read in the media of the proposed Oxford and Cambridge Expressway, a new transport link that is being considered by the National Infrastructure Commission to support the developing economies and science technology and innovation between our two university cities.

Whilst some may doubt the need for such a road this is a long term project that has government support but which could have major implications for villages south of Oxford City. The NIC will we understand be making recommendations in the next few months/weeks as to the best route to take from Oxford. A northern route could be via the A34 to Bicester and onwards via Bedford which is more direct and could be more economic, however along with other villages in south Oxfordshire we have become aware that there is a strong possibility that a southern route to be chosen which would have significant implications for development in the Green Belt and for the villages such as ours which sit close to the Oxford City boundary. We also understand that a southern route is likely to be the preferred option of OCC and the city council. A southern route would open up land in the Green Belt not just for the road but for housing and be extremely damaging to the countryside.

Meetings have taken place between representatives of parishes south of Oxford and including the Baldons and a fighting group to campaign against a southern route is already being formed.

The Parish Council has already agreed to write to the Chairman of the National Infrastructure Commission and our MP John Howell and others expressing our belief that the northern route via the A34 and Bicester should be the preferred route with our concerns set out against a southern route option.

We aim to keep villagers informed.

Driving on the Green

A clear area of car tracks has again developed on the south side of the Green as cars and other vehicles attempt to avoid the track.

We must remind villagers and other users that driving on the Green is an offence in law and must be discouraged. Maintenance of the track is the responsibility of all householders and business on that side of the green. See below.

Road Closure Notice: 13-17 November

We have been given advance warning of a road closure extending from the A4074 Nuneham Courtenay through Marsh Baldon to near the triangle at Baldon Row. This is to enable contactors for BT to lay cabling.

Diversions will be in place using the B4015 and B480.

There will be access for emergency vehicles and for houses fronting the road works

We will try and get more information from the contractor nearer the time.

Defibrillator

Councillors thanked Sara Saw and Dave Jeffries for all their efforts in getting the new Defibrillator installed in the old Telephone box.

From The Parish Council records

Tracks round the green.

In 1948 the Parish meeting approached the County Council about the creation of a road on the south side of the green. The response from the county was that this was not possible and would have to be private initiative and proposed that the 'frontagers' to the green agree amongst themselves to have a track which should be 16 ft. wide and be funded and maintained by themselves.

Later record shows that in 1961 the parish meeting obtained the agreement of The Queen College for an extension of the earlier track from a point near no 37 on the south east side of the Green towards Blenheim corner. Again to be funded and maintained locally. In 1963 a sub-committee of villagers was created to make progress on this latter track

It would be very helpful today if villagers again formed a small committee to manage the fundraising and regular maintenance required on the whole length of the track.

War time records

There is little in either Parish record book of discussion about the impact of either WW1 or WW2. However in Marsh Baldon minute book there is reference in 1942 to the army proposing to create, in an inconspicuous place on the Green, a secret store of explosives for the use if necessary by the Home Guard!!

Date of next meeting

Monday 13th November 7.30 pm Village Hall.



FIREWORKS NIGHT

Bonfire, Fireworks, Funfair, Bar, Mulled Wine, Food and more

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER

Marsh Baldon Green

6.30pm Lighting the Bonfire

7.15pm Fireworks

ALL WELCOME

Visitors - £10.00 per car £3.00 pedestrians

Villagers Free – but please support the bar and make a donation in the buckets.

SORRY NO SPARKLERS!

Come and enjoy the evening!



As ever, these events can only happen with the help and support of the local community. We will be erecting marquees, etc. from about 10am on morning of Saturday 4th and dismantling on the Sunday morning, so please come along and help us if you can (*it's actually quite fun*).

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Please note the next scheduled meeting for Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council is Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 730pm in the Village Hall. We'll be pleased to see you to have your say or just listen to what others have to say about the Village.

The Clerk, Stewart Deakin, can be contacted at:-
nunehamcourtenayclerk@btinternet.com

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Jumble Sale

Saturday October 28th 1-3pm. Rent a table and have a clear out for £6 or donate unwanted items for sale to benefit the Village Hall funds. Donations may be left at the hall the week leading up to the sale. Book a table by contacting Jenny at 01865 343459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com Come along a bag a bargain or just stop by for tea and cake!

Film Screening

Friday the 10th of November, in keeping with Remembrance Sunday, we will screen the film **Their Finest**. As usual, we will have refreshments available to purchase as well as a sociable interval. There will be a collection for the Poppy appeal.

Christmas Bingo

At this time, a slightly earlier date of December the 1st is planned. However, we will confirm the date closer to the time.

Yoga

A small and friendly group meets on Mondays at 7:30ish. Cost is £2. Contact Jenny to confirm the group is meeting that week but All abilities welcome.

Next meeting...

The next village hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 4th of October at 7:30pm. All members of the village and park are welcome to attend the meeting. We are currently discussing improving the disabled access to the Hall and repairs to the roof. The village hall belongs to the people of Nuneham Courtenay. Let us know activities you would like to see held here.

GOING FOR GOLD AT CHELSEA



At the October meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Dr Stephen Head returns to talk to us about exhibiting and competing at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Steve is particularly proud of leading a team that won Gold and 'Best in Show' for a Courtyard Garden at Chelsea 2010.

Steve is a well known local environmental consultant, who is passionate about his interests. He is a popular speaker on gardening and wildlife having made many radio and TV appearances, and has been the national co-ordinator for the Wildlife Gardening Forum for many years. Steve has led several UK environmental charities, and was a board member of the Exmoor National Park Authority for eight years.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 12th October.

Visitors very welcome £3.
Isabelle Darby

Advance notice of future events :-

Thurs 9 November - Autumn Aspirations: looking forward to Spring (Paul Patton)

Thurs 14 December - AGM and quiz, followed by mince pies and wine

'ART & DESIGN IN THE CHILTERNs'



Dr Graham Twemlow, a local retired University academic, will talk at The Wallingford Historical & Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about 'Art & Design in the Chilterns'.

Being designated an Area of Outstanding National Beauty, the Chilterns has played host to many artists and craftsmen. Graham's illustrated talk will investigate 20th Century artists and designers who lived and worked in this part of the world. Key works by Eric Gill, John Piper, Paul & John Nash, Clare Leighton, Marion Dorn and E. McKnight Kauffer will be discussed, highlighting the contribution they made to the design world. This talk will be held on Wednesday 11th Oct, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome. www.twhas.org.uk

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Need a baby-sitter?

I am currently a student at Cokethorpe School. I have just finished my GCSEs and will be pursuing further education in September.

Eventually, my aim is to enter the teaching profession (primary) and I am keen to build up my experience with children. I have previous baby-sitting experience and I have worked with disabled children on a voluntary basis.

I will be available for baby-sitting most evenings from September.

If this advert is of interest to you, please contact Sophia Stanley on

07720660766.

I live locally and references are available on request.

Events in Dorchester Abbey

Sat 21st Oct 7.30pm OSJ Beethoven and Bruch: Beethoven Eroica symphony, Bruch violin concerto Jan Schmolck violin soloist Orchestra of St John's John Lubbock conductor. Tickets available from www.osj.org.uk

REALMS OF GLORY: A CELEBRATION OF ANGELS

Dorchester Abbey will be hosting a Celebration of angels with an exhibition, interactive family themed workshops and a Celebration of Angels in Music concert which is open to everyone. The exhibition will be open from 22 October until 6 January between 9.00am to 4.30pm, excluding services.

Central stage will be given to a series of hanging angel painting reproductions with kind permission from the National Gallery in London. An angels trail will lead the visitor through the Abbey, exploring the role of angels in the journey of life. Half term fun can be had at daily angel themed craft workshops geared towards primary school age children. A choice of afternoon sessions are available to keep the kids entertained and happy including make your own; trumpets, stained glass angels plus wings and halos.

A draw your own guardian angel competition is open to all ages. The concert will be held on Wednesday 29 November at 6.30pm. Check the Dorchester Abbey website for more information: www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk

Fri 27th Oct 7.00pm Pre-Christmas 'Come and Sing' with Dorchester Abbey Choir On Friday 27th October 7pm, Dorchester Abbey Choir is hosting a come and sing open rehearsal where we will begin working on some of the music we are singing over the Christmas period and especially at the Abbey Carol service on Sunday 17th December. We start this far in advance of Christmas as there is lots of other music to prepare along the way during the Advent season.

Do come along and have a sing – no further obligation, but it is also a chance for people who think they might like to join the Abbey Choir to try us out. We start singing at 7pm in the abbey and finish at about 8-15 after which some of us seek liquid refreshment across the road after our exertions.

If you would like to join us on 27th October or would like to know more about the Abbey Choir or Junior Choir, do get in touch on 01491 836310 or jjbwallingford@tiscali.co.uk. Alternatively, just turn up on the evening; you will be very welcome!

There is also a Junior Choir (term time Fridays 6-00 until 6-30) and a Song School for Juniors on Wednesdays run by Christine Cairns. Both groups welcome new members and they will be doing Christmas too!



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ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **November 2017** newsletter
by **16th October** 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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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2017

1 st October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
8 th October	5.00pm	Harvest Festival <i>followed by Bring & Share Supper in Church</i>	Toot Baldon
15 th October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
22 nd October	8.30am	Said Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	Family Worship	Marsh Baldon
29 th October	11.00am	Team Service	Berinsfield
5 th November	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
12 th November	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday	Marsh Baldon

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
1 st October		9.30am Ann Druce
8 th October		5.00pm J & H Maskell
15 th October	9.30am Ian Gillespie	
22 nd October	9.30am Natasha Eliot	

FLOWERS

	Marsh	Toot
24 th Sept & 1 st Oct	A Lyall	J Brook
8 th & 15 th October	F Ardern	A Druce
22 nd & 29 th October	C Attewill & V Sandilands	V Bowler
5 th & 12 th November	I Wright & L Martin	S Hobbins & J van Dijk