

Duns Tew

Newsletter – May 2019



Now is the month of Maying when merry lads are playing, fa la la la la ...

Many of us will have first encountered this song when we were at school.

It's certainly a cheerful little number, reflecting the joy of the time of year. Should you find yourself suddenly inspired to listen to it, there are many renditions available at the click of a mouse!

In church, May brings not so much our fa la la's, as a continuation of the Alleluias of Easter. It's the most joyous time of the Christian year, and this year the whole of May falls within the Easter season. Our focus is on new life and hope, made real for us in the resurrection of our Lord.

An exciting new venture during May is the start of our family services, which we hope will appeal to all generations. These will take place every third Sunday of the month in Duns Tew (and first Sunday of the month in Westcote Barton). We will begin with breakfast in church at 9am, followed by an informal service at 9.30, lasting for about 25 minutes. After this has finished, there will be a Eucharist for all who wish to stay on, starting at around 10.00. Please do come along and join us if you can.

This month, bookended with Bank Holidays and made beautiful through nature all around us, is a favourite for many. I hope it speaks to us of the great themes of God's life in creation, but also of re-creation through the message of Easter.

Best wishes,

Revd Jane Wright.

EXHIBITION

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Church News

MAY 12TH – 18TH CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – and house to house collections. If you would like to help, please contact Sarah Taylor (340827). Last year we raised over £1241 including gift aid – which was fantastic. Callers will be collecting envelopes towards the end of that week.

*****DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*****

- **Sunday 16 June: Church fete** Please see separate advertisement
- **Sunday 16 June 2019, 10am - Steeple Barton Chase:**
The main event is a 10K run, with a 5K run for the keen but slightly less energetic. There is also a 1K Fun Run for kids aged 4 to 10. See www.steeplebartonchase.co.uk for further details and registration information. *Plenty of time to come to the Duns Tew fete in the afternoon!*
- **Saturday 17 August Progressive Supper** - please put the date in your diary and if you are willing to host or help please contact Steph Lacey 347350 or Carol Rigby 340632 stephanielacey@btconnect.com nonesuchcarol@gmail.com

CHARITY OF THE QUARTER For May, June and July the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate near the door of the church, to help the work of the Banbury branch of **The Samaritans**. Nationally, The Samaritans receive 600 calls every hour from people who are struggling to cope. For more information please go to: www.samaritans.org. Please give generously.

POLLY As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church. Thank you to everyone who supports Polly. Chris Drake (340057)



Last year on 1st May we launched the successful '**Books for Duns Tew**' venture in the church meeting room and since then it has gone from strength to strength. 'Books for Duns Tew' is based on the 'Books for London' scheme where we invite you to leave a book that you've enjoyed on the shelves for someone else to read, and take away another book that takes your fancy.

No joining fee, No charge, No forms to fill in!

There is a good selection of books, including the latest bestsellers for both adults and children.

The church is open during daylight hours – more or less! When you get inside the church, walk down the aisle and at the bottom turn left to the meeting room where you will find the books.

Do turn the lights on, so that you can see, but please turn them off when you leave.

This venture is organised by the PCC of St Mary Magdalene Church

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Parish Council News

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

#### Community

- Emergency Plan

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- Bottle Bank
- Community Groups
- Welcome Pack –

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

#### Services

- Grass
- 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  
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 incl 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

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# Village Hall News

**The next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.30-12.30 in aid of Our Bus!** Please come and help this valuable charity that provides a link service to Deddington and beyond!

June coffee morning, note different time 10-12 in aid of Age UK.

**Dates for your diary! Boules and BBQ 13<sup>th</sup> July. Lunchtime onwards.**

Many thanks to all who came to tidy the area around the oil tank, it looks so much better! Also, thanks to Mark Rogers for his wonderful redecoration of the main hall, other areas to follow!



## Share your Memories and Photos The Village School / Village Hall

Many of you already know that our village hall was once the village school, which was purchased for the village after the school was closed in 1968.

The final transfer of the building to the charity set up to administer the hall was completed in January 1970, coming up to 50 years ago.

The Village Hall Committee would like to celebrate this amazing anniversary in January 2020 by bringing together as much historical information as possible about the building, both when it was a school, and since it has become our village hall, but ...

## we need your help!

Please search your photo albums, cupboards and drawers for all photos or documents you have about the building that you would be happy to share with others – photos from your school days maybe, or from village and family events held at the hall.

Or perhaps you have memories from attending the village school years ago? We would love to have a chat over a cup of coffee and record some of your memories – or could you write them down for us?

Our aim is to set up an exhibition in the hall next January, and scan any photos/documents/letters to include in this exhibition and also to add a permanent section to the village website.

If you can give/loan any photos or documents about the building, we will take great care of them and return them to you after the exhibition, if you wish.

Thank you!



# CALENDAR

|    |                  |                                                                                                     |                                       |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4  | 10.30am to 12.30 | Coffee Morning                                                                                      | Village Hall                          |
| 5  | 6pm              | Evening Prayer                                                                                      | Church                                |
| 12 | 11am             | Lay-led Matins                                                                                      | Church                                |
| 13 | 10am – 11.30am   | Happy Mondays                                                                                       | Village Hall                          |
| 14 | 7.30pm           | WI                                                                                                  | Village Hall                          |
| 17 | 7pm              | Roman Catholic Service<br>With Father Tony Joyce                                                    | Westcote Barton Church                |
| 18 | 2.30pm           | Sustainable Duns Tew                                                                                | Hill Farm Solar Panels                |
| 19 | 9am              | Family@Church, breakfast and<br>simple service, followed by Eucharist<br>for those who want to stay | Church                                |
| 20 | 10am – 11.30am   | Happy Mondays                                                                                       | Village Hall                          |
| 22 | 10.30am          | Holy Communion                                                                                      | tbc                                   |
| 26 | 11am             | Eucharist                                                                                           | Church                                |
| 30 | 2pm              | Ascension Day                                                                                       | Over Worton                           |
|    | 8pm              | Gardening Club                                                                                      | via Jo Lilley (jolhayduk@hotmail.com) |

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**INFORMAL GARDENING CLUB** Garden Chat is going mobile over the summer! We meet on the last **Thursday** of the month for a chat about gardening, and for the months of May, June, July and August, this will be in different gardens in the village.

We will be back to our usual venue of the White Horse in September. It is not a formal gardening club, just an opportunity to talk about gardens, plants, seeds, weeds and anything else garden related with like-minded people. Our next meeting is Thursday 30th May, 8pm. For details of the venue, please contact Jo Lilley ([johayduk@hotmail.com](mailto:johayduk@hotmail.com))

**HAPPY MONDAYS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** We meet every Monday, except bank holidays, from 10-11:30 in the village hall. We have 2 bank holidays during May which means that we are only meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Babies and pre-school children are very welcome with their carer at a cost of £2 per family. For more information, contact Jo Lilley ([johayduk@hotmail.com](mailto:johayduk@hotmail.com)) or Beth Brown ([bethbrown42@outlook.com](mailto:bethbrown42@outlook.com))

**SUSTAINABLE DUNS TEW -**  
Saturday, 18th May. 2.30pm

**VISIT TO HILL FARM SOLAR  
PANELS**

For further information, please  
contact

Charles Landless (07946 576348)

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**Doggerland, Folk Trio, Concert at Manor Farm, Ardley, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm**

If you were at the concert in the church in 2016 when Richard Burgess (Jon's brother) treated us to a wonderful concert of folk songs and instrumental music, you will definitely want to save the date for this upcoming event.

This time Richard will be playing with two Swedish musicians, performing polskas, reels, ballads & shanties.

Check out their website [www.doggerland.com](http://www.doggerland.com) <https://www.facebook.com/doggerlandfolk/>  
This is a private concert, courtesy of Fran and John Maksinski, with requested donations of £18 (early bird £15); if you would like to be invited please contact [music@mfmf.co.uk](mailto:music@mfmf.co.uk).

See Manor Farm website [www.mfmf.co.uk](http://www.mfmf.co.uk) for more details. :

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**DUNS TEW WI** The next meeting on the 14th of May is our annual Resolution meeting. The two campaigns on which we can choose are:

A call against the decline in local bus services and Don't fear the smear.

We will vote on which one we want to be taken to the National Annual meeting where a vote will be taken on the one to be taken forward.

As usual the meeting is in the village hall and starts at 7.30pm.

**Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock** Here at Marlborough School, we run a variety of daytime, evening and weekend community education courses.

You can join our weekly fitness and exercise classes at any point in the term, paying pro-rata. There are spaces currently available on:

Yoga: Pilates: Tai chi: Badminton: Zumba Gold:.

You can even exercise your lungs on our friendly Anyone Can Sing class!

We have a couple of home herbal courses coming up: one on Saturday 18 May on *Making Skin Creams, Lotions and Scrubs*, and a 4-week evening course on foraging.

If you would like to receive news about our new programme of courses starting in September 2019, please get in touch. Tel: 01993 813592 [comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)  
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It's not worth the risk

Do you know that 95% of collisions are due to human error? Distraction, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink or drugs are the big fatal four on our county's roads. Could you?

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to do not disturb before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created an handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide [365alive.co.uk/fatalfour](http://365alive.co.uk/fatalfour).



**HANCOCK Peter John**, sadly passed away peacefully on Friday March 22nd 2019 aged 85 years. The sympathies of the village go to Stuart and Darren, and the family. Pete was a much loved and respected member of the village; driving many of the village school children to and from school.

**Pat Adcock** (nee Bradley) sadly passed away peacefully on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Pat had lived her entire life in Duns Tew and was well known to many. Dad, myself and Sally would like to thank all those who attended her funeral in April and for the cards and letters of condolence which we have received. Thank you. Sam

