

## THE FRITILLARY MEADOW

Fritillaries enjoy growing in damp meadows and were commonly found in the Thames Valley; indeed, the flowers used to be picked and sold in Oxford. This was before World War II when the meadows were grazed from August to Mid Autumn and then left to grow for a hay crop in July.

This gave the fritillary the chance to grow, flower and shed their seeds. This cycle is denied them by modern farming practices. With no artificial fertilisers used, this encouraged a great diversity of all meadow plants. Fritillaries also survive in the meadows at Magdalen College, Oxford and North Meadow National Reserve near Cricklade where they are better known and more densely flowered. But Ducklington is the only place where you can walk among the flowers. Look out for our leaflet in the field regarding the diverse meadow plants.

## WHAT WE DO WITH YOUR MONEY!

The money you give us is paid into the church fund.

St Bartholomew's, like many churches, looks strong and permanent, but this appearance can be misleading. Old buildings are all the time developing problems; roof tiles fall, leaks around old windows develop etc Occasionally these are major. All these are determined every 5 years by a comprehensive architectural inspection.

The church building is not only for the congregation but for the community. This beautiful structure was first built over 900 years ago and is a part of our history and heritage, fritillary Sunday plays its part ensuring that it endures for centuries to come.

# Fritillary Sunday



at St Bartholomew's Church, Ducklington

## April 15th 2018

Complimentary Programme

## THE STORY OF FRITILLARY SUNDAY

The Fritillary field is owned by The Peel family, former residents of Ducklington. Even though they no longer reside in the village they encourage St Bartholomew's Church to continue the tradition each year with Fritillary Sunday. Highlighting their interest in conservation and the traditional management of the field.

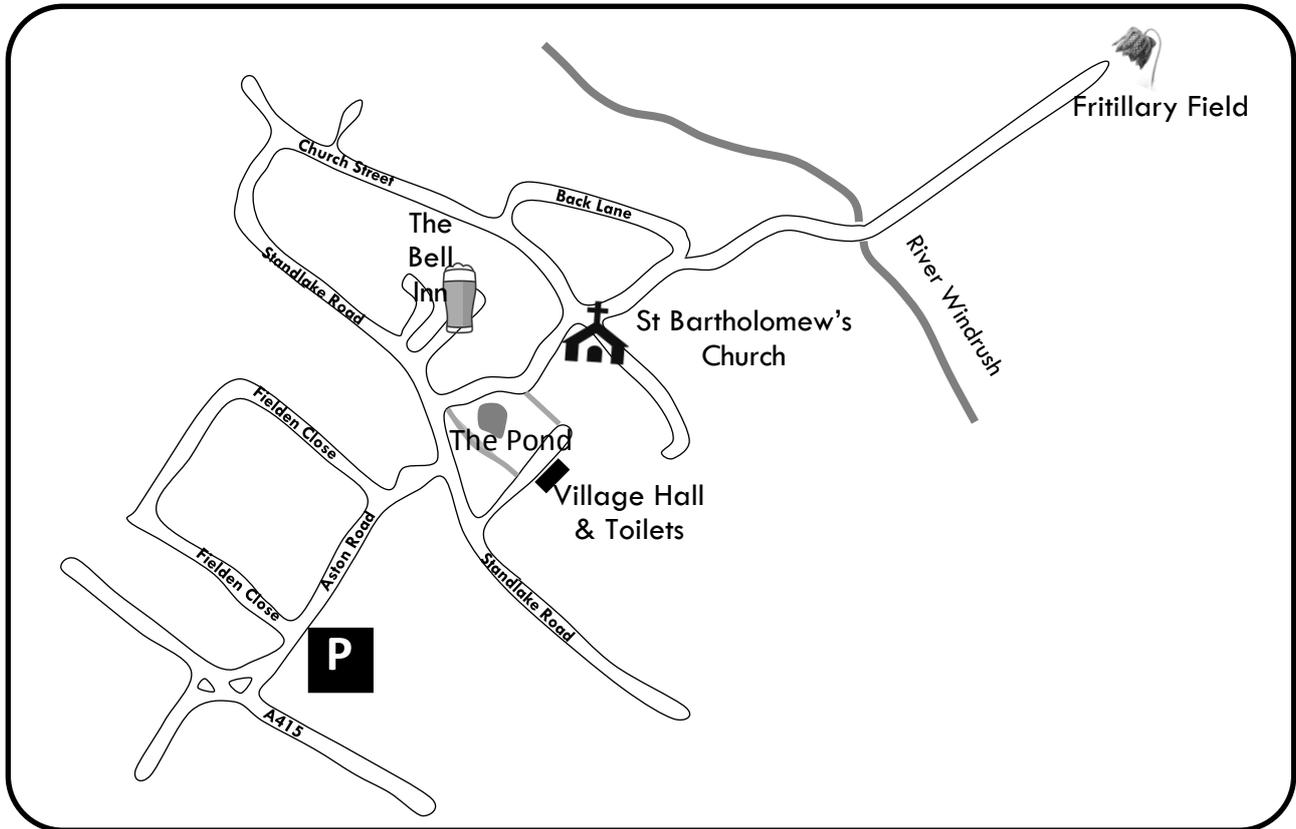
In the 1980's, the church was faced with major expenses for repairs and conservation work, Fritillary Sunday became a perfect fundraising event. Lots on offer ploughman's lunches, cream teas, souvenirs and our popular plant stall, including home grown fritillaries with performances from the Handbell Ringers, and Ducklington Morris Dancers.

Over the years we have come to realise the fragile beauty of the flowers in the field is a potent image of our beautiful and threatened planet. The Fritillaries also remind us that Jesus told us not to worry about our lives but to see "the lillies of the field" which display their beauty without effort or anxiety, as evidence of God's loving care for us.

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Please walk around the field and enjoy the fritillaries and all that is to offer from Fritillary Sunday, below is our programme of today's events.

“Friends of St Bartholomew’s Church” raise money for the church fund, Information and membership forms are available in the church.



| LOCATION           | EVENT                              | TIME             |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fritillary Field   | Fritillary Field Open              | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| In the Church      | Children's Corner                  | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| In the Church      | Tour of the Bell Tower             | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| By Village Hall    | Plant Stall                        | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| By Village Hall    | Souvenirs for Sale                 | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| Fritillary Field   | Souvenirs for Sale                 | 11:30am - 5:00pm |
| Village Hall       | Ploughman's Lunches Available from | 11:30am          |
| In the Church      | Face Painting                      | 12:30am - 2:30pm |
| In the Church      | Handbell Ringing                   | 1:30pm           |
| Outside the Church | Ducklington Morris Dancers         | 2:00pm           |
| Village Hall       | Cream Teas & Cakes                 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm  |
| In the Church      | Handbell Ringing                   | 3:00pm           |
| Outside the Church | Ducklington Morris Dancers         | 3:30pm           |
| In the Church      | Ducklington Tower Bell Ringers     | 4:00pm           |
| Fritillary Field   | Fritillary Field Closes            | 5:00pm           |