

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



April 2018

FROM REVD PAUL CAWTHORNE

Easter is here, the air is warming, the leaves are appearing, new life all around. It is a wonderful season of fulfilment and of promise. During Lent we have followed Jesus on his road to Jerusalem through deep, dark suffering and now to his mysterious emergence into a new kind of life. Not a life which is easy for the limited faculties of us humans to comprehend at first, yet something glorious which turns our understanding of life itself upside down.

Some faithful women who knew Jesus came, as St Luke records, very early on the first day of the week bringing spices they had prepared. There is a lovely translation of their reaction when the tomb is empty: "they were utterly at a loss", bewildered. Yet gradually, gently, pointers emerge. First two angels; then Mary of Magdala sees a character she recognises; then an encounter on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus which convinces two disciples that Jesus' death was not the end but was part of God's plan for redeeming humanity. Then an appearance to a group of disciples including the ultra-pragmatic Thomas who ends up saying "My Lord and my God". Then when Peter is back fishing on the lakeside, a familiar voice calls "Friends, have you caught anything?" and soon they are all breaking bread together on the shore and eating their fill of fish.

What a springtime, what a relief to those who thought forlorn despair was the order of the day, what a glimmer of joy to those who heard the news and dared to hope. What a time, the gradual change from bewilderment to realisation that something earth-shattering had happened, or rather was now underway. After the Ascension, they gather again to discuss what has happened and to make plans how best to stay true to Jesus' message. Then something amazing happens, with a sound like a rushing wind. But that is to jump ahead in our story. For now let us bask in the springtime, full of unexpected promise, full of renewed hope, full of presence, of God, our crucified but risen loving Lord.

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Wednesday 11th April
2018
at
7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall
OX44 9LL

Come and join us at the South Oxfordshire Filling Station where we meet together in a relaxed setting to engage with the Christian faith in an informal contemporary context. We meet at 7.30pm for coffee/tea and cake, kicking off at 7.50pm with worship, a talk and prayer.

This month Nick Page will deliver his third and final instalment of discipleship training focusing on the spiritual disciplines we need to develop in order deepen our relationship with Jesus. What things did Jesus do and how can we replicate them in our life in order to allow transformation to occur and be maintained.

If you are interested you can find out more at <http://thefillingstation.org.uk>. Or contact Liam McCormick on 07738 004176.



St. George's Day

Afternoon Tea at The Baldons Village Hall

4pm Monday 23rd April 2018

St. George's Day is a good chance for friends and neighbours to get together. This year as before we shall be getting together with folks from Nuneham, the Baldons and some old friends for a traditional afternoon tea and some light entertainment. It will be a great opportunity to catch up on local news and chat about spring and summer plans. Plans are already under way for another delightful afternoon. So look out those spring outfits and come along prepared to wave the flag and enjoy the company.

*To book a place phone Phylis on 01865 343275 or email
phylis@stonehelm.co.uk*

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Flood water on the Road

We are aware that villagers have been concerned at the continuing flow of water across the road at the top end of The Croft and the consequent road safety implications.

The matter was reported to the Highways department early in the New Year and their recent advice is that this is not a highways responsibility and is a land drainage problem which needs to be resolved by landowners. Informal discussions have been held with land owners/managers and it is expected that exploratory work to identify the problem and improve drainage will have been started before the end of March.

Planning applications

Baldons House East. P18/SO389/HH An application for minor changes to an already approved plan has been supported by the Parish Council

Mallams, Toot Baldon P18/SO328/FUL an application for variation of conditions on an already approved plan. Supported by the Parish Council

Penstemon House, Marsh Baldon P18/SO333/FUL. A retrospective application for approval of a store for horse feed. The Parish Council have raised concerns at the size and location of the building as an intrusion in the Green Belt and have recommended refusal to SODC.

World War 1 Armistice commemoration: The Battle's Over - Ringing out for Peace

The ending of WW1 is to be celebrated nationally. A campaign has been announced in which councils, communities and organisations are invited to participate.

The proposals for the national campaign include bell ringing by churches and braziers or bonfires to mark the event on the evening of Sunday 11th November.

The Parish Council believes that the Baldons should take part and will be looking at it in more detail. We will welcome participation from any person or group in the village interested in helping. Contact Stephen Dance or Dorothy Tonge if you want to help.

Village Spring Clean Sunday 8th April

Please come out and help in the village spring clean on Sunday 8th April. All will be welcome and the more come and help, individuals, families and children, the quicker we will be. It shouldn't take more than an hour. We will have pick up sticks and waste bags but please bring your own gloves and wear appropriate footwear. There is quite a lot of rubbish along roadside verges, in ditches and on the village green.

Meet on the Green near the pub at 10.30 am and contact John Maskell 343203 if you can help in Toot for the place and time to meet.

Road closure notice The Croft

Confusion was caused by the recent road closure notices for The Croft that was distributed to houses by a sub-contractor of BT. Following our discussion with the Highways department it was evident the contractor did not have the necessary permission to close the road and the plans have been put on hold. The Parish Council is given advance warning of road closures that have been agreed by the Highways department and we will issue information via the Baldons Info email circulation when new dates for the work are announced.

Blenheim Corner

There is a small area in the south east corner of the Green which had been badly overgrown and inaccessible. The council has had a contractor in to clear the area and it is now accessible for pedestrians.

Future Meetings

Annual meeting of the Parishes of Marsh Baldon and Toot Baldon Monday 9th April Village Hall 7.30 pm. This is the open meeting for all villagers to attend and we hope that you will be interested in coming. It is an opportunity to raise things for open discussion although we do have to have a small number of annual reports on the work and finances of the council during 2017/8. It is an opportunity to update on the neighbourhood plan or the problems of maintenance round the village green ref the councils recent paper put on the councils website. We will provide a small refreshment.

Parish Council Meeting, Monday 14th May 7.30 pm Village Hall

This is the Annual General Meeting of the council when we deal with election of officers but also deal with normal business.

A REPORT FROM OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR SUE LAWSON

Good causes sign up to new community lottery

More than 30 charities and voluntary groups from South Oxfordshire attended an event on 28 February to find out about an exciting new community lottery being launched by the district council.

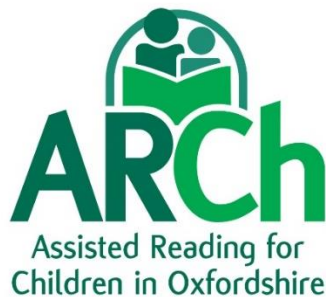
SO Charitable Lottery is being introduced this spring by South Oxfordshire District Council to help raise funds for local good causes. The event took place at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot for good causes to sign up and get more information about how they stand to benefit from joining. The lottery will give residents the chance to enter a £1 weekly online draw and be in with the chance of winning prizes, ranging from free prize draw tickets to a jackpot up to £25,000.

Cllr Elizabeth Gillespie, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the new lottery, said: "Our council is committed to supporting the voluntary sector and we're launching this lottery to create a fun way of helping to raise money for the local community, within the community. It's a very exciting time getting good causes

on-board and with the countdown to tickets going on sale soon, we were absolutely delighted to see so many people at today's event.

“If there are other good causes that want to get involved, it's not too late – they simply need to apply to register on the socharitable.co.uk website.”

From each ticket bought, 60p will go to good causes and the local community. Players will be able to choose which cause they support when they purchase tickets. The rest of the money will go to the prize fund and running costs – the council will not receive any of the proceeds.



Could you help a child to read and change their life forever?

Volunteers needed



ARCh (Assisted Reading for Children) is a local registered charity which operates in Oxfordshire primary schools to help children who are struggling with reading.

All it takes is one and a half hours twice a week during the school day as an ARCh volunteer in a primary school near you.

Full training is given and we provide ongoing support and reimburse travel expenses.

To find out more, visit our website www.archoxfordshire.org.uk

Or telephone us on **01869 320380**

The charity obtains enhanced DBS checks on all volunteers before placement
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NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday, the 20th April, 2018, 7.30pm-9pm, it's a relatively informal event for the community where the parish council report to its electorate on what it has accomplished in the preceding year. Electors and public are invited to hear reports from the Chairman, District & County Councillors and other community groups that the parish council has supported during the year.

The Council will also invite the local community police, neighbourhood watch coordinator to address and inform the audience on community matters.

Website

Since the last meeting Simon Gray, a parishioner, had agreed to design and maintain a new website as a volunteer. Council appreciate Simon's time and effort with regards to the website. The new website is already available and could be viewed here: <http://nunehamcourtenay.org.uk/>

Conservation Plan

Sue Lawson and Madhvi Saini had met with Sharon Crawford on 16th February who is working on a conservation report for Nuneham Courtenay which will go to everyone when it is finished. If you would like to contribute your view, please email chair@nunehamcourtenay.org.uk as these would be welcomed by Sharon Crawford.

Highway

Keith Stenning, Group Manager, Area Operations (South) attended the meeting and council and parishioners' raised their concern regarding road safety, crossing, speed camera, speed calming, pavement. Detailed notes are available on the website in the minutes of meeting as few more things were discussed in detail.

Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Action Group

The Council agreed to join the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Action Group. The details of the proposed corridor for the Oxford – Cambridge Expressway would be available in July 2018, but not the route.

Important Dates:

1. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday, the 20th April, 2018, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.
2. The Annual meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Family Film Friday 13th April, 2pm, Village Hall



School Holiday family film. Stuart Little stars Hugh Laurie, Geena Davis, and Michael J Fox and is rated U. A ticket for an adult and up to two children is £3. Each additional child is £1. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. You are welcome to bring blankets and or cushions if your child would be more comfortable sitting on the floor. **This is a noise welcome performance.** We are planning an interval, as usual with our films.

Although you may bring your own sippy cup, etc, **we ask that you do not bring your own refreshments to this film**, due to food allergies. We will have refreshments including fruit and biscuits available to purchase at a low price.

Thank you

The village hall committee would like to thank Brian Ball for continuing to aid in the upkeep of the hall. Your speedy work is much appreciated.

Yoga

A small friendly group meets on Monday evenings at 7:30(ish). Do text Jenny on 07787 507 304 to make sure the group is meeting that week.

LOCAL HISTORY TALK
MAY 18TH, 7:30 PM, NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL



Professor Malcolm Airs, Emeritus Fellow, Kellogg College, Oxford will give an illustrated talk on the history of Nuneham Courtenay.

Tickets are £3. There will be a 50 minute talk followed by a social. Please bring your Nuneham Courtenay memorabilia to share at during this time.

Refreshments will be available to buy.

Advance tickets are available to purchase from June Harris, 28 Nuneham Courtenay, from 2-4, Mon-Fri. If you can't make these times contact jenny@datadaysolutions.com and arrangements will be made. Tickets are strictly limited.

Looking ahead.....

Vintage tea party will be held in June. Date tbc

**THE NUNEHAM ESTATE | AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE ESTATE'S
FUTURE...**

The current owners of The Nuneham Estate are looking at ways to improve the Estate and ensure that it thrives in the future. A team of experts has been brought together, and we wish to share the ideas and concepts for planning and development across the Estate.

We would like to hear from you. So, we invite you to meet the team and share your thoughts. Please come along on **Wednesday 18th April, 4pm to 7pm at The Book Repository.**

FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

OCC BUDGET 2018/19

OCC agreed its budget at a Full Council meeting on 13 February following a five-hour meeting of all 63 county councillors. Council Tax will rise by 5.99%, the maximum amount allowed without a referendum. Key points include:

- Finances are sound compared to other councils, with difficult decisions having already been taken
- The Council Tax rise will deliver extra money for adults and children's social care
- Proposal to extend £500,000 contribution for homelessness for an extra year in 2019/20 (subject to consultation)
- 10-year programme to improve transport network and release more money for road maintenance
- £15,000 for each of the 63 county councillors to spend on local priorities in their area

OCC STEPS UP POTHOLE WORK AS WINTER HITS THE ROADS

Repeated cycles of ice, thaws and snow have created the worst possible weather conditions for roads over the last few months leading to a rise in reports on Fix My Street from 3,000 pre-Christmas to 7,000 during January. OCC has drafted in more staff to carry out inspections and contractors Skanska are sending out more teams to carry out repairs. An additional Dragon-Patcher is now in action on the road network travelling round on an 'inspect and fix' basis on the rural network. There is also good news in the form of almost £1m in extra funding from the Department for Transport in recognition of damage done to the roads by bad weather. This money will be spent on road patching later this year as that will give longer lasting benefits and better value for money. Defects that make roads hazardous will be dealt with within 24 hours as usual. Remember, if a defect has paint markings around it then it has already been scheduled for repair and does not need a new report.

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ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **May 2018** newsletter
by 16th April 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.

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Easter craft Afternoon
Wednesday April 4th 3.45pm

Rhymes for the Under 5's Wednesdays 10.30am

Storytime Wednesdays 3.45pm

I.T Help Thursdays 2.00pm

Knit and Natter
3rd April 2.30pm

Reading Group
12th April 2.00pm

Coffee Morning
17th April 10.30am

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EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

Saturday 21st April, 12 noon Music for Autism Concert with Goring and Streatley Concert Band. All welcome, no tickets needed.

Saturday 28th April 7.30pm Oxford Intermezzo

Intermezzo is an Oxford chamber choir, founded in 2012, which rehearses during the University vacations. Its 30-40 members are drawn from other Oxford choirs that rest outside of the Oxford University term, including graduate students, University staff, and other singers from Oxford who wish to continue singing when their regular choirs are dormant.

The choir focuses on beautiful music mainly from the 20th and 21st century and the Spring Concert features music with a "Psalm" connection, including:

Elberdin - Cantate Domino

Whitacre - Oculi Omnium

Runestad - I Will Lift Mine Eyes

Pärt - Two Slavonic Psalms

and music by Augustinas, Tallis, Kreek, Rachmaninov, and others.

Tickets available from: www.oxfordintermezzo.co.uk

Friends of Dorchester Abbey: Visit to Wells, Monday 14 May 2018

£30.00 per person for Friends of the Abbey, which includes the coach travel and guided tour of Wells Cathedral. £32.00 per person for non-Friends of the Abbey

Programme:

The coach will leave from the Bridge End car park in Dorchester at 9.00am.

We should arrive in Wells about 11.45am. (We will have a short comfort break).

Free time to explore the centre of England's smallest city.

Guided tour of Wells Cathedral at 3.00pm.

The coach will leave Wells at 5.00pm.

Traffic permitting, we should arrive back in Dorchester by 7.45pm.

Set in the medieval heart of England's smallest city, Wells Cathedral is widely regarded as one of the finest in the country. As well as its iconic, breath-taking West Front, it has an unusual octagonal Chapter House, a Jesse Window (considered to be one of the most splendid examples of 14th century stained glass in Europe) one of only four chained libraries in the UK, the Wells Clock and the medieval Vicars' Close, believed to be the only complete medieval street left in England.

There is a cafe, with views of the West Front over the moat of the nearby Bishop's Palace.

If you would like to come, please send a cheque for £32.00 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 Friday 13th April. [Please note: you will not be sent tickets or a receipt, if you have any queries please phone Yvonne Lawden on 01865 340465 or email: y.m.lawden@gmail.com]

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2018

1 st April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9.30am	Easter Family Communion	Toot Baldon
8 th April	6.00pm	Evening Worship	Toot Baldon
15 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
22 nd April	8.30am	Said Communion	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	Family Worship	Marsh Baldon
29 th April	10.30am	Team Service	Long Wittenham
6 th May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh Baldon	Toot Baldon
1 st April		9.30am Ann Druce
8 th April		6.00pm Ian Gillespie
15 th April	9.30am Stephen Dance	
22 nd April	9.30am Liam McCormick	

FLOWERS

	Marsh Baldon	Toot Baldon
1 st & 8 th April	P & J Slaney	S Hobbins & J van Dijk
15 th & 22 nd April	I Wright & L Martin	H Maskell & J Knight
29 th April & 6 th May	A Lyall	J Brook