# The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



Carfax Conduit, Nuneham Park – see inside for a rare opportunity to go on guided walks around the park and buildings!

September 2016

#### FROM THE VICAR, REVD PAUL CAWTHORNE

September is often a month full of delights. After our El Nino-affected climate over the winter and spring, we can wonder whether we will get a more normal autumn this year. Keats' season of mists and mellow fruitfulness feels such a lovely culmination of the yearly round, collecting apples, picking grapes from vines, basking in the sun's more gentle warmth, perhaps searching for mushrooms as they grow up through the moistening soil, I am sure we all have our favourite signs and activities of the season.

It can be a time of relief for farmers as the vagaries of the weather seem less pressing once the grain is in the barn and the cattle are fat and full from summer grass, so there is a sense of moving to a less staccato pace again. For those of us who work less in contact with the soil, the rhythms are still there as we observe as much as partake.

It has been intriguing this summer seeing friendly groups of teenagers out walking earnestly along the verges and round prominent buildings in our villages in a way which recalls the natural sociability and local exploration of previous years. If Pokémon Go has encouraged a new generation to look outwards more from the computer screen and game console, albeit through a phone screen, then that is presumably to be welcomed. It seems a re-appropriation of something which was getting lost, a bit of rebalancing in use of leisure time, a way of relinking with ones surroundings with a technological frisson thrown in. It is no coincidence that the marketers named it Go and will be interesting to see whether the trend lasts longer than many.

Of course for many the summer has been outdoors anyway, on bikes, in paddling pools in the garden, gardening, watching cricket, beach time, barbeques with friends, so much to review and appreciate when the winter evenings come. There are so many joys in God's world which we can savour and look back on. Let us cherish them with thankfulness.

#### Paul

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### A LETTER FROM THE NEW BISHOP OF OXFORD TO THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE OF OXFORD

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for your various messages of welcome and for your prayers following the announcement of my nomination as the Bishop of Oxford. It's an enormous honour and privilege to be appointed to this role and I look forward very much to serving the communities of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire in the coming years.

My Confirmation of Election as Bishop of Oxford will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July. I am due to pay homage to Her Majesty the Queen later in July and resume my place in the House of Lords. I will continue to meet with the senior team in Oxford and plan for the autumn.

Ann and I hope to move to the new See House in Kidlington at the end of August and I will be working to a normal diary in the diocese from early September. My inauguration is set for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September in the Cathedral. There will then be four Welcome Eucharists at which I will preside and preach, one for each Archdeaconry:

Episcopal Area	Date	Day	Time	Venue
Reading	5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Wednesday	19.45	Reading Minster
Dorchester	9 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Sunday	15.30	Dorchester Abbey
Oxford	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Wednesday	19.30	Church of the Holy Family Blackbird Leys
Buckingham	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Thursday	18.00	All Saints High Wycombe

I would like to meet as many people as possible over the first few weeks in post so please put one of these dates in your diary and I look forward to seeing you there.

I hope to visit the parish clergy of the Oxford Area in October and November. I am also planning a series of Deanery Days from November to July to begin to get to know and to listen to the whole Diocese. During those visits I look forward to engaging with lay people and clergy and getting to know the wider community as well as the church. I also look forward to being out and about across the whole Diocese Sunday by Sunday.

You can discover something about me in advance from the Diocesan website, should you wish to do so. I was formed as a parish priest in Halifax. I was shaped

as a thinker and writer in Durham and through travelling the country as Archbishops' Missioner. I have been forged as a Bishop in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, seeking to recall the Church here and elsewhere to the mission of God.

I'm conscious I will have a much to learn in my early years in Oxford. Please pray for me: for the gifts of humility, wisdom and gentleness for this new ministry. Pray in the words of the ordinal that my heart may daily be enlarged to love this great Diocese to which God has now called me.

I'm looking forward very much to working with Bishop Colin, Bishop Andrew and Bishop Alan in the coming years and with the rest of the senior team. I'm conscious that the Diocese owes a particular debt to Bishop Colin for his care and leadership during the long vacancy.

Based on the listening I have done so far, I will focus my ministry across the whole Diocese in three areas in the early years: on engagement with children, young people and young adults; on enabling lay discipleship in the world and on engaging with the poorest communities across the Diocese. These priorities are not a new Diocesan strategy. That may emerge over time. They are initial themes for my own engagement with the whole Diocese and I look forward to taking them forward with you.

I believe that the Christian faith and the Christian church will become ever more central in the life of our nation and the world in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as people seek again for meaning, for values, for purpose and for hope.

God has called the Church to be a community of mercy and kindness, reflecting the nature of Jesus Christ and telling the good news of his love. Together we are called to be a community of missionary disciples: faithful, united, hopeful, creative and rejoicing in God's grace.

I look forward very much to meeting you, to knowing you and being known and to working with you,

In Christ

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Oxford Open Doors, organised by Oxford Preservation Trust in partnership with the University of Oxford, is an annual festival of Oxford, giving FREE access to many venues not normally open to the public.

Three venues in Nuneham Courtenay are included in Oxford Open Doors:



#### SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER:

A rare opportunity to walk to the Carfax Conduit in Nuneham Park, led by OPT Trustee Julian Munby, and to tour the state rooms of Nuneham House, built in 1756 for the 1st Earl Harcourt.

This event is for OPT members only – to join OPT, visit <a href="https://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk">www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk</a>

## SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – 10AM – 5PM: Nuneham Park and Harcourt Arboretum

Tour the Capability Brown-designed landscape and see All Saints Church. Malcolm Airs will give talk on the history of Nuneham at 10am in the Church.

For more details about these events and many others, please visit www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk



#### "NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT" STEALS A MARCH ON LATEST SCAMS

Scams! A very up-to-date type of crime which has followed us into the modern age along with all of the improvements in our communication systems - the telephone, the Internet, email and texting. Because of their efficiency and ruthlessness, scams pose a major threat to our security and peace of mind. But anybody who is alarmed about scams can now turn to a new resource which offers a realistic chance of staying ahead of the criminals.

This resource is the "Neighbourhood Alert" scheme, whose website provides email alerts tailored to your local area. The alerts are very up-to-date, timely and issued frequently. The information originates from Action Fraud, the police and neighbourhood alert scheme administrators, and also contains tip-offs on other types of crime like burglary and anti-social behaviour.

To sign up for free email alerts, go to https://neighbourhoodalert.co.uk and follow the simple registration process. On the home page, click on JOIN at the upper left. Answering the few simple questions on the online form takes about two minutes.

Citizens Advice can also help you if you have had recent experience of a scam or think you might have been conned recently. Do seek advice early, dropping in to your nearest Citizens Advice (for Oxfordshire South and the Vale, visit www.caox.org.uk for addresses and opening hours) or call Adviceline on 03444 111444.

Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale is an independent charity that provides the national Citizens Advice service locally. We have 150 skilled volunteers supported by 10 staff, operating from five offices. We rely on local funding.



#### **BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

#### Planning applications

The Parish Council has received and commented on a number of planning applications in the past few weeks.

**Durham Leys Farm**. P16/S2040/FUL. An application for a house on the current site of the stables. The Parish Council has raised objections to the plan due to the size and style of the proposed 4 bedroomed house which doesn't reflect the housing needs of the community as expressed in the recent Neighbourhood Plan study. There is also concern at the absence of detail on the future of the stables. The decision of SODC is awaited

**Little Baldon House.** P16/S2379/FUL. An application for change of use from offices to three houses. In response to SODC, the Parish Council has indicated that if SODC approve the change of use, there are no objections to the housing proposed. Two of the houses are 2 and 3 bedroomed properties.

**The Barn, Court Farm**. P16/S2555/FUL. An application for a 2-car garage and carport adjoining the approved Barn conversion. The Parish Council has yet to agree its response.

**46 The Green.** P16/S2556/HH. An application for single story extensions to the side and rear of the property. The Parish Council has yet to agree its response. All applications can be seen on the SODC web site.

#### Unauthorised work on the Green

It is essential to remind villagers that the Village Green is owned by Queen's College and maintained by the Parish Council in conjunction with Savills, the land agent for the College. It is a Village Green registered under The Commons Act and the rules of what can and cannot be done on the Green are displayed on the large notice board near the cricket pavilion.

Householders round the Green have a license to access their property across the Green but no other rights over the Green beyond their boundary. Any householder wishing to undertake work outside their property involving the Village Green should not do so without consultation with and support from the Parish Council and the permission of Queen's College via their land agents.

#### SODC Preferred Options consultation

The district council as part of the development of the Local Plan are undertaking the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of consultation on how much housing there should be and its preferred locations. For smaller villages such as the Baldons, it is proposed that there should be a little more flexibility in housing policy with a recommended 5 % increase allowed, which the Neighbourhood Plan group are incorporating into their proposals. In addition all parishes will be required to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan.

SODC also has to deliver an additional 3,500 houses to meet what is believed to be a shortfall in Oxfords City Council's ability to find land to meet its need. SODC proposed 7 sites for consideration 5 of which are in the Green Belt including land

off Grenoble Road. SODC are recommending that their preferred option is for development on Chalgrove Airfield, a site that will be released by the MOD.

The Parish Council, in responding to the options, has indicated its support for the housing allocations, and support for Neighbourhood Plans. We have also indicated our strong objection to development in the Green Belt and urged SODC to maintain its support for the Chalgrove site even though there will be strong local opposition to it, some of which is already in the local press.

#### Request for Funding from the PCC: Churchyard maintenance

The Parish Council has received a request for a financial contribution to allow the PCC to employ contractors to mow the churchyards at St Peter's and St Lawrence's.

The work has previously been done by a small band of volunteers who are now getting older and less able to undertake the work. The Parish Council will be considering the application in September but it is a reminder to everyone of the importance and value of a little voluntary support in maintaining our village facilities.

#### **SODC New Grants Scheme**

Our District Councillor has provided the information below:

We've launched a new revenue grants scheme - any non-profit organisation can apply, like a charity or local village committee. The grants are from £10,000 to £100,000 over four years and can be used on revenue spending - so things like rent and rates, salary costs, and marketing and publicity.

We're launching these grants to help us meet our new corporate objectives, including investing in the district's future and building thriving communities. Applications are open from 27 July until 15 September 2016. We know that councils spreading the word is one of the main ways groups find out about grant funding, so it'd be a great help if you could let your communities know - just put them in contact with the grants team on 01235 422405.

#### Date of next Parish Council meeting

14 September Village Hall 7.30pm.

# Harvest Service and Supper 9th October

Please do come along to the Harvest Service, which is to be held at 6pm on 9th October, in St Peter's, Marsh Baldon.

Any food donations will be taken to the food bank at Wallingford, and they welcome tins of anything, pasta and jars of sauce, and they ask that everything has an expiry date of more than 3 months.

After the service there will be an informal supper in the church. Please do come and join us.



For details, please contact Debbie Dance (341323 or d.dance@oxfordpreservation.org.uk) or Sara McDouall Saw (343567 or saramcdouall@gmail.com)

#### **CLIFTON HAMPDEN SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

The Group, which represents a number of Stadhampton, Chiselhampton and Newington residents who are registered at the Clifton Hampden Surgery, has over the last few months helped with the purchase of a defibrillator placed at the Surgery entrance and also with a 24 hour ECG monitor which avoids patients having to wait for a hospital referral.

A questionnaire prepared by the Group was issued to all patients visiting the Surgery during the first three months of the year and there was an excellent response to this from which it was clear that there was no demand for Sunday opening for doctor appointments or for collecting prescriptions. There was however a reasonable demand for some Saturday opening for these services. There was also a preference from those patients who use the surgery website for being able to book nurse appointments on-line.

More information about the work of the Group, results of the questionnaire, and helpful information from the practice, is available in the Group's Summer Newsletter which is available by request to the secretary at rogermmit@aol.com.

#### **BALDONS VILLAGE HALL NEWS**

The Baldons Village Hall AGM will take place on Wednesday 28th September at 8pm - in (surprisingly enough) the Village Hall.

#### Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

We are keen to get new people to join the committee - it's not that onerous - about four or five meetings a year and the occasional request to help out with village functions. The present chair is getting very good at keeping meetings under an hour. The most important thing is to ensure that the people looking after the hall represent a reasonable cross section of the village.

If you'd be willing to join the committee we'd like to hear from you. Feel free to contact James Bufford (Chair) – 340091, Natasha Eliot (Treasurer) – 343478 or John Maskell (someone who's been on the committee for a while and can tell you what it's really like) – 343203

Over the last three or four years we have:-

- reduced our running costs while keeping the hall in good condition;
- kept the funds in balance despite losing one major customer in the local authority spending changes; and
- completed a major refurbishment of the hall (due to finish this autumn with the replacement of the windows and doors).

The challenge is to keep finding ways to use the hall that add to village life while keeping the hall in good condition and our finances in the black - any surplus can be used to run village events such as the New Year party or St George's Day tea.

The Village Hall owns equipment for a youth club and also for a toddlers group but currently has no-one to run them. Are there any volunteers? We're also looking for a Pilates instructor as we think there is a market for a weekday evening Pilates group - do you know of anyone?

Please put a note in your diary for Wednesday September 28th at 8pm. Come along and talk to the committee and have a glass of wine, after all it's your village hall.

To book the village hall, please contact Ali or Darren on: 01865 340264 or dbaber@rm.com

#### WALLINGFORD GARDENING CLUB

Garden Visit – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September



Wallingford Gardening Club's summer garden programme concludes with a visit to Cedar Lodge, Dyson's Wood, Kidmore End.

Our host, Richard Bisgrove, will give us a guided tour of his garden. Richard is a landscape designer, adviser, author and academic. In 1972 he redesigned the garden at Trinity College, Cambridge. At present he is a member of staff at the University of Reading. His main interests are in the restoration and management of historic gardens and garden history, especially 19th and early-20th century. Richard is also interested in the work of Gertrude Jekyll, William Robinson and planting design.

Cost will be £4 which will include tea and biscuits. This visit will be held at Cedar Lodge, Dysons Wood, Kidmore End, RG4 9EY at 5.30pm (note: earlier than our usual time!)

Visitors very welcome. Isabelle Darby, 01491-836867



#### **Baldons Wine Club News**

### Cool Chile: a tasting of premium and cool climate Chilean wines

Honorary BWC President: Linda Simpson DipWSET Sponsored by Wines of Chile

October 18<sup>th</sup>, The Seven Stars at 7.30pm Members: £15, Non-Members £20

#### **Christmas Party – date for your diary**

December 16th at The Seven Stars
Places will be limited so please book early for these events baldonswineclub@gmail.com



There will also be Tickets on the door

Tíckets cost £10 (concessíons £8) and ínclude wíne and refreshments.



#### The 2016 Dorchester Lecture



Sir Charles Pollard QPM

Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police from 1991 to 2002

# Tackling Crime in London and the Thames Valley

7.30pm Thursday 29th September

Sir Charles was involved in policing the National Front and Socialist Worker demonstrations in 1979, the Winter of Discontent, the Iranian Embassy Siege, the Brighton Bomb, the Hungerford Shooting and the Blackbird Leys riots. He will be recounting his experiences and sharing what can be learnt for today.

Tickets £10
Available from <a href="https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk">www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk</a>
& Hair of Dorchester

#### FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

#### **Proposals For Unitary Council**

Oxfordshire County Council and Oxfordshire's district/city councils have issued the following joints statement:

With a new Prime Minister and new Secretary of State now in place and a number of pressing economic and policy issues to work through at national level, we recognise that it is sensible to take the time to understand how the government intends to take forward devolution and local government reorganisation in Oxfordshire and other areas before presenting further proposals for reforming public services and changes to council structures in the county.

Following discussions with civil servants all the Oxfordshire councils have agreed to work together to discuss areas of common ground, assess potential options and establish whether we can agree a way forward building on the work we have both done to date. We have agreed to postpone publication of both the Grant Thornton and PwC studies, and pause plans for consultation until these plans have been jointly developed.

Our aim has always been to seek investment in housing and transport infrastructure, to improve skills training and develop the local economy. This investment is needed if we are to reach our potential, and therefore agreeing a way forward with government is a high priority for all of us.

#### **Oxfordshire Bucks Trend In Hospital Delays**

The number of people delayed in Oxfordshire's hospital beds when they no longer need to be there has fallen more than 45%. The latest figures are in marked contrast to national numbers, which saw Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) rise by 25% between May 2015 and May 2016. The improvement in Oxfordshire is the result of a joint initiative by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG), Oxford University Hospitals, Oxford Health and Oxfordshire County Council, to move people out of hospital more quickly when they have been appropriately treated and no longer need to be there. The £2m initiative, launched in December 2015, includes: funding extra temporary care home beds where people can stay until they are ready to return to their own home or move to a permanent care home; and the recruitment of more home care staff to support people in their own homes.



# - throughout Wallingford and Cholsey Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September

This year's Agatha Christie Weekend has something for everyone! Guided walks, plays, talk, exhibitions, heritage transport and cream teas! Further details, and how to book, can be viewed at: www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

#### **Surviving the Death Railway – the Missing Story**

Hilary Custance Green's talk to the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will use memoirs, letters and images, to tell the story of a POW, Barry, on the Thailand-Burma Railway in WWII, and his wife, Phyllis, in



Britain. During the three and a half years of silence Phyllis corresponded with the relatives of the 68 men under Barry's command. This is a personal story of a man and wife set 6000 miles apart told through an amazing collection of letters from (mostly) women, from all walks of life, none of whom had news of their menfolk for three and a half years.

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

#### **ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Items for the October 2016 newsletter by 16<sup>th</sup> September 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.



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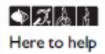
### Gadget Drop-in Session

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Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from

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#### **NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council meeting was cancelled on 9/8/2016 due to holidays. Our next meeting is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 12 – 2pm at the village hall.

Planning information updates from previous meetings:

- P16/S2049/PRR Threadneedle House change of use from A1 Retail to Residential C3 NCPC Refused SODC Refused.
- P16/S1960/LDE Notcutts Garden Centre overflow car park. Lawful development Approved. SODC decision only.
- P16/S2089/HH 17a Harcourt Farm rebuild existing barn Refused by NCPC. Approved by SODC.

#### **Nuneham Park Estate Signage**

We have received positive feedback regarding the tasteful signs now erected on the estate, and this has had a good impact on the estate which includes dogs now on leads, no fouling, and van deliveries/visitors able to find locations easily. Thank you to the many individuals involved and to Savills for their involvement in the process to date.

#### **Brewers Garage Development Update**

The six houses at Yew Tree Courtyard are on target to be finished by September/October 2016, and they are already on the market.

Our next meeting is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 12 – 2pm at the village hall – all welcome! We plan to discuss our emergency plan for the village, and a village clean-up.

Enjoy the remaining sunshine. Cllr Jasminder Love (Chair)

For items and photos to be sent, please contact: <a href="mailto:nunehamcourtenay.clerk@gmail.com">nunehamcourtenay.clerk@gmail.com</a>
Our website is: <a href="mailto:www.ncpc.uk">www.ncpc.uk</a>

#### CALLING YOUNG SINGERS



Do you know a child aged between 8 and 12 years of age who would like to receive professional singing lessons and sing at Dorchester Abbey?

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 5pm

Children singing at Services/Events at least 10 times a year will receive the singing lessons free.

For more information please email: admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk



Wednesday 14th September

7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall

All are welcome at our Filling Station meeting – refreshments, informal worship, a Bible-based talk and prayer ministry.

[For more information: Liam 07738 004176]

#### **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

4 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Evensong	Toot Baldon
September 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
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25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Said Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
September			
	9.30am	Family Worship with Pets	Marsh Baldon
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Toot Baldon
9 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm	Archdeaconry Eucharist with the new Bishop of Oxford	<b>Dorchester Abbey</b>
	6.00pm	Evening Worship for Harvest followed by Supper in Church	Marsh Baldon

SIDESDUTY		
	Marsh	Toot
4 <sup>th</sup> September		9.30am Stephen Dance
11th September		6.00pm Sonia Hobbins
18th September	9.30am Natasha Eliot	·
25 <sup>th</sup> September	9 30am Liam McCormick	

<b>FLOWERS</b>		
	Marsh	Toot
4th & 11th Sept	P & J Slaney	A Druce
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	C Attewill & V Sandilands	M Trinder
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> October	I Wright & L Martin	V Bowler
9 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>ALL HELP MUCH</b>	
HARVEST	APPRECIATED - please	
	contact Veronica 340562	