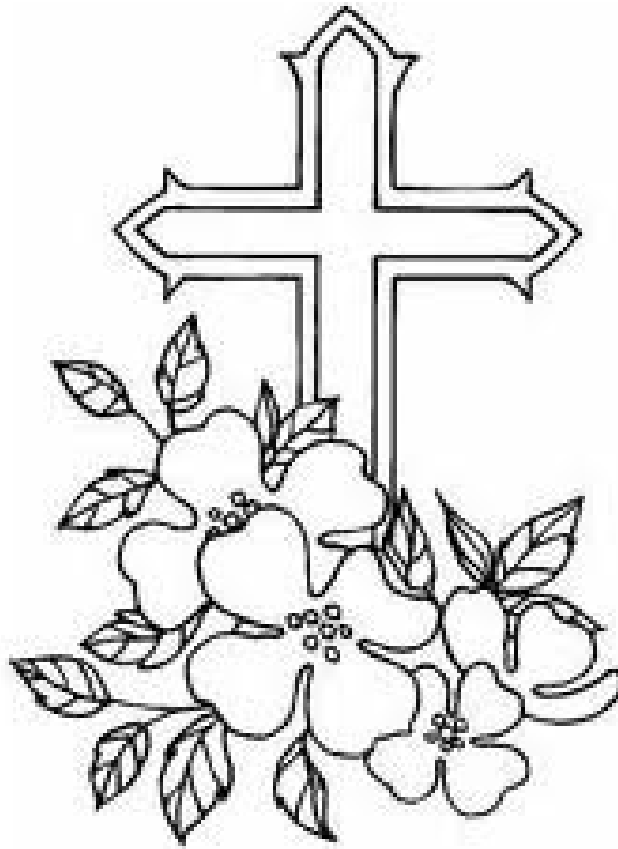




The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



April 2011



Dear Friends,

I can hardly believe this is my fourth Easter with you, but it is. The message of Easter never changes but depending on what's happening in the world and our own lives the part that hits home does. As I write this letter, Japan suffers deeply following the devastating earthquake and air strikes were made on Libya last night. The world always seems to be wracked with pain of some sort and each week I meet families trying to manage some tragic personal crisis or other. After so much unrest and revolution in the Arab nations over the last months and looking at the radical change in the Japanese landscape, I cannot but wonder what the world will look like this time next year both topologically and politically. The future is for many a time of anxiety and change.

Easter is about transformational change. On Good Friday Jesus was crucified and died, on Easter Day his dead body was transformed to one which was living and recognisable. Somehow God transformed disaster into triumph, hopelessness into joy, darkness into light. I do not believe that that was a one off event, but a miracle God still achieves in our lives and in the world day on day. Jesus' death and resurrection happened only once but demonstrates God's ability to turn round some of the devastating events we experience in our daily lives and on the world stage. Such are the material of our mini crucifixions and resurrections.

I believe in God as creator and sustainer of the world. He does not remove all the bad things at the wave of wand, but charges us with a great deal of the responsibility for what happens and the responses we make. The miracle is that he can bring good out of bad, success out of failure and light from dark. He can transform even the darkest hour into something valuable and positive when we work with him and for him. It can seem hard to believe when things are at their worst and it may take some time, but it is true. The world is a dynamic, ever changing place, but whatever strange turns it takes, God is always drawing us back to himself. And that keeps hope alive.

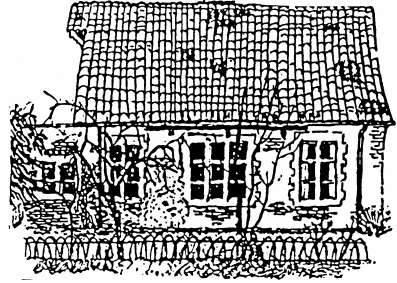
Happy Easter,

Ros

Revd Ros Latham is Team vicar for The Baldons, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard
e-mail: bbdparishoffice@googlemail.com and tel: 01865 340460

The Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh is Curate for The Baldons, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard: e-mail hannah.cleugh@googlemail.com and tel: 01865 341382

MARSH BALDON SCHOOL NEWS



It's official ! - We're a 'Good' school !

So many things have happened since the start of the year and in February, it was our turn for the school to be inspected by Ofsted. We are very pleased and excited to announce that the inspectors upgraded us from a 'satisfactory' school to a 'good' one. This is great news, not only for the school but for the whole village community. However, it could not have been achieved without all of the hard work, dedication and commitment from the staff, children, governors and parents. So a big thank you to everyone concerned. It's onwards and upwards now as we aim to go one better next time! Earlier in the term, John Howell MP visited the school and commented on what a friendly school it was.

Children have taken part in an indoor athletics tournament and the National quiz championships so far this term and have also celebrated World Book Day and Red Nose Day. The older children have also taken part in the Partnership Music Festival. Looking forward, there are trips planned to Northmoor Trust, Junior Citizen and Sutton Courtenay Environmental Centre, an 'Outdoor Day' at Adventure Dolphin for the whole school and various sports tournaments (tag rugby, athletics etc). There will also be the annual Maypole Display.

It has been a quiet time for the choir so far this term, but they are practising hard to perform at the Day Centre, and later in the spring at the Festival of Voices being held at Dorchester Abbey in June.

With the better weather beginning to appear, you can be sure that we will be 'out and about'! Please say hello to us if you see us around the village.

Best Wishes

Nick Pitson

Marsh Baldon School – Cleaner Needed !!!!

The school is looking for a regular cleaner who could work 2 ½ hours per day, Monday to Friday. Start time to be agreed but would be between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Salary: £7.64 per hour

CONTACT Corinne on 07768057232 for further details

Village Royal Wedding Party



*You are invited to a village party
celebrating the Royal Wedding to
be held at the Village Hall on*



*Friday 29th April - all villagers of every generation are invited to come
and join the festivities - please see invitations and posters for details*

BALDONS VILLAGE HALL

Booking arrangements

To book the hall, please contact Ali or Darren on: 01865 340264 or dbaber@rm.com

BALDON PLAYERS

Having been 'resting' for a while the Baldon Players have started to give some thought to their next production. There is enthusiasm for performing Michael Frayn's comedy 'Audience'. We would like to stage this in mid-October back in Nuneham Courtenay Village Hall. 'Audience' is a single act play so we have an idea to put together an evening that includes both the play and some musical performances.

The play has 12 parts, including 2 or 3 for teenagers. If you would be interested in acting, producing or directing (and do we need directing?!) then please don't be shy. Similarly if you want to get up on stage and perform a song or sketch then don't hang back – we know you've always wanted to.

Looking further ahead - one of our number has been heard muttering about writing a pantomime and we'd also like to put on a show that involves the younger people in the parishes. We'll keep you posted.

Contact: Colin George on 01865 343767 or colin.george@virgin.net.

BEC NEWS

Next ball – A Night with the Stars – Hollywood Glamour. Saturday 2nd April.

The tickets have all sold out - 3 weeks before the Ball!!

We will need volunteers to help set up and take down - Saturday morning 2nd April 10.00 onwards for set up and 10.00am Sunday morning to help take down.

Thanks so much in advance.

District and Parish Council Elections 2011

District and Parish Council Elections are to be held on Thursday, 5 May 2011.

SODC have advised that forms have been delivered to households in the parish so that a new electoral register can be compiled.

Please contact SODC on 01491 823000 if you have not received the form to ensure that you are eligible to vote at the elections in May 2011.

Interested in becoming a Councillor?

- Do you want to support your community and help to improve it?
- Are you prepared to work with other councillors to make decisions?
- Are you able to be objective and represent the needs of the whole community?

People usually become councillors because they care about their community and want to give something back. Baldons Parish Council provided funding for added value services such as additional village maintenance, grass cutting, etc. The Parish Council also provides support for various village activities.

You would be expected to attend most of the Council meetings, of which there are a minimum of six per annum, usually held on a Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Community Hall. Other committees meet throughout the year as necessary. If you would like to become a Parish or District councillor, please contact South Oxfordshire District Council on 01491 823000.

Eligibility criteria

No experience of any sort is needed to stand for any council but the candidate must:

- be over 18
- be on the electoral register
- have lived or worked as a British / Irish / Commonwealth / European citizen or owned property in the area for at least the past 12 months

Evidence required

To stand as a candidate at any election a nomination paper must be submitted. The nomination paper gives details such as name and address etc.

To stand as a candidate in a parish council election two people will need to sign the nomination paper. These two people are known as proposer and seconder.

Application Process

The legal forms, or nomination forms, needed to stand as a Candidate are available from the Elections Office around two weeks before the election period starts. Nomination Forms can be obtained from the Returning Officer at SODC.

Timetables and Deadlines are as follows:

Publish notice of election (no later than)	Friday 25 th March 2011
Delivery of nominations	On any working day (between 10am and 4pm) after the notice of election is published.
Last day for receipt of nominations	Monday 4 th April 2011 (Noon)
Publish statement of persons nominated (no later than)	Wednesday 6 th April 2011 (Noon)
Last day for withdrawals	Thursday 7 th April 2011 (Noon)
Deadline for voter registration applications to be included on the register used at this election	Thursday 14 th April 2011
Polling day Polling hours: 7.00am to 10.00pm	Thursday 5 th May 2011

THE BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Paul Isaacs, 11, Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxon., OX44 7HY
01844 278040 / 07733 555750
pisaacs4@yahoo.co.uk

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING**

of

MARSH BALDON

with

TOOT BALDON

Tuesday 19th April, 2011

7.30pm

at the

Baldons Village Hall

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

A reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 7 April 2011 at Marsh Baldon Village Hall from 7.30 – 9.30 pm. This is an opportunity to come and meet the councillors and to discuss what the Parish Council is trying to achieve in a more informal manner than the usual Parish Council meetings. Bring your ideas and concerns – we'll listen and help if we can.

Parish Council Elections

The closing date for the nomination of Parish Councillors is 3 April 2011. At the time of writing no new nominations have been received. The existing Parish Councillors have agreed to stand if there are no new nominations. Elections will be held on 5 May 2011 if there are more nominations than the five councillors allowed.

Parish Council Meeting – 3 March 2011

The Parish Council met on 3 March 2011. A number of points were discussed at the meeting. The notes below show the main issues discussed and that have been attended to since the meeting:

Rubbish:

The Parish Council is helping one or two households to sort out rubbish issues. There have been promises that, by the time you read this newsletter, rubbish at the back of the garage will be cleared.

Horse-riding on pavements:

The Parish Council has followed up on this and visited a couple of stables. Notices will be put up on the bridleways indicating riding on pavements is prohibited by law and that fines can be levied. The PC is trying to avoid the situation escalating and police being called by residents – but with houses and gardens right up to the pavement it can be at least disarming and worst dangerous to ride on the pavements. The PC appreciates that the road is dangerous, but hopes that horse-riders understand the villagers' concerns.

Parish Plan

The aim of a Parish Plan is to find out parishioners' concerns and ideas for the future of the Parish. A meeting has been held with the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council to discuss the setting up of a Parish Plan and to obtain funding for the same. We hope to take the idea forward at the Annual Parish Meeting. However the Plan needs its own group to take it forward. Look out for separate flyers.

Working Groups

The idea of a working group is being pursued. Litter, cleaning and painting gates, clearing pavement drains etc. have been raised. The date needs to be agreed and we are checking out insurances, tools, etc... Please look out for further information and come and help.

Highways

A letter is to be sent to Highways:

- Noting the efforts being made in sorting out the hedges and trees on the verges. Hopefully the clearance will encourage new and substantial growth;
- Questioning why drains are being cleared twice a year rather than the four promised after the flooding – and also timing on the same
- Pointing out the large number of dislodged kerbstones and deterioration of road edges

Planning

It is hoped to meet with planning and conservation officers to discuss broader planning issues in the parish.

Drainage

SODC's engineers, Monsons, are proposing a revised storm drainage route from that previously proposed - a new drain would be installed behind Church Row Cottages and into the ditch on the Arboretum boundary. The Parish Council has asked for a meeting to discuss the proposals.

Post-meeting update

Speeding

By the time you read this article the speed camera should be switched back on and a 40 mph speed limit approved for the stretch of the A4074 past the Arboretum. The Parish Council will be asking the County to come back and re-measure speeds through the village in due course to see whether any of the measures have reduced speeds through the village.

Gravel Extraction

As reported in the last newsletter the County Council's Cabinet had decided to take forward the minerals strategy excluding the sites at Radley and Nuneham Courtenay. The decision was 'called in' by West Oxfordshire Councillors and was reviewed by the County's Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee on 9 March 2011. The Scrutiny Committee agreed that the Cabinet had acted properly in making its decision. The next step is for the County's proposed minerals and waste strategy to be drafted and submitted for public consultation in June 2011. The Parish Council will keep monitoring.

Berinsfield Library

The Parish Council has not received any expressions of concern about the proposed closure of the Library. If you have concerns, or want to get involved in the campaign to keep the Library running then please contact County Councillor, Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, on lorraine.lindsay-gale@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Contact Information

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk, Jane Dymock, 01865 863709 or nunehampc@yahoo.co.uk and Colin George, 01865 343767 or colin.george@virgin.net. The Parish Council has its own website www.nunehampc.webs.com. This is updated regularly.

FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Additional funding for highways maintenance

Phillip Hammond MP has announced an additional £100m for highways maintenance. It is calculated that OCC is likely to get around £1.1m as our share. A list of schemes that can now go ahead will be posted on the OCC website shortly.

Heritage Conference

On 22nd February I attended a conference at Clarence House jointly hosted by the LGA and the Prince's Regeneration Trust in my capacity as Heritage Champion. The topic was "Redundant Heritage Buildings - Problem or Opportunity?" HRH Prince of Wales, Baroness Andrews Chair of English Heritage and John Penrose MP Minister for Tourism and Heritage were among the speakers.

The issue is of great significance to some local authorities who own large, listed buildings that they may wish to sell off in an attempt to raise capital and save revenue costs. Our own Oxford Castle was used as a shining example of how council-owned historic buildings can be re-used successfully. I have asked our officers to supply me with a list of all the listed buildings that OCC owns, and to be kept informed as to whether any of them are likely to be sold off or altered as a result of the property rationalisation programme currently being undertaken.

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

BALDONS WINE CLUB NEWS

The Baldons Wine Club continues to thrive in 2011 with a monthly wine tasting evening, learning more about the world of wine, regions, varieties and styles in a fun and informative way.

Next tasting:

Sauvignon Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon

Thursday April 21st

Durham Leys Barn

7.00 p.m.

£15.00 members. £20.00 non members

Another of our varietal nights looking at two of the major grape varieties from around the world:

“How does New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc differ from the Loire region in France?”

“What makes Chile capable of making top quality Cabernet Sauvignon similar to that of Bordeaux?”

Learn more and gain a recognised qualification.....

In addition to the monthly wine club, there are qualification days and courses

WSET Level 1 Foundation Course

This one day course provides a basic introduction to wine including food and wine matching. Suitable for all levels of wine enthusiast including the wine novice and those starting out in the wine trade.

Next Course Date: SATURDAY 30TH APRIL 2011. One day. Lunch provided

WSET Level 2 Intermediate Course

This is a 6 week course providing a further understanding of the principles of wine tasting including:-

- factors influencing the style of wine
- key white and black grape varieties
- wine producing regions of the world
- sparkling wines
- sweet and fortified wines
- label terminology
- food and wine matching
- how to taste

This 6 week course is suitable for the wine enthusiast with a basic knowledge wishing to learn more and those who have passed their Level 1 Foundation Course.

Next course date: THURSDAY 23rd JUNE, 7 p.m. 2 hours for 6 consecutive weeks

Clear the Wine Fog and Improve your ‘Grape’ IQ

For more details and to book please call or email Linda on 341043 OR linnysimpson@btinternet.com

Linda Simpson - www.explorewine.co.uk

Dorchester on Thames Festival 28th April - 8th May 2011

The 2011 Dorchester Festival has more than 50 brilliant events over 10 days with something for all tastes and ages. This year profits will be split equally between Dorchester Abbey and Footsteps, who do amazing physiotherapy work with children with genetic disorders such as Cerebral Palsy.

We have a fantastic schedule with everything from The Wizard of Oz to cookery demonstrations, a Craft Fair to children's entertainment and many free events.

Do look on the website for more details and to book your tickets: www.dorchesterfestival.com. Box Office / enquiries 0300 030 3003. Please come and have fun, bring your friends and help us to raise money for these two worthwhile local charities!

Highlights include:

Fri 29 th Apr	The Festival Ball
Sat 30 th Apr	The Wizard of Oz (also Sun) Children's entertainment Ghost Trail (also Sun, Thurs & Sat)
Sun 1 st May	Art workshops Ceilidh Picnic
Mon 2 nd May	Saturday Morning Picture Show Comic Art Workshop with Kev F, Beano artist Street Dance/Rap Lyrics/Dance Mats with Pegasus Schola Cantorum
Tues 3 rd May	Brian Tufano - BAFTA cinematographer
Weds 4 th May	Ceroc Dance fun
Thurs 5 th May	Mark Walden, children's author
Fri 6 th May	Murder in The Abbey
7 th /8 th May	Craft Fair - gifts/food/toys/clothes (free entry)
Sat 7 th May	John Rutter leads a Come & Sing The Book of Voices
Sun 8 th May	BBC Elstree Concert Band - End of Festival Proms

DO YOU WANT TO SAVE ON THE COST OF YOUR HEATING OIL?

Then Oxfordshire Rural Community Council can help you.
Join the new community-based countywide oil buying syndicate ORCC Trading Ltd
and save an average of £50 on a 1000 litre oil delivery.
Contact Tel No. 01865 883488

or

website: www.oxonrcc.org.uk
to apply for membership

Orders for delivery in May have to be placed by Friday 22nd April.



Children's Centres
for families in Oxfordshire

Events in Spring

Evening First Aid Workshop – this will be an evening session and will be held on Wednesday 6th April between 7-9pm at Great Milton Primary School. Prebooking is essential. Please contact Nicole on 07545 209819 for more details.

Trio Childminding Support – will be represented at our Stay and Plays on Monday 18th April in Wheatley and Friday 8th April in Great Milton, to offer support and advice to childminders, those who are thinking of becoming childminders, or extended family members undertaking a childminding role. Please contact Nicole for further details of these events 07545 209819

Baby Massage – in response to recent demand, we will be planning further courses as these fill up very quickly, so please contact Stephanie to register your interest 07545 440970.

YOUR LOCAL SAILING CLUB IS 3 MINUTES DOWN THE ROAD!

Dorchester Sailing Club Open Day April 2011

This year we will be holding an Open Day for any visitors on Saturday the 30th of April in the afternoon, following the official opening of our "new" clubhouse. We plan to provide taster trips with an experienced sailor in our larger dinghies for those interested in taking to the water, and the grounds will be open for those in the village who just wish to walk along the banks and observe the wildlife.

We plan to run training for adults on Saturdays and for Juniors on Sundays for six weeks in the term following Easter. Please contact our commodore Patrick Fleming by phone on 07733 026906 or by email at flemings5@tesco.net if you would like more information about the club, the Open Day, or the courses we run. We will try to give visitors a taste of sailing on any Sunday providing the weather is clement.

EXPLORERS' BACKPACKS AT THE HARCOURT ARBORETUM

Available April – November 2011

Come and borrow one of our family-friendly Arboretum Explorers' Backpacks from the ticket office, and a world of exploration and investigation will open up to you. Use the activities inside to help focus your walk around our 130 acre site, as you discover our trees, woodlands and wildflower meadow. This year we have two brand new backpacks available: "Finding" and "Playing". They contain a selection of activities suitable for a range of ages, and are packed full of ideas to help you get the most from your visit to the Arboretum.

Backpacks are available to borrow from the ticket office on a first-come first-served basis; they are free to borrow with entry (adults £3.80, children free)
Arboretum opening hours 10.00 am – 5.00 pm (last admission 4.15 pm)



Unfortunately the session on April 1st – Scrap Heap Challenge – has been cancelled. For more details of future events, please call Monica 343475 or Darren 343640.

If you are aged 11 to 18 come and join us
7.30- 9.30pm, £2 per session and £3 annual membership

We are also looking for adult help. If you are aged over 18 and want to get involved in village life, your youth club needs you ! It could be either as an occasional general helper or running a specific activity.

BB&O AREA OF NAFAS...

(Berks Bucks and Oxon Area of National Association of Flower Arrangers)
...are holding a fashion show with a difference, all garments will be made predominantly from plant material.

Fashion Show to be held on 15th April 2011 at Benson Village Hall

Time: 7 – 9.30

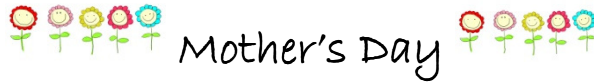
Doors open at 6.30pm

Ticket price of £15.00 includes a glass of wine and Canapés.

A chance for a bit of Retail Therapy before and after the show,
Including our own Ladies that Lunch Jewellery.

For tickets and further information call Georgia on 01865 343531

Seven Stars



Mother's Day
Sunday 3rd April
A special lunch for a special lady!

Choose from our pub menu or enjoy a traditional Sunday Roast
Each mum will receive a homemade Mother's Day cake hand decorated to celebrate
this special occasion.

Easter Sunday
Sunday 24th April

Family Fun from 10am - 1pm
10.30am - Easter Egg Hunt

11.30am - Easter Bonnet Parade (Decorate your bonnet at home and participate in
our parade where all bonnets will be judged and a prize will go to the winner)

12.30pm - Egg & Spoon race

10am - 1pm * Face Painting * Plant a seed workshop * Egg decorating

£5.00 per child (All of the above included)
Cake stall, Jewellery stall and much more...

Curry Night
Thursday 28th April

Enjoy an evening of Indian cuisine and savour the flavours and spices created in
our homemade Indian food.

Choose a

Starter * Main dish with rice * side dish

£15.00 per person

To book please call 01865 343337

This will be a regular evening held on the last Thursday of each month

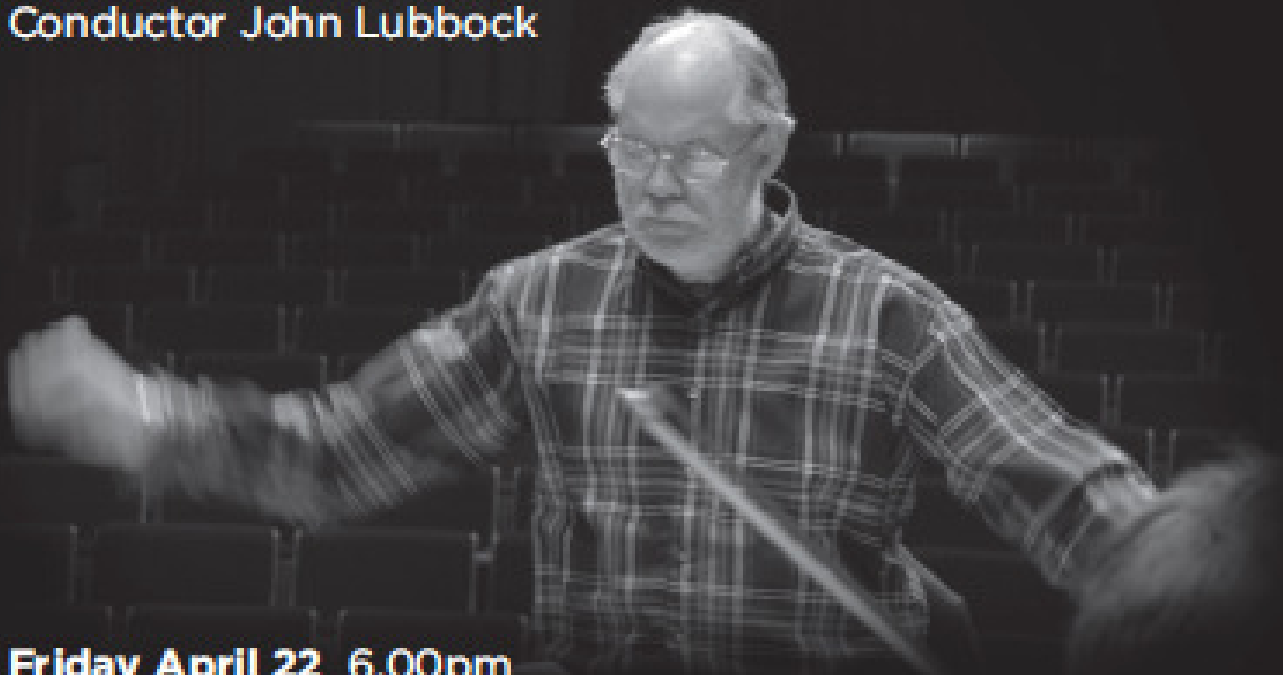
Seven Stars, Marsh Baldon, Oxford, OX44 9LP Tel :- 01865 343337

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ORCHESTRA OF ST JOHN'S

Music for Easter weekend

OSJ Voices

Conductor John Lubbock



Friday April 22 6.00pm
Dorchester Abbey

Bach Cantata 56 and excerpts from Bach St Matthew Passion, St John Passion, B Minor Mass and Easter Oratorio. Baritone David Pike

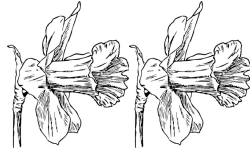
Saturday April 23 7.30pm
Oxford Town Hall

Handel Messiah. Soprano Hannah Nye, Counter Tenor Roderick Morris, Tenor John Pierce, Bass Vitautas Vepstas

Tickets 0845 680 1926
Supported by Rick Rowse

BLACKWELLS
MUSIC SHOP

MOTHERING SUNDAY 2011 - FLOWER ARRANGING SESSION



Following the success of the flower arranging session last year, there will again be an informal daffodil arranging session on 2nd April, at 10am in St Peter's Church, Marsh Baldon in preparation for the Mothering Sunday service the next day.

Please bring your children along - drinks and snacks provided.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a confirmation service at Dorchester Abbey on the feast of Pentecost, 12th June. We already have several candidates for confirmation but there is always space for more. If you would like to consider this or a public reaffirmation of your baptismal promises, please speak to Ros or Hannah.

Advantage Personal Training Adam Lubbock - **Group Sessions!**

Tired of working out on your own?
Wish you had some extra motivation?
Know a friend who thinks the same?

Then this may be of interest to you. I run group sessions at the Greet Hall, Warborough, on Wednesday mornings at 9.00am.

- Circuit training
- Body weight exercises
- Fun and challenging games
- And much much more to boost your confidence

Your first session is free, so get on board, with a friend if you like, and see how you feel. If you enjoy it I will see you the next week!

Sessions will then be £5 each

Private sessions are also available at £25 per hour or £15 for half an hour and your first session is free so what have you got to lose.

If interested please contact Adam on 077667 05973

DORCHESTER ABBEY NEWS

Good Friday 22nd April

This year the Good Friday devotional service in Dorchester Abbey will be led by Marcus Braybrooke and Sue Booy: The Seven Last Words of Jesus – Reflections on Reconciliation from the Holy Land and Africa. 1pm – 3pm.

At 6.30pm also in Dorchester Abbey OSJ will perform a programme of words and music for Good Friday including excerpts from J.S. Bach St John Passion, St Matthew Passion, B Minor Mass and Easter Motets. Tickets are available through the usual channels.

Easter Vigil

From 8pm to 12 Midnight on Easter Eve the Abbey will become a place of Prayer, Pilgrimage and Preparation for our welcome of the Risen Lord on Easter Morning. Join us at any time to hear and respond to the great story of God's Salvation for all people through silence, prayer, music, art and activities for all ages. The evening will end at Midnight when we gather in the Cloister Garden to kindle the first fire of Easter Morning. Everyone is welcome – children to be accompanied please.

Westminster Abbey

The Friends of Dorchester Abbey are arranging a visit to Westminster Abbey on Monday 9 May. The visit includes a 90 minutes long Verger's guided tour of the Abbey and Choral Evensong. The coach will leave Bridge End car park in Dorchester at 10.30am and return between 8 and 8.30pm.

Friends of Dorchester Abbey have received information about the visit but if any one else would like to join us, they would be very welcome. The cost per person for Friends of the Abbey is £25.50 and £27.50 for non-Friends. This includes the coach and the tour. If you would like further information, please contact Yvonne Lawden 01865 340465, before Sunday 10 April.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for May 2011 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.

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 Dorchester and Stadhampton) joined the Dorchester Team in July 2009. Hannah was ordained priest by Bishop Colin in Dorchester Abbey on 27th June 2010.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to contribute to lilies in memory of loved ones, please contact Debbie Dance on 341323 or d.dance@oxfordpreservation.org.uk. The cost is £2.50 a bloom.

STAYING IN THE BIBLE DURING LENT 2011

Dorchester Team Lent Lectures, Sunday evenings in Dorchester Abbey

A series of talks from renowned speakers, with time for questions and discussion, from 7pm, ending with short act of worship at 8.30pm. (Refreshments from 6.30pm)

10th April: 'The Bible and History' – Dr Sarah Apetrei

17th April: 'The Bible and Music' – The Revd Dr Jonathan Arnold

All most welcome. More details on leaflet available in the churches or from Ros or Hannah.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP: TUESDAYS AT 7.30PM

Following each of the Dorchester Abbey Lent lectures we will be offering a chance to discuss the topic covered. Everyone is welcome, whether or not they have been to the lecture, to come and join in our discussions for all or any one of the evenings whatever their point of view. For further details please contact Jennifer Morton (tel: 343302) email jennifer.morton@givemail.co.uk

12th April; The Bible & History

Venue to be confirmed

SERVICES FOR APRIL

3 rd April	9.30am	Mothering Sunday	Toot Baldon
10 th April	8.30am	Said Communion	Toot Baldon
<i>Please note time</i>	6.30 for 7.00pm	Lent Lecture	Dorchester
17 th April	9.30am	Palm Sunday Walk Toot to Marsh	Toot Baldon
	6.30 for 7.00pm	Lent Lecture	Dorchester
18 th April	8.00pm	Holy Week Compline	Berinsfield
19 th April	8.00pm	Holy Week Compline	Marsh Baldon
20 th April	8.00pm	Holy Week Compline	Drayton St Leonard
21 st April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Supper with Communion	Dorchester
22 nd April	10.00am	Good Friday Devotional	Toot Baldon
	1.00- 3.00pm	Meditation	Dorchester Abbey
24 th April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
Easter Sunday			
1 st May	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon

Morning Prayer in St Peters: Every Thursday at 8.00am

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
3 rd April		9.30 am Jenny van Dijk
10 th April		8.30 am Sonia Hobbins
17 th April	9.30 am Richard Barnett	
19 th April	8.00 pm Jennifer Morton	
22 nd April		10.00 am Ron Hewitt
24 th April	9.30 am Erik Anggard	

FLOWERS

	Marsh	Toot
Easter	HELP NEEDED FOR EASTER PLEASE	
	St Peter's will be decorated on Easter Saturday – please call Veronica if you can help	St Lawrence's will be decorated on Easter Saturday