



DUCKLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The 6th Carols Round the Tree will take place outside St Bartholomew's Church on **Wednesday 17 December at 6.30pm**. Come and sing your favourite carols, whilst enjoying mince pies and sausage rolls, washed down with mulled wine or mulled cider.

There will also be a visit from Father Christmas, so come and see him in Santa's grotto.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!!!



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Welcome to our festive December/January issue! Inside you'll find details of Ducklington's Christmas events, community news, and celebrations of local achievements. Thank you to everyone who makes our village so special. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year!

Emma Buckard

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"Duck Lake at Sunrise" by Paul Lishman

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County Councillor

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Dates for the Diary

2025

- Friday 5th Dec – Messy Church, 3.15pm
- Tuesday 16th Dec – Round Table Santa Sleigh visit through Ducklington
- Sat. 6th/Sun. 7th Dec – Christmas Festival, St. Bartholemew's Church
- Wednesday 17th Dec - Carols around the Christmas Tree, 6.30pm
- Thursday 18th Dec – Civic Carol Service, 6.30pm
- Friday 19th Dec – Ducklington School finishes for Christmas break, 1.30pm
- Thurs 25th / Fri 26th Dec – Christmas Bank Holidays

2026

- Thursday 1st Jan – New Years Day Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th Jan – Ducklington School returns for Spring term
- Thursday 15th Jan - Primary School application deadline (for children born between 1st Sep 2021 and 31st Aug 2022)
- Friday 16th Jan – Newsletter entry deadline (Feb/Mar Issue)
- Monday 2nd Feb – DHPA Annual Village Show AGM, 7.30pm
- Bin Collections over Christmas and New Year - please see later in newsletter

Reminders

Dog waste – We kindly ask all dog owners to be responsible and considerate by cleaning up after their pets. Please respect our beautiful village and keep an eye on your furry friends.

Safe and considerate parking in Ducklington - Ducklington Parish Council is keen to promote safe and considerate parking in the village. This means being aware of others and not blocking their access or causing a hazard.

The Parish Council



The Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall (The Lilac Room) at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and observe the meetings. For any queries please contact:
The Parish Clerk, Mr Steve Smith

Post: The Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington OX29 7UX

E: clerk@ducklingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

More information about the Parish Council, services, local events and news updates is available on the Parish Council website:

www.ducklingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

February/March Newsletter deadline for entries is 16th January 2026: newsletter@ducklingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



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Thinking back to my last post prior to this year's apple pressing day, I was very worried that we would be struggling for fruit by the time of the event at the beginning of October. How wrong I was! My worries were based on the number of apples that were falling from the trees around the village and most other people were of the same opinion. However, the long dry summer was followed by a spell of wet weather in September, and this may have helped the trees to retain the fruit for longer than expected.

One thing is certain, there was an awful lot of apples. This was partly due to the warm spring, when the trees were in blossom, and the lack of those troublesome late frosts that we are prone to get allowed a greater amount of pollination. Also, there is a suggestion that the dry summer caused considerable stress in the trees, the consequence of which produces an abnormally large amount of fruit.

This is likely to be a survival strategy, a situation we probably have all witnessed in the hedgerows this year and significantly with the oak. If anyone has stood under a large oak tree this autumn, it's impossible not to notice the carpet of acorns surrounding it. This is generally referred to as a 'mast year', when the trees produce an unusual number of acorns, ensuring a higher chance that some will escape consumption by the animals that usually feed on acorns in the autumn.

Traditionally, it was common to turn pigs out into the forests to fatten up on the acorns, a practice known as 'pannage'. This is still practised in some areas of the county, notably in the New Forest, where it helps to remove the abundance of acorns, which are poisonous to horses and other farm animals, but not to pigs. The mention of pigs brings me back to apple pressing, as one of the most common questions I get asked is, 'where does all the waste apple go'? This is called pomace, and the connection is of course, pigs. Our pomace goes to Peashell Farm to mix in with the pig food, so fulfilling our idea of reducing waste and turning all those lovely apples into something useful.

A big thank you to everyone who came down to another successful apple pressing day. We were blessed again with a dry day, although not especially sunny.

We had an amazing number of apples this year, the most ever, and special thanks to all those who brought some apples for pressing. Thankfully we had our new press in operation, which helped us cope with the amount that needed pressing. It is actually an old press, possibly 200 years, although a bit like grandma's old broom, with three new handles and six new heads, it has been much rebuilt with mostly-new wood.

We are grateful to the parish council who were able to negotiate a road closure, allowing the event to occupy more of the village green, making it safer for everyone to spread out. There was a good selection of steam engines, vintage tractors and other classic vehicles, and it was nice to have the Ducklington Morris able to perform for everyone. The ever-popular vintage tea tent was busier than usual. Thanks to all our volunteers for baking cakes and manning the tent all day. It is heart-warming to have an event where everyone can come and enjoy a couple of hours outside, just connecting with their neighbours. A great community effort and really nice to chat to so many people.

The date for next year's apple pressing day is Sunday 11th October. Hope to see you all there.

Regards
Jim Shackell



Ducklington Village Hall



For bookings please contact Amanda Armitage on:

adrianarmitage5@aol.com

or complete the form on the website:

ducklingtonvillagehall.co.uk



The local community and all users of The Village Hall are reminded that this fantastic facility continues to enjoy Gigaclear's free hyperfast 900Mbps full fibre broadband.

Ducklington Village Hall weekly timetable

- Monday – Seated Exercise Class 11am – 12pm
- Monday - Chess from 7pm
- Tuesday – Tai Chi Quigong 12 – 1pm
- Tuesday – Pilates 10.30 – 11.30am
- Tuesday - Duck Morris Dancers from 8pm
- Wednesday - Dance from 4.30pm (Dancemania)
- Wednesday – Ducklington Parish Council meeting 7.30pm (1st Wednesday of the month only)
- Thursday – Quigong 9.30am – 10.30am
- Thursday – Warm Welcome Space 11.30am – 3pm
- Thursday - Dance 4.45 – 6.45pm (Dancemania)
- Ducklington WI from 7.30pm (2nd Thursday of the month only)
- Friday - Zumba 11.15am – 12pm
- Saturday - Dance 9.15am – 1.45pm (Dancemania)



Flower Show Annual General Meeting

2nd February 2026

Ducklington Sports Club

7.30pm

All welcome!

We are looking for new committee members and volunteers. Please come along to the AGM or drop us an email: duckflowershow@gmail.com

Ducklington Sports Club youth football teams will be helping the Round Table and ladies Circle by walking alongside the Sleigh with collection buckets, raising money for local community groups. Look out for them on 16th December in Ducklington!

WITNEY ROUND TABLE AND LADIES CIRCLE

SANTA'S SLEIGH

December 2025

<p>1ST KINGFISHER MEADOW 5 SPRINGFIELD AVE</p> <p>2ND VALENCE CRESENT DEER PARK</p> <p>3RD COGGES ESTATE</p> <p>4TH STONESFIELD</p> <p>5TH NEW YATT RD</p> <p>8TH SMITHS ESTATE</p>	<p>9TH WINDRUSH ESTATE</p> <p>10TH RALEGH CRESCENT DEER PARK</p> <p>11TH BURWELL ESTATE</p> <p>12TH HAILEY ROAD</p>	<p>16TH DUCKLINGTON</p> <p>17TH MADLEY PARK</p> <p>18TH THORNEY LEYS</p> <p>19TH MINSTER LOVELL</p> <p>23RD WITNEY TOWN CENTRE</p>
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SANTA'S SLEIGH STARTS FROM 6:30PM TILL 8PM

FUNDRAISING FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS
WHO WILL BE OUT COLLECTING WITH US EACH NIGHT

Check our website for updates: witneybeerfestival.com

Christmas Dingbats Answers

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| 1. Noel
2. Three Wise Men
3. Kisses under the mistletoe
4. Last Christmas
5. Little donkey
6. Mince pies
7. Away in a Manger
8. Leftover turkey
9. Holy night
10. Opening presents | 11. North star
12. Jack Frost
13. White Christmas
14. Season's Greetings
15. Peace on Earth
16. Pigs in blankets
17. Donner
18. Decorations
19. Carols
20. Presence over
21. Presents |
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Art Trail

The art trail is well underway in Ducklington. The wooden art structure at Bartholomew Close Park is finished. Cotswold artist, Natasha Houseago, has been working on site since July. She enjoyed having many visitors and discussing her work. The sensory garden has started on Chalcroft Park. This will have a poem given by Pam Ayres engraved in the stone paving, surrounded by plants and trees and places to sit and enjoy. The mosaic planters are now at the entrances to the villages, so thank you to Sarah Varnom and volunteers for creating these lovely planters. Artwork coming in the new year will be at the beacon and at the entrance to Fritillary Field, both designed by Oxfordshire artist, Christopher Townsend. The funds used for the art trail were given by s106 monies, designated for art, to Ducklington Parish council. The whole trail will be launched in spring/early summer 2026, so watch this space.



Playgrounds

Also to note, the new base at Glebelands Park is for two new benches, again coming soon. Chalcroft play park is due to be renovated late 2026 with monies from the solar farm.

Jo George

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BARN DANCE

Thank you to everyone that came to the Barn Dance. We raised £113 to donate to St. Bartholomew's Church.



Keep an eye out for the next Barn Dance in Spring 2026.

We hope to see you there!





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Introduction

I'd like to begin by expressing my thanks to Ducklington. Our village has recently hosted some wonderful community events. To start, wasn't the Annual Apple Pressing Day fantastic? The cider was delicious, and the homemade cakes were just as impressive. Huge thanks and congratulations go out to everyone who volunteered and organised this brilliant annual event in the village calendar. I was also proud to attend the Remembrance Services at St Bartholomew's this year, and it was a privilege to lay a wreath in memory of all those commemorated at the Village War Memorial. The turnout at the memorial was fantastic, so thank you to the organisers and to everyone who joined in paying their respects.

SSE Priority Register

We are now at the time of year where, sadly, power cuts become a bit more frequent. That's why I would encourage you to share with your family and friends the SSE Priority Register. This is a service designed for those customers who may be a bit more vulnerable; therefore, they are entitled to a priority service in the event of a power cut.

For more information on this service, please follow: <https://www.ssen.co.uk/power-cuts-emergencies/priority-services/>

Ducklington Warm Welcome Space

The Warm Welcome Space can be found in the village hall on a Thursday from 11:30 – 15:00. This space provides people with a warm, social space, providing people with a comfortable, safe community space.

I recently attended to provide an update on some of the activities I get up to as a Councillor and a Scout Leader. Please do encourage family and friends along.

Bartholomew Close Public Art

The wonderful Natasha has recently finished the fantastic art sculpture at the bottom of Bartholomew Close. You can see the swan and the fritillary – it really is a masterpiece, so if you're having a walk through the village, go and have a look.

Witney Library Re-Opening

Over the last few months many of you will know that the library has continued to service people from the Witney Fire Station, due to the refurbishment. But I am now really pleased that the library will be re-opening on 6th December! The new space will be fantastic, continuing to put readers at the heart of its service. So, from 6th December please to support the local library back in its newly refurbished premises.

The Moors

The recent spell of wet weather has clearly demonstrated why The Moors is entirely unsuitable for development. We must continue to firmly oppose any building plans here. The Environment Agency have previously stated that development on this site is inappropriate, making the ongoing efforts by the developer and landowner to be completely self-serving. I will continue to stand against these proposals, and I know many of you share this commitment.

Oxford Congestion Zone

Despite much opposition, the Oxford Congestion Zone is now live. Here in Ducklington, we will get 25 passes to travel through the areas below. Once you have used your 25 passes, you will need to pay £5 to travel through the areas in the table. Blue Badge holders are exempt, but do need to apply for their exemption.

Charging point	Charging days	Charging times
Hythe Bridge Street	Monday to Sunday	7am - 7pm
St Cross Road	Monday to Sunday	7am - 7pm
St Clements Street	Monday to Sunday	7am - 7pm
Thames Street	Monday to Sunday	7am - 7pm
Marston Ferry Road	Monday to Saturday	7am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm
Hollow Way	Monday to Saturday	7am - 9am and 3pm - 6pm

Further information can be found on the County Council website:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/transport-and-travel/connecting-oxfordshire/temporary-congestion-charge>



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Find out more about the congestion charge

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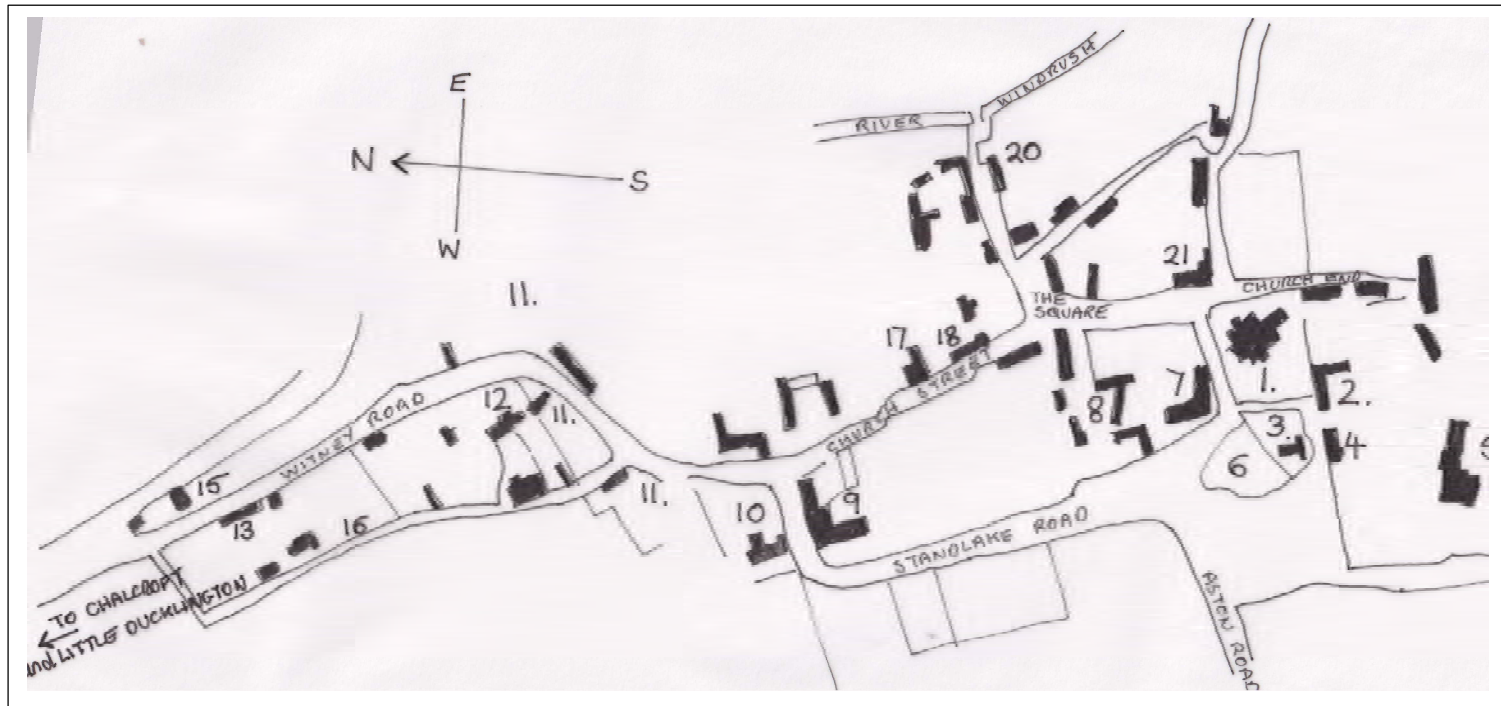
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Ducklington History

Whilst rifling through an unlabelled white box that I randomly extricated from the collection of Ducklington history society material, I found a small paper booklet titled "Ducklington History Trail". Created in 2010 by the Ducklington History Group, it takes the reader on a guided tour of the more notable part of the old village. I can find no information as to if/how it was distributed, and it seems a crime for it to languish without the Ducklington community being aware of it. So, my aim is to share it with you across several editions of the newsletter.

A trail is of no use without a map; and whilst the booklet has a somewhat blurry one, by good fortune the original hand drawing was also in the box, which is reproduced below. The History Group then selected 21 sites and provided descriptions to convey some of the history of each. The June/July edition of the newsletter gave brief descriptions of the first six locations; here are several more:



7. **The Old School.** The National School, and the attached head teacher's house, were built in 1857-58 on a site given by the Stricklands of Cokethorpe. Originally of two rooms, the infants section was enlarged in 1896 and a third room was added in 1901. In 1930 the school was reorganised as a primary school with the older children having to travel to Witney. In 1962 a new school was built across the road and the old school finally sold for private housing in 1994. Proceed along Standlake Road to The Bell.

8. **The Bell Yard.** The collection of buildings known as The Bell Yard is most interesting and worthy of study in its own right. In 1839 it was a complex of six houses, a carpenter's shop, yard and gardens. The portion now forming The Bell restaurant, of seventeenth century origin, was a cottage held by William Jordan, a wheelwright, adjoining Smith's forge. The building that is now the pub was probably a barn, but in the mid nineteenth century was extended and converted into a brewery which ceased operating in 1886. Inside the pub is a covered well, probably used to provide the brewing water. Leave the Bell Yard and continue along Standlake Road passing Eve Cottage on your right, to Yew Tree House;

9. **Yew Tree House.** Originally a farm, this property was rebuilt in the 1860's as a gentleman's residence, but later reverted back to a farm. The land opposite the house was laid out as an enclosed small park, hence the remains of high stone walls fronting the properties on Standlake Road. To the rear of the house were barns and stables, now converted into residential units. The farmyard lay on the other side of Church Street on land occupied by Bartholomew Close. Continue around the "S" bend passing Manor Farm on your left.

10. **Manor Farm.** A seventeenth century farmhouse with a later additional "cottage" built for the retiring farmer when his son took over the running of the farm. The farm buildings were in the area now occupied by Pound Close. The fields lay behind and to the right of the house.

11. **Parish Pound, the Great House & Old Bakehouse.** The piece of land at the far side of the entrance to Pound Close was the Parish Pound where stray animals were kept until collected by their owner. The fine of one shilling, paid to the constable, was called the "pinlock". The high wall opposite the Pound was the garden wall of The Great House which was demolished around 1840. Proceed around the bend and along Witney Road. The end cottage on the right, number 14 Witney Road, is reputedly the kitchen end of the Great House and dates from the seventeenth century or earlier. On your left is the thatched Old Bakehouse which date back from the late seventeenth century. Continue along the road to The Strickland Arms.

12. **The Strickland Arms.** [now a private dwelling] It may have been previously called the Ball or Blue Ball, but the name was evidently changed when the Stricklands became resident at Cokethorpe from 1812. In the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the buildings on the right of the pub yard were two storeyed, extending all the way to Witney Road, and included a brewery. The main building is seventeenth century, much altered, but remains some original features. Continue along Witney Road past the former village shop (13) as shown in the image and the Baptist Church (15) to the green called Chalford Common.

13. **Chalford Green.** [presumably the grassed area where the Council have added some children's play equipment]. Chalcroft has been an open area since at least 1837 and presumably for many years previously. To the north are the cottages of Little Ducklington, where the author and broadcaster Mollie Harris lived as a child. To the east is a lane called Coatham which may have been the main driveway to the Great House. Retracing your steps along Witney Road, turn right by the post box and along the footpath which leads towards Tristram Road.

To be continued...

I also have something for those who have access to the Internet and want to see our village as it once was. Between the 1820s and 1960s, Ordnance Survey produced maps of the UK landmass at a whopping six inches to represent one mile. These are accessible via the National Library of Scotland. Use <https://maps.nls.uk/geo/find> to access the resource, and within the dialog box labelled 'Choose maps' select 'Great Britain, Ordnance Survey' and 'OS Six-Inch, 1820s to 1960s'. Then, using a mouse wheel, use your geographic skills to zoom into Oxfordshire and then Ducklington. Click on the box in which Ducklington is located and it will turn blue ... and at the right edge are the OS maps through the years that are available. Select each of them and enjoy scrolling to zoom into the very high resolution imagery ... they are exquisite. You can even buy them!

Mark Collishaw, Ducklington

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Meet the Parish Councillors - Sarah Varnom

We're delighted to introduce **Sarah Varnom**, who has been serving as a valued member of the **Ducklington Parish Council** for three years.

Sarah's connection to our village runs deep, having moved to Ducklington **22 years ago**. Her professional life was dedicated to **education** for over 25 years, where she gained extensive experience as a teacher, headteacher and adviser. Most recently, she held the demanding post of **Strategic Lead for Education Quality in Oxfordshire** and also worked as a **lead inspector for Ofsted** in the south east of England.

Driven by a passion for her community, Sarah joined the Parish Council with a desire to "give something back." Her commitment to Ducklington goes far beyond the council table. She previously spent time as **Chair of Governors at Ducklington Primary School** and currently lends her time and expertise to the **Ducklington and Hardwick Village Hall committee**.

Sarah is also a very active member of **St Bartholomew's Church**, where she has served on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for eight years and holds the important role of **Parish Safeguarding Officer**.

When she isn't devoting her time to community matters, Sarah enjoys a variety of creative hobbies. You might find her **making beautiful mosaics**, tending to her **garden**, or enjoying **cooking**. She has been a long-standing active member of the **Faringdon Dramatic Society** for over 20 years, bringing a touch of theatrical flair to her spare time. For a bit of relaxation Sarah turns to making homemade treats, producing her popular preserves for **"Mrs V's Chutneys and Preserves"**.

The Parish Council is fortunate to benefit from Sarah's extensive professional knowledge, her deep community roots, and her unwavering enthusiasm for making Ducklington a better place for everyone.



Our latest edition of Care Matters Magazine is now available.

Staying well this winter

As the days shorten and temperatures drop, caring for a loved one can feel even more demanding. Supporting someone with daily tasks or providing emotional care brings its own rewards, but it can also increase stress during winter. We've got some [top tips for looking after your health and wellbeing](#) during the winter months.

Carer Q&A

Caring for a child with additional needs changes every part of life. We hear from a parent carer, who [shares her journey](#) of caring for her nine-year-old son with epilepsy and severe learning disabilities — and how she balances the challenges of caring with everyday family life.



We're launching Carers Phone Friends

Loneliness is one of the biggest challenges unpaid carers face. Through our new [Carers Phone Friends](#) initiative, launching this autumn, volunteers can help change that — by offering a friendly voice and a listening ear to carers across Oxfordshire. Could you or someone you know help make a difference?

You can request a free copy of Care Matters in the post by contacting marketing@carersoxfordshire.org.uk or calling **01235 424 715**.

Kind regards
Carers Oxfordshire



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Make an application to primary school

Parents of infant school children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2026.

- applications can be submitted from 4 November 2025
- deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 January 2026
- applications submitted later than this will be processed later in the year and have a far lower chance of securing a place at a preferred school, so please apply on time
- National Offer Day is 16 April 2026

Stay Safe this Winter: Ducklington's Grit Bins are Here to Help!

As the colder months approach and the risk of icy conditions increases, Ducklington Parish Council wants to remind all residents about the readily available grit bins located at strategic points throughout our village.

These grit bins are provided for your safety and convenience. In the event of snow or ice, you are very welcome to use the grit to treat public footpaths, roads and other communal areas in your immediate vicinity.

A little grit can make a big difference in preventing slips, trips, and ensuring safe passage for everyone in our community.

We encourage residents to be good neighbours and consider helping those who may be less able to clear icy patches themselves. Together, we can help keep Ducklington safe and accessible for all during the winter period.

Please remember that the grit is intended for use on public areas, not private driveways or property.

You can spot our grit bins, like the one pictured here, at various key locations around Ducklington. Let's all do our part to prepare for winter!



Ducklington WI

Perhaps you've been considering coming to see what Ducklington WI is all about because we are, indeed, a varied bunch! Going from strength to strength, we would be delighted to welcome newcomers on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. For any further information, please contact Jennifer Pratley via email:

jenniferpratley@hotmail.co.uk



Ducklington and Hardwick with Yelford Charity.

The object of the Charity is to relieve, either generally or individually, persons resident in the Parishes of Ducklington, Hardwick and Yelford, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress. For example: help with heating, transport costs etc.

The Charity also considers requests from young people who reside within the Parishes of Ducklington, Hardwick or Yelford, who are embarking on Further Education or Apprenticeships. Grants can be made for books or to help with the purchase of equipment.

In the first instance please write to the Clerk, Mrs Gillian Caton:

10 Lovell Close, Ducklington, OX29 7YQ

Tel: 01993 702261 / 07720868954

Email: gilliancaton5@gmail.com

Thank you to Kate Smith!

A heartfelt thank you to Kate Smith for creating a beautiful knitted nativity scene as a post box topper in the village. It looks fantastic and is sure to bring a smile to everyone who passes by each day.



Cedar Court Care Home

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Cedar Court is a warm and welcoming home set on the edge of the Cotswolds. We offer the highest standards of care where dignity is respected, interests are nurtured, and our residents are cared for like family. With a range of **residential, nursing and dementia care** on offer as well as specialist care for younger people with disabilities, Cedar Court is the ideal choice.

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Congratulation to **Leila Dowley** who qualified for CLRG World Championships, taking place in Chicago, 2026. This is an extraordinary achievement – only the top 1% of Irish Dancers worldwide earn the honour of qualifying for this prestigious event.

She has trained with remarkable dedication, discipline and passion and her family and friends are incredibly proud to see her hard work recognised.

Well done Leila!

Help Leila get to Chicago! Simply scan the QR code with your phone to visit the JustGiving page and make a donation. Thank you for your support!



Ducklington Sports Club Update



As the year draws to a close, it's been another fantastic month at Ducklington Sports Club. Earlier in November all of our teams marked Remembrance weekend with impeccably observed minute silences before their matches. It was a proud moment to see players and supporters of every age paying their respects together.

Off the pitch, our latest pub quiz, brilliantly hosted by John Smyth, proved as popular as ever, with a packed clubhouse and plenty of friendly competition. That one marked our final quiz of 2025, and we're already looking forward to bringing it back in the new year.

Looking ahead to the festive season, we're excited to announce that brand-new Ducklington Sports Club hats and scarves will be available very soon, just in time for Christmas! They'll be on sale directly at the club, so why not grab one and show your colours on the touchline this winter?

As always, a big thank you to everyone who continues to support the teams, from the players and parents to our volunteers and local community.

Football

All age group fixtures, along with league tables and results for U12s+, can be seen on the Ducklington Sports Club website:

www.ducklingtonsportsclub.co.uk

Contact

If you would like to get in contact with the Sports Club to hire, play football, or just ask about what we do, please use the website or give the secretary, Ed Todd, a call / email:

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A Fresh Look at the Nativity

Dear Friends,

The Christmas story is one we know so well – perhaps too well. Mary and Joseph, a journey to Bethlehem, no room at the inn, a stable, shepherds, and angels singing “Glory to God in the highest.” We can almost tell it without thinking. But sometimes, when a story becomes familiar, we stop really seeing it.

This year, I wonder if we might look again.

What if we step back and approach the Nativity not as a well-worn tale, but as a living story – one that still has something new to say to us today? What might it reveal about God, about ourselves, and about hope in unexpected places?

Mary and Joseph’s journey was full of uncertainty, exhaustion, and faith. The birth of Jesus – in simplicity, poverty and peace – was a quiet miracle that changed everything. Yet, in the rush of our own celebrations, it’s so easy to take it for granted. I find myself asking: Do I sometimes take Jesus for granted? Do I take this story for granted because I already know how it ends?

Perhaps this Christmas you might choose to begin the journey again – to look a little deeper, to search for something fresh, inspiring and real. You may even find yourself wondering: Was Jesus real? Was He important? Could He be someone I want to know more about?

If you’re curious, or if you’re simply weary and in need of peace, you would be so welcome to come along to church this Christmas season. Whether it’s to join in the singing, to light a candle, or simply to find a few quiet moments in the midst of the hecticness, our doors – and our hearts – are open.

Why not take a fresh look this Christmas? Beneath the familiar wrapping of the Nativity, you might find hidden gems you hadn’t noticed before – signs of love, hope and wonder waiting to be rediscovered.

Wishing you a Christmas of new discoveries and joy, and a New Year filled with peace and hope.

With every blessing,

Andrea

Rector, St Bartholomew’s Church, Ducklington

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Upcoming Christmas Events at St Bartholomew’s

We warmly welcome you to the following activities and services:

- Christmas Messy Church – Friday 5th December, 3:15–5:00pm
- Christmas Festival Weekend – Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December The church will be open with refreshments on both days to enjoy the Christmas trees decorated by many village groups.
- Brize Singers Concert – Saturday 6th December, 7:00pm
- Christingle Service – Sunday 7th December, 5:00pm
- Carol Service – Sunday 14th December, 6:00pm
- Carol Singing Around the Christmas Tree – Wednesday 17th December, 6:30pm Join us in the churchyard for carols and refreshments.
- Civic Carol Service – Thursday 18th December, 6:30pm
- Crib Service – Wednesday 24th December, 4:00pm
- Midnight Mass – Wednesday 24th December, 11:15pm
- Family Christmas Service – Thursday 25th December, 10:00am Everyone is welcome – come and celebrate Christmas with us in joy and peace.

The Chair of West Oxfordshire District Council, Councillor Andrew Coles, is hosting a special Civic Christmas Carol Service at St Bartholomew's Church on Thursday 18th December at 6.30pm. It's the first time WODC have hosted a Carol Service in many years and Councillor Coles wanted to help showcase the beautiful village and church. His Majesty the King's Lord-Lieutenant has been invited and the Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester, the Rev'd Preb Jane Haslam, will give the address. Children from Ducklington Primary School are coming along to perform something special. There are also a few treats and surprises in store. There will be a collection during the service which will be shared equally between the Church and the Chair's chosen charities - Dementia Oxfordshire, part of Oxfordshire Age UK, and Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. There will be refreshments after the service and, as with all services at St Bartholomew's, everyone is most welcome!



CHAIR OF WEST OXFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL'S
CIVIC
CAROL SERVICE
THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER
6.30PM
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, CHURCH STREET, DUCKLINGTON,
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Ducklington Solar Farm Construction Nearing Completion



We have an important update regarding the **Ducklington Solar Farm** project, which many residents have been following closely.

The Parish Council has received a construction update indicating that the main **bulk of the construction work is scheduled to finish between November and December this year**. This is a significant milestone for the project.

Once the main construction is complete, the focus will shift entirely to site tidiness and the technical aspects of bringing the solar farm online. This will involve a considerable amount of **site clearance and cleanup**, as well as detailed **electrical testing** of all the new equipment.

Energisation and First Generation

The current estimate for the site to be **connected to the grid and fully energised is between March and May 2026**.

We understand that residents are keen to know exactly when the solar farm will start generating electricity. While a precise date isn't available yet, the developer has assured the Parish Council that they will **provide the first date of generation as soon as it is firmed up**.

We anticipate having a more detailed and firm date to share with you early in the New Year.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the progress and provide updates in future newsletters. In the meantime, if you have any immediate queries about the solar farm construction, please submit them to the Parish Council and we will pass them on to the developer.

Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, Ducklington

Do you like churches, but not going to church? I think that is perfectly understandable and permissible and possible, and churches are much more than what happens there on a Sunday!

When I was at the Cheltenham Literary Festival in October, I picked up a book by Andrew Ziminski, *Church Going: A Stonemason's Guide to the Churches of the British Isles*.

At the beginning of the book, Ziminski says this:

For many centuries, churches were the most prominent and busiest building in their community... and so offer as close an encounter with the past as it is possible to get.

The same book had this somewhat frivolous verse by Evelyn Ryan on the flyleaf (Ryan was an Ohio poet and jingle and slogan writer!)

*Every time I pass a church
I stop and make a visit,
So when I'm carried in feet first
God won't say "Who is it?"*

There is another – more thoughtful – poem about visiting a church by Philip Larkin: it is called *Church Going*, and I definitely recommend reading the whole poem! Larkin adopts a somewhat cynical attitude, but there are some really profound thoughts and lines in the poem. I particularly like ..

*For, though I've no idea
What this accoutred, frowstry barn is worth,
It pleases me to stand in silence here:*

*A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognized, and robed as destinies.*

If you are drawn to church buildings, as Philip Larkin said he was, do make St Bartholomew's Church a place to visit. The church is open from 10am-3pm most weekdays and Saturdays and Sundays, and you might find that you have the church to yourself if you visit at one of those times!

The *Friends of Ducklington Church* are a loose association of people who love the fact that the church has been here in the centre of the village for many, many generations. Each year individual Friends make a donation [£12 or £20] and this is ring-fenced to maintain the fabric of the church – that is, the bricks and mortar (and the gutters and the drains!). Currently, there are about 100 Friends and so their contribution is not insignificant.

If you would like to know more about being a Friend of St Bartholomew's Church, you could contact us by email

Friends@ducklingtonchurch.org.uk

or drop a note into the Rectory, 6 Standlake Road, Ducklington, addressed to: **Friends, c/o The Rectory**

Thank you,
Ruth Edy
Membership Secretary, Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, Ducklington



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What's on...

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Christmas Opening Times:

Xmas Eve - Normal
Xmas Day - 12-9
Boxing Day to 30th - Normal
New Years Eve - 12-1am
New Years Day - Normal

Large groups catered
for, with bookings
outside of usual food
service times available.

Monthly Events:
Quiz Night 1st Sunday
Open Mic 1st Friday
Folk Music Session 3rd
Sunday
NEW!! Karaoke Last Friday

Ducklington Planters

I hope everyone is enjoying the planters that have arrived in the village. They are a very welcome sight as you drive in. They are currently planted up with spring-flowering bulbs and ornamental grasses. I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard with me to make, design and create them. Firstly, a big thank you to members of the 'Highworth Community Shed' who built them for us, and to Gary Woodley for the tremendous fritillary design that features on each planter. To all the artists who worked with me using glass, china and tiles to create the finished pieces. It is painstaking work, but was made great fun as we worked together and got to know some new faces from the village. So, a very big thank you to: Gill, Andrea, Lori, Verlie, Lesley, Ally, Joyce, the two Jennys, Angela and Celia and Catharine. What a fabulous team! Thank you to Matt and Lesley Barker who helped me to secure the planters in the right places. Let's hope we can enjoy them through the changing seasons.

Sarah Varnom



MESSY CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH IS BACK!
FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER 2025.
3.15-5.00PM
IN ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, DUCKLINGTON.

COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND FOOD! OUR THEME IS LIGHT.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILDREN ALONG AND STAY WITH THEM DURING THE SESSION. TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE.



Just a reminder:
'Messy Church' is:

- a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality.
- it meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't necessarily belong to church.
- it typically includes a welcome, a creative time to explore a biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and sharing food together.
- it's fun.
- it's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age.
- it models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family.
- its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Ducklington Warm Welcome Space

Contact: Gill Long
07780 781839 ducklingtonwarmwelcome@gmail.com



The Warm Welcome Space, located in Ducklington Village Hall, continues to offer a friendly and inclusive environment for everyone in the community.

Come and join us for a coffee! Or stay for lunch! It's all free of charge and you'll be made very welcome.

The Warm Welcome Space at Ducklington Village Hall runs every Thursday from 11.30am to 3pm. We offer a friendly, safe space with a free lunches, cake and hot & cold drinks.

This week we celebrated our 3rd Anniversary! A big thank you goes to Carol, who made our very tasty celebration cake. We are proud to say that we have opened every Thursday for 3 years, except on polling days and Christmas. This is amazing and we are extremely grateful for the funding received from OCVA (Connected Communities Fund) and donations from the Ducklington and Hardwick with Yelford charity, Ducklington Village Christmas Fayre, Rotary, the Village Hall committee and individual donations.

The success of Warm Welcome Space in Ducklington is truly down to all our wonderful volunteers, generous financial donations and the friendly people who come along each Thursday. Please join us if you can, either by visiting or becoming a volunteer. All ages are welcome.

You will find excellent company, a lot of chat and activities. Recently we have been visited by our local councillor, Thomas Ashby, who listened and talked with our visitors about local concerns, and a representative from SSE, who discussed being on the Priority Services Register for power cuts. We enjoyed a crafting session with Joyce this week, making Christmas cards. The church has invited us to join in their Christmas tree festival, so we will be having another crafting session in two weeks' time to prepare decorations for our Christmas tree. Look out for it when you visit the festival!

I look forward to seeing you at Ducklington Warm Welcome Space soon.



If you want to support us, join us as a volunteer or find out more about our space, we would love to hear from you.

Send us a message on:
ducklingtonwarmwelcome@gmail.com

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

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Special Events

- Brize Singers Christmas Concert
Saturday 6 December – 7 pm
- Christingle Service
Sunday 7 December – 5 pm

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WILD DUCK

Our intrepid volunteers turned out on 27th September to carry out a bit more work to help create wildlife-friendly verges and fill them with nectar and pollen, bringing a bit more colour and joy to us all.

One team tended to the planting in the car park beds, another cleared the Starnham Road 'triangle' of grass cuttings and planted a few perennial wild flowers, then planted snowdrops along the footpath that leads from there to Witney Road. A third group planted primroses and wild daffodils on the grass area near the war memorial. These may all take a little while to establish, but should give a good display for everyone to enjoy in the years to come. In addition, Smiths have very kindly provided a number of large stones which have been placed to protect the Starnham Road triangle from vehicle damage. This project is ongoing and all areas in the village will be considered, at some point, for a bit of extra planting. If you would like to get involved and improve a verge near you, please get in touch, as your ideas would be very welcome - or even if you would simply like to be included on the mailing list, and notified about future working parties.

Marilyn Morris - mhighcroft@gmail.com



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Grey week



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Waste & recycling calendar

2025/26

Green week

Thursday 25 September

Thursday 9 October

Thursday 23 October

Thursday 6 November

Thursday 20 November

Thursday 4 December

Thursday 18 December

Saturday 3 January
(No garden waste)

Thursday 15 January

Thursday 29 January

Thursday 12 February

Thursday 26 February

Thursday 12 March

Thursday 26 March

Grey week

Thursday 18 September

Thursday 2 October

Thursday 16 October

Thursday 30 October

Thursday 13 November

Thursday 27 November

Thursday 11 December

Saturday 27 December

Friday 9 January

Thursday 22 January

Thursday 5 February

Thursday 19 February

Thursday 5 March

Thursday 19 March

Thursday 2 April



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- 3 December
- 12 December

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Real Christmas Tree Recycling

Real Christmas trees will be collected from all households on their scheduled garden waste collection day. Please remove all decorations, tree lights and stands, and reduce larger trees down to 1-metre lengths to assist crews.



Christmas Dingbats

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PRODUCT	KG	LB	PER KG	TO SERVE	PRICE RANGE	
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BONELESS Single breast	2 - 3.5	6.6	£19.69	8 - 14	£40.00 - £70.00	
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Cockerel - Free Range	2.5+	5+	5-6	£16.99	
	3+	7+	7-8		
	4+	9+	9-10		
Goose - Free Range	3	8-11	6	£23.00	
	4	11-13	8		
	5+	13-16	8-10		
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Salt Beef			
Rolled Sirloin Joint			
Rolled Topside Joint			
Rolled Rib			
Carvery Rib (Bone In)			
Filet			
Brisket Joint			

Lamb			
Whole Leg of Lamb (serves 8-10)			
Rolled leg of lamb (10+)			
Shoulder of lamb			
Rack of lamb			

Pork			
Boneless leg of pork			
Boneless Loin of Pork			
Boneless Loin of Pork stuffed with.....			
Spare Rib Joint			

Gammon, Ham & Bacon delete as necessary			
Gammon Joint - Smoked/unsmoked bone in /boneless			
Streaky Bacon smoked /unsmoked			
Back Bacon smoked / unsmoked			
Cooked ham - joint / slices			

Homemade Sausages, Sausagemeat & Stuffing			
Sausagemeat		500g tube	
Gluten Free Sausagemeat		500g tube	
Homemade stuffing - Pork, sage & red onion		500g tube	
Homemade stuffing - Pork, cranberry & orange		500g tube	
Cocktail Sausages			
Chipolata Sausages			
Plain pork Sausages			
Sausages (other).....			

Handmade Pigs in Blankets			
4" chipolatas wrapped in smoked streaky bacon			
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• Wed 24 th Dec	6.00am - 2.00pm	• Tues 30 th Dec	7.00am - 5.00pm
• Thurs 25 th Dec	CLOSED	• Wed 31 st Dec	7.00am - 2.00pm
• Fri 26 th Dec	CLOSED	• Thurs 1 st Jan	CLOSED
• Sat 27 th Dec	CLOSED	• Fri 2 nd Jan	7.00am - 5.30pm

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- Free Range Pork
- Locally sourced Lamb

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Clint, Abi and all the Denshams staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!