

DUCKLINGTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

October/November 2010

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PARISH COUNCIL

Ducklington Pond Update

The Parish Council continues to consider how best to improve the condition of the pond to preserve it as a much-loved focal point of the village. To this end a meeting between Parish Councillors and representatives from Smiths of Bletchington (the operators of Gill Mill) was held at the beginning of September. It was agreed that before any major works to improve the pond are considered the underlying water table in the surrounding area needs to be monitored for a period of time. The water table immediately adjacent to the pond can be monitored via the newly installed borehole but Martin Layer from Smiths said that it would also be helpful to monitor water levels at other locations through the village via some of the privately-owned historic wells. This would involve a representative from Smiths doing a fortnightly measurement of the distance from the ground to the surface of the water within the well. If you have a well and would be happy for it to be included in this monitoring please contact either the Clerk or one of the Parish Councillors.

Thames Valley Police – new website replaces Who's My Bobby

A new website: www.saferwestoxon.co.uk has been launched in West Oxfordshire to replace Who's My Bobby. Safer West Oxon focuses on the partnership work being carried out across the district to reduce crime and disorder. It has news about recent crimes in West Oxfordshire, parish-specific information and advice on how to keep you, your household and your community safe from crime and disorder.

New waste and recycling scheme for West Oxfordshire

Everyone must now be aware that a new waste scheme will be introduced across West Oxfordshire this autumn. By the time that you read this you should have received your new wheelie bin. Your old wheelie bin can be used for the fortnightly free garden waste collections which will be starting in November. If you haven't already signed up for garden waste collections you will need to register your interest by contacting the District Council online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste or by calling 01993 861025. If you don't want to have garden waste collections you can ask the District Council to collect your old wheelie bin.

The full new waste and recycling scheme will not start until 22 November. Until then both the (new) wheelie bin and recycling boxes will continue to be collected weekly. After 22 November food waste in the new food waste containers which will be delivered in early November and the black recycling boxes will be collected weekly. The garden waste bin and wheelie bin will each be collected once a fortnight, on a rotational basis.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new waste scheme you should contact the District Council online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste or by calling 01993 861025.

How to Contact your Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Lilac Room at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and observe the meeting.

The Parish Clerk,	Mrs Helen Sandhu, can be contacted on:
Postal address:	1 Manor Close, Aston, BAMPTON, OX18 2DD
Email:	ducklingtonpc@hotmail.co.uk
Telephone:	01993 851774
Website:	www.ducklingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Thank you

Many thanks to the volunteers who distribute the newsletter and on this occasion have delivered the County Council booklet "**Are you ready?**"

GILL MILL QUARRY UPDATE

From Martin Layer, Planning & Estates Manager, Smith & Sons Bletchington

Since my last update in the June/July issue the County Council have provided us with a "Scoping Opinion" setting out what information should be included in our proposed planning application to extend Gill Mill Quarry. We have posted a copy of this Scoping Opinion on our website www.smithsbletchington.co.uk. Follow the links through to the *Community Zone*. In order to provide this information we have assembled a large team of technical experts. They are currently gathering background data on agricultural land quality, archaeology, ecology, geology, and noise as well ongoing monitoring of dust and water. We are also continuing our research on Ducklington Mead with the help of the Floodplain Meadow Partnership. When we have the results of all these background studies we will be able to firm up our proposals. Because of the work involved in the collection and analysis of this comprehensive information our original timetable has been delayed. We now intend to hold our planned public exhibition in the spring of next year. This will still be well ahead of the submission of the planning application so it gives everyone the opportunity to comment and to influence the final details of the proposals. However I can report that in recognition of the importance of the Mead and its value to Ducklington we have already removed those fields immediately to the east, south and west from the area under consideration for quarrying. An area to the north will also be excluded. Please contact me via the feedback facility on the Smiths website if you have any comments.

15 September 2010

VILLAGE HALL

Ducklington Village Hall can be hired for private functions – children's parties, anniversaries, one-off meetings, etc. and for regular groups – dance and exercise classes, groups for education or pleasure for young and not-so-young.

The main hall has a maximum capacity of 100 and an additional room (the Lilac Room, upstairs) is available for smaller groups and meetings.



To book the hall or for information about booking fees, contact:

Sarah Temple 01993 709886 – please avoid calling after 8.30 pm.

BINGO in the Village Hall – in aid of Village Hall funds

Dates for future bingo sessions will be on the third Thursday of the month, as follows:

21 Oct and 18 Nov- the Christmas Bingo

Christmas Bingo

Our Bingo ladies are getting ready for Christmas and would appreciate any cans, bottles or unwanted gifts you have to use as prizes.

Please drop off at any of the following places:

- The Village Hall, there is a box in the kitchen
- 27 Standlake Road – opposite the Village Hall
- 23 Feilden Close, in the porch

All money raised goes to the Village Hall funds.



Doors open: 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm Eyes down

ALL WELCOME! (No unaccompanied children, please)

CHILDREN'S MARTIAL ARTS

Starting Wednesday November 10th in the **Village Hall**

4 to 5 year olds 4.15 to 4.30 pm

6 to 11 year olds 4.30 to 5.15 pm

Please contact Mr Sam Carpenter on 07702 174977 for more details.

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St. Bartholomew's Church

Everyone is warmly welcome to all services and events.

Harvest Festival Weekend on September 25th & 26th. Our lovely church looks particularly beautiful when decorated for Harvest. It will be open between 3.30 and 5.30pm on Saturday and again until noon on Sunday if you would like to come in, look around and enjoy a cup of tea. Also, do come along and enjoy singing the traditional hymns at the 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Family Communion Service.

November 7th On the Sunday after All Saints Day, the 6pm service will include a time when we remember, and thank God for, those who have died in recent years. If you have a loved one whom you would like included, please pass on their name to Bob Edy or to Marian Pitman – and do come along to the service if you would like to.

Remembrance Sunday, November 14th In addition to our 9.30am morning service, there will be a short service in church starting at 10.40 am followed by a ceremony at the village war memorial at 11.00 am. Everyone is welcome to join at any stage.

Alpha Course We have recently finished a very happy and interesting Alpha Course and are planning another for February 2011 for those who would like to take part. **Do look at our website** for more information about Alpha and / or contact Bob, Martin Dines or Jessica Parker for further details.

Church opening every Wednesday The church is open every Wednesday from 9am until 1pm. We hope that people will appreciate the opportunity to go in and look around – or to just sit and enjoy the beauty and the peace. There is a box for prayer requests just inside the north door and a short time of prayer at 11 am, to which all are invited.

Every Sunday

There is a service in church at 9.30am

On the first Sunday of the month, is a Family Service lasting about 45 minutes. This is quite informal and is suitable for all ages.

On the other Sundays, we have groups and activities for children and young people at the same time as the morning service.

On the first Sunday in the month, we also have a Communion Service at 6pm. The congregation is smaller and this is a more reflective time.

Dates for your diary

September 26th - Harvest Festival - service at 9.30am
November 28th - Christingle Service **at 5pm** (note the time)
December 12th - Confirmation Service at 9.30am
December 14th - Brize Singers Concert at 7.30pm
December 19th - Carol Service at 6pm
December 24th - Crib Service at 5pm, 'Midnight Service' at 11.15pm
April 17th 2011 - Frittillary Sunday

Enquiries about baptisms, weddings and funerals to the
Parish Administrator, Mrs. Marian Pitman - tel. 703374 (not after 7.30pm please!)

Vicar: The Revd Bob Edy, Witney 776625 Website: www.ducklingtonchurch.org.uk

DUCKLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH



Welcomes you to...

Sunday Morning Worship @ 11.00am

We follow a simple and uncomplicated form of worship. Our services last about an hour, in which

- We sing a mixture of traditional and contemporary songs of praise
- We pray for the needs of our local community and for the wider world, and
- We listen to what God is telling us through the reading and an explanation of a passage from the Bible.

A programme of activities is available for children.

Tea and coffee is served at the end of our services.

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Monday Baby & Toddler Group @ 10.00am to 11.30am (except bank holidays)

These times are filled with fun for the children and great conversation for their mums and carers.

They're a wonderful opportunity to meet with existing friends and to make new ones too. Just drop in!

Monday Bible Study @ 7.30pm

We meet for fellowship and study every Monday evening at the church. Whether you have previous experience in studying the Bible or none at all, you will enjoy the lively discussion and rich camaraderie with others who are keen to learn more about God's Word.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting @ 8.00pm

Brian and Paula Brewer host a mid-week prayer meeting in their home at 9 Bartholomew Close, Ducklington. We would love to pray with you and for you, so please feel free to join us. If you would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Brian or Paula on 07780 786108 or via e-mail at bpbrewer1@yahoo.com.

Dads & Toddlers @ 10.00am to 11.30am on Saturday 9 October and Saturday 13 November

Savour the smell and the taste of our bacon rolls and enjoy a mug of fresh tea or coffee at these events. If you're a dad or granddad, come and join us for conversation with other men while the children play and their mums enjoy a break.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 3 October @ 11.00am

This will be a time of special thanksgiving to God for His gift to us each day of the food we need to sustain us. All items donated for this service will be given to a charity working with homeless people in Oxford.

'Angels not Pumpkins' – Sunday 31 October @ 5.00pm

Come and join us this evening for a bright alternative Hallowe'en party.

Israel and the Church – Saturday 13 November @ 1.00pm

We have invited Dr Calvin Smith, of Kings Evangelical Divinity School, to speak on this subject at a public meeting to be held at Ceewood Hall, Windrush Close, Witney.

Remembrance – Sunday 14 November @ 10.45am

'They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

Samaritan's Purse

As in previous years, we will be collecting shoe boxes and Christmas gifts for Samaritan's Purse at the beginning of November. For further information, please contact Brian Brewer.

Interim Pastor: Brian Brewer
Tel. 07780 786108

Website: www.ducklingtonbaptistchurch.org

RHYME TIME session each Tuesday between 10-11am

at the Ducklington **Baptist Church** from Tuesday 7th September.

For more information please contact PACT (Parents and Children Together) 01993 834991

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Ducklington W.I.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of the month in Ducklington **Baptist Church** at 7.30 - 9.30pm. We offer a warm welcome to members and visitors, interesting speakers and other social activities.

7th Oct

Chrissy Harper and her owls. Open meeting. Visitors £3

4th Nov

Demonstration - Body shop.



Village Cafe

is on the second Wednesday in the month from 2 – 3.30 pm in the **Baptist Church** come with a friend and have a chat over a cup of tea & biscuit or coffee & cake.

13 October and 10 November

DUCKLINGTON PRE-SCHOOL

All sessions are open to 2 1/2 - 5 year olds and run from 9 am until 11:45 am. We accept nursery vouchers and there is no minimum number of days required by new starters. Places are currently available. For further information please contact; Ducklington Pre-school 07779 186957, or enrolment organiser Lindsay Jarvis on 703647, or email: duckpreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Nearly New Sale

on the 2nd Oct at the Langdale Hall 10.30-12.00.

Lots of maternity clothes, toys, games, equipment and clothing for babies and young children.

DUCKLINGTON MORRIS

We practice on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 8.30 to 10pm. Both sexes and all age groups welcome. No experience necessary.

Our Local October/November Dance Programme

Due to the onset of Autumn, our public open air dancing will mostly stop until next Spring. However we will continue to perform at indoor events, mostly at other Morris sides' ale's (i.e. parties) and our own ale in the Village Hall on Saturday, November 27th.

Our News!

*Our Day-of-Dance this year was very successful with excellent weather and six guest Morris sides starting at Stow-on-the-Wold continuing through four other Cotswold villages finishing at the Strickland Arms and then The Bell where there was also music and singing.

*Another most enjoyable event was on the evening of Tuesday 10th August in the Bell, when we hosted Jack-in-the-Green Morris from New Hampshire, USA, Charlbury Morris and Eynsham Morris.

There was also a TV unit there who filmed us for a programme to be shown on BBC4 at a later date.

The dancing was excellent and it all finished with everyone joining in a good ol' sing-song in the yard of The Bell !

Further details from Peter West on 01869 601451 or e-mail :- badger@ducklington.vianw.co.uk or badgerducklingto@ntlworld.com or see our website:- www.ducklingtonmorris.org.uk

QUEEN EMMA'S MORRIS

Sadly Queen Emma's Morris has now ceased after 30 years of dancing in and around Witney.

Numbers had declined and despite efforts to recruit more members in the past months, we could no longer raise a side. Unfortunately this means that we will not be joining Ducklington Morris on Frittillary Sunday, dancing in Open Gardens, or any other local events, which is very regrettable.

We would like to thank those in the village who have given us support in the past, particularly the Village Hall Booking Secretaries.

DUCKLINGTON SPORTS CLUB

Club Update

Thanks to everyone that supported our main fund-raiser on the August Bank-holiday when we had our annual Summer Dance. The inclement weather leading up to it and the current economic climate probably led to numbers being down on previous years, but we managed to have a good time with reasonably priced refreshments, keenly priced entrance fees and 3 live music acts. If you missed it this year, put a note in your diary for Friday 26th August 2011.

Cricket season has ended with mixed fortunes for our two teams. The Firsts just missed out on promotion by one place, but the Seconds established themselves as the fundamental bedrock of the whole Oxfordshire Cricket Association league by ending up bottom of the bottom league. From this position everything is up. We bled a lot of youngsters this year and this experience will be invaluable in the coming years. Cricket is the long-game, after all.

As cricket ends, football takes over and the new football season has started for all of our teams. We have youth representation at Under 7's right up to Under 15's; and 5 adult's teams, including one Veterans team that plays mid-week. Most games take place at weekends at Glebelands with training at the ATP in Witney, during the week. See our website for more information about fixtures and training times.

250 Club

There are numbers available to join the 250-Club.
Here are the latest winners

July Winners

£50 P. Gill
£20 Mrs Edwards
£10 G. Clark
£5 C. James

August Winners

£100 R. West
£50 J.Hill
£20 S. Godfrey
£10 M. Hobday
£5 M. Lovejoy

Contact If you are interested in helping or joining in with the Club activities, please contact Steve Townsend on 778142 or indeed, any member of the Club.

More Information

For more information, see our website: <http://www.duckingtonsportsclub.com/>

DUCKLINGTON & HARDWICK PRODUCE ASSOCIATION

August Bank Holiday Monday



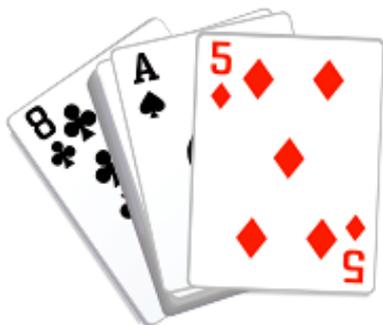
The Flower Show Committee would like to thank everyone for their support at this year's Show which took place on August Bank Holiday Monday on Ducklington Sports Ground. We had a great turnout with lots of new exhibitors and side shows, even the weather was kind to us!

If you would like to get involved in helping to plan the 2011 Show, which will be our 60th, the AGM will take place on Monday 6th December at 8pm in the Lilac Room at the Village Hall. The Committee meets four times a year for an hour or so and then help is needed on Show weekend. We always need new members so please do come along.

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Deadline for the December/January issue is 15 November

Items should be sent to Margaret Hellawell, 23 Park Road Ducklington by e-mail or on paper, to parkrd@nildram.co.uk or <tel:772565>



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FOR BEGINNERS**

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Ducklington

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED

West Oxfordshire Cats Protection urgently need volunteers to assist with the running of the Branch. We have a number of volunteer vacancies including Homing Officer, Fundraising Officer and Fosterers. If you would like to help us help the cats and kittens of West Oxfordshire then please contact the Branch on 01993 831350 or email the coordinator at coordinator@westoxoncats.org.uk for more information about these and our other available roles.

Visit www.westoxfordshire.cats.org.uk to find out more about the work we do and upcoming events.

Avoid a fright this Halloween – from Thames Valley Police, WOSP & WODC

Halloween is generally a great time for children to dress up and play “trick or treat”.

Many “trick or treaters” are harmless and most children are supervised by adults who will respect the decision of those who do not wish to take part. Unfortunately there are some who cause problems by throwing eggs, flour and tomato sauce. Local stores are aware of this practice and will discourage the sale, however parents are asked to ensure their children do not go out with these products.

Advice for residents who do not wish to be disturbed on Halloween:

- Display a Thames Valley Police Card that says “no trick or treat”. These are available from local police stations, libraries, and many local shops or download it from www.thamesvalleypolice.co.uk
- Don't open your door if you are unsure who is there.
- If you feel threatened or vulnerable call the police on 0845 8 505 505. In an emergency dial 999.

Children out “Trick or Treating” should follow these safety guidelines:

- Never go out on your own, always go with friends or family.
- Never knock on a stranger's door or accept an invitation to go into a house.
- If someone says no thank you or doesn't open the door to you they are probably frightened, so walk away and don't be a nuisance to them.
- Don't disturb someone displaying a notice that says “no trick or treat”.
- Avoid dark and deserted places.

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