

**The Baldons and
Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter
September 2012**



**Jack Greenaway
22 December 1921 – 9 July 2012**



Olly and Carrie welcome you to The Seven Stars!



Opening Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday – Friday: 12pm – 3pm/6pm – 11pm

Saturday: 12pm – late

Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

The Seven Stars will be open later for drinks when there are 'Home' cricket matches in Marsh Baldon.

As always, booking is advisable!

Olly & Carrie Clifford Brown

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Dear Friends,

The Olympics have finished, and it is raining again. I was one of those people who was totally uninspired at the prospect of the Olympic Games: it all cost a lot of money, was something else that only London would benefit from, the transport system would come to a standstill, and we probably would win about three gold medals. As it was, I loved it from the lighting of the cauldron to finish lines in competitions I scarcely understood – I cried when Helen Glover and Heather Stanning won the first gold medal for Team GB and the first for women’s rowing. I have rarely been so happy to be proved wrong about something. It was – quite simply – inspirational.

London 2012 carried the tagline ‘Inspire a Generation’. I hope that generations will indeed be inspired by those of our athletes who won, and those who were gracious in defeat. I hope that the examples of hard work and dedication and sacrifice will inspire our young people to be the best that they can be. I hope that Bradley Wiggins and Laura Trott will inspire children struggling with asthma to know that they too can participate and do amazing things. I hope that our pride in Mo Farah and Jess Ennis will help us celebrate what it means to be a diverse and multi-cultural society.

We have each of us been shaped the examples provided to us by inspirational figures. For Christians, the key example is the life of Jesus of Nazareth, but we also turn to the examples of the saints – holy women and men down the ages who have lived good and faithful lives. Many generations in these villages will list Jack Greenaway as someone who provided an inspirational example to them, and the packed church at his funeral was tribute to that.

There is much debate about what will be the real legacy of London 2012. Before the memories of the gold medals and the excitement fade, take a moment to pick your inspirational moment; take a moment to reflect on who it was who set the examples which have inspired you, and then ask yourself what would you like to do or be that will inspire another generation.

Best wishes,
Hannah

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**The portrait of Jack Greenaway on the front cover is used with the kind permission of the artist, Caddy Attewill.
It was given to Jack in 2002 by the residents of the Baldons in celebration of his 80th birthday.**

JACK GREENAWAY

Josie, Jill and family would like to thank all the dear friends for their help and kindness over the loss of their dear brother Jack.

It was very much appreciated and it is nice to know Jack had so many lovely friends.

God Bless

The Fellowship of St Birinus: Jack's award to be collected by his sisters

Jack was one of a number of people from the Dorchester Team awarded the Fellowship of St Birinus this year. This is an honorary fellowship awarded by the Bishop of Dorchester to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to church life either on a special and particular occasion or over a period of time.

Sadly Jack did not live to receive this honour in person, but his sisters Josie and Jill will collect it on his behalf at a special **Choral Evensong in Dorchester Abbey at 6pm on 30th September**. Josie and Jill would be delighted if other Baldons residents would come along to celebrate this recognition of Jack's contribution to the life of the church in these villages.

EXCERPTS FROM "A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR FRIEND JACK"

BY JOHN MASKELL

It's hard to speak worthily, accurately and briefly about such an unusual and much loved person. So modest, talented and giving, and I don't think the likes of Jack will ever be seen again in this village, he truly was unique.

A great all rounder – he was knowledgeable about more subjects on this planet than anyone I know; he was self taught and Jack often said to me "The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught". He was able to converse with anyone and everyone; steeped in wisdom; rooted in the bible; these were the qualities that made Jack unique and special.

I first met Jack some 51 years ago when I came to the village to see Heather. As you can imagine, in those days the locals treated anyone new coming to the village as suspicious, (no change there) Not Jack, he was the first to welcome me with open arms and it wasn't long before he invited me to come along to the youth club for a game of table tennis.

This was the start of our long friendship, and when Heather and I were first married we saw even more of Jack, as we lived in the cottage at Baldon House for almost a year. A few years later the same cottage became Jack's home for the rest of his life.

When we moved to Toot Baldon Jack would come to dinner at least once a week, and in all those years since, I think you could count on one hand how many times he missed coming up to watch the FA Cup final with us. Xmas time was another special occasion; he always spent Boxing Day with our family and they were magical times, especially as

Jack would entertain the children with his stories, playing his guitar, and singing carols. The children absolutely loved him.

What was really endearing about Jack was his appeal to the younger generation. Unlike most people of my age, he took them as seriously as they take themselves, and he listened to them with the same patience that he listened to an adult. Jack throughout his lifetime was involved with most of the children who have been brought up in the Baldons, either through the Youth Club, School, Church and of course the Hand Bells. He would go to endless trouble teaching those who were willing to learn, and there are many people in this church today (both young and not so young) who have learned so much from Jack, and consequently a good number of you became one of his many close friends.

He was a very practical man, and Jack would make something rather than spent money on something inferior. I remember this particular day when Chris Nichols, Ray Claridge and I arranged to meet Jack at Baldon House prior to setting out on a fund raising cycle ride in aid of the Church. The weather was dreadful, the rain was teeming down and there was a gale force wind. I rang Jack just before we left to make sure it was still on. "Yes", he said "but I've had a problem with my bike, so I've had borrow one which is not really big enough". "You better wear something which is waterproof" I said, and Jack replied "don't worry I won't be one getting wet".

We arrived but Jack was nowhere to be seen, then suddenly he appeared from the stable yard and we could not believe our eyes. Jack had cut a hole in the centre of some thick black plastic sheeting which measured about eight feet square and had stuck his head through the middle. We fell about laughing because we couldn't see the small bike underneath as the sheeting was dragging on the ground. We then set off for Berinsfield, but as we passed the arboretum a gust of wind lifted the sheeting and Jack almost took off, and I'm sure he must have been doing about 25 miles per hour when he passed me. He eventually managed to stop and despite being warned that it was dangerous, Jack was adamant that he would continue.

Fortunately there were no further incidents; however, I'm convinced that there were motorists on the road that day who thought they had seen either a mobile tent or a hovercraft. 4 hours later when we got back, Jack had the last laugh, we were soaked and Jack was as dry as a bone.

His involvement in the community was considerable. He was loved, admired and respected by everyone, and above all, he was always himself, he didn't have to pretend to be anything to anyone.

Jack's lasting legacy is that those whose life he touched, will be better people because of it. He always said that if people could depart after meeting you and feel better for the experience, there was little else to worry about.

Finally, whenever I spoke to Jack on the phone he would always finish by saying just three words. Sadly today Jack, it's my turn. "GOD BLESS YOU"

EXCERPTS FROM CAMERON YOUNG'S EULOGY

When I think about it, I realise what a rare privilege it was to grow up knowing someone like Jack. I've only known him for the last third of his life – but even at 60 he was as energetic as anyone, caring for people that he no real duty to care for at all. Available and consistent – he gave us the greatest gift: that of time.

I think back to one occasion, at the age of 15, when I had a hockey match. My parents were away in America and Jack was so concerned about missing the match that he went over to Hew and Oni, and persuaded them to drive him the three hours so they could all sit through the match – in the rain and watch us lose, again. He was certainly our favourite babysitter. Responsible for getting us into bed at 8pm, we would be up past 9pm, doing archery practice down the bedroom corridor. Then we'd see the car headlights coming up the drive and we'd go into commando action mode. Davy and I would dive into bed, Jack would run around turning the lights off, assuming his position half asleep in front of the TV.

It is for all these memories – the fact that Jack was always there – that I, we, shall miss him deeply. But Jack has certainly left a legacy. He has made Baldon House what it is. He has made this village what it is. And, in different ways, he has made each and every one of us who we are. In fact, as I thought about the things that I have learnt from Jack, I started to make a list. Here are just a few “lessons from Jack” that came to mind:

1. You can learn something new from every single person
2. Have hobbies
3. You can never have too many hats
4. Manners cost nothing
5. Use people's names when speaking to them
6. Tea is best with three large tablespoons of sugar
7. Give generously – and without expecting anything in return
8. Don't be afraid to change your football allegiances
9. Compliment people as often as you can
10. Baby monitors can make for very good security systems
11. Be a good listener
12. Always carry a knife
13. Believe that people can do good
14. Never read the newspapers. They're full of “mud, muck and misery”
15. Make the most of being young: which means playing football until 75
16. Read books – lots of books
17. Enjoy music ...especially if it's from the '60s
18. Use the gifts God has given to you
19. Be grateful for work, no matter how hard it is
20. You don't have to be smart to be thoughtful
21. Washing up can actually be fun
22. Community is underrated
23. Gardening is only 1% man's work. The rest is down to God
24. Above all things, pursue peace

Village Walk: Sunday 23rd September

One of the easier actions identified in the Parish Plan is to publicise the network of local footpaths by means of a “footpath event”. So the plan is to hold a communal footpath walk round the Toot and Marsh Baldon, inevitably starting and finishing at the Seven Stars. The proposed date for this walk, which would take about an hour and a half, is Sunday 23rd September from 11.00 to 12.30. Do come if you can – it would be a good opportunity to meet people that you may not know very well: let’s hope that the much longed- for Indian summer will have kicked in by then.

Laurence Attewill
Tel: 343336

THANKS FOR THE ACHING MUSCLES.....

As anyone who is a ‘Facebook friend’ of Marsh Baldon resident Katia Vastiau and I will know we have both been part of a group of 50 people who took part in the 2012 Blenheim Triathlon in June to raise funds for the Pegasus Theatre in East Oxford (now in its 50th year). Katia, Tom Fickling (son of Pegasus patron Caro) and I took part in the Team Sprint, doing a leg each. Katia’s open water swimming prowess meant we got off to a flying start, rather ruined by the fat chap on the bicycle who huffed and puffed his way round Blenheim. Tom salvaged some pride with his run.

Through the donations of those in the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay to our Just Giving page, and the bucket collection at the Seven Stars, the team raised over £1,200. We and Pegasus are very grateful – my muscles were less so!

Colin George (Pegasus Theatre trustee and very unfit cyclist!)



when it's less
urgent than 999

111: THE NEW NUMBER FOR NON – EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES

You should call NHS 111 if:

- You need medical help fast, but it is not a 999 emergency
- You think you need to go to accident and emergency or another NHS urgent care service
- You do not know who to call for medical help or you do not have a GP to call
- You require health information or reassurance about what to do next

For less urgent health needs, you should still contact your GP in the usual way.
For more information please visit the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk/111

"Summer 2012. Driving up to Toot Baldon: love the heart."

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Clarification of Addresses, Marsh Baldon

SODC have raised with us some problems villagers round the green in Marsh Baldon may be encountering when providing proof of identity, or purchasing goods, because of the absence of a street name in the address. SODC have therefore sought the support of the Parish Council to undertake a consultation exercise with householders round the green with a view to regularising one or two of the confusing numbers and introducing 'The Green' as a formal part of the address. Unfortunately it just can't happen as any proposed changes are covered by legislation. The consultation will be during September with householders in the following postcodes: OX44 9LR, OX44 9LP, OX44 9LJ, and OX44. Those of us who live round the green are aware of some long standing and historical anomalies and live with them but it is also confusing for post men and delivery vehicles.

Flooding Problems

July saw some of the heaviest rain and flooding in the Baldons that we have seen for many years. Fortunately we had no reports of flooding in houses or damage to property as experienced elsewhere and most of the floodwater drained away over a few hours.

There was however a particular problem in Baldon Lane where the sewer was unable to cope and water from the sewage system overflowed, on to the road and into the ditches on Baldon House land, over a period of about 24 hours. Although not a new problem in periods of heavy rain, this was again distressing for residents in Baldon Lane. The problems in the lane were discussed 18 months ago with Thames Water, SODC, and OCC with a view to T.W. identifying and prioritising some solutions. We have again reported the problems to Thames Water and SODC environmental services and the council have written strongly to Thames Water asking for action. Following a recent meeting with us SODC environmental services are to try and exert more pressure on T.W. to find ways of relieving the problem. Thames Water's preliminary investigation and response indicates that the pumping station was working well, there was no evidence of pollution from the overflow and the system was just overwhelmed with the volume of heavy rain. We await the further assessment of problems they have promised.

Thames Water and SODC both say that additional pressures are placed on our sewers when householders discharge rainwater from roofs etc. into the drains rather than in soakaways. *Householders who have soakaways can claim a small discount on Water rates by applying to Thames Water.*

Another area of problem has been the flood water at the bottom of The Croft which was due to blocked drains which need jetting out. These were reported to OCC Highways dept. at the end of April and on numerous other occasions and they were eventually attended to but we believe cuts in the Highways budget means problems are not being dealt with as well as they used to be.

What can we as villagers do to help reduce problems?

- We need you as villagers to volunteer to keep an eye on the drain covers on the road near your property. Keep them clear of grass cuttings, hay, grit and debris that come off the roads and verges which prevents rainwater getting away.
- Keep ditches and gullies outside your property deep enough and free draining to take water off the roads, paths etc. All householders have a riparian responsibility for this.
- Use soakaways for the discharge of rain water rather than it going into your drains. You might save a bit of money too.

The LG Boundary Commission for England. Electoral review of SODC

The Boundary commission are now recommending a reduction in District Councillors from 48 to 36 and have been gathering evidence during July and August on which to base their recommendations for new ward boundaries. This takes into account local interests and community identity as well as electoral equality. The Parish Council have responded to the consultation indicating that we would wish to be in the same ward as Nuneham Courtenay because of our close ties just as we did with the County Council review. We are currently in the same ward as Garsington and Cuddesden with whom we have few close ties and Nuneham Courtenay are in the same ward as Clifton Hampden and Sandford on Thames, so we must now wait until November when the draft recommendations on new ward boundaries will be published to see what changes are recommended.

Planning Applications Harcourt Arboretum

The council has been consulted on an application for new signage for the Arboretum and has objected to the placement of one sign on the A4074 opposite the Baldon Lane turn which we believe to be too large and too close to existing signs.

Allotments

We now have confirmation from Queen's College's land agents that they are willing to plant a new hedge along the boundary of the allotments in The Croft. We hope this will be done during the autumn and winter. However the college has decided that it cannot proceed with the installation of a water supply due to problems that have been identified during the consultation process with us. If current allotment holders want more information on this please contact John Maskell on 343203.

Date of next meeting: 8th September, 7.30 pm Village Hall

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – FROM THE PCC

We were able to send Christian Aid £378.00 following the house collections this year. CA have written to acknowledge the, "...fantastic efforts and support, particularly in the current economic climate...".

A big THANK YOU to all who gave so generously and the volunteers for distributing and collecting the envelopes. particularly John Barne, Jacqui Lake, Jennifer Morton, Heather Maskell, Bruce Don, Fran Butler, Jack Greenaway, Graham Hobbins and Natasha Eliot.

BUS TIMETABLE CHANGES

On 3 June 2012 the 115 and 116 services, previously operated by Heyfordian, were transferred back to Thames Travel. This is a result of the re-tendering of some of the County's supported bus services. The 116 service links Nuneham Courtenay to Oxford via Cowley Centre and the Iffley Road, and Abingdon via Berinsfield and Clifton Hampden. The 115 service gives a late afternoon service from Oxford to Wallingford via Nuneham Courtenay, Berinsfield and Wallingford.

The 115 and 116 service generally runs hourly, during the day, on Mondays to Fridays (except Bank Holidays) and Saturdays. Details of the 115 and 116 buses, as well as those for the X39 and X40 services, can be obtained from the Thames Travel website (www.thames-travel.co.uk). Thames Travel continues to operate the 105 service (once a day to Oxford only!). If you regularly use the local buses it is worth checking the times as some arrangements have changed.

There are obvious benefits in bringing the 115 and 116 services under the Thames Travel umbrella - not least the same ticket discounting schemes now apply to these services as apply to other Thames Travel and Oxford Bus Company services. Details of tickets, including the smart card tickets that can be used on most buses in South Oxfordshire and the City is also available on the Thames Travel website, the Oxford Bus Company 'key card' site (www.oxfordkey.co.uk) or from Oxford Bus Company (**01865 785400**).

The 89 service that links the runs from Nuneham Courtenay and the Baldons to Cowley Centre is unaffected.

LOCAL BUS TIMETABLE

89 The Baldons – Kings Copse – Cowley Centre Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays Only

Marsh Baldon, Baldon Lane	0935
Toot Baldon, Wilmots	0939
Kings Copse	0945
Watlington Road, Bobby Fryer Close	0947
Cowley Centre, The Nelson	0954
Cowley Centre, The Nelson	1325
Watlington Road, Bobby Fryer Close	1331
Kings Copse	1334
Toot Baldon, Wilmots	1340
Marsh Baldon, Baldon Lane	1344



One of my election promises was that I would visit each of the 58 schools within the constituency. By and large these visits have had to be fitted in among other constituency business on a Friday. With the exception of one school which is scheduled for me to visit in September, I have fulfilled that promise and visited them all. The schools vary hugely in size from some of the county's largest to some of its smallest. The majority are local village schools at the heart of their communities reflecting the highly rural nature of the constituency. The visits have enabled me to get a good understanding of the issues faced and thus be better able to feed needs and concerns through to Government.

Village Tour September 2012

Following the success of the Village Tour last September I will again be on tour in September this year. This is a specific opportunity when I am available to people in or near their own location. Last year I visited 80 villages stopping briefly in each. This year there are fewer places on the list to allow for longer stops in some of the larger settlements. People can raise anything they want to with me or simply say 'hello'. If an issue arises that needs a confidential or longer discussion than possible at the time we will make arrangements to follow this up as appropriate.

The closest stops to the Baldons and Nuneham are:

Tuesday 25th September, 2.30pm: Berinsfield Leisure Centre

Saturday 29th September, 10.30am: Sandford Village Market

Monday 1st October, 10.45am: Garsington, by shop

For more information: www.johnhowellmp.com

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BALDONS WINE CLUB NEWS

Saturday 15th September

Winery Tour and Tasting: Brightwell Vineyard, Wallingford



A fascinating and informative visit to Brightwell Vineyard, Wallingford. Carol and Bob Nielsen who own and make the wine will host us for the tour and tasting. Includes a 1 hour guided tour of the vineyard and a nature walk to the river Thames.

Followed by a 1 hour tutored tasting of 5 wines in the winery where techniques of winemaking are also discussed.

11.00 a.m. start (depart Marsh Baldon 10.30 a.m. by coach)

£10.00 pp including tour tasting and transport

Places are limited so please book early

You don't need to be wine enthusiast to enjoy this visit. Everyone welcome.

Linda Simpson: Wine Education & Promotion

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NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Councillors

After recent requests for parishioners to fill the two vacant councillor posts, two people, Suzanne Deacon and Tara Love, put themselves forward. They were formally co-opted at the Parish Council meeting on 12 July 2012. Suzanne lives with her young family at The Old Rectory. Tara Love, from Nuneham Park, was encouraged to become a Parish Councillor after a talk at The Henley College by John Howell MP, at which he advocated the need for more young people to get involved in local councils. The Council has discussed the issue of having two people from the same family on the Council at some length, particularly over how this might affect decision-taking. There are no legal issues preventing members of the same family being on the same Council, and we are assured that Tara is her own person (that is certainly the evidence from our meeting on 12 July 2012). We noted that if there is any conflict of interest then Jasminder will not use her vote on that occasion. We believe that it can only benefit the Parish in having the views of a young person on its Parish Council

The Parish Council now has a full complement of councillors:

- Frank Casey
- Suzanne Deacon
- Colin George Chair
- Jasminder Love Vice Chair
- Tara Love

Meeting 12 July 2012

At the meeting on 12 July the Parish Council also discussed and agreed a number of other items:

- **Code of Conduct.** The new Code of Conduct for Parish Councils laid down by SODC was accepted with effect from 1 July. This set out how councillors must conduct themselves. A copy is available on request or via the NCPC website
- **SODC Councillor and boundary changes.** The Boundary Commission has completed the first stage of its consultation on district council numbers. It is minded to accept the SODC recommendation of reducing the number of SODC councillors from 48 to 36. The Commission is now undertaking the second phase of consultation around the inevitable boundary changes. NCPC will be confirming that it wishes to see Nuneham Courtenay and the Baldons parishes represented by the same district councillor because of our shared interests. We also discussed the extent of links with other adjoining parishes. It was agreed that there are some synergies with Culham and Clifton Hampden.
- **Planning.** An application has been lodged for new and replacement signs at the Harcourt Arboretum. Like the Baldons' Parish Council, NCPC is concerned at the location of a new direction sign at the north end of the Arboretum, adjacent to the new gateway and close to the Village. It is deemed both too large and too close to existing highway signs. NCPC has asked that this is moved closer to the Arboretum entrance and reduced in size. Following consultation responses a

revised application has been submitted showing the signs relocated and reduced in size.

- **Signage on Nuneham Park.** It was agreed that the idea of dog mess bins would not be pursued, but that efforts should be made to install some (and tasteful) new signs to remind those entering the Park:
 - of the location of the various properties
 - that the road is private and indicate the route of public footpaths
 - to respect those who live on the estate by keeping dogs on lead and removing any dog mess

This proposal will be discussed with Savills and others on the Park prior to further review at the next meeting.

We discussed putting signs about the nuisance of dog mess on the lane at the back of properties on the west of the Village as this seems to be of regular concern.

- **Highways.** NCPC remains concerned at the lack or diffident responses from the County Council on a number of issues, particularly the state of pavements. A note expressing concern has been sent to our County Councillor.
- **Village Plan.** Progress on the Village Plan and the work to be completed to secure funding was discussed. The next stage of consultation is with businesses in the Parish. The development of the Luncheon Club continues.
- **Flower Shop.** We discussed concerns that the footpath in front of the shop is being reduced in width by chair-displays whilst recognising that the shop needs attract passing trade. There has been discussion with Emma over this.
- **Car park.** It was agreed that NCPC should also look at the issue of the ‘car park’ behind the Old Forge and whether this could be improved.

Planning Issues

An application has been made for listed building and planning consent for change of use and some alterations to the showroom and the original ‘office’ building at the north end of the showroom. The proposals create:

- A new two bed-roomed flat within the ‘office’ building
- The roadside front of the ‘office’ building being changed to A1/A5 use (shop/hot food take away)
- The sub-division of the showroom space into two units, one noted as an art gallery, the other as a furniture showroom

The proposals involve a new entrance to the showroom on the front, a wall at the rear, and the addition of signage. It is proposed to repaint the office building.

The car sales, car-wash and use of the adjoining building is unchanged.

Copies of the applications can be accessed from the SODC website or by contacting Colin George

Flooding and drainage

Recent heavy rains caused obvious puddling at the south end of the Village. Concern was expressed that this was as a result of the new car-park to the Arboretum. The matter

was reported (a number of times) to the County Council and the culvert under the road was finally cleared and the immediately adjacent road gullies unblocked. The problem (other than the puddles that remain due to the state of the scrapyard entrance) seems to have been resolved.

A parishioner has also been in direct contact with the County Council on related issues of drainage at the south end of the village and has met with the County to look at the impact of the road drain outfalls that cross their property. The conclusion appears to be that the County has set aside funds to replace the old outfalls from the road drains from the road culvert to the ditch system but, rather than run these across private property (as currently), the County proposes to re-route the drainage along the roadway. It is hoped this work will improve the flow through the road culvert.

The Arboretum has confirmed its intention to dig out the ditch. If anybody fancies lending a hand.....

Resignation of Parish Clerk

Jane Dymock has resigned as Parish Clerk over the summer. We thank her for all her hard work on behalf of the Council and are very sorry to see her leave. We will be discussing how to replace her at the next meeting. At the current time please direct any comments, questions or concerns to Colin George or via our e-mail address

Future meetings: The next formal meetings of NCPC will be held in the Village Hall on:

- **Tuesday 4 September 2012 (7 pm)**
- **Tuesday 6 November 2012 (4 pm)**

It is hoped to hold another informal meeting with the Baldons' Parish Council, to discuss matters of joint interest, prior to the next meeting.

Contact and further information

Further information on the above matters, events and other local amenities can be obtained via the Parish Council website. If you have any concerns on these or other issues then please contact Colin George.

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Colin George (01865 343767, colin.george@virgin.net).

Parish Council website: www.nunehampc.webs.com

Village Plan website: www.nuneham.com

Autumn Fancies

A concert to be held in St Helen's Church, Benson on 13th October at 7.30pm

Songs of all types for all ages!

Proceeds to the church and Music for Autism

For more details or tickets please contact Sara on 343567

FLU VACCINATION 2012

For patients aged 65 and over, and those who have previously received a flu injection as they are in an 'At Risk' group under the age of 65. Also if currently pregnant.

There will be 'DROP-IN' CLINICS ON

Monday 15th October 2012 3pm-6pm

Tuesday 16th October 2012 3-5pm

Monday 22nd October 2012 3pm-6pm

Tuesday 23rd October 2012 3-5pm

If you have not previously had a vaccination for pneumococcal disease, but have turned 65 since last flu season, or, will become 65 years old by March 31st 2013, you are eligible for this vaccine – please request it at the same time as you have your flu vaccine.

An invitation to Patients of Berinsfield Health Centre

The next meeting of The Patients' Participation Group will be held on Thursday, September 27th 2012 at 8pm at The Health Centre.

All patients who are registered with The Health Centre in Berinsfield are very welcome to attend this meeting

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for October 2012 newsletter by **16th 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 340562 or at The Barn House, Baldon House East, Marsh Baldon.

For advertising queries, please contact Sheila Harris on: s.harris886@btinternet.com or on 340403.

CLERGY

Revd Ros Latham

Ros is from rural North Yorkshire, having been a farmer's wife and an RE teacher before becoming a vicar. She joined the Dorchester team as team vicar for the Baldons, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard in October 2007, living in Berinsfield. She is married to Peter and between them they have six children.

Revd Hannah Cleugh

Hannah is our curate. She grew up in the north-east, and came to Oxford as a student to read Theology. After graduating, she stayed on to do research into the English Reformation. She trained for ordination at Ripon College, Cuddesdon and she and her husband David (who is Curate-in-Charge of the parishes of Stadhampton, Newington and Warborough) joined the Dorchester Team in July 2009.

Revd Caroline King Appointed as Team Vicar for Newington, Stadhampton with Chiselhampton and Warborough and Shillingford

The Dorchester Team is delighted to report that the Revd Caroline King has been appointed as Team Vicar to serve in Newington, Stadhampton with Chiselhampton and Warborough and Shillingford. She was originally intending to start in mid-September, but she has recently fallen and fractured both of her legs near the ankle, necessitating surgery, and her start time is now likely to be towards the end of October.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

The funeral of Jack Greenaway took place on 20th July 2012 at St Peter's Marsh Baldon, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Harvest Festival and Lunch



Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 14th October, at St Peter's Church, Marsh Baldon at 11am. It will be followed by a bring-and-share family lunch.



Please do come along to both, we would love to see you all. Please let Sara know whether you are coming and what food you would like to bring, on 343567 or sara@mcdouall.co.uk .

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

2 nd September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
9 th September	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Toot Baldon
16 th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
23 rd September	8.30am	Said Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	One4All: Pet Service	Marsh Baldon
30 th September	10.30am	Team Service with Confirmation	Dorchester Abbey
	6.00pm	Fellowship of St Birinus Choral Evensong	Dorchester Abbey
7 th October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
14 th October	11.00am	Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share Lunch	Marsh Baldon

Prayer in St Peters: Thursdays 8.15am

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
2 nd September		9.30 am Jenny van Dijk
9 th September		6.00 pm Tom Saw
16 th September	9.30 am Richard Barnett	
23 rd September	9.30 am Ian Gillespie	

FLOWERS

	Marsh	Toot
26 th Aug & 2 nd Sept	G Baker	V Bowler & N Wells
9 th & 16 th Sept	L Martin & I Wright	J van Dijk & S Hobbins
23 rd & 30 th Sept	E Gillespie & A Lyall	H Maskell & J Knight
7 th & 14 th Oct	C Attewill & L Barnett	J Brook & E Denning

FELLOWSHIP GROUP: Monday 24th September at 7.30pm at 2 Potland Cottages

The Fellowship Group normally meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Anyone is welcome to come along and find out more about the Christian Faith.

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Can Man and Wildlife live side by side? – Our findings

My company sponsored the Sunningwell Festival which had its stage within the village pond. We recorded some material for our wildlife radio programme “Going Wild with Wildlife” on Radio Cherwell, which explored whether man and wildlife could actually live side by side. As I’ve said I feel although gardens and streets are manmade, so is the countryside. What we see is a product of thousands of years of farming and management. Having said that, if we manage it wisely, wildlife will still come.

It’s a pleasure to present our findings, as since I last wrote here, we have been asked to restore the garden at The Seven Stars, which is as you know the village pub. We will be incorporating some areas of wildflower meadows. We are there most Mondays, so do come along and meet. It is a real pleasure to be working back in the village which I consider home, as we lived at 8A The Green (behind the pavilion) up until 1983. The village green played a huge part in my wildlife gardening approach and it would give me great pleasure to pick up further work in this wonderful village.

Our findings were, that the festival, didn’t have too much of a detrimental effect, perhaps in some areas it had a positive effect. Mallards happily raised two young, and festival goers could see the juveniles grow day by day. The Moorhens also continued to raise young, often spending much of their time under the stage.

Bats had a feeding frenzy during the performances. Lights attracted moths which the bats happily hoovered up. At times, it was raining moth wings as the bats discarded what they didn’t eat.

Erosion occurred on the grass areas. The bare earth is now great for basking dragonflies, ground nesting bees and House Martins who need wet mud to build and repair their nests. Plus the cutting back of some of the undergrowth so the stage could be constructed in a roundabout way may help provide growth of different ages which in turn may attract more wildlife than you may do if you had growth of all the same age and stage. For example, grass of differing lengths is great for hedgehogs as they have a wider range of food available to them.

It was interesting to hear what people assume wildlife gardening means during our involvement. Some feel it’s doing nothing, others think it’s just about wildflowers and never weeding. Our job was to educate people into realising its more about growing lots of different things and just not letting anything dominate. The choice of plants is up to you, it’s the variety of types that matters.

Happy Gardening

Stuart Mabbutt
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Theatre of Wildlife Dreams

Stuart Mabbutt couldn't believe his luck when he was given the rare opportunity to care for a garden originally set out in the mid to late 1800's on Boars Hill. It has its own amphitheatre which is overlooking a lake set in dense woodland and teeming with wildlife which Stuart has to care for as part of his brief.

Stuart says "As a company, we specialise in wildlife gardening but often gardening and conservation inhabit two different worlds. We strive to make them interlinked, and this garden clearly demonstrates it's possible".

Over the years, previous owners stamped their own mark on the site by putting in tennis courts, dells, amphitheatre and used bricks from a former local brickworks to form banks between the terraces. Alan Powell, gardening assistant adds "We were called in and presented with a huge hillside garden with encroaching dense woodland full of English Bluebells". The owner said "the garden is a fantastic habitat for lots of creatures. I wanted to maintain and enhance that. I also wanted Stuart and his team to improve the visual aspect of the grounds. Encouraging the birds, butterflies and other creatures gives as much to the landscape as managing the flowers and trees."

As possibly Oxford's only truly wildlife gardening specialists, the company is suited to making the management of this huge garden affordable. Other companies offer wildlife friendly options but Stuart's company only take on new projects that have wildlife at the top of the agenda. Stuart says "to manage the area is the key, not garden in it. It is better for the whole garden and woodland environment, (and cheaper as well) to manage an area so a number of species thrive but nothing actually dominating than it is to use labour intensive manicuring gardening techniques. This is as applicable in a tiny garden as it is to a huge plot like this. Clients just have to be brave, have thick skins and resist the temptation to prune to make things look nice and straight and leave things slightly rougher around the edges. Wildlife doesn't like too much house work to be done".

Stuart uses his contacts in the conservation world to build an eco-system rich in bio diversity to give the client a wondrous slice of the countryside in which to live. Stuart continues "We have a former Senior Countryside Ranger on the staff so we are blessed with people who care about the countryside. If we can build an eco-system from the insects upwards everything else should hopefully follow. We hope to roll this out to all future clients. "What better job can there be than making a contribution that really matters and is important".

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**A Talk by Ben Jones, Curator of the
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on climbing this Coast Redwood in
California
(as heard on Radio 4)**

**Thursday 27 September at 7.30pm
at St. Peter's Church, Marsh Baldon.**

**Join us for a glass of wine afterwards:
donations in aid of church fabric funds.**