

The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



October 2016

FROM THE CURATE, REVD JENNIFER MORTON

The end of September and beginning of October is the season in the Churches year when we celebrate harvest time, think about God's goodness to us and remember the work of the farmers who grow our food in the fields around us. Therefore it seems particularly appropriate, when our thoughts turn to giving thanks for what the land produces and how this might be shared with others, that, all being well, we will be welcoming visitors from South Africa who run the food project that the churches in the Dorchester Team support. This project is based in the small community of Boegoeberg in the Oxford link Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman and undertakes to feed those preschool children who had no guaranteed meal with one good meal a week. With our support this has been extended to three meals a week. I hope that while Sarah, Susanna (Cheeks), Natalie and Theresa are here you will find an opportunity to meet with them and hear first hand about what they are doing in their community.

Of course at this time of year we may be able to share with others surplus produce from our own gardens but for those of us not blessed with green fingers this probably means either buying groceries to donate or giving the cash. I wonder then how often we stop and think about how we spend our money. Maybe we feel we have barely enough to manage ourselves and there will have been families across this country who have struggled to feed their children during the holidays when there are no free school meals available.

Those of us who are more fortunate are able to donate to causes close to our hearts or raise money on their behalf. This includes the churches in our communities, which depend on the generosity of parishioners to keep them open. Many other organisations also depend solely on such generosity and the RNLI springs to mind. You can now play an RNLI Lottery, an interesting development, and it made me wonder whether the possibility of winning a prize was a greater incentive than just donating to a good cause. For example during the Olympics it was evident how dependent on profits from the National Lottery our successful athletes are but I am not sure if as much would have been raised directly.

Whatever our circumstances we all have choices to make when using the resources we have, financial or otherwise, and harvest time seems a good opportunity to consider these once more.

*The Revd Paul Cawthorne is Team vicar for The Baldons with Nuneham
Courtenay, Berinsfield and Drayton St Leonard.*
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Harvest Service and Supper 9th October



Please do come along to the Harvest Service, which is to be held at 6pm on 9th October, in St Peter's, Marsh Baldon.

Any food donations will be taken to the food bank at Wallingford, and they welcome tins of anything, pasta and jars of sauce, and they ask that everything has an expiry date of more than 3 months.



After the service there will be an informal supper in the church. Please do come and join us.



For details, please contact Debbie Dance (341323 or d.dance@oxfordpreservation.org.uk) or Sara McDouall Saw (343567 or saramcdouall@gmail.com)



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BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning applications

Baldon House: An application for planning and Listed building consent to upgrade and repair Jack's Cottage and Orchard Cottage. Councillors are considering their response.

43 The Green: Single storey front and rear extensions (Correction, as this was referred to as 46 the Green last month in error.) SODC decision awaited.

Village School: an application to increase the height of the fence at the corner of the school drive for safeguarding reasons. Supported by the Parish Council.

PCC application for funding Church yard maintenance

As we indicated in last month's newsletter the PCC has asked for help from the parish council to pay for the grass cutting and maintenance of the churchyards due to the age and declining number of volunteers. The Parish Council after a good discussion agreed to contribute £300 per annum per church for 2 years (£600pa) from 2017 subject to review. In supporting this the council will take the costs into consideration when reviewing the budget and setting the precept for 2017.

Baldon Feast

Another fantastic Feast was held in August. In spite of the slightly unsettled weather many people turned up, although a few less than last year, but all appeared to have an enjoyable afternoon. It takes a lot of hard work and organising and commitment to get such a day off the ground and a big thanks goes to the Slaney family for all their hard work. A big thanks also goes to the many village volunteers who managed the parking, the tea tent, the beer tent and so many other functions. It couldn't happen without your help and if you were raising money for the school, the church, or other village facility we hope it was both worthwhile and enjoyable. A few people gathered the day after for a Sunday picnic lunch on the Green.

Travellers on the Green

Since the weekend in the spring when we had an invasion of travellers on the Green, councillors have met with the Queen's College land agents Savills to discuss managing any future situations that might arise. Although travellers create a mess and a nuisance this was only the second occurrence for many years but we are keen to do what we can to discourage further events.

It is accepted that preventing travellers driving into the village and on to the Green is almost impossible and it is also recognised that the police have few powers on which to act to secure eviction speedily. We have agreed with Savills that when a situation arises the parish council will inform them and they will visit with the police to assess the situation. The Parish Council will also liaise with the Gypsy and Travellers officer of the County Council. If appropriate Bailiffs can then be instructed by Savills to take action as soon as is practicable. The Parish Council and villagers will thereafter take responsibility for any clean up.

Electric Blanket testing.

If you know someone who uses an electric blanket, please encourage them to get it tested before using it this winter. SODC are working with the other district councils and Oxfordshire Trading Standards to put on a series of 'Blanket Check' events this October:

Monday 3 October - Oxford

Wednesday 5 - Wallingford

Thursday 6 - Abingdon

Monday 17 - Wantage

Wednesday 19 – Henley

Thursday 20 - Oxford

To book an appointment call 01865 815000 (option 4) or email

communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Parish council meetings

Meetings are held on the second Monday of alternate months at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Agendas are displayed on Village notice boards 7 days in advance. Villagers are welcome to attend. Dates of next and future meetings:-

Monday 14th November 2016

Monday 9th January 2017

Monday 13th March 2017

GREEN WHEELIE BINS AND CONTAMINATION

From 3 November, we will only be emptying green wheelie bins if the recycling inside them is loose or in clear sacks.

Despite a recent campaign to raise awareness about the problem of contamination, some people continue to contaminate recycling, particularly with food waste and dirty nappies. When this happens whole truckloads of recycling are rejected at the recycling centres. So we are insisting on clear sacks or no sacks at all to help us identify contaminated bins.

From 3 October we will leave a bin hanger on any bins containing black or coloured sacks explaining the problem. We will empty the bins on that occasion, however, if it happens again after 3 November we will no longer empty the bins and will leave another note to explain why.

For more information please contact the Waste Team on 01235 422406.

Many thanks for your cooperation.--

Cllr Sue Lawson
District Councillor
South Oxfordshire District Council



Baldons Wine Club News

Cool Chile: a tasting of premium and cool climate Chilean wines

Honorary BWC President: Linda Simpson DipWSET
Sponsored by Wines of Chile

October 18th, The Seven Stars at 7.30pm
Members: £15, Non-Members £20

Christmas Party – date for your diary

December 16th at The Seven Stars

Places will be limited so please book early for these events

baldonswineclub@gmail.com

LONG WITTENHAM PRE-SCHOOL NEARLY NEW SALE

SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER, 10-12 NOON, LONG WITTENHAM VILLAGE HALL

Is your home full of baby and children's clothes (0-7 years), toys, games and/or equipment that are "good as new"? Would you like to make some extra money? Long Wittenham Pre-School is holding a Nearly New Sale on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 10-12 noon at Long Wittenham Village Hall. Sellers will receive 70% of all sales, with the other 30% going to Pre-School. There will also be delicious homemade cakes and biscuits for sale, and we would be grateful if all sellers could donate a cake/biscuits for the cake sale. All proceeds will go to Long Wittenham Pre-School.

If you are interested in selling at our Nearly New Sale (if you haven't sold with us before you will need a seller code), would like to donate items to sell or would like more information about how to become a seller, please email nearlynew@longwittenhampreschool.co.uk.

If you are planning to come and shop at the sale, please use the school car park and leave buggies and prams at home – the hall can get very crowded!
Thank you for supporting our Pre-School (Registered Charity #1158950).

HAVE YOU FOUND AN IPHONE NEAR THE SCHOOL?

A grandparent has lost their iPhone near the school and is hoping that someone has picked it up. It has a blue cover with flowers/butterflies so is quite distinctive. If you have found it, please could you take it in to school, or let the school know if you have handed it in elsewhere. School contact details are:- 01865 343249, office.3188@marsh-baldon.oxon.sch.uk.

Many thanks!



FIREWORKS NIGHT

BONFIRE, FIREWORKS, FUNFAIR, MUSIC, BAR, MULLED WINE, FOOD AND MORE

SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER
Early Evening

ALL WELCOME

MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!



ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **November 2016** newsletter
by **16th October 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.

For advertising queries, please contact Sheila Harris on:
sheilaharris778@yahoo.co.uk or on 340403.

NUNEHAM COURTENAY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Planning information updates

The council will have had a special meeting by the time this has gone to press (Thursday 22nd September, in time for the SODC decision on 29th September) to discuss planning application reference P16/S2840/DIS for development work at the following location: Car Sales Display Spaces and Premises Nuneham Courtenay OXFORD.

The application is for: Discharge of condition 13 – contamination on application ref: P12/S3162FUL Adjusted access position to access. 6 proposed semi-detached dwellings with open sided parking barns. Removal of existing car sales and carwash facility. New parking space. You can see details of the application by going to the following link goo.gl/yzrRT8

Broadband

As you may be aware, SODC council has provided additional funding to the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme to extend broadband coverage across the district. The delivery of the additional district funded coverage is now underway and runs until December 2017. You can find out the latest plan for your local area by visiting the postcode checker map at <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/content/coverage-map>

However, please note that the map is not able to identify any potential remaining coverage issues at a premises level and there may be some gaps in coverage. As the Better Broadband team has achieved savings in delivering the first phase, this could be available to help plug coverage gaps and SODC and Vale of White Horse Council are therefore keen to hear from communities or areas where there are still issues to help them identify specific problems. To highlight any issues contact broadband@oxfordshire.gov.uk with your full address (including postcode) and telephone number.

If you have any queries on the above please do not hesitate to contact:

Suzanne Malcolm

Economic Development Manager

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

Direct line [01235 422217](tel:01235422217)

Mobile [07717 151153](tel:07717151153)

I encourage as many as us as possible, to make our voice heard about improving Nuneham Courtenay's broadband provision. Ironically, the boxes that they work from to serve South Oxfordshire are actually within our parish. It is bizarre, therefore, that our parish has not yet benefited from a faster broadband.

Just as a reminder, those of you that would like to volunteer to have a clean up of the village please email or phone to let us know, or attend the next meeting. I hope all the children of the parish are enjoying being back at school.

I look forward to seeing any of you at our next meeting on Saturday 1st October 12 – 2pm at the village hall – all welcome!

Cllr Jasminder Love (Chair)

For items and photos to be sent, please contact:

nunehamcourtenay.clerk@gmail.com

[Our website is: www.ncpc.uk](http://www.ncpc.uk)



A dramatised adaptation of
Charlotte Brontë's gothic novel:

Jane Eyre

will be performed at 7:30pm
in St. Mary's Church, Garsington,
on Thurs 10th, Fri 11th & Sat 12th Nov.

Adults £10, Children 12 & under £5

Tickets available from:

Phil Benner (01865 806537)

Janet Betteridge (07538 181079)

Angharad Jeffery (01865 368262)

"Country Collections" 47 High St.,
Wheatley, or

book online: www.ticketsource.co.uk

COME AND SING IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CHOIR!

Now entering its third year, Garsington's open access choir is looking for more singers to join us in Garsington village hall every Sunday evening and you're welcome to join at any time of the year.

You may have seen us singing in the grounds of Garsington Manor at the summer fete or at St Barnabas church in Jericho last year. We sing all kinds of songs from different genres – pop, folk, catchy foreign tunes, ballads, and have members from the local area, including from Garsington (obviously!), Wheatley, Horspath, the Baldons (lifts available if interested!) and Oxford.

You might think you can't sing - that's what many of us thought when we first joined, but it's fun to learn, joyful to be part of and you don't need to be able to read music. Singing is proven to be good for your all round wellbeing, and the post choir gathering in the Three Horseshoes afterwards is a great way to start the week.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Ian on 07780 675302 or Annie on 07730406617. The cost is normally £7 per session (which includes refreshments). New members get their first session free to give them a chance to test the water.

BEAUTIFUL KASHMIR

Wallingford Gardening Club starts its series of autumn talks in October with a lecture by Antony Powell on 'Beautiful Kashmir'.



Antony first trained with Hillier Nurseries before gaining a qualification in amenity horticulture at Askham Bryan College. He has worked in nurseries and gardens in England and France and travelled to many other countries during his horticultural career. He now manages four gardens in North Hampshire / West Berkshire.

He will present an illustrated talk about the 1983 Botanical Expedition to Kashmir. As an area that is now harder to visit, this talk will highlight the beauty of the country and the flowers that grow there.

The talk will be held at Ridgeway Community Church, Wallingford at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th October.

Visitors very welcome £2.

Isabelle Darby
01491-836867

*Advance notice of future talk :-
10th Nov 2016- Herbaceous Borders (Geoff Hawkins)*

WILL WE GET AN INDIAN SUMMER?

The conditions in early Autumn are often still summery, but Autumn is looming in the landscape. Many plants produce seeds, berries, and conkers start falling from the trees too. Seasonal migrants are starting to leave or arrive in our gardens. Those species that share our gardens year round though are seeing their thoughts turn to the coming cold Winter months.

A few odd jobs you could be getting on with this month are:

- Remember to leave some seed heads to provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Clean birdbaths as this is often forgotten and always keep them filled up.
- The breeding season is not yet over for some creatures, so don't put out large lumps of food that could choke the young.
- Give meadows a final cut letting the mowings lie for a couple of days before removing as this allows any seeds to drop as well as giving any disturbed wildlife time to scramble back under cover.

This time of year can still be good if we have an Indian Summer for bat-spotting, as the evenings are still warm. The moths that fly around in balmy Autumn evenings are a good food source for bats.

Corrugated iron or plastic if you have any can be laid on the soil and supply much needed warmth for small reptiles, amphibians and mammals spend time under. You never know, a Grass Snake may take up residence too.

Let's all hope we all experience a semblance of an Indian Summer so we can have the sun on our necks whilst gardening, just for a few weeks more anyway.

Happy Gardening
Stuart Mabbutt
Wildlife Gardening Specialist
www.wildmaninspires.co.uk

NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Regular Events

- **Luncheon Club** is the first Thursday of the month. This is lovely event run by a team of dedicated people.
- **Breakfast in the Hall** is the first Saturday of the month. Notices are put up around the village. This is a pay what you think it's worth meal. Stop by for a lovely cooked breakfast and a chat!
- **Yoga** is (most) Mondays. Contact Jenny on 07787 507 304 make sure it's on! This is a £2 pay as you go self-lead practice. We are a mixed ability group. Give it a go!

October

- **Jumble!!** Our termly jumble sale will be on **Saturday 8th October, 1pm – 3pm**. Contact Jenny on 01865 343459 to book a table for £6. Or if you just have some items to donate these can be left on the porch at the village hall. Come along and have a rummage and some tea and coffee. Entrance 50p.
- **Autumn Bingo:** By popular request we will be holding bingo twice this term. The first will be on **21st October**. Doors open at 7:30. Eyes down at 8pm! Refreshments are available for purchase.

November

- **Christmas Shopping Event:**

There was a tradition of a Christmas shopping event in the village for many years, until the shop closed. We would like to bring this back as a social and shopping event that everyone in the village is welcome to attend. We will screen a Christmas movie and if we're lucky have a visit from a certain Jolly man on **19th November**. More details to follow next month. However, if you are a crafts person or food vendor and would like to sell at the event, do contact Jenny on 01865 343459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com. Tables are only £10. We will also be serving refreshments to get us all in the holiday spirit.

December

- **Christmas Bingo:** Our traditional Christmas Bingo will be on **Friday 9th December**. More details to follow!
- We hope to return to hosting **film nights** either in November or the through out the winter. Do get in contact if you would like to get involved in any event. The Village Hall belongs to the village. Let us know what events you would like in the hall!

BALDON FEAST 2017
The Great Village Festival for
Nuneham Courtenay, Toot and Marsh Baldon



12noon - 6pm Saturday 19th August 2017

AGM 7.30pm Wednesday 5th October 2016 at the Village Hall, Marsh Baldon

There is to be the Annual General Meeting of the Baldon Feast Committee to be held as above. We would like to invite as many as possible to attend. It is at this meeting where we give a review of the Feast that has just occurred and future prospects for the next. We shall also confirm the Team to carry us through to the next event along with our Treasurer giving us a financial report. We shall also take on board your ideas on how to diversify and improve this great event.

Currently we have a few positions to fill to have a sufficient team. Should you like to join the Team please contact me or come to the meeting and discuss suitable roles. It is essential that we have the appropriate manpower, without which we shall be unable to proceed.

This is a great opportunity to meet others from the community and to acquire new skills. Those joining the Team can be individuals, couples, family groups or friends together. Please give this consideration as we do not want yet another tradition to be lost. Obviously, we would like to see Members from Nuneham Courtenay and the Baldons but would welcome those from further afield, indeed one of our very helpful Members lives near to Wantage. A lot of the Committee's objectives are accomplished way before the Feast itself. So, even if you are not available on the Day, perhaps holidays, you would still be very welcome to be part of our Team.

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At this point, I would very much like to thank all those who gave their time and help this year. The Feast proved to be a great success with very many visitors saying how well they really enjoyed the day.

I look forward to meeting as many as possible and sharing a glass of wine.

Ralph Slaney
Baldon Feast Organizer on behalf of the Baldons Parish Council
ralph@baldonfeast.org.uk 01865 343275

AUTUMN FANCIES

in aid of

Music for Autism

and

St Helen's Church, Benson

is at St Helen's Church, Benson on

Saturday 15th October 2016, at

7.30pm

*The concert will be a mix of songs and duets
from early music to the contemporary and will
be performed by:*

*Alice Rowse, Adrian Boorman
Christine Cairns and Sara McDouall Saw,
with Jonathan French on piano*

*Advance tickets from Derry's Den, Benson
or the singers (01491 836771)*

There will also be Tickets on the door

*Tickets cost £10 (concessions £8) and include
wine and refreshments.*

FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE LINDSAY-GALE

Unitary Debate

There have been reports suggesting that proposals for reform of local government in Oxfordshire are off the table due to the lack of agreement between the City and District Councils, and the County. The Government wants us to proceed by consensus where possible, and OCC hopes that the debate is not over – particularly when a new compromise proposal has been put forward which has yet to be fully discussed. With £200,000 spent on two independent reports, and with both reports showing that savings in excess of £100m are possible over a five-year time period through a single strategic authority for Oxfordshire, it is in everybody's interest that the debate continues.

Oxfordshire Comet: The New Bookable Transport Service

Several communities in my Division are already taking up this new OCC service and I would encourage those who have not yet done so to investigate whether it would be a good thing for their residents too. The Oxfordshire Comet is a not for profit, bookable transport service for those who can't access suitable public transport. It can be booked for any type of trip, whether it's to meet friends in town, travel across the county, attend an appointment or pop to the shops. The service is available 10.15am - 2.30pm Monday to Friday (not Bank Holidays). It uses vehicles that normally take children to school and adults to day care centres. (OCC identified the times of the day when they weren't being used and are making them available so that residents can make the journeys they want.) Because OCC already owns these vehicles, the Council only has to cover running costs, meaning charges are low for passengers. More information can be found here: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/oxfordshire-comet>

WHAT DID WALLINGFORD CASTLE LOOK LIKE?

For several years Wallingford Museum has displayed a dramatic artists impression of what Wallingford Castle may have looked like (until it was demolished by Cromwell's orders in 1652 !) However, much documentary research in recent years, together with various archaeological digs has provided an opportunity to re-assess the layout of the Castle.



A spectacular new artist's impression reflecting the current thinking has now been completed by Museum volunteer, June Strong. Be sure to visit the Museum to see for yourself what has been revealed! www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

GOD'S HOUSE AT EWELME

Dr John Goodall, FSA, Architectural Editor of Country Life magazine, will talk to The Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) about God's House at Ewelme. He wrote a magnificent book on it, published in 2001, and is also author of the equally magnificent The English Castle (2011).

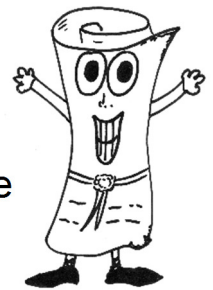


God's House at Ewelme was founded in 1437 by Alice and William de la Pole, then Earl and Countess of Suffolk. The almshouse and school that they founded still operate under the original endowment and the buildings that accommodate them remain intact. This talk will consider the history and life of this remarkable institution in the 15th century.

This talk will be held on Wednesday 12th Oct, 7.45 for 8pm, at St Mary's Church, Wallingford. Visitors (£4) are most welcome. www.twhas.org.uk

'CREATE A CARTOON' NIGHT AT WALLINGFORD MUSEUM

Following the great success of our previous event in May, this October's 'Night at the Museum' will be another FREE bookable 'Cartoon' event for children. Here's what it's all about:



From 6.30 - 8.30pm on Friday 28th October, twenty children (suggested age range 7-11) will have a chance to try their hand at creating their own cartoon characters in Wallingford Museum with help from some local artists and inspiration from things they can see in the museum.

Steve Head, whose special '300 years of Cartoons' exhibition is on display at the museum until end-November, will talk to the children about how cartoons began and help them to look closely at what makes a cartoon special and get their ideas fired up! Then it's time for the children to 'have a go' for themselves with help on hand from local artists who are kindly offering their assistance. All the necessary materials for drawing and colouring will be supplied - so all that's needed is lots of lovely creativity!

(Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult - at least one adult to two children - but the adults won't be prevented from joining in too!) We're all aiming to have a fun evening.

This event has been generously sponsored for the Museum by The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), which works to advance decorative and fine arts education and appreciation.

For further details and booking, please contact Judy Dewey, 01491-651127, preferably before 20th Oct! www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

EX-LIBRARIAN EDNA BACKS VOLUNTARY BOOK SCHEME

A former Oxfordshire librarian has rekindled her love of books thanks to a voluntary service bringing the joy of reading to those who can't access their local library. Edna Malcher, 88, who gets books delivered by the **Home Library Service**, is urging more people to give up some time to help the scheme grow across the county.



Life-line: The former library worker said the service was a “life-line” which enabled her to connect with others in the community and share her passion for reading.

Edna, who lives in Banbury, said: “The person who comes to visit is very nice and friendly. I get the bag ready for him to swap and he makes sure that he brings books that I’m interested in or have requested. The main thing is having contact with someone, especially someone so pleasant. It’s very important to make a good impression – I’ve seen that from both sides having worked for the library and now using the Home Library Service.

“It’s also a way to connect with people in the local community. I’ve struck up a friendship with a neighbour over our love of books.”

Flexible role: Volunteers can organise drop-off times with the people they deliver to, making the role easy to fit around existing commitments. Expenses are paid and volunteers can do as many or as few journeys as they wish.

“Friendly face”: Oxfordshire County Council’s Cabinet Member for Cultural Services Lorraine Lindsay Gale said: “Volunteers are a friendly face who can stop by once every three weeks to bring customers some new books or CDs and spend some time to share their own stories.”

“The Home Library Service brings entertainment, pleasure and human contact to people, where they may otherwise have little or none. But of course it wouldn’t be possible without volunteers. We’d love to hear from anyone interested in making a positive difference to the lives of people in the community who need a bit of extra help.”

For more information visit: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibrary

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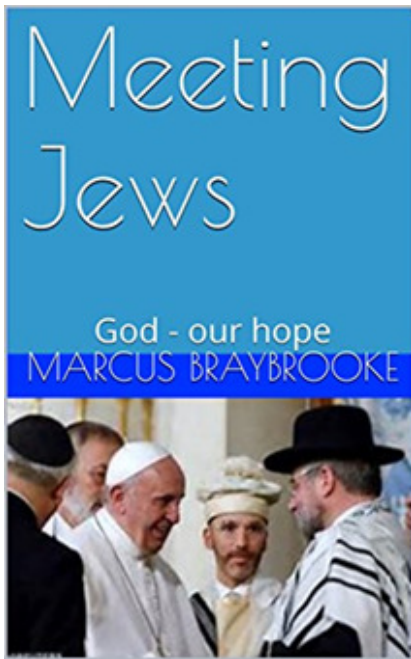
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Marcus Braybrooke's book *Meeting Jews* is now available as a kindle-ebook. For the Jewish New Year the book is free from October 3rd-7th



Meeting Jews introduces the reader to Jews and to the Jewish world. This wide ranging book explains what it means to be Jewish and tells the story of British Jews. The reader is welcomed into a Jewish home and to a synagogue.

The causes of the Holocaust, Christian responsibility, Stories of Righteous Gentiles and Jewish answers to the question, 'Where was God?' are discussed.

The story of Zionism, the creation of the state of Israel, its growth and its struggles, and what Israel means to Jews are told. The final chapter outlines the dramatic change for the better in Christian-Jewish relations. Ashamed of centuries of anti-Semitism, Christians are discovering the true meaning of the

Jewish religion and working together with Jews and all people of faith for the healing of the world.

Mary Braybrooke wins "Women of Spirit Award"

Mary received the award, for making a difference in the world, from Dadi Janki, Head of the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University. The Award is given to women 'for engaging with spirituality in life and work.' On receiving the award, Mary said, 'I have had several spiritual experiences and all my life work is due to my belief in a loving, Servant God and a personal experience of Jesus Christ. We should treat others as we would be treated, which is the Golden Rule, found in all true religions. We need to show compassion for people, animals and all creation.'



CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Dorchester will conduct a service of Confirmation in Dorchester Abbey at 10.30am on Sunday 30th October. If you would like to know more about being confirmed, please speak to your vicar or contact the Abbey Office on 01865 340007 or admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) or your vicar for details of the day of preparation we are doing.

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2016

2 nd October	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
9 th October	3.30pm	Archdeaconry Eucharist <i>with the new Bishop of Oxford</i>	Dorchester Abbey
	6.00pm	Harvest Festival <i>followed by Bring & Share Supper in Church</i>	Marsh Baldon
16 th October	9.30am	Holy Communion <i>including Sunday School</i>	Marsh Baldon
23 rd October	8.30am	Said Holy Communion	Marsh Baldon
	9.30am	Family Worship	Marsh Baldon
30 th October	10.30am	Team Confirmation Service	Dorchester Abbey
6 th November	9.30am	Holy Communion	Toot Baldon
13 th November	10.45am	Remembrance Sunday	Toot Baldon

SIDESDUTY

	Marsh	Toot
2 nd October		9.30am Ian Gillespie
9 th October		6.00pm Graham Hobbins
16 th October	9.30am John Mason	
23 rd October	9.30am Stephen Dance	

FLOWERS

	Marsh	Toot
2 nd & 9 th October	I Wright & L Martin	V Bowler
16 th & 23 rd October	A Lyall	S Hobbins & J van Dijk
30 th Oct & 6 th Nov	F Ardern	H Maskell & J Knight
13 th & 20 th Nov	P & J Slaney	J Brook