

# The Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay Newsletter



**October 2018**

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

We cannot help but be thankful that we live in the Baldons, as we continue to enjoy blue skies, alongside some strong winds, and where a walk in the village can yield blackberries, sloes and other hedgerow berries to add to our Winter gin, and our allotments and kitchen gardens still provide us with homegrown veg so late into the season.

### Join us for the Harvest Supper on Sunday 28 October at St. Peter's Church.

There is a short service at 5pm with a glass of wine to follow, alongside a ploughman's supper and, no doubt, some apple pies. Help make it a Village affair - all welcome. Please donate non-perishable foodstuffs so that we can take them to the local foodbanks and those in need.

### And another date for the diary:-

On Sunday 11 November we join towns and villages across Britain as we mark  
100 years since the end of the WWI.

Join us for the

### Baldons Armistice Day Commemoration Village Concert

with Words and Music from local friends (including our own School Choir).

6.30pm in St Peters Church

Wine and Canapes afterwards.

Free to all - donations on the door.

Sue Booy is Team Rector for the Dorchester Team. Any queries about services, or if you would like to speak to someone about a baptism, wedding, or funeral the person to contact in the first instance is the Administrator in the **Dorchester Team Office** on **01865 340007**. Or, if you prefer, email [admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk).

**01865 340007** is also the number you can ring **at any time** if you need to contact a clergy person urgently.

**Baldons Churchwardens:** Debbie Dance (341323) and Ian Gillespie (341398).



# Harvest Service



The Harvest service will be on the 28th October at 5pm. It will be followed by a simple ploughman's supper in the church (with wine and soft drinks).

Everyone is most welcome to join us for the service and supper, to give thanks for the blessings we all receive.



Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October

7.30pm

Marsh Baldon Village Hall  
OX44 9LL

Do come and join us to engage with the Christian faith in an informal contemporary context. We meet at 7.30pm for coffee/tea and cake, followed at 7.50pm by worship, a talk and prayer. All are welcome.

Our speaker is Rachel Hickson of 'Heart Cry for Change' ministry. Rachel travels internationally, training leaders and speaking at conferences to strengthen the church. She has written books on prayer and the prophetic gift. Her talk is entitled 'The End or the Beginning?', and will engage with how we respond to the seasons of shift and change in our lives?

If you are interested you can find out more at <http://thefillingstation.org.uk>. Or contact Catherine Mason (07879 626828) or Tom Hunnings (07778 104806).

## BALDONS PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

As you may have seen in the media, the government have now announced their decision on the broad corridor to be pursued for the development of the Expressway (Corridor B). It is expected that the Highways England will be investigating the route options within the corridor during the next year with public consultation following on detail of preferred routes in 2019.

The broad corridor being investigated is a northerly one but has 2 options for going east or west around Oxford and although lines on the government map are not fixed, there could be implications for the Baldons at the south eastern end of the corridor which will be of concern. More information and maps are on the Highways England website <https://highwaysengland.co.uk>. The local Expressway Action Group website also has a full update and maps and there will be more information it becomes available. [www.expresswayactiongroup.com/](http://www.expresswayactiongroup.com/)

The council will be discussing the implications and action we need to take.

### School Parking repairs

We hope that most parents and villagers will be pleased at the repairs to the village green edge opposite the school. This was an expensive piece of work to improve the parent drop off area which the council could not have afforded without some help from our District councillor in the form of a grant from OCC. We do hope that parents and others will drive carefully on the surface as it has to last!

### Bonfire

The Parish Council have supported the plans being put in place by BEC for the bonfire in November.

### Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum

The SODC will hold a referendum on the Baldons Neighbourhood Plan on the 4th October. By now each registered voter will have received a Poll Card and each Baldons household will have received a copy of the Plan itself together with a covering letter from the Baldons Parish Council. The question asked at the Referendum will be: "Do you want South Oxfordshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Marsh Baldon and Toot Baldon to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

It is important that you vote on the 4th October and naturally the Parish Council hope that you will vote in support of the Plan that we have worked so hard to prepare. Any queries on how to apply for a proxy or postal vote should be addressed to the SODC via their website.

### Planning applications

**New Farm House Toot Baldon P18/S2715/HH.** A revised application for a new 2 storey extension, entrance porch and renovations.

**Yew Tree Cottage Toot Baldon P18/S2098/HH amended.** An amended application for a garage with a lower roof line.

**13 The Croft P18/S2833/HH.** The erection of a 2 storey rear extension and external brick cladding.

The council is considering its response to the above applications

**Hunters Gap, Pebble Hill P18/S2688/LB.** Essential repairs to external chimney and surround. Supported by the parish council.

### Flooding

As autumn is with us and winter is coming so we can expect rain which many will welcome to replenish gardens and land after the dry summer.

However, we had problems with ditches overflowing last winter and concerns are continuing to be expressed to the council about the problems in The Croft and Baldon Row. The council has been discussing action with land owners to resolve the problems in The Croft and ditches have been and are being cleared.

However all land owners and or tenants with a ditch on or outside their property have a riparian responsibility to ensure that the ditch is clear to allow water to run freely and without obstruction along the water course and through culverts downstream. Advice about land owner's riparian responsibility is on SODC website. Follow links from Environmental Services and flooding to water courses. If you have a ditch outside your property please help and make sure it is clear of blockages. Where road side drains are blocked we contact OCC, but it is always helpful if a kind villager near a blocked drain could make sure the top of the drain is not covered with mud and grass cuttings that are clearly capable of being brushed aside before we contact OCC.

### Litter

Comment was made at the council at the amount of litter appearing along the road sides. The council will ask SODC to arrange a street cleaning as although we have a litter pick weekend in the spring it clearly isn't enough. A small number of villagers to try and keep road verges clear but it would be an enormous help if more of us could occasionally do the same. Please help if you can.

### **Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire**

Parish Councils have been asked to pass on the following information by the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. They are asking anyone who might be interested in the development of a new Older People's Strategy for Oxfordshire, including professionals and older people, to share their views on what is important to people as they age. To do this, they have set up a short survey here:

<https://consult.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk/consult.ti/OPDeV/consultationHome>

The new Oxfordshire's Older People's Strategy will outline how all health and care organisations across Oxfordshire will work together to help older people to stay as fit and healthy as possible for as long as possible; and, if they need more help, how they will ensure services work together to support their needs. If you are interested please take part.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 12th November 7.30pm Village Hall



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## Handyman needed in Toot

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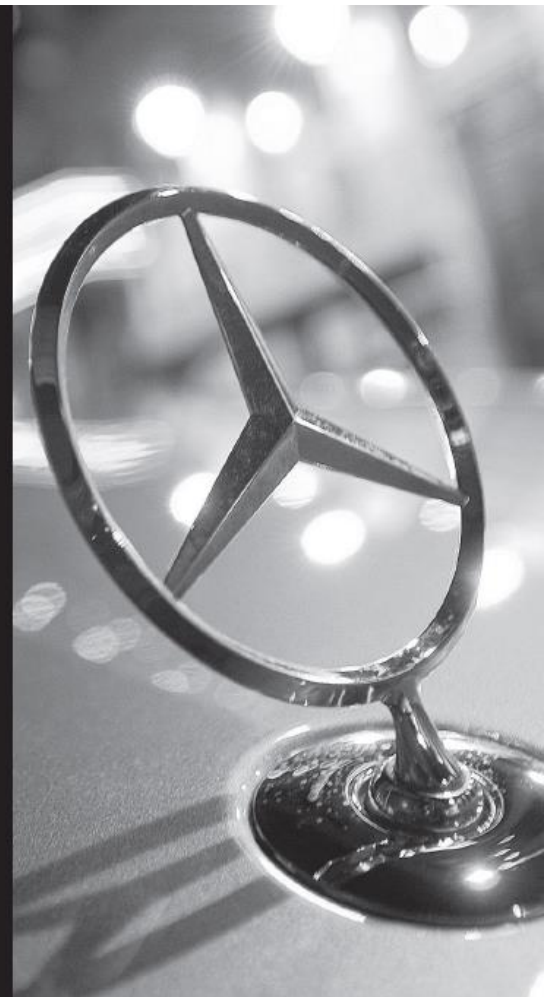
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**SATURDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**

*Marsh Baldon Green*

**6.30pm Lighting the Bonfire**  
**7.15pm Fireworks**

**Bonfire** - We need your help. We shall be building the bonfire on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> November so bring material suitable for burning to The Green between 10am and 1pm. Please DON'T leave anything on The Green before 3<sup>rd</sup> November (we've had tyres and other totally unsuitable stuff dumped there presumably by people from outside the villages which costs a lot of money to dispose of). Start collecting now!

**Helpers** - If you can offer any help, whether putting up marquees, marshalling (which is simply wearing a hi-viz jacket and helping in the event of an emergency) or car parking on Saturday or litter picking etc. on Sunday please do get in touch.

If you have any questions about bonfire night, feel free to get in touch with one of the committee, or email [baldonsevents@hotmail.com](mailto:baldonsevents@hotmail.com)

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## **Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 13th October, 11 – 1 Marsh Baldon Village Hall**

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**Natalie, Leah and Kian**



## NUNEHAM COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

**Conservation meeting** - Oct 18th at 7pm - the Village Hall will be supporting the Parish council for these. Please come along. See the parish council's page for more details

**Jumble Sale** - Nov 3rd, 2-4pm. Come along and bag a bargain. Or book a table for £6 and have a clear out. Contact Jenny @ 01865 353459 or jenny@datadaysolutions.com. Or just come for a cup of tea and a chat.

**Christmas Bingo** is Friday December 7th.

Work on our new **disabled ramp** should be underway! We hope to have an official "opening" soon.



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## ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Items for the **November 2018** newsletter  
by **16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sheilaharris778@yahoo.co.uk) or on 340403.

## OWN A PUB – BECOME A BNCS SHAREHOLDER!

The Seven Stars is a community-owned asset in the heart of our villages.

It is run by Matt and his team and supported by the Baldons and Nuneham Community Society (BNCS), which was set up to save the pub. Villagers chipped in to buy shares and it's now owned by over 150 shareholders, represented by the BNCS committee.

There is an opportunity to buy shares in BNCS, which will give you not only a stake in the pub but also a small rate of interest annually. We'd love to have new members, so if you are interested please click on the website or contact any of the committee.

## FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

The Seven Stars will be hosting another informal get-together on **Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>** following last year's successful event. **All welcome - shareholders and non shareholders, regulars and those new to the village.**

The pub committee will be on hand to answer any questions about becoming a member. Do please join us!

*Contact details: BNCS : [www.bnctltd.com](http://www.bnctltd.com) where you'll find further info and a list of committee members, or email [info@bnctltd.com](mailto:info@bnctltd.com)*

*The Seven Stars: See [www.sevenstarsonthegreen.co.uk](http://www.sevenstarsonthegreen.co.uk) or call 01865 343337*



There can be few experiences as disheartening and utterly deflating as floating back to your car after some marvellously therapeutic shopping trip, laden with parcels and shopping bags, to find a black and yellow parking notification attached to your windscreen, like some enormous striped stinging hornet - and certainly having a stinging effect on your feelings too.

It could spoil anyone's day - but don't let it! Don't panic, don't curse and don't waste any time before getting to grips with the problem.

The Citizens Advice website has a useful section which you should consult:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/>

If you think the ticket was justified (and let's face it, some of them are), one option is to pay the fine right away, thus getting a substantial discount:

- 50% if you pay a Penalty Charge Notice or Excess Charge Notice within 14 days
- 40-60% if you pay a Parking Charge Notice within 14 days

If you think that you were parked correctly and within the rules, or there were mitigating circumstances, you can try an appeal (but don't pay a ticket issued by a parking company that isn't a member of the Accredited Trade Association - they can't force you to pay or take you to court).

If you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any rules, and, if possible, send evidence to prove it.

Citizens Advice is frequently consulted about parking tickets. If you get one and aren't sure how to proceed, it's comforting to know that there are sympathetic people you can talk to.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale)



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Knit and Natter

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2.30pm

Reading Group

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

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## EVENTS IN DORCHESTER ABBEY

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.30pm OSJ Concert in the Abbey Handel and Bach** Extracts from the Messiah and other Baroque classics featuring fantastic soprano Hannah Davey with OSJ Voices. Tickets £12-£20 from [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk)

### ***“Unbroken Glory – Gathered Radiance”* Rupert Brooke**

Part of Dorchester’s Community Tribute to the Centenary Anniversary of the Armistice of World War One.

A project to honour those who fought and those who died. If you have the names of anyone you wish to commemorate, whether you, or they, have a connection with the village of Dorchester, and/or you would like to make a poppy, you are invited to join in. The end result will offer a focus for remembrance for all who visit to see it in the Abbey from October 31<sup>st</sup> forward...

Details in the back of the Abbey or from Denise Line 01865 340905;

[denise.line@btinternet.com](mailto:denise.line@btinternet.com)

### **20<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> January Light Exhibition**

Dorchester Abbey is very excited to host the exhibition **LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey**, with six artworks and the overall installation specially designed by local artist Adrian Brooks, with music provided by composer Tim Cook. The theme is related to Life's brief journey, the vastness of Space and the importance of Love.

This multi-media exhibition will be staged in the Cloister Gallery of the Abbey. The exhibition will comprise of six specially created 'shrines'. The corridor shape of the Abbey's Cloister Gallery invites visitors to journey from the point of entry past each shrine to the far end, where there will be projected film from the Hubble Space Telescope. Accompanying this spiritual journey visitors will hear music reflecting the majesty of the Cosmos, composed especially by Tim Cook, heightening the immersive experience.

### **LECTURE BY MARCUS BRAYBROOKE**

The Alister Hardy Memorial Lecture this year will be given by Marcus Braybrooke on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Quaker Meeting House 43, St Giles Street, Oxford at 10.30, as part of a Day Conference.

His subject is 'Meeting in the Cave of the Heart: The importance of religious experience to theology and inter-spirituality.'

Non-members are welcome for the whole day (£22.00) or for the morning only (£11.00) Full details from Marianne Rankin, at [marianne.rankin@studyspiritualexperiences.org](mailto:marianne.rankin@studyspiritualexperiences.org) or Tel 07714 032643

## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

7 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Sarah Brush</i>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> October	6.00pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> <i>Brian Newey</i>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	<b>Marsh Baldon</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00pm	<b>Harvest Festival</b> <i>Jennifer Morton</i> <i>followed by Bring &amp; Share</i> <i>Supper in Church</i>	<b>Marsh Baldon</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Jon Roberts</i>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> November	10.45am	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> <i>Jennifer Morton</i>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>

### Save the Date

On **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November** we will be having a Cluster Service with Drayton St Leonard and Berinsfield. This will be a Family Communion at **11am at Berinsfield** led by **Sandra Millar**. Everyone is welcome to join us, young, old or in between. Sandra is looking forward to seeing you all.

### SIDESDUTY

	<b>Marsh Baldon</b>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> October		9.30am Ann Druce
14 <sup>th</sup> October		6.00pm Ian Gillespie
21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30am Graham Hobbins	
28 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00pm John Mason	

### FLOWERS

	<b>Marsh Baldon</b>	<b>Toot Baldon</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	F Ardern	M Trinder
14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October	I Wright & L Martin	V Bowler
28 <sup>th</sup> October & 4 November	P & J Slaney with all help welcome for Harvest on 28 <sup>th</sup> October	S Hobbins & J van Dijk