

# *Duns Tew*

## *Newsletter - January 2019*



Dear Friends,

As I write this, Christmas is just a few days away. By the time you read it, Christmas will have come and gone for another year. Your cards, tree and decorations may still be up, but not for much longer. Soon everything will go back to normal (or as the television advertisement says: "Normal, whatever that is!") Or will it?

We have once again celebrated the special season of peace and goodwill to all. We have been moved by letters and emails from charities. We have been carol singing and engaged in other activities to raise money for good causes. We have sent and received cards which speak of joy and love and light and hope. Such greetings warm our hearts and give us a sense that this world of ours really can be a place where such things are present, even in the most challenging of circumstances.

We know that, although life settles down again, the message which is central to Christmas does not end with the arrival of January. In a Biblical account of the Christmas story, we are told that Mary, having learned that she was to become the mother of the Lord, "pondered all these things in her heart." Now that all the festive twinkling is fading from view, we too like Mary, perhaps have some time to reflect on it all. To ponder what it was, and what it still is all about, when life returns to "normal."

So as we head into 2019, I hope that whatever has stood out to you as special this Christmas, will stay with you, and that hope, love, joy and peace of the season will be yours throughout the New Year.

With all good wishes, Jane.

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## Church News

**Christmas "Thank You"s!** \_\_\_ The newsletter went to press before our Christmas services – but thank you to all those who made the church look so beautiful: tree decorators and flower arrangers. Particular thanks go to everyone who organised and participated

in our Carol Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

Thank you to John & Margaret Gordon who kindly donated the Christmas tree, Tom Reeve, Jon Burgess and Chris Drake for getting it into the church. Thank you to Martin Fairfax-Cholmeley for brewing up the Christmas punch after the service.

**Carol Singing** Thank you to everyone who braved the truly awful weather on 15th December. Over 40 people gathered in the church for some great singing, with lovely accompaniment from Philippa Smethurst & Sarah Taylor on oboe and recorder. We raised £212.80 for The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone for their support.

**Christmas cards** – thank you to everyone who bought cards; we raised £110 for the church.

News about funds raised at services for other charities will come next month.

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**Advent Supper** A huge thank you to all those who cooked for, helped at and attended the supper which together with the church collection raised £272.10 for the Romanian Foyer Trust.

**Charity of the Quarter** For November/December/January, we are again supporting Ripple Africa whose aims are:

To improve the standard of education and healthcare

To preserve and sustainably develop the environment

To create opportunities for local communities in Nkhata Bay District of Malawi.

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(For more information, please go to: [www.rippleafrica.org](http://www.rippleafrica.org)).

Please give generously – the charity plate is available for donations at the end of each service. If you wish to donate at any other time, please place money in an envelope marked for RIPPLE Africa, and give to Carol Rigby (Nonesuch, Hill Farm Lane).

**Flower arranging** The church is looking for some new people to join the flower rota. You would need to be able to do the flowers for a 3 week block once a year and then to help out with Easter, Harvest and Christmas decorating if available. For more information contact Sarah Taylor, Tel: 340827 or email [sarah.taylor27.st@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.taylor27.st@gmail.com)

**Church cleaning** If you have a bit of time to spare three times a year, the Church would benefit from some extra people on the cleaning rota. You are not expected to clean the whole church each time! For more information contact Sarah Taylor, tel: 340827 or email: [sarah.taylor27.st@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.taylor27.st@gmail.com).

**Polly** As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church. Your donations are very much appreciated. Clare.

Last week Polly told me that a young man she used to help came back to meet her one evening as she was handing out food. He wanted to thank her for helping him get back on track. He now has a job and had got in touch with his mother again after 15 years. He brought her along to meet Polly. Needless to say, Polly was overjoyed.

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**Portfolios & Wards** Each Councillor has a portfolio of responsibility and an area of the village as follows:

**Cllr Semple** - Dashwood Rise, North Aston Road and Dane Hill  
Community

- Emergency Plan
- Bottle Bank
- Community Groups
- Welcome Pack –

**Cllr Miall** – Lower Farm to the White Horse including the Bridleway

Services

- Grass

## Parish Council News

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- Highways
- Utilities
- Street Cleaning

**Cllr Hall** – East from the Church to North Aston Road including The Manor and Home Farmhouse

Amenity

- Paths & Bridleways
- Play Area
- Village Clean Up

**Cllr Lindley** – Middle Barton Road

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## Planning

- All Planning Applications
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Planning Liaison (CDC)

Other Members of the Planning Committee –  
Cllrs Jackson, Miall and Stapleton

**Cllr Stapleton** – Hill Farm Lane including  
Hill Farm

## Communications

- Newsletter

**Cllr Jackson** – The White horse to Corner  
Cottage including Spring Farm and Daisy  
Hill

## Parish Council

- Governance
- Standing Orders

Village Hall Representative – Cllr Stapleton

**Web Site** – Cllr Hall

Kitchen recycle food bin liners Now available  
from Chris Keeping at £3 a roll. Tel 340727

**Meetings** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January in the village hall at 7.30pm. The agenda will be published on the notice board and the web site at least 3 working days before the meeting.

**Planning Committee** The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm in the village hall.

**Is your child 3 or 4 years old?** Primary school place – you must apply now

If your child was born on or between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school.

Full details of the process are on the County Council website.

Deadline for applications is **15 January 2019**.

Apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or on paper forms, available from the County Council website or a local school.

Help and information at: [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or 0345 241 2487

**Flu Jabs** We have been asked to urge all residents to get their annual flu jab soon. The virus strikes in winter and can be more serious than you think – it can lead to complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia and can be deadly.

Immunisation is free for those who:

- Are over 65
- Are pregnant
- Have certain long-term health conditions such as severe asthma, chronic heart disease, kidney or liver disease and diabetes
- Are aged 2-3 (not usually an injection, just a quick and easy nasal spray)

Find more information at [nhs.uk/getflujab](http://nhs.uk/getflujab)

# CALENDAR

|    |        |                           |              |
|----|--------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 6  | 5pm    | Evening Prayer            | Church       |
| 13 | 11am   | Lay-led Matins            | Church       |
|    |        | Oil Notification Deadline |              |
| 15 | 7.30pm | WI                        | Village Hall |
| 18 | 7.00pm | Social Evening            | Village Hall |
| 20 | 9.30am | Eucharist                 | Church       |
| 27 | 11am   | Eucharist                 | Church       |

## HEATING OIL DELIVERY - JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

In December 2018, seventeen villagers took advantage of buying in bulk from our usual local supplier, Ackerman & Niece.

This resulted in over 11,000 litres being delivered locally at a price of 47p per litre (the price paid is set on the day of delivery)

I have two dates for your diary if you need a delivery over the next couple of months. If you would like a delivery in January - please let me have details by Sunday 13th January 2019.

If you are likely to need a delivery in February - please let me have your details by Sunday 10th. You can either ring or email me with your name, address, telephone number and quantity of oil required (minimum delivery is 500 litres). Thank you

Jim Templer, Alberta House, Main Street Tel 349046 [jamesbjtempler@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbjtempler@gmail.com)

## Village News

**POPPY APPEAL** – The House to House collection raised the sum of £515.38. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Without your help, we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benovolant work.

Many, many thanks again – Poppy Day Appeal Collector

In January, Ken Lusted will be talking to the Duns Tew **WI** about Security at the House of Commons. I am sure that this will be a very interesting talk. Visitors are always welcome. The meeting is in Duns Tew village hall on Tuesday 15th January at 7.30 pm.

Any queries to Jenny on 07968862257.

**SOCIAL EVENING - BRING FOOD TO SHARE: 18 JANUARY, 7PM - 9:30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL.** Bring yourselves and food to share - time to chat & catch up after the holidays.

And if the conversation turns to the year ahead - what new upcycling, repair or making skills do you want this year? Anything from Computers to Cooking? Bicycles to Bartering? Sewing to Saving? Who shall we invite to talk to us or run a workshop?

All ages welcome. Cost: donations towards hall. Bev, Jacinta & Maria. Sustainable Duns Tew. Phone Maria : 07717 698214.

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