



**The Baldons and
Nuneham Courtenay
Newsletter**

March 2016

FROM THE VICAR, REVD PAUL CAWTHORNE

Is it spring yet? It's been such a mild winter, the flowers certainly seem to think it is. From cowslips in Drayton churchyard in December to daffodils on the Baldons roadside in January, the seasons seem to be a bit topsy-turvy. It can be nice when something arrives earlier than we were expecting, but it's rather disconcerting and invites reflection.

In this Lenten season we are invited to spend time reflecting on questions of our own existence and wider society's strengths and vulnerabilities. It has been seen as a late winter thing to do, after all the fun and feasting of Christmas, before the rush of spring traditionally led us out of the house into the flurry of activities in field and garden.

Such reflection can be pleasant musing when life seems to be going well and we have a kind of contentment with our lot, but can be difficult when things take an unexpected disorientating turn or the world seems a lonely or painful place, as it does for most people at some stage of the journey. Part of the reflection process is trying to bring those together - opening our hearts to others' situations when we feel a bit complacent, daring to think in terms of trust and faith in God and other people when sorrow or suffering preoccupy us.

Through Lent we walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem, then along the Via Dolorosa to Jesus' total self-giving on the cross to give redemption and hope to our glorious but broken world. It's not an easy walk but it seems a vital one. It is a walk on which we can see the flowers and the people at different times, both in all their beauty and vulnerability. It is a walk sometimes on stormy days when we feel lonely and deeply uncertain of the way, sometimes in breezy sunlight with company we can enjoy and take clear bearings from.

May your walk bring you closer to the mystery of God's love for each one of us and to God's sharing of blessings with all fellow-travellers.

With best wishes,

Paul

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Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.*
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BALDONS VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Baldons Village Hall is for everyone's use: to book, please contact Ali or Darren on: 01865 340264 or dbaber@rm.com

If you have any issues to raise regarding the village hall, please let a committee member know or contact James Bufford (340091), John Barne (343624) or Natasha Eliot (343478).

Calling all ladies! Ladies' Night is coming in April!

An evening of pampering, shopping, canapes and bubbles is coming soon! Enjoy your well earned evening off, dance the night away.

Ladies' night is brought to you by the Baldons Village Hall, with all funds being put towards much needed repairs.

Further details coming soon so watch this space!

Tickets £7 (including canapes and a drink on arrival) available from the beginning of March.

For information or tickets contact Denice Cullen - denice.cullen@yahoo.co.uk / 07955084693



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22nd February 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Community,

The Interim Executive Board was established in September 2015, and, as the name indicates, this was only ever an interim arrangement. The Department for Education was explicit in our appointment letter that our maximum term of office was one year.

Some of you may remember that as an IEB, we have three Key Priorities for our term of office:

1. Rapid improvement in Learning and Teaching across the school.
2. Solid and impactful Community Engagement.
3. Sustainable, professional, robust and effective Governance.

I hope that you would agree that we have made significant progress so far on priorities one and two – of course there is always more to do and we will deliver much more on this until our term ends. Under priority three, however, we now need to start the planning process to create sustainable, professional, robust and effective Governance for the future.

I understand that this communication may cause anxiety for some in our school community and a real concern that issues of the past will reappear. So please let me reassure you on a number of points:

- This will be a very gradual process between now and September 2016. The IEB is working on timings for this at the moment. It will involve a full, open and transparent recruitment process, with interviews for potential Governors, each newly appointed governor being mentored by a member of the IEB and receiving specific training, and all new governors shadowing the IEB for a fixed period before the Governing Body becomes live and the IEB shadows it.
- All Governors will sign a morally binding Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement.

- Only once the IEB is satisfied that professional, robust and effective Governance is in place (against set indicators) will the IEB be disbanded.
- Following due process, it is my intention to apply to join the Governing Body on the usual voluntary basis and ideally (if appointed by the new Governing Body) to remain as the Chair. This will ensure that there is continuity in governance and that the school can continue in the direction both the IEB and Mrs. Herring have set.

As part of this process there will also be an open evening for those interested in joining the Governing Body, as well as those who want only to find out more about governance and our plans to reinstate a governing body by September 2016. Please do come along on **1st March 2016 either at 3.30pm or to the second session at 6.00pm**. There will be an area for children to play in should you wish to bring them along with you.

Since joining the IEB at Marsh Baldon, I have grown extremely fond of our school and this has informed my decision to stay for the longer term. As always everything I and the IEB do is for the best interests of the pupils alone. In this I hope you will trust us to manage the process carefully and understand that reinstating a normal Governing Body will be a positive thing and will contribute to the success and sustainability of our school.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns to share then please do e-mail me directly: kprm1982@hotmail.com or contact the school office to arrange a meeting with me.

Best wishes,



Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors

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A DIET PLAN FOR PLANTS

At the March meeting of the Wallingford Gardening Club, Paul Patton will talk about 'A Diet Plan for Plants'.



Paul is a professional horticulturist, plant pathologist, writer and broadcaster. His talk will cover all aspects of plant feeding, including the nutritional benefits of garden composts, different types of fertilisers and how to use them.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th March.

Visitors very welcome £2.

Isabelle Darby
01491-836867

THE HISTORY OF CARTOONS IN BRITISH ARTS AND POLITICS



Environmentalist, historian, gardener, and avid collector Steve Head, from Cholsey, returns to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) with a further talk. He is an entertaining speaker, and the timing of this talk is most apt to coincide with the opening of the special exhibition at the Museum - '300 Years of Cartoons!'. Steve will be giving a special talk on the history of cartoons in British arts and politics. He will trace the evolution of cartoons from their medieval origins, through the great Golden Age in the eighteenth century, when cartoons were a major political force, on to the eras of Punch, Private Eye and now Viz magazine. The talk is designed to complement the exhibition of Steve's own collection which will be on show at the Wallingford Museum during 2016.

This talk will be held on **Wednesday 9th March, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford**. Please note that TWHAS talks will now be held on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Mary's Church.

Visitors (£4) are most welcome.

www.twhas.org.uk

WALLINGFORD HISTORY WALKS AND MUSEUM TOURS IN 2016



During 2016 there will be opportunities to join one of the popular history walks led by Judy Dewey and Wallingford Museum volunteers.

On Sat 2nd April there will be a walk around the Castle earthworks in the morning, followed by a Town history walk in the afternoon. So a full day to absorb Wallingford's history, and a super opportunity to visit the Museum's latest exhibitions between your exercise! Put the date in your diary now!

Separately arranged group visits to the Museum or history walks are proving increasingly popular. They can be specially tailored to your group's requirements. If your group / society/ school would like to book for 2016 then please phone Judy Dewey as soon as possible, tel: 01491- 651127.

There are two new special exhibitions at the Museum this year '**1066: William Comes to Wallingford**' describing that William the Conqueror came to Wallingford after the Battle of Hastings to cross the River Thames with his army! But why did he choose Wallingford? and '**300 Years of Cartoons!**' a spectacular private collection , featuring about a hundred cartoons of all kinds.

And if you come early in the season, your £5 entry ticket will give you terrific value, as you'll be able to return as many times as you like for no extra cost. The Museum is open from 1st March. Children under 16 are free, when accompanied by an adult. More details at www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Baldons Events Committee



Many of you will have heard of BEC, some may not – but what actually is BEC, who are we, what do we do and, most important, what does the future hold?

What is BEC?

The Baldons Events Committee (BEC) formed in 2004. The committee organises local events, primarily for the villagers of the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay, AND raises funds for local good causes.

Who are we?

The current committee members are: Darren Baber, Phil Collins, Sonja van Dijk, Bruce Don, Rachel Fallon, Chris Lake, Jonny Langstaff-Ellis, John Maskell, Alison Porter, Robin Timms, Emma Torevell.

What do we do?

Over the years BEC has organised barn dances, “Lunch on the Green”, black tie balls, the village Christmas tree, the November bonfire and fireworks, safari supper and we run the bar at the Baldons Feast. Most of these events are self-funding, some make a small loss and some make a surplus. Surplus funds have contributed to a wide range of local “good causes”, including: outdoor play equipment / furniture for the Toddler Group, Christmas lunches for the village seniors, sound system for the Youth Club, costumes for the Junior Baldon Players, toilets for Nuneham Village Hall, stage lighting for Nuneham Hall / Baldon Players, boundary fencing for the extension to St Lawrence Church graveyard, The Baldons Garden Group, the village Christmas tree, lights and children’s goody bags, servicing the bells at St Peter’s Church, hearing loop for St Lawrence Church, refurbishing the village hand bells, donation to BNCS, Nuneham Luncheon Club.

The future

Obviously, we want to ensure that future events we organise are the kinds of things that you and fellow villagers would wish to attend. Hence, we’d be grateful if you can complete a small survey – it should only take you 5 minutes. The easiest way to do this is online, by going to www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/22NYT7X. Alternatively, you can complete the paper form enclosed with this newsletter, and drop it through the letterbox of either Robin Timms, Holman House, 14 The Croft, Marsh Baldon OR Bruce Don, 31 The Row, Toot Baldon OR into the box at the bar at The Seven Stars. Either way, can you please complete the survey by 13th March. We want to hear your views.

Also, you may have thoughts about an initiative which would be of benefit to the villages and villagers, for which you may want BEC to consider a funding contribution. If so, in the first instance, please have an informal chat with one of the committee.

Further information

You can find out more about BEC, including a summary of our accounts, at: www.baldons.org.uk/page.php?id=132

BALDON FEAST 2016
The Great Village Festival for
Nuneham Courtenay, Toot and Marsh Baldon

12noon – 6pm Saturday 20th August 2016



Baldon Feast Is Go!

Our Baldon Feast this year is now set to continue with some exciting additions.

We are concentrating on children's features, without losing the things adults like. We hope to have items of interest and one or two competitions. A marquee is being set aside for these exciting items. Along with this a stilt man is coming to the Feast who will also be doing balloon modelling and for those who like it a Punch & Judy show. If you would like to specify something you think we should include to increase the children's enjoyment please contact Geraldine on 01865 340225.

We have a blues band and an Irish country band booked along with lots of other features. Please note the Feast will start at 12noon and continue to 6pm. There will be plenty of outlets for food and drink plus tables and chairs to make a real feast of it. A display of steam engines, military vehicles, classic cars and birds of prey. A large market and more craft stalls. Should be a great event. A full contingent of funfair rides and side shows along with funfair food.

Ralph Slaney
Baldon Feast Organizer on behalf of the Baldons Parish Council
ralph@baldonfeast.org.uk, 01865 343275

Benson Choral Society Spring Concert,
Saturday March 19th at 7.30 pm

The next Dorchester Abbey concert will take place on Saturday 19th March, and will feature a single work – Bach's Mass in B minor. This is generally recognized as the crowning peak of Bach's sacred music and throughout it his deep faith shines through as an inspiration and stimulus. The Elgar orchestra will once again feature, adding their usual sparkle and skill and a high standard of musicianship to the performance.

Tickets may be purchased from Stephanie Martin. Ring her (evenings only) on 01865 407395, or email her on tickets.bensonchoral@gmail.com

Tickets prices are, as usual, £15, £12 and £10.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Meeting

- The Parish Council meeting was held at 2pm on Monday 18th January 2016 at the Village Hall.

New Clerk

- We welcomed our new Clerk, Karen Dodd, to our first Parish Council meeting of 2016.

District Councillor's Report

- Cllr Sue Lawrence attended our meeting and delivered her report, including in summary the following matters:

A) Development

- Didcot has been awarded Garden City status and a second Enterprise Zone area. This will release funds to provide supporting infrastructure in the surrounding area. It was commented that two key points for Nuneham Courtenay would be the suggestion of a second river crossing at Clifton Hampden. Many residents use the facilities at Clifton Hampden.
- A discussion took place about the impact of this on Nuneham Courtenay. Cllr Lawson said she would look into this.
- In response to a suggested park and ride on the outskirts of the village it was commented that this would generate more traffic, and was an area for concern. Cllr Lawson noted this.
- In response to a comment about the need for new housing Cllr Love confirmed that following John Cotton's visit to the PC where he discussed a 10% increase per village/town, thereby sharing the load across the county, Nuneham Courtenay had almost met its quota of 9 houses at Brewer's Garage development.

B) Neighbourhood Plans

- Cllr Lawson reported that many parishes were looking to set up Neighbourhood Plans and that help was available from officers at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC).

C) Constitution

- It was reported by Cllr Lawson that the SODC were working closely with Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) on a review of the constitution.

D) Waste

- It was reported that SODC and VWHDC were both doing well in recycling rubbish with SODC achieving 67.3% and VWHDC 65.6%.
- In response to a question it was explained that information about the collection of bulky waste was available on the SODC website. It was added that up to three items could be collected at a time but that they all had to be collected from one address. It was commented that multiple pick-ups would be more useful.

E) Flooding

- In response to questions about flooding in the village Cllr Lawson advised that the government had made money available for flood prevention measures. It was commented that following the floods in 2006/7 a report had been written on how to prevent it happening again and the Clerk was asked to try to obtain

a copy from SODC. Since the meeting the Parish Council has obtained a copy of this report.

F) Pavements

- Cllr Love reported that the pavements in the village were in a dangerous condition due to damage from tree roots and that the advice from officers at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) was to remove the trees and replace them with smaller varieties. The Council was reluctant to do this as the village is a conservation area and the trees form part of the village's character. It was added that some clarity was required on the situation.

G) Cyclists

- It was reported that groups of cyclists frequently used the footpaths across private land and through the woods, there was a lack of clarity about the bylaws and laws pertaining to this, and Cllr Lawson was asked to find out if anything could be done to prevent this.

Cllr Love thanked Cllr Lawson for attending the meeting.

Financial Matters

Our RFO presented a financial report;

- Barclays Mandate changed to allow RFO access.
- After much discussion a decision was agreed upon that the precept requirement on the Rating Authority, SODC, of £5,530.00 be approved.
- Audit training for the RFO has been sought.
- After extensive research it was decided that the current broadband provider was cheaper than any other provider so the contract was renewed.

Estate Items

- It was reported that more complaints about dog waste on the Nuneham Courtenay Park Estate had been verbally received.
- New signs advising that the estate is private and dogs must be on a lead, are completed and will be erected very soon.

Our next meeting is to be held Monday 21st March 2016 2pm at the village hall. This will also be the Annual Parish Meeting and will include a high-tea, as we did last year. All welcome!

For any further information, all our minutes are available on our website:
<http://www.ncpc.uk/minutes.html>

I look forward to updating you with more news in the next article.

Cllr Love (Chair)

For items and photos to be sent, please contact the Clerk:
Karen Dodd| nunehamcourtenay.clerk@gmail.com

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Easter Bingo

Our annual Easter Bingo will be held on Friday the 11th of March. Doors open at 7:30. Eyes down at 8pm. Refreshments are available. Come along for a good old fashioned evening of fun

Yoga

Yoga is held on Mondays at 7:30 (ish, we are sometimes late). Please contact Jenny to confirm (01865 343459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com) as we sometimes have to cancel. This is a self-practice session. Cost is £2 a session.

Jumble Sale

Our spring jumble sale will be held on April 9th. Book a table or donate items to be sold for the Village Hall funds. Details to follow.

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea

We would like to hold a tea along the lines of the jubilee party several years ago. If anyone is interested in helping to organise this, please do get in touch. Date tbc.

And finally....

The Village Hall is for everyone to use. Contact June (01865 343 371) to book a date.

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LONG WITTENHAM PRE-SCHOOL

Family Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday
19th March 2016, 11am-2pm, Village
Hall, Long Wittenham

The Long Wittenham Pre-School
Family Easter Egg Hunt will be held
on Saturday 19th March 2016, at the
Village Hall. Starting and finishing at
the Village Hall, the Egg Hunt clues
will take you around the village. Last
entry to the hunt at 1:15pm. Bring
your wellies, it could get muddy. To
complement the Egg Hunt there will
be face painting, a raffle, tea and cake
stall and more! £2.50 per child, adults
are free. Raffle draw at 2pm. All
proceeds to Long Wittenham
Preschool (registered charity
#1158950).

Nearly New Sale, Saturday 23rd April
2016, 10am-12noon, Village Hall,
Long Wittenham

We are holding a Nearly New Sale of top quality baby and children's clothes (0-7 years), toys, games, equipment and maternity clothes on Saturday 23rd April 2016, from 10am-12noon at Long Wittenham Village Hall. £1 entry. There will also be a cake sale of delicious homemade cakes and biscuits. Please remember that early birds always get the best bargains! We regret that buggies and pushchairs will not be allowed in the hall during the sale due to limited space, so please leave them at home.

If you want to make some extra cash, support the Pre-School, and your house is full of baby and children's things (0-7 years) that are good as new, contact us for details about selling at the sale. Sellers will keep 70% of the sale price of all items sold. If you would like to donate items to be sold at the Nearly New Sale, please do get in touch and we may even be able to arrange collection!

For more information, please contact Claire by emailing nearlynew@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk. All proceeds to Long Wittenham Preschool (registered charity #1158950).

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village Spring Clean Sunday 3rd April

Spring is that time of year when as usual we try and organise a village clear up to remove all the rubbish left on our grass verges, roadsides and in ditches. This year it is planned for Sunday 3rd April.

We do depend on villagers coming along to help, children included. It only takes an hour or so of your time and although there is a small core of regular helpers the more turn out the quicker the job is done. Please come and help tidy the village up for spring.

In Marsh meet on The Green about 10 am. In Toot, meet near the Mole Inn and contact John Maskell 343203 about the time.

Please wear strong shoes and gloves but there will be bags and pick up sticks available and of course the option of a reviving drink or coffee afterwards in the Seven Stars.

Speed Survey The Croft

Having looked at the data councillors have raised some questions and have agreed to ask the Highways Department. to repeat the exercise at a slightly different location in The Croft.

Neighbourhood Plan - Public Meeting

Thank you to all those who have completed and returned the Questionnaire distributed at the end of January. If you didn't manage to do this - even a late return would be welcome!

We propose to hold a public meeting at which we can present our analysis and summary of the returns, to hear your views and concerns about the future of our community and to explain the process involved in formulating the Plan. The meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday 22nd March**, will be very relaxed and will take the form of a "drop in session" in the Seven Stars. It will run from 6 – 8pm with an informal presentation from the SODC Neighbourhood Plan Officer at around 7pm. Please call in, even for a short time!

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration

Various events, including street parties, are being organised around the country in June to mark the Queens 90th birthday. Following discussion at Parish Council we wonder whether villagers feel they would like to do something. In previous years Baldon Events Committee have organised an informal lunch on The Green in early summer. Would there be support for a similar inclusive event this year and a group of villagers willing to take the lead and organise something?

Baldon Feast Accounts

A detailed set of accounts for Baldon Feast 2015 was adopted at the Parish Council meeting on the 04/02/2015, and should you wish to view this document then please contact John Maskell, the PC Treasurer, on 343203.

In summary

Income: £7921.44 - Expenses: £4712.16 - carried forward £3574.54

This is the first significant profit the Feast has made and therefore it will enable the Baldon Feast committee to identify good local causes and contribute monies from the surplus funds. However, for contingency, this year it was decided to only allocate a percentage of the profits to charity until sufficient funds had been accumulated to cover one year's Baldon Feast expenses.

Future meetings of the council

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 12th April 7, 30 pm Village Hall

This is the annual village meeting of the parishes of Marsh Baldon and Toot Baldon for all villagers to attend. We have to deal with some formalities regarding the work and finances of the Parish Council but it is your meeting to raise with councillors any questions or problems regarding village affairs.

Do come along. It is your opportunity to hold councillors to account but also for a dialogue about village services and priorities. If you have particular questions than it is helpful to let us know in advance. Contact the chairman Dorothy Tonge or clerk Paul Isaacs by 1st April.

Parish Council Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 10th 7.30 pm village hall

This meeting formally deals with the election of officers but otherwise conducts normal business.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **April 2016** newsletter
by **16th March** 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:
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FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

BUDGET

As reported last month, prior to Christmas, Oxfordshire County Council went out to consultation on possible additional budget cuts totalling £51m, which at the time was believed to be the worst-case scenario. It was hoped that when central Government confirmed the local government settlement that not all the 95 savings measures consulted on would have to be taken. As it transpired, due to a change in the funding formula which unexpectedly penalised shire counties, the settlement was even worse than expected and the total additional savings required now total £69m.

The Council found a series of short-term measures, including drawing on reserves, to buy time before we have to make yet more new savings to cover the difference between £51m and £69m. Our approach remains the same: we want to try to protect the most vulnerable people in Oxfordshire – by which we mean those adults who need help with basic personal care and children at risk of abuse or neglect. By law, OCC has to produce a balanced budget and this was debated by Full Council on February 16th, including a proposal to raise Council Tax by 3.99%.

BACKLASH AGAINST SHIRE COUNTIES SETTLEMENT

On the 8th February the Minister Greg Clark announced a final Local Government Settlement. Due to significant pressure from over 50 MPs from shire counties, a 'Transitional Grant' to alleviate the impact of proposed cuts to services was included. Oxfordshire will receive £4.5m in 2016-2017 and £4.5m in 2017-2018. The decisions about how this money will be used will be made following the setting of the budget on February 16th.

PROPERTY, BACK OFFICE AND RESERVES

There have been misleading media reports that OCC could reduce its financial challenges by selling property, cutting the back office and drawing on reserves. The reality is that OCC has already sold more than 100 properties realising over £62 million that has been used on capital projects. Furthermore, 26 leases have been terminated saving over £2.1 million pa. With regard to back office functions, the number of directors has been cut by 50%, senior managers by over 40% and staff generally by 30%. Various services are already shared with other councils and partners, and further options are being explored to find even more back office savings. Reserves are already being drawn upon and will soon become low compared to expenditure.

RISE OF APPRENTICES BOOSTS THRIVING OXFORDSHIRE ECONOMY

Recent growth in the number of Oxfordshire young people choosing apprenticeships as the key to forging a career is outstripping regional figures. While the number of apprenticeship starts for 16-24 year-olds fell across the South East by 2.5 per cent in 2014/15 compared with the previous academic year, Oxfordshire's figure rose by 2.4 per cent, as employers took on 2,510 new starters.



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Coffee Morning Tuesday 15th March 10.30am

Knit and Natter Tuesday 15th March 2.30pm

Age UK drop in Wednesday 23rd March 10.30am



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DORCHESTER ABBEY NEWS

Team Lecture Thursday, 3rd March 2016, 7.30pm at Dorchester Abbey

All are invited to the next in the series of Quarterly Talks arranged by the Dorchester Team, Ripon College Cuddesdon, and the Churn Churches:

**Environmentalism in the religion and science debates:
theology, spirituality and practical action:
The Revd Dr Gillian Straine, Physicist and Church of England Priest**

Friends of Dorchester Abbey Visit to Llandaff Cathedral and St Fagan's

Date: Monday 9 May 2016

£25.00 per person for Friends of the Abbey, which includes the coach travel, a guided tour of Llandaff Cathedral, followed by tea and cakes. £27.00 per person for non-Friends of the Abbey

The coach will leave from the Bridge End car park in Dorchester at 8.30am.
We should arrive at St Fagan's about 11.00am.

St Fagan's Natural History Museum

Opened in 1948, this open air museum has over 40 re-erected original buildings of all periods and all types, on a beautiful 100acre site in the grounds and gardens of St Fagan's castle. A unique building – St Teilo's Church – shows how a church would have looked just before the Reformation.

There are lovely walks and a restaurant, a traditional 1930s Tea Room, picnic area and bakery on site.

Guided tour of Llandaff Cathedral at 3.00pm. Followed by tea and cakes to end the visit.

The coach will leave Llandaff at 5.00pm. Traffic permitting, we should arrive back in Dorchester by 7.30pm.

Friends of Dorchester Abbey will receive this information in the Spring Newsletter. **If anyone else would like to come**, please send a cheque for £27.00 per person, payable to 'The Friends of Dorchester Abbey' Your name, address and phone number to: Mrs Yvonne Lawden, 9 Queens Close, Dorchester-on-Thames, Wallingford, OX10 7LR by **Monday 4th April**. [Please note: you will not be sent tickets or a receipt, if you have any queries please phone Yvonne Lawden on 01865 340465]

Further information will be sent to participants before the visit.



Wednesday 2nd March
7.30pm
Marsh Baldon Village Hall

The South Oxfordshire Filling Station meets monthly mid-week to provide an opportunity for Christians (of all denominations) from our local communities to come together and celebrate in an informal setting.

“The Filling Station is not a new independent church movement, rather a model of how existing churches can work together to bring new spiritual life to their areas” (thefillingstation.org.uk).

Come and see, meet friends, encounter the presence of God.
[For more information: Liam 07738 004176]

Lent 2016 in The Dorchester Team

“The Beatitudes”

During Lent, groups will study the Beatitudes, from the Pilgrim course.

Sunday 8pm in the Baldons:

28 February: Keeper’s Cottage, Marsh Baldon;

6 March: East Wing, Baldon House, Marsh Baldon

13 March: 2 Potland Cottages, Toot Baldon

Contact Jennifer Morton (01865 343302) or Paul Cawthorne (01865 340460)

Monday 2pm at Dorchester Rectory: Contact Shirley Hoy (0774 0168 507)

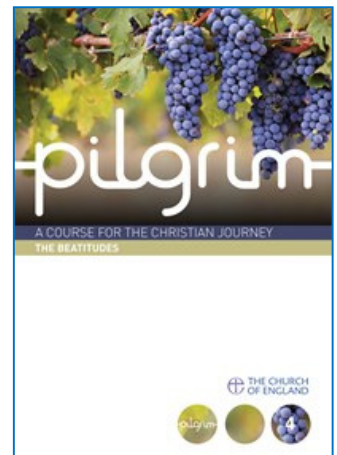
Monday 7pm Dorchester, 16 Abingdon Road: Contact Malcolm Lucas or Rebecca Slingsby (01865 341502) if you plan to come

Tuesday 2.00pm in Berinsfield: Contact Paul Cawthorne (01865 340460) or Jon Roberts (07980 929302) for details

Wednesday 7.30pm in Warborough at Brian Newey’s home: Details from Brian Newey (01865 858322)

Lent Prayer Group, Tuesdays 9.15am – 10.15am: Keeper’s Cottage, Marsh Baldon. Details from Catherine Mason (01865 343503)

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND A COURSE IN YOUR OWN PARISH, YOU WOULD BE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN ANOTHER GROUP.



SERVICES FOR MARCH 2016

Friday 4 th March	6.00pm <i>please note time</i>	Women's World Day of Prayer	Berinsfield
6 th March	9.30am	Family Communion for Mothering Sunday	Toot Baldon
13 th March	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Toot Baldon
20 th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am	Palm Sunday Walk	Marsh to Toot
	6.00pm	Team Service	Dorchester Abbey
24 th March	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday	Dorchester Abbey
25 th March	10.00am	Good Friday Devotion	Toot Baldon
27 th March <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
3 rd April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon

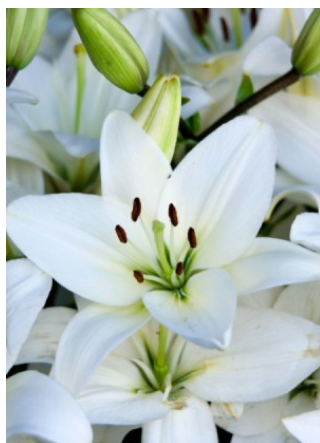
SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
6th March		9.30am Jenny van Dijk
13th March	6 pm Graham Hobbins	
20th March	9.30 am Marsh to Toot Palm Sunday Walk	Liam McCormick
25th March		10 am Sonia Hobbins
27th March	9.30 am Ian Gillespie	

FLOWERS

Lent
27th March
Easter

Marsh	TOOT
Please help us decorate St Peter's on Saturday 26 th March. Please contact Veronica Sandilands (340562)	Please contact Jane Brook for details (343457)



EASTER LILIES

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of someone, please let us know.

£3.00 a stem.

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