

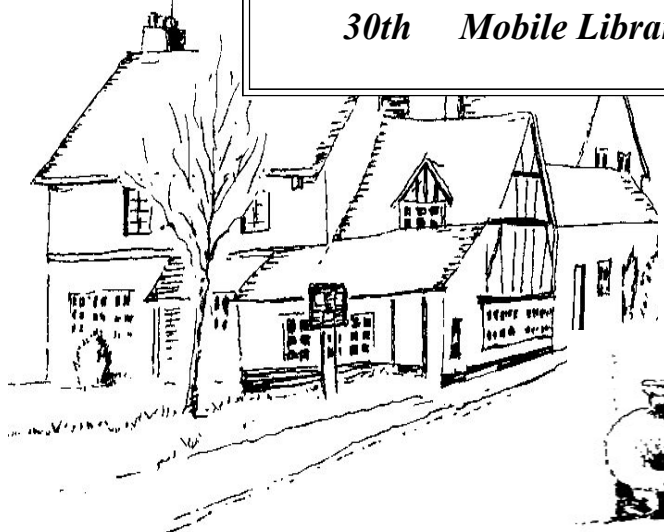
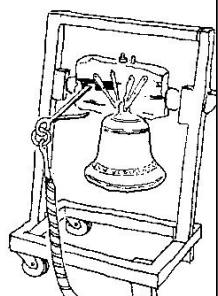
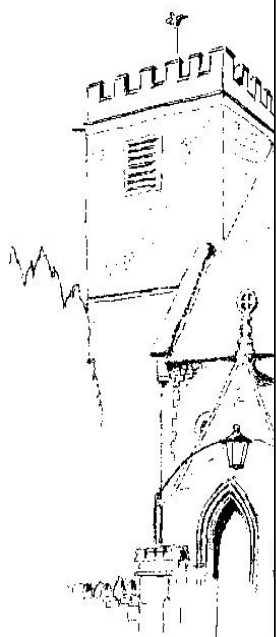


The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter No 329

Village Diary - September 2011

- 2nd Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*
- 3rd SCS Car Boot Sale - The Green, 1- 4 pm*
- 8th 'Vision Evening' - The School, 7 pm*
- 10th Ride & Stride Event - St Paul's, 10 am – 6 pm*
- 11th Family Communion - St. Paul's Church, 10 am*
- 12th Parish Council Meeting - The School, 7.30 pm*
- 15th DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER'S MOUTHPIECE*
- 16th Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*
- 18th Choral Evensong - St. Paul's Church, 6 pm*
- 25th Harvest Service - St. Paul's Church, 5 pm,
followed by Harvest Supper at 5.45 pm*
- 30th Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*



September's Church Services

Date	Time	Place	Service
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 11th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion Choral Evensong with visiting choir
Sunday 18th	6 pm	Culham	Harvest Service & Supper (see <i>Village News</i> below)
Sunday 25th	5 pm & 5.45 pm	Culham	
<i>Join us for coffee after morning services at Culham or for informal prayers on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9.00 am.</i>			
SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 4th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 11th	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 18th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion

The Future of Culham School

Vision Evening - Matt Attree

On the evening of **Thursday 8th September (7 pm, time to be confirmed)** we would like to invite the children, parents, staff, governors and all other interested parties from the community to a *vision evening* at the school. This is an opportunity for anyone who has an interest in the school to come together and begin to set the core vision for the school into the foreseeable future.

This will first involve setting what we collectively believe our most important core values should be, and what we feel the main aims of the school should be. This will then be taken forward by a small working party who will shape our collective thoughts into a Mission Statement (Vision), Aims and Values. This group will then present to us later in the year.

This is hugely important as it defines what the school is striving to become and the ethos that it is trying to develop. This is an extremely important tool in helping all parties remain focussed on where we want the school to be in five years' time and what it will look like when we achieve it.

It is CRUCIAL that as many people as possible who have an interest in the school have an input at the start of the process. If you are unable to attend please send your thoughts and ideas to the school so that they can be passed on.

Thank you,

Mr Matt Attree, Acting Headteacher & The Governing Body, Culham Parochial C of E Primary School
Tel 01235 521766 or email office.3190@ocnmail.net

S.C.S. Car Boot Sale – Joan Woodley

The Car Boot sale on 6th August raised £290. Thank you to everyone who supported it (even in the rain!). The next one will be on **3rd September** from **1 pm to 4 pm**. It will be the last one this year so it would be great if we could get lots of sellers. We intend to hold **four** per year and will be starting again next summer.

If you have any unwanted items that you would like to donate to the "School Stall" that we have at every Boot Sale it can be left at either **Dee's (18 the Glebe)** or **Joan's (21 The Glebe)**. We have had lots of lovely things given to us to sell this year and it's the sale of these things that has helped greatly.

Village News

Special Events at St Paul's – Culham PCC

On **Sunday 18th September** there will be a **Choral Evensong** when we will be joined by the choir of St George's Church, Wash Common, Newbury. Their choirmaster, Keith Glenny, plays the organ at our morning services. Culham's church has wonderful acoustics and the choir are looking forward to singing here. They plan to sing settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by Thomas Walmisley, and also an anthem. We hope plenty of you will turn up to enjoy the music and sing some of your favourite hymns.

On **Sunday 25th September** there will be a short **Harvest Festival Service at 5.00pm** followed by a **Harvest Supper** at the Church at **5.45 pm**, when we will enjoy a Ploughman's (cheese or meat) and a dessert. Wine and soft drinks will be available. Supper tickets will cost **£7** for adults including a glass of wine & **£2.50** for children. They will be available in advance from Brian Bracher (Tel 01235 525885), Ingrid Reichardt (01235 520534), Janet Beaumont (01235 520484) and Revd Anne Ilsley (01865 407605). All are welcome: feel free to come to either or both events!

Red Cross Collection - Kath Pearce & Bernadette Houet

We would like to thank all the villagers who contributed to our Red Cross collection this year: the total came to £97.62.

Ride and Stride, Saturday 10th September - Ingrid Reichardt

The annual 'Ride and Stride' event raises money for churches in Oxfordshire. Each cyclist or walker aims to visit as many churches as possible between 10 am and 6 pm. The sponsorship money is divided equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and the church nominated by the cyclist or walker. If you are a cyclist or keen walker, and would like to support Culham Church in this way, please consider taking part. Help in manning St. Paul's Church on a rota basis to welcome visiting cyclists and walkers would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ingrid Reichardt on 01235 520534 for sponsorship forms and further information.

Ladies of Culham – Mary Rickford

We have had a short break following a wonderful evening at the home of Charlotte Franklin discovering the fascinating history and art of Mosaics. Whilst many of us are away, it seems a good opportunity to have a book club meeting. We can read at our leisure over the next few weeks and meet towards the end of September to discuss the book. The chosen book has been highly recommended and is called "**20 Chickens for a Saddle: The Story of an African Childhood**" by **Robyn Scott**. I would love to hear from you if you will be reading the book. As always, if you have suggestions, requests, or ideas for future L.O.C. meetings, please let me know!

Help wanted – The Mouthpiece

Some time ago the Mouthpiece had 3 editors & an advertising manager. Now there are just two of us to edit 10 issues a year, send invoices to advertisers, collect their fees and change adverts. We would be delighted to receive more help with editing. If you can use Microsoft WORD and extract articles from emails, and would like to help, please get in touch with the present two editors, Brian & John. You don't have to be an 'expert' - we're very happy to give technical help - or ask for it at times!

'New' Footpath at Culham – Natural England

For those walkers who haven't yet found it, there is a new footpath around the fields between the Thames Cut and Sutton Courtenay Pools. It can be accessed at the Donkey Bridge, the weir and Abingdon road in Sutton Courtenay. A map is available on the web at cwr.naturalengland.org.uk (NB: "cwr" not "www").

This is a 'Walks and Rides' page: once there, select OXFORDSHIRE and then ZOUCH FARM NEAR CULHAM to see complete details. Unfortunately we have neither copyright permission nor space to print the map here. The path provides a 2.9 Km (1.8 ml) circular walk around fields that have reverted from arable to grassland to reduce soil erosion by flooding (and it may be flooded during the winter!)

Christmas at the Railway Inn - Pauline Davidson

Some years ago, 'The Lion' used to organize Christmas Lunches for Culham's senior citizens. We're pleased to announce that Pauline is offering these at The Railway Inn this Christmas. See page 7 for details.

Advertisement - DCS Joncare

DCS Joncare is a local, independent business based in Abingdon and dedicated to providing you with all the vital specialist equipment, furniture and gadgets you need to make life easier. Our showroom is open Monday to Friday with free parking directly outside. We sell a range of products including mobility scooters, wheelchairs and rise/recline chairs. We also offer a maintenance service for all your mobility products including stair lifts. Please call 01235 523353 or visit our showroom on the Radley Road Industrial Estate.

CPRE TALK On 13th September at 8 pm, Tony Rayner will give a talk on "Nature Conservation" in Wallingford Town Hall. All welcome. Refreshments available. Contact 01491 837193 for further details.

Talking Point - Revd Anne Ilsley

I know that we have not all been able to get away during August, but it is a month when, hopefully, the pace of life slows. I wonder, for those of us who did get away, was your holiday an escape from everyday life, was it a time for reflection on your life, or did it serve both purposes? I can certainly remember summer breaks when we made decisions about how the next year might look, usually resulting in our filling our time even more!

However we don't need to give up on reflection just because we've got back into work and school. We can find space in our daily lives. Just going for walks in our lovely countryside, perhaps with the dog as company, can be special, especially if we can take our time. The churches in the Oxford Diocese are some of the most cherished places to visit as part of a day trip and whether it's the peaceful presence of God in the building, or a simply beautiful setting, they can be places to find that space for reflection in or out of service times.

You may have noticed a map displayed in your local church with small folded maps to take away, among the books, leaflets and magazines. In August The Bishop of Oxford was taking part in a Diocesan Pilgrimage visiting the churches featured in the Oxford Diocese Pilgrimage Map. It is necessarily a small selection from a wealth of churches. It does include our own Dorchester Abbey. Do look out for the maps and pick one up to use some time, or simply include your own village church as a place to visit and to pick up whatever information you can find about its history or stories.

I hope too that many of you will be invited to church in the autumn, whether it's to a 'Back to Church Sunday' service or a Harvest Festival. Recently one bride coming to hear her banns commented on the reflective space she found through being in the church service. Not all journeys involve putting one foot in front of the other, nor need they take us away from home. Welcome back to the opportunity for a pilgrimage of faith or a journey of the heart!

Culham Parish Council Notes, July 2011 - Andrew Steele

County Councillor's Report

The Ardley incinerator scheme is going ahead and WRG have submitted a plan for a Mechanical and Biological Treatment recycling facility for Sutton Courtenay.

A £5m grant will allow OCC to improve the Thornhill Park and Ride by introducing 500 more spaces and improving some of the local roads.

There is a proposal to introduce London style 'Boris' bikes to Oxford.
The European School is proceeding with a proposal to become a free school.

District Councillor's Report

The recycling group Verdant is now renamed Biffa.

A young Achievers grant is available from SODC, primarily aimed at sport and musical achievements. Up to £250 is available.

Various overgrown hedges have been reported to SODC.

Burial Ground fees are under consideration and will be in line with those of the Church. They will be approved at the September CPC meeting.

CPC has become a member of the Open Spaces Society.

The monkey bars at the playing field will be removed due to safety considerations.

CPC is proceeding with proposals to build a pavilion on the playing field. This was first put forward about 11 years ago. Applications for planning permission and grants are in hand. The previous drawings will be updated and will form the basis of the application.

Parking

There have been several instances recently of car parking on the Green. Please note that apart from causing damage to the area it is an offence to park on designated Village Green land.

Also, please do not park across or on the village paths. Again this is an offence in law but it also prevents pedestrians' free access, often forcing them into the road to bypass the blockage. Please remember to be considerate to your fellow villagers and visitors to the area.

Next meeting: Monday 12 Sep 2011 at the school at 7.30 pm

Digital TV Switchover

We have already been warned that Oxfordshire will switch to digital-only TV in September 2011, in two stages on the **14th** and **28th**. It means that that Freeview services (digital TV through an aerial) can be extended to people who can't currently get them. Any analogue television left unconverted will be unable to receive TV programmes after the switchover. If you already have Freeview, you will need to re-tune your TV on switchover day.

However it's not quite that simple. Some parishes in South Oxfordshire will not switch to Digital until **April 2012** as they receive their TV signal from **London** not Oxford. ORCC have tried, without success, to find out from Digital UK which parishes are affected. The only way of finding out when a postcode area switches over to digital is to go online and use the postcode checker at: www.digitaluk.co.uk/postcodechecker/ According to this web site, **Culham gets its TV from both transmitters.**

ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) will be running an advice point in Didcot to answer any questions you may have about the switchover, including re-tuning, equipment and the Switchover Help Scheme. This advice point will take place from **10 am to 4 pm** on **14th, 15th, 28th and 29th September** at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, **Didcot**.

If you have a question about the switchover or what you need to do, please pop in to this advice point and they will be able to help. However, here's what we've found so far, for **CULHAM**.

If your local BBC news service is **BBC Oxford** you get your TV from the **Oxford transmitter** in the **Central TV Region** and your switchover dates are – as above – on **14th & 28th September 2011**. If your local BBC news service is **South Today**, you get your TV from the **Hannington transmitter** in the [Meridian TV region](#) and your change-over dates are **8th and 22nd February 2012**.

Note that **ITV's local news**, for both regions, is **Meridian Tonight**. Some random checks by The Mouthpiece suggest that houses on the High Street may get their TV from either transmitter so don't assume anything!

For more information, please contact Jayne Bullock, ORCC, Jericho Farm, Worton, Witney, Oxon OX29 4SZ. Tel: 01865 883488. Email: orcc@oxonrcc.org.uk.

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) Newsletter

We regularly receive Newsletters from ORCC and their July Bulletin covered the following issues.

'Infrastructure support' or 'neighbourliness'

Online questionnaire requesting views on support for voluntary activities

Bulk oil buying scheme

ORCC Trading – payroll management & book-keeping services

Your Views on Library Services

Digital TV Switchover Advice Points

Affordable Housing news

Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership Conference

Oxfordshire Community Shops Network

Oxfordshire Village Shops Handbook

Non-emergency patient Transport Consultation

Big Carbon Challenge Competition Winners

ORCC Trustees

Community Led Planning

Neighbourhood Planning & Localism Bill

We regularly publish items from ORCC, but as the latest bulletin is 12 pages long, there is a limit!

If you are interested in any of the above items, ORCC suggest you visit their website at www.oxonrcc.org.uk.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE RAILWAY INN - PAULINE DAVIDSON

I would like to invite senior citizens of Culham, aged 65+, to The Railway Inn on **Saturday 10th December** for a Christmas Party, from **2 to 6 pm**. This offer is limited to 30 people who must be Culham residents. It will include:

- Free 4 Course Turkey Meal and refreshments.
- Entertainment, Bingo and Raffle



If you want to come, please fill in and return the tear-off reply slip below. Please note that we need to know if you have any special requirements, such as :-

*do you need to be picked up?
will you be in a wheelchair?
are you on a special diet?*



To Pauline Davidson, The Railway Inn, Culham, OX14 3BT

I would like to come to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at The Railway Inn on Saturday 10th December 2011.

Name

Address.....
.....

Telephone number

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