

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



July August 2026

FROM REVD VICKY BURTON

Back in March, I visited Ffald-y-brenin Trust, a Christian Retreat Centre in Pembrokeshire, with my friend Jenny. Twelve years earlier we had agreed that we would one day go there. On the way, we could not resist stopping at the broad sands of Newgale, where the rippling tide was out. We pulled on our wellies for a quick paddle in the shallows, but as we headed back, water suddenly rose right up to our knees and into our wellies, taking us by surprise and making us laugh.

We arrived at our rental caravan and went for an evening walk in our trainers, because the ground was dry. But, alas, part way along the coastal path, we stepped into muddy water up to our ankles. Wet again.

“What is it about wet feet?! I feel like the Lord is trying to tell me something!” I said half-heartedly to Jenny. She said, “Lord, would you show Vicky if she's supposed to know something about wet feet? Amen.”

The next morning, within minutes of arriving at the beautiful retreat centre, I was drawn to a leaflet about blessing and prayer. The first thing I read was, “Ezekiel 47 speaks of a river flowing from God’s presence...” I opened my Bible to find the chapter. The prophet Ezekiel’s vision echoed my recent, “wet feet,” experiences.

The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any sword (Hebrews 4:12), and that's perhaps why it can mean different things at different times to different people. Since that trip in March, I've had the sense of the waters being like the presence of God, and the Ezekiel story highlighting the message of obedience to God’s call. God’s presence with us is sometimes like paddling in shallow waters, or like wading through knee-deep, or it’s up over our heads.

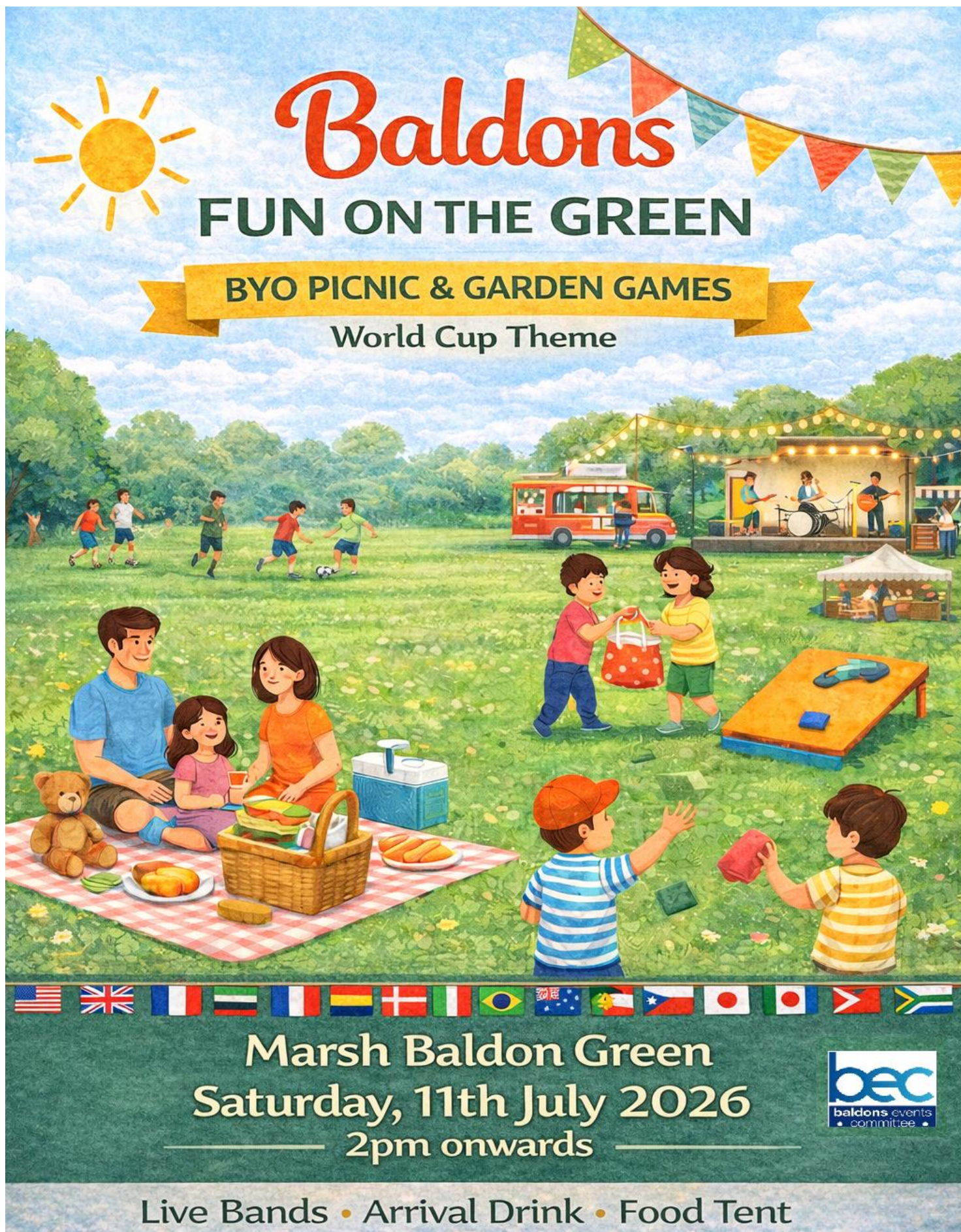
On the last day of our retreat, Jenny and I went to the local beach to see the sunset and attempt to go in the sea. There was a mobile sauna on the beach (!) so we got very warm, and then plunged into the very cold (I’ve never felt that cold!) sea. I wanted to cry, it was so painful, but the beautiful view made me smile. Once showered, and well fed, I felt on top of the world, and light as a feather.

All are invited into God's presence - all can enter through the gate (John 10:9). But I keep being reminded that, like Ezekiel’s obedience to cross over the river, our willingness to respond to God’s call is key. Will I ‘go’ where the Lord calls? Will you?

**Our vicar is Rev’d Vicky Burton who can be contacted at
revvickyburton@gmail.com / 07712 336540**

You can also contact the Dorchester Team Office on 01865 340007
or at admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk

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



Cover Photo: Baldon fields, Natasha Eliot

BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Clerk vacancy

At the end of June, our Clerk will leave us. Tom James, our previous clerk has kindly agreed to step in temporarily whilst we recruit permanently. The Clerk is an essential employee for the council and also acts as responsible financial officer. The role is part time - a few hours per week. If you are interested in the position and wish to learn more or discuss further, please contact Tom in the first instance at clerk@baldonspc.org

Reminder - New website

Our new website can be found at www.baldonspc.org.

An archive section is currently being built to host a long list of links to old, historic newsletters for anyone wanting a trip down memory lane. Let us know if there are any additions to the site that you feel would be useful for our community.

General village management:

Flood alleviation works

The works to the ditches and culverts across the Green is now complete. A substantial amount of silt and debris has been removed and cleared or spread on the side of the ditch. Culverts have been cleared and jetted and two major repairs undertaken. The tree cuttings which were necessary to access the ditch have been stacked and will be placed on the bonfire in November.

There is a blocked culvert on the Avenue leading to the Church in Toot Baldon. There is a temporary fix in place, and we plan to investigate this further in the next few weeks.

We believe this is the first time in over 50 years the ditches and culverts have been professionally cleansed, which will stand us in good stead with changing weather conditions. Our thanks to AEH Services who carried out the work.

Tree management and works in the village

The Queen's College have carried out a survey of trees on their land in the Baldons, it is partially complete with further surveying to be completed in Toot Baldon. This most recent survey has identified a small number of dead or decayed trees which will be pruned or removed in the near future for safety. You may see tree surgeons working on land adjacent to bridleways and also on the green.

Potholes and gully reporting (FixmyStreet)

There has been a hold on the PC instructing pothole and gully issues in the village, which has now been lifted. Anybody wishing to report a pothole or blocked gully, please do so on FixmyStreet and we can authorise and expediate the work. Please note the potholes have to be larger than 150mmx150mm and more than 40mm deep and less than 5m² to allow the PC to authorise them.

NOTICE OF BRIDLEWAY RESTRICTIONS: BRIDLEWAY RUNNING PAST OLD SCHOOL, TOOT BALDON

Due to essential chimney works and with the agreement of the relevant OCC authorities and Baldons Parish Council there will be some temporary restrictions to access along the bridleway running past Old School Toot Baldon in July 2026 as follows:

9th and/or 10th July: CLOSURE of the bridleway during construction of scaffolding between 10am and 3.30pm

11th - 19th July: ACCESS WITH CARE – there will be room to the side of the scaffolding to pass on foot, bicycle or horseback. BEWARE of work being carried out while passing

20th and/or 21st July: CLOSURE of the bridleway during deconstruction of the scaffolding between 10am and 3.30pm

Notices will be placed at entry and exit to the bridleway and at Tinny Lane before these dates. For further information contact Jonathan on 07935 341077 or Catherine on 07702 941842

Oxford County Council initiatives:

ANPR enforcement access only to Baldon Lane

It has been almost 11 months since the order was approved for this. We had feared that the project was not going to be progressed, however, we continued to ask for updates and the latest, as of 16th June is as follows:

- OCC have been working with their contractors on reviewing the scheme and have been carrying out a number of surveys to best understand the most effective locations for the ANPR cameras.
- The main challenge is ensuring viable electrical sources for the ANPR cameras (and working out the additional trenching required)
- This process has taken longer than anticipated. But quotes / costs should be finalised in the next couple of weeks.
- Once quotes and costs are finalised the camera and signage installation timetable will be confirmed.
- Following that, OCC will write to all the residents / businesses affected and set up their scheme permitting processes.
- Solar is apparently not an option for the type of cameras that OCC use.

We have been assured we will be advised once the timetable is confirmed and will update everyone at that time.

Proposed Berinsfield to Oxford Cycleway

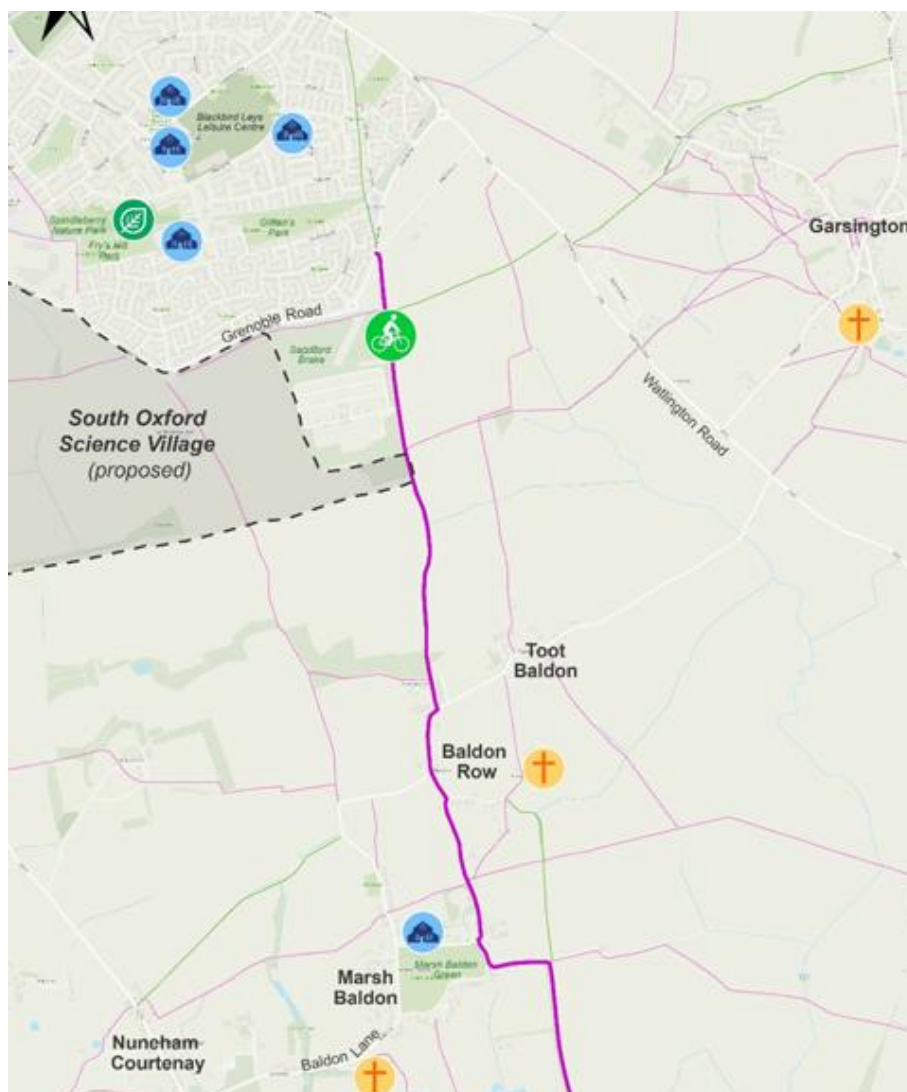
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is developing a new off-road cycle and multi-user route linking Berinsfield to Oxford. Although the route and the project is not yet fully agreed, the preferred proposed route passes through or close to the Baldons, and the Parish Council has been seeking answers on a number of practical questions on residents' behalf. Below is a summary of where the scheme stands and what we currently know.

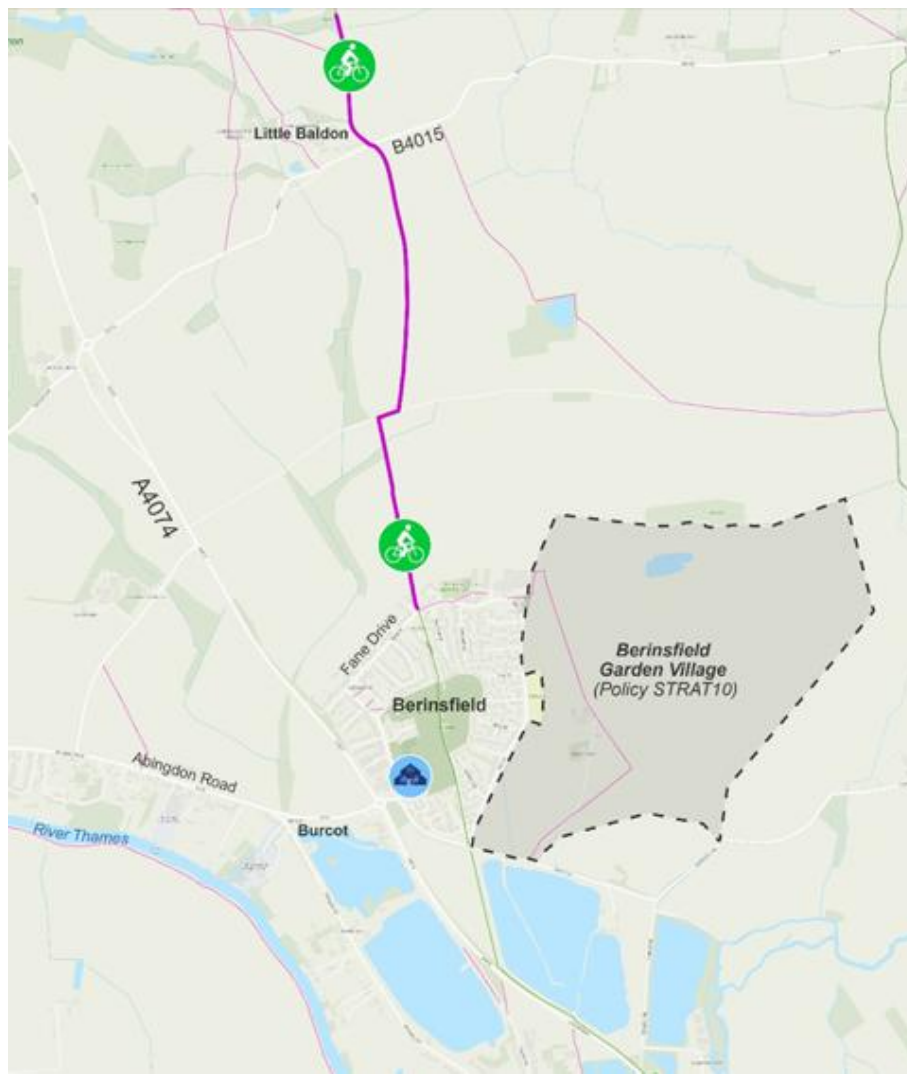
What is being proposed?

The scheme would create a traffic-free route for cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and farm vehicles between Berinsfield and Oxford. Feasibility work was completed late last year and confirmed a single preferred alignment, primarily following existing Public Rights of Way (bridleways) rather than running alongside the A4074. The project has now moved into its next stage: preliminary design.

The proposed route

The maps below show the preferred route alignment confirmed during the feasibility stage. From Little Baldon it follows existing bridleway past Marsh Baldon East side, Pebble Hill, Tinny Lane and then on road to the bridleway behind Wilmots and onto Grenoble Road.





Where is the project now?

The preliminary design stage is now under way. This will translate the feasibility findings into detailed, deliverable proposals, covering:

- surfacing specification and drainage
- signage
- ecological requirements
- landowner access and agreements

A full topographical survey will be carried out as part of this work to help define the exact cross-sections of the route.

The route and landowners

The majority of the route follows Public Rights of Way, which are not OCC highways land. Initial contact has been made with all landowners along the route and engagement is continuing to establish access requirements. OCC has noted that the official PROW widths are often wider than they appear on the ground, which provides more flexibility than might be expected.

Questions the Parish Council raised — and the answers

Lighting: It the path will not be lit in the conventional ‘street lighting’ sense. The upcoming design stage will develop a lighting strategy for the route as there may be certain conflict points where illumination is appropriate (e.g. crossing the B4015). The designs will comply with existing designations (The Baldons are a “dark sky” designation) and be informed by the relevant local plans.

Surfacing in the conservation area and on rural paths: New surfacing will not necessarily be required along the entire route — sections already fit for purpose will not be resurfaced. Where the route passes through the conservation area, any proposals will be sympathetic to and appropriate for the local heritage.

Motorcycles and anti-social use: The Parish Council raised the risk of illegal motorcyclist use, which is already a concern on some local bridleways. OCC has confirmed this will be addressed during the preliminary design stage in conjunction with the Public Rights of Way team, to identify any measures that could help prevent it.

Ecology: A preliminary ecological assessment has already been completed. Further surveys will continue alongside the design stage, and any ecological impacts will be fully considered before the scheme progresses.

What about a route along the A4074?

OCC officers have noted a preference for an A4074-adjacent route in the longer term, but this is not part of the current scheme. Such a route would cost at least twice as much as the bridleway option, largely because of the extensive traffic management needed to build alongside a live road. It would also need to be considered alongside wider transport strategies, including any potential bus lanes on that corridor.

What happens next?

The preliminary design work is now proceeding. There will be further opportunities for community engagement as the scheme develops. The Parish Council will continue to monitor progress, ask questions on residents’ behalf, and keep the village informed through the newsletter and the parish website.

If you have questions or concerns about the cycleway proposal, please contact us via the Parish Clerk. clerk@baldonspc.org

Future Parish Council meeting dates 2026

13th July 2026

14th September 2026

9th November 2026

All meetings to be held at the village hall and start at 7.30pm.



Thursday 17th September 2026
7.30 p.m.
Baldons Village Hall

Lidl vs Waitrose
with Guest Tutor

Richard Bampfield MW, European Champagne Ambassador
2009, Wine consultant for Lidl,

Yvon Mau (Bordeaux), Albert Bichot (Burgundy),
Leith's school of food and wine and more.

This event will be open to members and the wider community
too.

Please book early to secure your place.

Members price £25.00
Guest price £30.00

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Future of the parish council

South Oxfordshire District Council has accepted the results of the consultation on its idea of grouping Nuneham Courtenay with another parish or parishes. Hardly anyone liked the idea. So, the District Council is determined that Nuneham Courtenay should continue to have its own parish council. The next elections are due next year. The parish council cannot function with less than three members and at least two of the current members don't want to do another four years, so there's a real need for new blood.

Annual Parish Meeting 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 19th May just after the copy deadline for the last Newsletter and I'm happy to report that for the first time in about ten years the meeting had reports from all the main village institutions: the Parish Council; the Playing Field; the Village Hall; and the Lunch Club.

There were also reports from the two councillors: Robin Jones, the County Councillor; and Sam Casey-Rerhaye, the District Councillor.

It had been a good year for both the Village Hall and the Playing Field, but it's sad to hear that the wonderful volunteers who have run the Lunch Club have decided 2026 will be its final year, with the Xmas lunch to be the very last one.

Parish council's annual meeting

At the parish council's annual meeting on 5th May, the council re-elected Mandy Rigault as its Chair and John Peters as its Vice-Chair, and was delighted to co-opt Rowan Fenn to the vacancy that had existed for over a year.

2025-26 Audit

The parish council is holding a short meeting at 11am on Monday 29th June to receive the auditor's report, after which there is a six-week period in which anyone can exercise a legal right to inspect the council's financial records. Actually, this council is happy for you to do that whenever you want.

In brief, the parish council spent over £16,000 last year compared with income of over £10,000. That was possible because the parish council used over £4,000 of the Community Infrastructure Levy money it received from a development a few years ago to buy the goal with the basketball hoop for the Playing Field and the council also dipped into its reserves.

In fact, the parish council spent over £7,000 on the Playing Field last year including the cost of getting the grass cut regularly, without which the Playing Field would not be much use to anybody. And the Playing Field Association paid the Council back for the purchase of the picnic tables.

So, for once, my salary was not the biggest item in the annual accounts!

Warm Homes Local Grant

There are still some Nuneham Courtenay residents using oil for heating because the village does not have mains gas. The Government has widened the rules of its Warm Homes Local Grant scheme to help low-income households affected by the

recent jump in oil prices. I won't try to cover all the rules, but you can telephone or email Welcome the Warmth, a name for the company who are handling the scheme for the County Council. There's a Freephone phone number: 0800 038 6775. You can also email them: info@welcomethewarmth.org.uk

Next parish council meeting

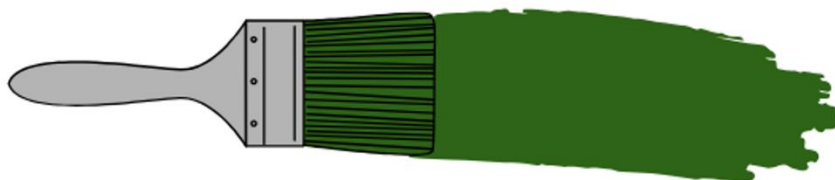
The next parish council meeting – apart from the special one to deal with the audit – is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7th July in the Village Hall. You are always welcome to come along and watch but, if you want to address the meeting, you should ask the Chair before the meeting opens.

Geoffrey Ferres

Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Tel: 07419 991623

Email: clerk@nunehamcourtenay-pc.gov.uk



WILL ON THE GREEN LTD

PAINTING, TILING & HANDYMAN SERVICE

Will and Leanna Maggs

07453 300 026 - 01865 340 521

The Green, Marsh Baldon

willonthegreen@outlook.com

REFLECTIONS BY WILLIAM

My Role as a Young Ambassador or Peace and Eco-Councillor

Approaching the end of my time as a Year 6 student, I have begun to reflect on all the wonderful times I have shared with my fellow peers at this gem of a school. Resurfacing across many of my happiest memories is not an event, or person, yet a non-material feeling connecting many fond recollections; an innate tinge of safety and contentment welling up inside me. Whether it was triggered by the first award I ever received inside this welcoming place, or attempting to pull an all-nighter at my first residential, it appears to continue to show up, even to this day. Recognising this, the little voice chirping away in my head urged me to spread this sentiment throughout my institution, leading me to volunteer for **Young Ambassadors for Peace**. However, my first impressions of actual responsibility differentiated to my current appreciation for this role. Sitting inside at lunch-break during a YAP meeting, one of the first I would experience, my eventual, premature conclusion came to the fact that I would rather be playing football.

Young Ambassadors of Peace Excursions

Unbeknownst to me was the fact that a staple for any chosen Young Ambassador for Peace's mental journey was to undergo a multitude of varying experiences to expand the mind's horizon towards the 3 main areas of peace; Peace within, Peace to others, and Peace to the environment. The first of these excursions was a kind of introduction to everything we would be doing this year as part of our peace curriculum. Primarily, we met many of the tutors that would accompany us throughout our journey; Samantha, Mandy, Joe, Lackey, and all of the employees residing at the Global Retreat Centre. During this outing, we partook in many activities aimed to formulate a quick spontaneous bond between us and our peers, and briefly educate us on the many opinions as to what true peace actually is. These activities included a few specimens of introductory viewing, as to what our position would include, and sampling a concise extract from one of the Global Retreat Centre's very own line of literature covering these very same topics. Next, we were tasked with giving answers to some introspective inquiries from this text. As we polished off our original outing, we were provided with a delicious batch of muffins, which would become a recurring event in the Global Retreat Centre. Some of my personal highlights from these excursions were journeying across the grounds to encounter the different elements, creating a piece of natural art, and joining in with our very own 'Peace Rap' written by Lackey.

Peace in the Environment

In addition to my role as Peace Ambassador, I have also adopted the position as an Eco Councillor of our institution for the entirety of this school year, and the one before. One of our main objectives, what with our peace and eco initiatives overlapping this year, we have attempted to incorporate aspects of our YAP curriculum into our Eco activities. As previously covered by our very own Mrs Hanwell, our high priority of Environmental responsibility and sustainability connects all of our pupils and subjects possessing the metaphorical property of a golden thread. Keeping this concept in mind, leading up to our Eco exhibition this

year, we have partook in various collaborative projects outside in the grounds; these activities were a measure to accumulate additional appreciation for the natural environment around us. A vast majority of these were in preparation for the previously mentioned Eco exhibition, such as recycling old pencil case covers to manufacture a handbag, an entire dress made from an old pair of trousers and polo shirt, and a future initiative, constructing hedgehog houses and highways from salvaged materials. Reflecting on my time in this position, the only feeling that comes to heart is gratification. Overall, I feel extremely privileged to be gifted this position, and gain this wisdom from this program. My only hope is that in the future, more children can be blessed with this position, and benefit massively from it, just like I have.

Report by William Gordon, Year 6 Marsh Baldon Pupil



Peers Practice



FIVE ELEMENT ACUPUNCTURE

Make a paradigm shift on your path to well-
being

Drayton St. Leonard | Summertown.

E: peerspractice@gmail.com

www.peerspractice.com

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the September 2026
newsletter

by 16th August please

Any villager is welcome to send
items for publication in the
newsletter. Please send copy
to Natasha Eliot:

[tashaandjames@btopenworld.c
om](mailto:tashaandjames@btopenworld.com). Alternatively, I can be
contacted on 343478 or at
Baldon House East, Marsh
Baldon.

For advertising queries, please
contact Leanna Maggs on:
leanna.maggs@gmail.com or
on 01865 340 521

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you!

This draws to the end of another busy and happy season of events at the village hall. The hall needs a number of repairs and a bit of painting. What the whatsapp group for a painting party over the summer, if we have a nice afternoon. Lots of plans afoot for the autumn! The village hall is pleased to welcome new members of the committee. Let us know if you would like to join in the planning. Many hands make light work!



Tom Long is currently working on the Roll of Honour that normally hangs in the village hall. Two members of the Clibbon family never had their names added. Tom is working to rectify this for us. We thank him for time and talent.



The Eden family kindly assembled and placed the new community library for us. It will soon be filling up with books to borrow. This is free! There will soon also be handmade cards for sale in the library as well. These will cost £2 will all proceeds going to the village hall.

Book Club

Book Clubs meet once a month. Contact Arooj at nunehamcourtenay.villagehall@gmail.com for further details.

Yoga

Yoga continues most Monday evenings at 7:30ish. Contact Jenny or just rock up if you want to join in. Just £3 a session (all money goes to the village hall).

Book the hall

The village hall is available to book. Contact nunehamcourtenay.villagehall@gmail.com for more information

Connected communities grant

The village hall has benefited from a connected communities grant this year. If you are able to complete a survey for them, that would be most helpful. I have requested a paper version from them and will let you know if they are willing to provide one. The survey can be accessed via the QR code below:



The village hall does not usually run activities in the Summer. However, there has been a request to gather to watch the World Cup if England, Scotland, or Ireland make it through, which we will look into. This is not to leave out other countries, just those are the requests we have had. So, cross your fingers!

Olivia Lawrence Skin

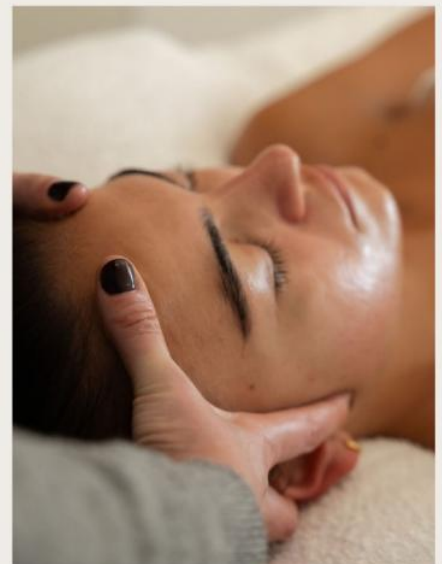
ADVANCED FACIALIST
Featured in The Times

Bespoke facial treatments, including sculpting and lymphatic drainage, designed to lift, contour and restore skin health while creating a moment of calm

Based at Isabella Lowe studio, Little Baldon

Scan the QR code to learn more

- Bookings: <https://olskin.gettimely.com/>
- Instagram: @olivialawrenceskin
- olivialawrenceskin@gmail.com
- 07786505250



EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

Thursday 2nd July Moving Music - 11am and 2pm Concerts, refreshments served from 30 minutes before each concert. Moving Music concerts are presented by the charity Sound Resource, which promotes music for health and wellbeing. Brilliant pianist Derek Paravicini performs with singer Hannah Davey, a range of music - classical, jazz, folk, popular and audience requests. The concert includes sing-along songs for the audience to join as they wish. All are welcome, particularly people living with dementia, their family, friends and carers. Pay what you can, guide price £8. Reserve places in advance for your preferred concert time: movingmusicconcerts@gmail.com

Saturday 4th July – Bartholomew Consort - Polychoral Splendour 7pm

A concert of music from the Renaissance and mid Baroque period, sung by the voices of the Bartholomew Consort with the instruments of the English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble. The opulence of the period is represented by the intricate and multi-layered choral writing by composers from across Europe, culminating in Tallis's timeless Spem in Alium. www.bartholomewconsort.co.uk Tickets £25 £20 £15

Thursday 9th - Sunday 11th July - The St Birinus Festival Consort –

Times vary. The St Birinus Festival brings together outstanding musicians, scholars, and communities for a celebration of sacred music in the beautiful setting of Dorchester-on-Thames. Experience concerts, liturgies, workshops, and talks that explore the rich heritage of Catholic musical tradition. Events held across multiple sites – including Dorchester Abbey. For full details visit - www.thedaveyconsort.co.uk Prices vary from Free – to Front Tier Festival Pass £90 - Please note that the Festival will include Catholic Celebrations within Dorchester Abbey.

Saturday 15th August - Lumos Live – A Coldplay Candlelight Experience –

A Classical Coldplay Tribute. Two Performance times: 7-8pm / 9-10pm As part of their Lumos Experiences National Tour -enjoy a string quartet playing a classical tribute to your favourite Coldplay Hits! First Sitting: Doors open at 6.15pm |Second Sitting: Doors open at 8.30pm. Seating Is First Come First Served. Email any questions to customerservice@lumos-experiences.com Tickets £20 - £45 www.lumos-experiences.com

For Full Up to Date Event Listings & All Ticket Links:

www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk/whats-on

& Follow Dorchester Abbey on Facebook & X

FREE TOOL MARKING AS PART OF EFFORTS TO REDUCE VEHICLE CRIME

Last month, in collaboration with Thames Valley Police, I launched a new Vehicle Crime Strategy which aims to reduce cut crime - particularly theft of, and theft from vehicles.

Having your vehicle stolen, or something stolen from it, isn't a trivial crime – it can result in substantial financial loss, emotional stress and, depending on where the theft took place, security and community safety concerns.



Whilst we have seen a reduction in vehicle crime across Thames Valley, with almost 2,000 less incidents of theft from or theft of a motor vehicle in 2025 compared with 2024, there is more to do.

We launched the plan at the latest of a series of free tool marking events.

Tradespeople are significantly more likely to experience vehicle crime because their tools are seen as high-reward, low-risk targets for thieves. According to statistics from Wickes, 4 in 10 tradespeople have experienced tool theft across the UK.

Tool marking is one of the simplest ways tradespeople can protect themselves from tool theft.

Since March, my office has distributed over 500 SelectaDNA tool marking kits to electricians, plumbers, carpenters and other traders across the Thames Valley, increasing the number of tools marked, making them less desirable to thieves and protecting more tradespeople's tools and livelihoods.

There is more information about future vehicle marking sessions and how to get hold of a kit directly if you can't attend one of the sessions on my website: thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/vehiclecrime.

Smile with Jo Fun Fitness

Adaptable to your needs, seated or standing

**Tuesdays 1.30 – 2.30
Dorchester Village Hall**

Contact Jo: 07776 376497 - jo.cassells@live.co.uk

UPDATE FROM OLLY GLOVER MP

As summer approaches, I have been busy pushing the central Government for further support for businesses and continuing local visits across the constituency. I was pleased to host Alistair Carmichael MP, who chairs the cross-party Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee, and Charlie Maynard MP, Member of Parliament for Witney, on a tour of Ed and David Clayton's farm in West Hendred. We spent the afternoon with farmers and representatives from both the National Farmers' Union and the Country Land and Business Association, listening to concerns about rising fuel and fertiliser costs and sustainable farming. Despite global instability, the Government does not yet have a long-term strategy to support farming, make supply chains fairer, and ultimately ensure people in the UK have access to enough affordable food. We will continue to push the Government to recognise the importance of investing in British food production and to support those who provide the food we consume.

In addition, I questioned the Secretary of State for Business and Trade on what support is available for local high streets, such as Broadway in Didcot, which are struggling amid overwhelming operating costs. The Minister claimed that delivering a 'fast-growing economy' is the solution, but many small and independent businesses have yet to benefit from this. I also led a backbench Westminster Hall debate on government support for high streets and raised a wide range of concerns on behalf of local businesses and town councils. You can find the debate here: [Hansard - UK Parliament](#).

It was a pleasure to visit Stanford in the Vale Pre-school, where I met with staff and children and discussed SEND support, transport services, and other local challenges. I also participated in the Kingsgrove ground-breaking ceremony, marking the start of construction on the community hub, which will become a valuable venue for the new estate. I visited Clifton Hampden Primary School after they contacted me about long-standing repairs needed to their roof, which have prevented children from using one of the classrooms. I will continue to facilitate discussions between Oxfordshire County Council and the school to ensure repairs are completed promptly and effectively. Finally, senior staff at Harwell Campus gave me a tour of their new CO:LABS facility, which will provide local jobs in innovative scientific research.

Other matters I will be working on in the coming weeks include debating improvements to the Railways Bill, visiting more local schools and businesses, and responding to individuals across the constituency in need of help and support. As always, if there is anything you feel I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me and my team at olly.glover.mp@parliament.uk or by leaving a voice message on 0207 219 7657.

HARVEST at the CLUMPS

**24-27
AUGUST**

10-4PM

**WITTENHAM
CLUMPS
OX14 4QZ**

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY, FEAST, PLAY & EXPLORE THE FARM



**GIANT HAY BALE PLAY | ACTIVITY TRAIL | FOOD & DRINK
BEEKEEPERS | CRAFTS & SCIENCE FUN | OUTDOOR GAMES
| HOBBY HORSES | WELLY WANGING | WOOL SPINNING |
WHEAT THRESHING | WILDLIFE HUNT & MORE!**

earthtrust.org.uk/whats-on/

**Find out more
and book your
tickets here**





READ to the BEAT



...with a **FREE** children's reading challenge
at your local Oxfordshire library!

4 July to 5 September 2026

The Summer Reading Challenge 2026: **Read to the Beat** celebrates the joy of reading with a theme inspired by music. Children can discover how books spark creativity and imagination.



**Finish the challenge and get
your own medal and certificate!**

**Look out for fantastic new
books and activities at your
library!**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk



Simin Beauty Studio

The Dovecote Studio

Barclays Farm

OX44 9PU

Tel: 07590282759

siminbeautystudio@gmail.com

Facials
Massage
Waxing
Eye Lash Extensions
Manicure/Pedicure
Threading
Eyebrow and Eyelash Tint

TAXI  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**



**BASED IN
TOOT BALDON**



**WE OFFER TRANSFERS
TO AND FROM ALL MAJOR
AIRPORTS AND PORTS IN THE UK**

 **CALL OR EMAIL** 

07832987921

contact@darrive.onmicrosoft.com

TAXI  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**  **TAXI**

SEVEN STARS AT MARSH
BALDON

Indian Traditional Desi Thali

Thali considered as complete Indian meal
Thursday Fortnightly Curry Evening
9th & 23rd July
6th & 20th August
3rd & 17th September

BOOKINGS
RECOMMENDED

CALL TO BOOK
01865 343337

EMAIL:
INFO@SEVENSTARSATMB.CO.UK



Seven Stars at Marsh Baldon CLASSIC CAR SHOW



21st July, 18th August &
15th September

AT THE GREEN MARSH BALDON

A MUST-SEE EVENT FOR THE CLASSIC CAR ENTHUSIASTS
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SEVEN STARS

EVENTS INCLUDE:

CAR SHOW - FOOD & DRINKS

MORE INFORMATION:

01865 343337 info@sevenstarsatmb.co.uk

Made with PosterMyWall.com

Fortnightly Quiz Night - 1, 15 & 29 July, 12 & 26 August

August Bank Holiday Weekend - Barbeque & Live Music

Seven Stars At Marsh Baldon

OPEN

BANK HOLIDAY
MONDAY
31st August

FOOD 12PM - 6PM
DRINKS 12PM - 8PM

Please reserve your spaces

BEER FESTIVAL

- * LIVE MUSIC
- * BARBECUE
- * BOUNCY CASTLE

GRAB YOUR DRINK
AND JOIN THE FEST!

✱
17, 18 AND 19 JULY
The Seven Stars at
Marsh Baldon

01865 343337

www.sevenstarsatmarshbaldon.co.uk



We specialise in the repair and maintenance of all types of household garden machinery including pre-season health checks, general servicing, blade sharpening, oil changes, carb cleaning and tuning and more...

Collections & Deliveries available

We're based in Shillingford, OX10
Please phone or email to book in.

✉ info@gmb-agri.co.uk
☎ 07729 199967

PLANNING A HOME EXTENSION OR RENOVATION?



VISIT OUR SITE

WHY CHOOSE US?

KM BUILDERS OXFORD ONE OF OXFORD'S TOP-RATED BUILDERS. QUALITY YOU CAN TRUST. SERVICE YOU CAN RELY ON. RESULTS THAT LAST.



EXTENSIONS

LOFT & GARAGE CONVERSIONS

HOME REFURBISHMENT

BATHROOMS & KITCHENS

STRUCTURAL WORK

COMMERCIAL WORK

DRIVEWAYS & PATIOS

ROOFING

PLUMBING



☎ 01865 608 649
✉ k.mbuildingservices@yahoo.com

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2026

5 th July	11.00am	Toot Baldon	Air Crash Service
	10.30am	Dorchester	Baptisms and Confirmations
12 th July	4.00pm	Toot Baldon	Evensong
19 th July	9.30am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
26 th July	11.00am	Marsh Baldon	Holy Communion
2 nd August	10.30pm	Marsh Baldon	Holy Communion
9 th August	4.00pm	Nuneham Chapel	Evensong
16 th August	9.30am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
23 rd August	11.00am	Toot Baldon	Holy Communion
30 th August	10.am	Warborough	Team Service

CHURCH FLOWERS

Date	Marsh	Toot
28 th June & 5 th July	Holly Chivers	Ann & Heather
12 th & 19 th July	Alison Lyall	Linda & Elaine
26 th July & 2 nd Aug	Beth McLaughlin	Vanessa & Tracey
9 th & 16 th Aug	Laura Martin	Jenny & Jane
23 rd & 30 th Aug	Holly Chivers	Ann & Heather

OTHER CHURCH DUTIES

Date	Sidesduty	Reader 1	Reader 2	Intercessions
5 th July	John & Catherine	Military	Military	Clergy
12 th July	John & Heather	Catherine	Sara	-
19 th July	Sara	Natasha	John	Catherine
26 th July	Claerwen	Sarah H	Tom H	Veronica
2 nd August	Sara	Ian	Veronica	Sara
9 th August	John & Catherine	Claerwen	Natasha	John
16 th August	Peter	Natasha	Catherine	Peter
23 rd August	Natasha	Peter	John	Natasha