

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



July - August 2020

FROM REVEREND TERESA STEWART-SYKES

Summer is here! The sun is shining (mostly!), the crops are ripening in the fields and the evenings stay light until late. But this summer feels very different doesn't it? There is no Wimbledon on TV, we have not been able to enjoy a holiday abroad or trips to the seaside, and our village fetes have all been cancelled! However as I write, there are the beginnings of a return to normality; the churches have been permitted to open for individual prayer and shops will begin to open to customers, there are even plans for pubs and restaurants to open in the next few weeks.

During the past few months, we have become far more aware of what we value, and the blessings we enjoy living here in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside alongside neighbours who care for us. As we return to a 'new normal', I wonder if we will remember what our experiences of these past weeks have taught us? What will we do differently in the months ahead?

The Revd Caroline has been thinking about this too, here's what she writes:

I am writing this letter at a time where it seems the headlines are dominated by global strain and catastrophe. At the start of the year barely anyone had heard of Covid 19, it has now changed the world beyond recognition. Here in the United Kingdom the official death toll stands at 40,000+, the actual death toll is possibly a third higher than that. Each one of those numbers is not a statistic but a name, a life lived, someone special, someone loved by friends and families, someone created in the image of God, loved by God and infinitely precious to God.

Alongside this I have been profoundly shocked by the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and the subsequent reaction to it and the #Black Lives Matter campaign. My initial reaction to this was to say there is no need because all lives matter. Unfortunately, as the disproportionate figures of the effect of Covid-19 on BAME have shown and the undoubted prejudice that many people from BAME communities experience it is simply not enough for me just to say all lives matter. It has to go further.

I write as a person of privilege, I am white, I have received an education (much of it at taxpayers' expense), I have a roof over my head, food on the table and money in the bank. Within reason I can go about my daily tasks without interruption or suspicion. #Black Lives Matter has forced me to see that these freedoms and privileges are not enjoyed by everybody and that this is counter to our Christian faith and the gospel of love and inclusion I seek to preach. 'God is love and those who live in love live in God'.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to working with you all again as we seek to take our communities forward with renewed hope and vision.

God's blessings to you all,

Rev Teresa

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Nuneham Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.*

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**A clergy person can always be reached in a pastoral emergency by
ringing the Dorchester Team Office 01865 340007**

THANK YOU BNCAG

**A big thank you to the group for all the support you've
given so far during this pandemic.**

**In our case collecting food orders from supermarkets,
picking up medication from the pharmacy. It has been a
great relief knowing you are there to help in any way you
can, whilst we have been shielding for the last 12 weeks.**

**Also Darren & Ali for the eggs they have dropped off.
It is greatly appreciated.**

Chris and Janet Nichols

**The Baldons Garden Group would like to thank everybody
who participated in, and donated to, the veg growing
project and the plant swap.**

**We raised £220 which has been donated to our 2 charities,
"Restore" and "Keyhole Gardens"
Thank you!**

Cover Photos sent in by Chris Nichols, with a question:

**Anyone remember this beautiful cottage on the Green that
was used as a backdrop to advertise cars made in Oxford,
also as a birthday card? Answer on page 5.**

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2034

The Public inquiry into the South Oxfordshire Local Plan will be held via video conferencing on dates between July 14th and 31st. This is the plan that has been subject to consultation in the last couple of years and, whilst SODC have in the past been able to protect the Green Belt south of Oxford from development, pressures for housing and other development have led to the current plan, which includes the release of Green Belt land for housing in areas south and east of the city. The Plan includes 3000 houses south of Grenoble Road and 1800 at Northfields off the B480, both of which will impact on our villages.

The council has been arguing consistently against the release of land in the Green Belt. Its importance as a means of protection for Oxford and preventing expansion and coalescence cannot be overstated. However, pressures for development have increased and are supported by the County Council, the City Council and the Oxfordshire Growth Board, and now SODC. Although the government policy has been stated as wishing to protect the Green Belt it appears that this might not apply to our situation.

The Parish Council has indicated we wish to make representation on the sessions devoted to the Green Belt and land South of Grenoble Road. The council has asked to be represented on these items by at the inquiry by Elizabeth Gillespie and Dorothy Tonge. All other parishes on the southern fringe of city are likely to be objecting as are the CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) and the Green Belt Network.

Public Inquiries of this nature are normally held in public but because of the current restrictions this one is to be by video conferencing. Many concerns have been expressed about the limitations of this and the Baldons Parish Council and other parishes and organizations have protested to the Inspector and to the Minister for Housing, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, urging a postponement until after the current restrictions on public gatherings are removed. This has been rejected, so we are left to assume that there is an intention to drive this plan through without delay.

Solar Farm

The company behind the Solar farm have been told by SODC that they must undertake and submit a full Environmental Impact Assessment as part of submitting a full planning application. The reasons for this were stated by the planning officer as being

‘the size and nature of the proposed development, the location of the potential development site and the likely impact of the proposal on the character and appearance of the area. Effects will be significant and wide-ranging including landscape and visual impact, residential amenity, heritage impacts, agriculture,

traffic and highway safety impacts during construction and potential effects on biodiversity'

We must now wait for the planning application to be submitted to SODC

Planning applications

There have been no new planning applications but planning applications granted by SODC include the School House (Marsh Baldon): new door and plans for a house at The Old Telephone Exchange, Baldon Lane.

Dates of next meetings

July 11th 7.30pm: This is likely to be another meeting conducted via Zoom which villagers will be able to join by notifying the Parish Clerk.

The agenda as usual will be displayed on notice boards and circulated on village email and will include an agreement to repairs outside the school.

September 14th 7.30pm: Details of the meeting to be arranged but it is hoped we may be able to meet in the village hall whilst maintaining social distancing.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the September 2020 issue newsletter
by 16th August please

Any villager is welcome to send items for publication in the newsletter. Please send copy to Natasha Eliot: tashaandjames@btopenworld.com. Alternatively, I can be contacted on 343478 or at Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

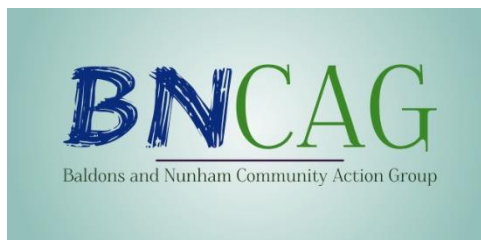
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TWENTY QUESTIONS PRIZE WINNER

The Twenty Questions quiz in the May newsletter was won by Anna Wise, who receives a £30 Voucher to spend at the Seven Stars, kindly donated by James Bufford. Many Congratulations to Anna and thanks to James.

ANSWER TO COVER PHOTO QUESTION

This cottage (the Nichols' family home) was demolished in early to mid-60's to be replaced by a modern farm cottage at the time, which is now Stock House (to the right of the cricket pavilion, behind where the Stocks Tree used to be).



Covid update June 2020

Lockdown is easing, but we are clearly not out of the Covid woods yet. Many people have found ways to shop and so forth for themselves. Luckily, we have not needed to put our waste plans into action!

However, we thought it was important that you should know we are still here and that we have a small army of volunteers and people willing to help should you need it. We are not disbanding our efforts just yet, and we will continue to check up (albeit less frequently) on the vulnerable and shielding.

If there is anything you need, even a chat, do not hesitate to contact one of the village coordinators whose details are below.

We still need to be careful for others, if not for ourselves.

Be kind.

If you need help with shopping, getting medicines or just a chat please email baldonsinfo@gmail.com or ring or email one of the village coordinators:

Marsh:

Alison Porter - 01865 340405 / am.porter@btinternet.com;
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BNCAG are linked in with the Oxfordshire network of community support groups and can also provide up to date information regarding NHS and local authority services.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

As things begin to open up there will of course be a lot of changes and updates. The WhatsApp groups are still operating in the Village, both the community spirit one and a food exchange. Although some people will not be around as much as they were during the lockdown, do reach out if you need help and support. It has been lovely the way the village has come together and supported each other. Let's take this forward and build on it.



Nuneham Food Exchange

In recent weeks the demand for the essential items we have stored has decreased while there has been a relatively high demand for specific shopping items. Tom would like to sell down the stored stock with a view to keeping back a few of the more emergency essentials. Money that this generates will be used as the seed money for a Village BBQ once this is all over. Anything not sold or raffled at that point will be donated to a local food bank. In the meantime, there will still be support with shopping for those that are vulnerable, self-isolating, or elderly. Do get in touch with Tom at 07919 224 488 if you need support with this.

Saturday bread, flour, and eggs

Jenny will continue placing an order with the Natural Bread company each week. The order now has to be placed by noon on Wednesday. Then she or John collects it from the bakery around lunchtime on Sunday. If you wish to order you can contact her on 01865 343459 or through the WhatsApp group.

Yoga

The Yoga group has continued pretty much throughout lockdown. We have experimented with various platforms but have found using Skype the most successful. If you would like to join in, you are more than welcome. Do get in touch with Jenny and she will add you to the Skype call. As we are doing this from the comfort of our own homes, yoga is free just now!



There have been a lot of people quietly doing things in the community to help each other out - collecting groceries, mending fences, making masks, running the parish council, putting up artwork, mowing lawns, growing plants, sending jokes on WhatsApp, sharing books, loaning items for home schooling, etc. This has meant a lot to the community and all of your efforts to help each other through this difficult time has been much appreciated

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council would like to reassure parishioners that we are all still here and we are going to hold a meeting on Tuesday 7th July from 7-8.30pm using Zoom software: the Government has made a temporary change in the law to allow local councils to meet remotely, instead of face-to-face, due to coronavirus. To observe the meeting you follow this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/96614156361?pwd=aHowNkoxUHFyelc5cWFnWk5OZS8xdz09>

which you will find on the agenda on the Council's website, but you may need to email or text the Parish Clerk to obtain a password.

This will be our first Parish Council meeting since the end of February. It was a particularly difficult few weeks with the start of lockdown, our clerk Geoffrey having been unwell and our inability to meet in person – the Government did not immediately change the rules to permit remote meetings. Since we have not held any meetings for a while there is little to report.

We are waiting for feedback on the proposed sand/gravel extraction site in the parish (called SG42 in the plans) following the latest public consultation undertaken by the County Council earlier this year. By the time you read this article we may have had some news, although these matters do seem to take some time.

We're sure the lockdown has affected other organisations too, so the Parish Council is still waiting for a reply from the Sports and Playing Field Association to our last message sent in December. We do hope the Playing Field can be mown soon so children can play there. The installation of our new defibrillator and cabinet is also on hold until they can be fitted safely.

For all those of you who have not been out and through Nuneham recently the Parish Council is pleased to show you our new gateways at the North end of the village. They replace the old slanting design which was deemed too high for maintenance and so consequently became more and more overgrown with ivy and bedraggled-looking.

The new gates are made of a modern material which will need less maintenance than wood, so should stay looking good for longer.



We have taken the opportunity to change the village name plate as well to something more in keeping and reflective of the origins of the village. Those at the South end have also been changed to match.

We are very grateful to Oxfordshire County Council's Highways Dept., who part funded and carried out the work, particularly to Jon Beale for the design of the new name plates. Thank you Jon.

We hope to co-opt a new member onto the Parish Council at our next meeting as we have recently had a volunteer! This will give us a full complement of councillors.



The Parish Council Meeting may also discuss how to progress a Neighbourhood Plan to completion to help shape the future of the village.

The Nuneham Courtenay Community Spirit WhatsApp group has enabled villagers to communicate and support each other at this difficult time, for which we are very grateful.

The Parish Council will be putting forward a few proposals to the County Council for inclusion in a concerted plan of action to clear and prepare Oxfordshire's network of cycleways and footpaths, paid for by the county's share of the Government's £250m Emergency Active Travel Fund.

The County Council is considering measures such as improving signage and sweeping the busiest paths and cycle lanes, keeping vegetation under control and fixing surfaces.

May we take this opportunity to ask all those with access to email please to sign up to receiving Parish Council news electronically via the website, as this will enable us to let you know important developments quickly and also enable us to receive your ideas and feedback. Thank you.

Finally, may we send you our best wishes at this strange time and assure you we are working behind the scenes for the good of the community. As ever we welcome ideas and suggestions from any of you, so please get in touch via the website/our e-mail addresses if you have an issue you would like to raise.

Mandy Rigault

TO THE COMMUNITIES OF THE BALDONS AND NUNEHAM COURTENAY FROM THE PCC

At the time of writing, the churches of the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay are closed for worship, but our church community is still very active, with pastoral care available to all residents of the parishes and services happening on line every week, with people joining from all over the Dorchester Team.

The churches are more than just the buildings – we are a community that serves and supports our parish and we want to continue to do this. **We want to be there to provide the baptisms, weddings and funerals, the school Nativities, the Harvest Festival, the Remembrance service and the Carol Service, but we can only do this with your help.** At the moment our churches are sustained financially by a just small number of people: if we can increase the number of people who provide financial support, we can ensure that the churches will be open and available for our community to use and enjoy for the long term.

Right now, even though we can't hold services in our churches, **we still have to pay £1,700 per month** to cover our most significant running costs, clergy salaries and insurances. These costs have not reduced, while our ability to raise income from Sunday donations, fees and fundraising events like concerts has been lost. **The average monthly income from our 27 regular donors is around £1000 per month, so we have a shortfall of around £700 per month.** As a result we have had to spend almost all of our general reserves just to cover our running costs and we are now desperately short of funds: at the end of May we had just £500 in our general reserves.

We are appealing to you to ask if you would make a regular or one-off donation to the churches, so that we can continue to hold those special occasions that are so important in our village life.

We appreciate that this may be a financially challenging time, but if you are willing to help secure the future of our churches, we would be hugely grateful. **If you can help, please complete the details opposite and return it to us by 15th August.** If you have any questions or would like to understand a bit more, please do get in touch with Rev Teresa or Sara McDouall using the details below.

Thank you

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PCC Members:

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NATURE IS US AND WE ARE NATURE

I'm writing this at the start of June, amidst the loosening of the Covid-19 lockdown. Like many others, I've been following the shielding advice, and not really been out for what must be 11 weeks? Not really sure, I'm not counting anymore. Today is my first proper walk out, and I've headed for my 'retreat spot'. The highest part of my favourite field, just east of Oxford, offering views across Oxfordshire to where Didcot Power Station should be, and beyond. I'm sat in nature writing this and expressing my honest thoughts and feelings.

The long grass is swaying like rivers as the breeze crosses the hillside as the sun sets, and I can hear huge amounts of birds singing and what is effectively dusk from the dense hedgerows around me, and from the woods nearby. Some are flying overhead.

Plenty of Wood Pigeons, Blackcaps, a Tawny Owl, a couple of Great Spotted Woodpeckers, half a dozen Song Thrush, a Cuckoo, a Chaffinch, Blue and Great Tits, a Wren, Robins aplenty, a handful of Blackbirds, a Crow, a Jay, Chiffchaffs. The well-established Magpie roost is forming in the hedge to my right, and a convoy of Black Headed Gulls are passing overhead, heading toward their roost at Farmoor Reservoir.

I'm noticing people seem to now be more appreciative of the nature around them after lock in. We've rediscovered a sense of commonality too, we've changed forever! The shared experience we've all been through, offers a new starting point to make changes, and live the life we want.

We can more easily challenge ourselves now to live better. We can challenge our leaders and decision makers to modify the systems we live by, so these integral processes are more environmentally sustainable. Democracy works from the bottom up, we have the power, especially as we are now far more linked as a community, and not disparate individuals.

We can now individually, and collectively, push on with newfound nature awareness and appreciate the nature around us in our communities. We can now push on with protecting it, starting with the nature in our gardens, flowerpots and road verges.

Whilst its worth reflecting on the fact as well, that we are part of nature, not separate to it. The systems and habits we live by exist within the framework of nature, not outside of it. Nature is us and we are nature.

Happy Gardening
Stuart Mabbutt
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The Maple Tree Children's Centre



Although The Maple Tree remains closed at this moment in time, we are following Government guidance very closely to see when and how we may be able to re-open. We will keep you informed as soon as we have any news.

Don't forget that in the meantime that we are running a remote programme. Our Facebook page and website are very active and there are lots of fabulous ideas to do at home with your children as well as useful links to other trusted agencies. You will find cooking videos, gardening videos and much more - <https://www.facebook.com/TheMapleTreeWheatley/>

We continue to run interactive Facebook Live sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday morning at 11am for storytelling, singing (suitable for babies and children) and ideas for activities for you to do at home – do join us and request a favourite song or two.

If you or anybody else that you know has given birth during the pandemic, you are welcome to join one of our new virtual baby groups on a Wednesday morning for babies born in Oxfordshire since the 1st March 2020. These groups are very popular and we try to group parents with other parents from the same area - we already have over 70 new parents subscribed. If you would like to join us for the 10am session, email hayley@mapletree.org.uk and we will send you a zoom invite. You don't even need to switch your camera on if you don't want to. We have also run special one-off courses such as Traumatic Birth, Sensory Play and Baby Watching.

If you need any support, do contact us either through our Facebook page, by emailing Hayley or through our new website www.mapletree.org

We have been busy fundraising and applying for grants. Aviva are currently running a crowdfunding page where you can nominate The Maple Tree to receive much needed funds

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/the-virtual-maple-tree-childrens-centre?fbclid=IwAR1ucw7qrFSIlgphnpBDOCIOYygSgq0pt1KVCm2S7hF4HdhwmIX7qleobxk>. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Finally, a big thank you to one of our lovely mums, Anna O'Keeffe. Anna has run some virtual Tropic skincare events for us and she has also organised an online virtual quiz. Keep your eye on our facebook page for other upcoming events. Stay safe!

Hayley Hayle (Coordinator)

Citizens Advice can help you through financial difficulties



If you are facing financial problems in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Citizens Advice can help find a way forward.

Citizens Advice research has revealed that currently over 13 million people are unable to pay, or expect to be unable to pay, at least one of their household bills. These bills are higher than usual in any case because the population is spending more time at home during the lockdown. For 11 million of these people, a missed bill could have drastic consequences: eviction, the bailiffs, or disconnection.

It is vital that you do not give way to despair, feel isolated with your problems and consider that you have to solve them all by yourself. For instance, Citizens Advice can help maximise your income with a benefit check if your working hours have dropped or if you are made redundant. We can help you decide on the best way to manage your debts in your individual situation. Get in touch with us by telephone on Adviceline (0300 330 9042). There is also a lot of useful information on our website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> where you can also chat online.

Citizens Advice needs volunteer advisers

We can all face problems that are too stressful or complicated to sort out alone.

Last year our 150 volunteers advised over 11,000 people. We helped three quarters resolve their debt, benefits, employment and housing problems. We now need more advisers to help us during and after the Covid-19 crisis. Normally, our main offices are in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley and Thame. Ninety volunteers and staff are now advising the public from home on our Advice Line service.

What will you get out of it? You will join a friendly team, meet new people, develop your skills and make a real difference to people's lives. You'll need to have good listening and interpersonal skills, a willingness to learn and be confident with computers. Full training will be provided.

If you have eight hours a week to spare for the next two years or more and are looking for a satisfying and stimulating volunteer role in your local community, please contact us at: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/

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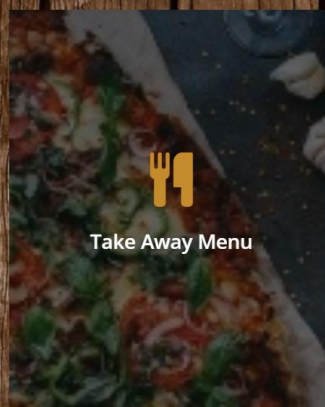
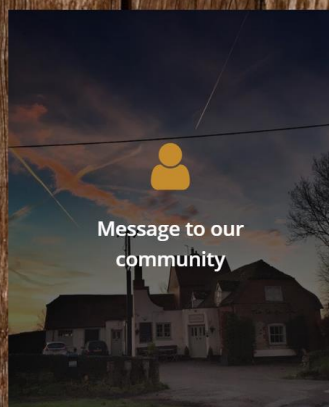
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THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE IS BACK WITH SILLY SQUAD!

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The **Silly Squad** is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books. This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like *Amelia Fang* and *Evil Emperor Penguin*!

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. Our new online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, we'll have loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. We'll also have heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

Silly Squad officially begins on **Friday 5 June 2020** and will continue well into the Summer. Join now by going to the Reading Agency website: <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>



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It is with great sadness we are still unable to hold Public Services

**THE CHURCH BUILDINGS MAY STILL BE CLOSED
for Public Services
BUT NOT THE CHURCH.**

There are many opportunities to join us in services online in the Dorchester Team, the Diocese and also Nationally

Details can be found on Dorchester Abbey's website and our church's 'A Church Near You' (ACNY) website. Regular services are also broadcast on the TV and radio and there are prayers and other information on the Church of England's or The Diocese of Oxford's website. Each week the Team sends out an update letter along with invitations to our weekly Zoom 'At Home' Services. If you would like to be included in that correspondence do let Rev Jennifer know at jennifer@morton8.co.uk.

However following the recent announcements we are very pleased to be able to offer Funeral services in Church once more. The best contact number to make a funeral arrangement is 01865 340007 or Rev Teresa the Team Vicar responsible for this parish. We will work closely with your Funeral Director who can contact us on your behalf whilst making arrangements. Our primary concern is that we follow all the health and safety procedures recommended before using a building.

Across the Dorchester Team we are considering how we can best open our Churches in a way that keeps people safe as they enjoy the peace and offer prayers. Each of our Churches will need different arrangements and at present it is likely that here we will be able to only offer restricted opening at St Peter's and keep St Lawrence's closed for now. The PCC is working towards this aim. Please look out for dates and times. The information will be posted on the A Church Near You site, on our notice boards and in village news.

As we know advice is changing all the time and as things are updated current information will be posted to the websites. We are committed to keeping operational the 01865 340007 number for everyone to call and to answering/responding to calls quickly from that number. If you know of anyone who just needs a chat then let Rev Jennifer know on 01865 343302.

In these difficult and extraordinary times we continue to pray

Keep us, good Lord,

under the shadow of your mercy.

**Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;**

that we may find comfort

**knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**