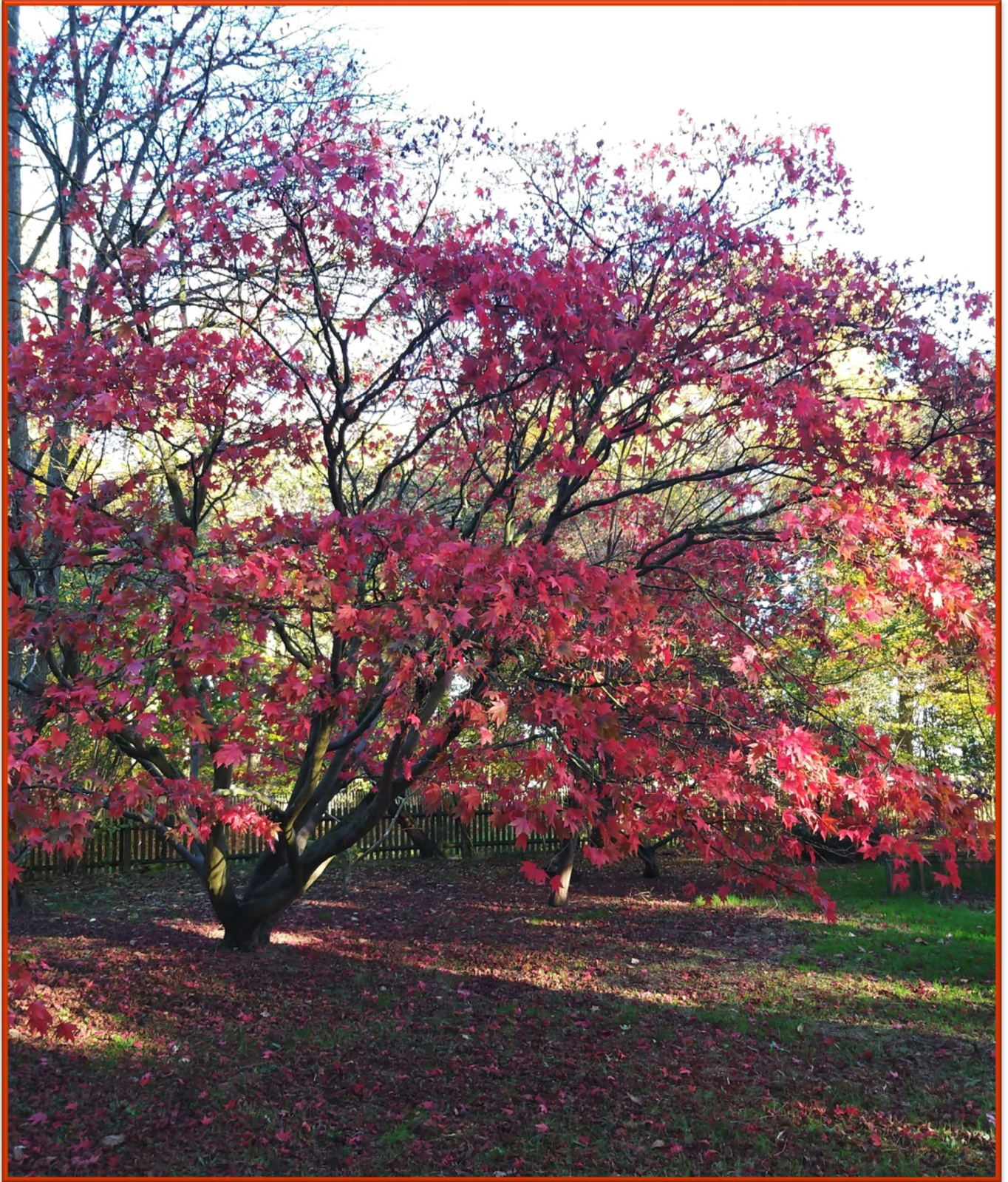


The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



November 2023

FROM REV JENNIFER MORTON

Someone once said to me that November was a difficult month for her. All the important anniversaries in her life seemed to be during this month. The happy and sad memories, the poignant and with that a sense of loss. As we get older I am sure that we all have times of the year when special memories are sharper.

However, November is also a particular time of the year for remembering within our communities. First, at the beginning of the month our church communities remember the lives of the many saints that have been examples of faith throughout the centuries. Next there is the opportunity to remember those more personal to us whom we have lost, especially those who have died recently but not exclusively. Many of our churches hold special services when we can name our loved ones and light a candle. Then, of course, there is the national remembrance of those who lost their lives serving their country during, not only two world wars, but also in conflicts since.

Our memories are what make us who we are both as individuals and as communities. It is important that we have the opportunities to share these, not only our personal experiences but also national and international events that require us to process the effect these have on all our lives. Can we learn from these experiences? From the examples we are set?

Without diminishing loss to the families and the communities affected, surely we hope that conflicts will not be part of our world in the future. How we hope that leaders of the world will understand that bullying and violence do not solve whatever issues they have.

The end of November brings to a close the Church's year. During these few weeks before once again we begin preparations for Christmas we get a glimpse of what our world should look like when it is fully renewed, 'a new heaven and a new earth'.

We are promised a better more peaceful way.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

Yes, November can be a month for remembering past experiences and the special people who have played an important part in our lives, however, today is always an opportunity to make new memories for the future.

The Revd Teresa Stewart-Sykes is Team vicar for The Baldons with Nuneham Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.

e-mail: RevTeresa@outlook.com and tel: 07823 809112

Our current curate is The Revd Sorrel Shamel-Wood who lives in Berinsfield.

Our safeguarding officer is Sara McDouall: saramcdouall@gmail.com

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

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**What is
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The Bereavement Journey® is a course for anyone who has been bereaved. Each Session comprises two films followed by discussion and with a break for refreshment.

Where and When?

Berinsfield Church Hall
Every Wenesday 2pm-4pm
1st November-13th December

To book a place or find out more contact
Rev Teresa 07823 809 112 revteresa@outlook.com

THE BALDONS CAROL SERVICE

Making music at Christmas has long been a special tradition in the Baldons. The Carol Service is a wonderful community event, centred around the mystery and magic of Christmas. The date this year is Sunday afternoon, 17th December at 6pm. As usual there will be favourite Carols for all to sing and some special pieces from the Choir and school.

**Do please get in touch with Veronica if you would like to join the Christmas Choir: vsandilands@btinternet.com
01865 343367**

Four Paws Cat Rescue's

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 18th November 2023

The Baldons Village Hall
The Croft, Marsh Baldon, Oxford OX44 9LL

10am - 2pm

Variety of stallholders

Refreshments

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Free entry & plenty of parking

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Saturday 9th December
11am-3pm



FIREWORKS

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

4th NOVEMBER

Marsh Baldon

6.15pm Lighting the Bonfire

7.15pm Fireworks

ALL WELCOME!

Suggested voluntary donations:
£10.00 per car £3.00 pedestrians

VILLAGERS FREE!!!

Villagers - please support the bar and make a donation in the buckets.

SORRY NO SPARKLERS!

Come and enjoy the evening!

We need your help, please. Do come, It's actually quite fun!
4/11 Saturday 10.00am erecting marquees
Evening: car parking and marshalling volunteers needed
5/11 10.00am Sunday Taking down marquees
Please contact baldonsevents@hotmail.com or just turn up!



BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The council met on 11th September 2023.

Current updates:

Recreation /play area questionnaire

The Parish Council has been asked by some residents to consider the addition of recreational facilities for Children and/or outdoor exercise equipment for both Children and Adults on the Village Green. The Council is keen to hear the views of villagers before the possible project is discussed at a council meeting. There is an online questionnaire available via a link sent via Baldons Info email. If you have not received the email, then you can access the questionnaire by typing the following into your browser search bar.

<https://forms.gle/r7raEcjFvMsD7JtN8> .

This is the first stage in a long-term project and further consultations will happen to ensure everyone can have their say. The form is anonymous and email addresses will not be collected. The questionnaire will close on 12th November and the results will be shared shortly after that.

Village litter pick up

The Baldons winter village litter clear up is on 11th November. **We need volunteers Please.** Lauren Collet will coordinate the Marsh Baldon group, please meet on the Green opposite the Seven stars Pub at 10.30 am. The Toot Baldon group should meet Dawn McGiveron in the Mole inn car park at 10.30 am. Bin bags will be provided, however, as this is a village arranged event and not sponsored by SODC, we will not have the usual long handled litter pickers available so please bring gloves.

Planning matters

At the time of writing the following applications are under consideration:

P23/S3127/HH

Durham Leys Farmhouse The Green Marsh Baldon OX44 9LP
Erection of new car port and store.

P23/S3254/FUL

Hunters Gap 52 Pebble Hill Toot Baldon OX44 9LH
Erection of two dwellings with access and associated works.

Due to the time limited planning application consultation periods, often the planning applications that are highlighted in the newsletter have been closed to comment by the time it is published. In the future, the Parish Council will post notifications of new planning applications for the Baldons via Baldons info email in addition to the newsletter. This will ensure that circulation occurs within the consultation period for those applications.

Recruitment of Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk's role and contributions are critical to the smooth and efficient operation of Parish Council. Tom James has performed this role for nearly 5 years. However, Tom's wish is now that we plan for his successor.

Working for the Parish Council, the role involves the administration of all Council affairs, which includes maintaining the financial accounts, records of all meetings and ensuring the Council remains compliant with current legislation. However, if required, the financial accounting role and Clerk duties can be performed by 2 separate individuals. Both posts are a part time position.

If you would be interested in exploring this opportunity and would like to know more, then please contact Tom:

clerk@baldonspc.org or 07484 800277.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Former Cockadoo

The Council has invited a local developer to address its next meeting on Tuesday 7th November after they wrote to the Council saying they are interested in bringing the building that used to be The Cockadoo back to life with options to create homes or hospitality facilities.

Pruning the London Plane trees

The County Council tells us the pruning of the historic London Plane trees on the main road through the village is now likely to happen in November – it was originally planned for July.

Eco-houses

South Oxfordshire District Council has rejected an application to build two “eco-houses” on part of the land at the northern entrance to the village.

The Council's noticeboard

The Council's noticeboard was removed from outside the Village Hall a few months ago when work was being done to smarten up the former deli – historically, the former reading room. So, for the time being, the Council has been given permission to use the small noticeboard on the outside of that building.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the parish council is due to take place on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Geoffrey Ferres,

Parish Clerk - Nuneham Courtenay Parish Council

Tel: 07419 991623 - Email: clerk@nunehamcourtenay.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING



Now is the time to sign up for the ever-popular
Christmas wreath making workshop
Book now as places are limited!

It's always great fun, no experience is needed.
Everyone goes home with a beautiful wreath to hang on
their door.

As usual, there will be coffee, mince pies and mulled
wine.

Sunday 10th of December 10.30 to 12.00
...Marsh Baldon Village Hall.
£15 for basic materials and refreshments.

Please bring extra foliage
Green/silver/variegated, berries and cones and
anything you would like to experiment with.
We will have some... But there is never too much

Remember to bring your own secateurs, wire clippers
and scissors

Wear warm clothes in case you want to work outside.

To book a place please email:
Dianabelli@btinternet.com 343 384
Proceeds will go to maintenance of the village orchards.

SEVEN STARS AT MARSH BALDON

INVITES YOU TO

DIWALI
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a

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Saturday, November 18th

From 6:00 PM

£ 29.95 – 3 Course Indian Buffet

LIVE MUSIC

BOOKING RECOMMENDED

LIMITED SPACES



SEVEN STARS UPDATE

- Christmas menu available for the month of December
- Quiz Nights on Wednesdays, Christmas Quiz in December
- 18th November - Diwali - Indian Festival of Lights, 3 course Indian buffet dinner with music & more.
- Rock N Roll Night - Live music night in December
- New Year's Eve Celebration - Live music, Food, fireworks

Festive season important dates

- Open for Christmas Eve until 8 pm
- Open for drinks on Christmas Day - 12 to 4 pm
- Open on New Year's Day

BALDONS VILLAGE HALL

If you're hosting lots of people for a meal and are short of tables or chairs, Baldons Village Hall can help – for a small donation to hall funds, you are welcome to borrow tables or chairs.

Please contact Darren for more information: dbaber@rm.com or 340264.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Film Night: Mrs Harris Goes to Paris Friday 17th November 7:30 pm

Refreshments available to purchase.

A £1 donation to the village hall fund per person is requested.

More events to come!

We are planning a Christmas Light night.
Bingo is planned for Friday Dec 8th (tbc)

The village hall is available to hire, as always just get in touch.

Yoga continues to meet on Monday evenings





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www.thedovecotehair.studio

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Tuesday Thursday and Friday are long days with late appointments, while Wednesday and Saturday are by prior arrangement and as required.

Hope to see you soon, Kx



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FROM JOHN HOWELL MP

When someone needs help with something it can be difficult to know just who is responsible for what, and therefore who can help when things do not go as they should. I thought that it might be helpful if I set out who does what.

It is often thought that an MP sits at the top of a hierarchy of Government and has power to direct local councils. This is not the case. Local councils are autonomous, and MPs do not have any jurisdiction over local council decisions. Hence local councils have their own elected representatives in the form of councillors. People elected to these councils have direct access to officers at the respective councils and so are better placed to take up relevant issues. I have found that referring to local councillors is the quickest way to get action. Some local council teams can be quick to respond to me but of late some have started treating concerns raised via my office as formal complaints and as such can take several weeks to be processed.

So, to help steer through the hierarchy let me set out who does what.

Essentially as an MP I can help with issues and concerns that relate to central government departments. For example this may include issues relating to the HM Revenue and Customs, Visas and immigration, the NHS, or pensions and benefit issues.

Oxfordshire County Council is responsible for local services, including education, social services, transport, roads (except trunk roads and motorways), public rights of way, libraries, the fire service, culture, trading standards, bus subsidies, minerals, waste and recycling (disposal) and the environment.

The constituency is served by two district councils, Cherwell District Council and South Oxfordshire District Council. They are responsible for local services, including planning, housing and associated benefits, rubbish collection, environmental services, leisure services, some car parks and council tax collection.

Parish Councils and Parish Meetings deal with very local concerns and can influence the other councils on behalf of residents.

It may also be helpful to comment on requests to attend specific events. When Parliament is sitting MPs are expected to be in Westminster from Monday to Thursday, unless on other parliamentary business elsewhere. This means that it is not always possible to attend a particular debate or drop-in session that a constituent may ask me to attend. When I cannot attend something it does not reflect lack of interest, simply that I cannot be in two places at once.

If you would like to know more about my work on behalf of the Government, and in the Constituency, please do look at my website. The address is www.johnhowell.org.uk. My contact details are also on the website.

Oxfordshire Libraries

November events at Berinsfield Library

**Rhymetime Wednesdays at 10.30am
during term term**

Gentle singing and rhyming fun for
preschoolers and toddlers with toys,
instruments and bubbles!



Saturday 4 November story and craft

Drop-in firework-themed craft session and
a selection of festival inspired stories.
Suitable for ages 4+ with a parent/carer



Book Club Friday 24 November 2pm

Contact the library for this month's book
or turn up to say hello and help choose
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EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

St Birinus Festival 3rd and 4th Nov- Single concert ticket £30.00 / Festival Ticket £80.00 <https://thedaveyconsort.co.uk/collections/st-birinus-festival-2023>

Fri 3rd Nov- 7pm- 9.15pm- The Davey Consort open the Festival with a Lecture Recital William Byrd: Faith and Music in Elizabethan England. Richard Rex, Professor of Reformation History at the Faculty of Divinity of the University of Cambridge, will guide us through the career of William Byrd.

Sat 4th Nov- 1pm – 3pm Royal Academy of Music current students playing Mozart chamber music. The programme will include Mozart Wind Quintet K452 for Piano & Winds (joined by Ryan Wigglesworth), Britten Phantasy Quartet (solo oboe Ewan Millar) and Mozart Piano Concerto No.12 in A major with string quartet K414 (solo piano Bocheng Wang).

Sat 4th Nov- 7pm – 9.30pm Composer-conductor Ryan Wigglesworth and Sophie Bevan MBE. With music by Franz Schubert, Johanna Muller-Hermann, and Gustav Mahler.

Sat 11th Nov- 8pm-9.30pm Rebecca Caine- Dividing Day- Join soprano Rebecca Caine, for a journey of self-discovery with help from writers including Bernstein, Bucchino, Guettel, La Chiusa, Sondheim, Weill and Yeston. With Nathan Martin at the piano. Tickets £25/ £17.50 concessions. <https://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/event/rebecca-caine-dividing-day/>

Sat 18th Nov- 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm OSJ- Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn The wild beauty of mountains provides the inspiration for this concert featuring Stollery's 2014 overture, in its first English performance, evoking the majesty of the Grampians, Mendelssohn's 'Scottish' Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, composed in 1878 in the Swiss Alps. Free tickets for NHS workers and for the disabled. Email admin@osj.org.uk. Tickets £5 to £30 from www.osj.org.uk

Sat 25th Nov- 7.30pm- 9.30pm Benson Choral Society- Bach's Mass in B Minor. We will be accompanied by the celebrated Baroque orchestra – Instruments of Time and Truth. Tickets £20 (reserved) £17 Unreserved from www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk

Sun 26th Nov- 3pm-4.30pm St John's Ambulance Carol Service and Installation of County Chaplain. Retiring collection

Thu 30th Nov- 11.30am-12.30pm and 2pm-3pm Moving Music- Concert for people living with dementia and their family, friends and carers. A Christmassy programme including instrumental performances by Christopher & Celia Redgate and sing-along songs led by Hannah Davey. £5 incl. refreshments half an hour before the performances, carers come free. Reserve your places in advance and pay on the door 01865 215305 movingmusicconcerts@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023

5 th November	10.30am	Marsh Baldon	Holy Communion
12 th November	10.45am	Marsh Baldon	Service of Remembrance
19 th November	9.30am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
26 th November	10.30am	Warborough	Team Service

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday 17th December 6pm Carol Service at Marsh Baldon

Sunday 24th December 10.30am Crib Service at Toot Baldon

CHURCH FLOWERS

Date	Marsh	Toot
5 th & 12 th November	Beth McLaughlin	Ann & Heather
19 th & 26 th November	Veronica Sandilands	Jane & Jenny



Wednesday 8th November
7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall
OX44 9LL

Join us at the November meeting of the South Oxfordshire Filling Station – a monthly Christian meeting where we come together to celebrate our faith in an informal way, with coffee and cake from 7.30pm, informal worship at 7.45pm, a talk starting at 8.15pm, finishing by 9.30pm.

Our speaker this month is Lucinda Smith. She describes her journey as starting when she realised:-

“my life did not match the abundant life described by Jesus in the gospels, where joy and life and peace can flourish... The road I have pursued has taken me to all kinds of places, and I have walked it, sometimes haltingly, other times with tenacity and with determination. ... If, at last, I have found a place of deep peace, free from fear, if Jesus has given me the keys to this freedom, and they are ancient indeed, then they are also yours for the taking.

If you are interested just come along, or contact Catherine Mason (southoxfordshire@thefillingstation.org.uk, 07879 626828).