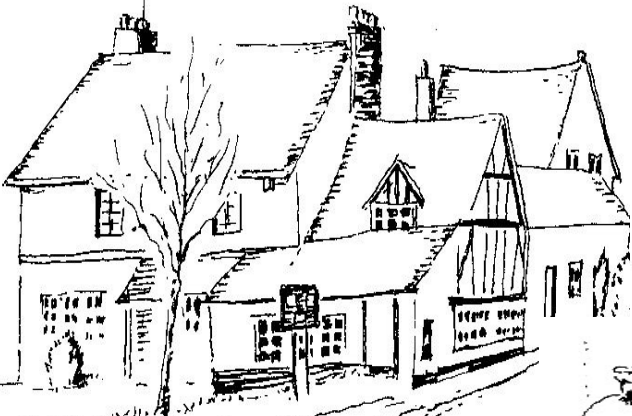


# The Mouthpiece

*Culham's Newsletter No 341*

*Village Diary - November 2012*

- 5th Culham Community Group - Waggon & Horses, 7 pm*
- 9th Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*
- 10th Village Bonfire Night, the Playing Field, from 6 pm*
- 11th Remembrance Day Communion - St. Paul's Church, 10 am*
- 12th Parish Council Meeting - The School, 7.30 pm*
- 15th DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER-JANUARY MOUTHPIECE*
- 18th Evening Prayer - St. Paul's Church, 6 pm*
- 22nd Police 'Have Your Say' Meeting - Village Green, 5.30 - 6.00 pm*
- 23rd Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*



## NOVEMBER'S CHURCH SERVICES

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
<b>SERVICES AT CULHAM</b>			
Sunday 11th	10 am	Culham	Remembrance Communion
Sunday 18th	6 pm	Culham	Evening Prayer
<i>Join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday morning services at Culham Church! All welcome.</i>			
<i>Come along for informal prayers with Revd Anne Ilsley at Culham Church on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9.00 am.</i>			
<b>SERVICES ELSEWHERE</b>			
Sunday 4th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Friday 9th	10.55 am	Long Wittenham	War Memorial Service
Sunday 11th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Remembrance Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 13th	10.30 am	Long Wittenham	Home Communion
Sunday 18th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion

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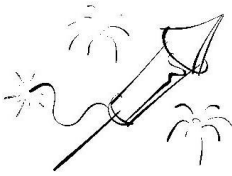
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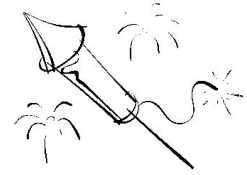
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## VILLAGE NEWS



**Culham Villagers, Families and Friends!  
BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS  
Saturday 10th November on the Playing Field**



Guy Fawkes Competition 6pm-6.15pm ♦ Bonfire Lighting 6.30pm ♦ Firework display 7.00pm  
Soup and Hot Dogs (for a donation)

*Build and Bring a Guy Fawkes, Prize for the winner (All Guys will be put on the Bonfire)*

Donations gratefully received - please deliver to 18 The Glebe by 2 pm on Saturday 10th November  
or ring 522448 for collection

**All Proceeds will go to the village for future events**

### Charlotte Storrs Stoneware

**Pottery opening times in November and December 2012.**

**Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.30pm –**

**18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

I will be working on orders. Do come along if you want to see pots being thrown on the wheel.

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## FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S - PHILIP OWEN

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the Friends' concert in the Church on Saturday 22nd September. About 80 of us were there to hear the songs of a number of early 20th century composers, performed by four talented musicians who were generous with their own time in putting the concert on without charge in aid of the building and maintenance fund to support St Paul's Church.

The concert was entitled "Bright is the Ring of Words", which, to quote from the programme, "celebrated the 'poet's tongue' and the musical inspiration it engendered". The pieces covered topics for everyone, from those who may be amateur zoologists amongst us, "Twelve Oxen" and "The Crocodile", to those who prefer to study human behaviour, "It was a lover and his lass", and "The song of a nightclub proprietress".

The evening was split into two by an excellent buffet supper during the interval, and a glass or two of liquid refreshment was also available. Overall as the Chairman of the Friends' I can confirm we succeeded in both of the objectives I had for the evening. Firstly to raise a reasonable amount of money for the Church fund, in which we succeeded with contributions totalling over £500.

Secondly, and just as importantly, to take part in an enjoyable evening of entertainment and pleasant society.

Thank you to all those who took part in the organisation of the event, preparing the Church, and in providing the delicious buffet. Thank you to all those who supported the event by coming along and we hope to arrange another concert for the village again next year. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

## Guideposts Trust Independent Living Centre - June Grunwald

The Guideposts Trust Independent Living Centre has moved to the Abingdon Resource and Wellbeing Centre on Audlett Drive. They provide free information and advice to Oxfordshire adults to help people to live independently. This includes a set of themed open days - the next is on **Wednesday, 7th November 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm**, and its the theme is "Stairs and Steps". They hope to have a range of grab rails, ramps, stair lifts as well as information and advice. As always, all are welcome. Directions and parking details may be found on their web-site: [www.guidepostsilc.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.guidepostsilc.org.uk/contact-us) or by ringing 01235 856212.

**Your Village Needs You**  
**Get involved, there are lots that you can do!**  
**Mouthpiece, Parish Council, Church, Community Group**  
**and Ladies of Culham to name but a few.**

Have your say and influence decisions - you'll be surprised what you can do!  
 If you want to know more, Contact any of the names listed on the back page "Who's Who"

## CULHAM COMMUNITY GROUP – JUSTIN DENNO

Following on from last month's update, you should now have either spoken to one of the CCG volunteers on your doorstep or perhaps you have put pen to paper and dropped it into one of the CCG boxes by the 2 village notice boards. If not, we really want to hear from you. If we haven't heard your views, we cannot fully represent the community. You can put forward as much or as little as you want – from one idea on a post-it note to a full blown feasibility study, let your voice be heard!

Once the whole community has put forward its ideas (and we are getting close!), the CCG will look through them to see which ideas appear more than once. This will enable us to put together an in-depth questionnaire which will be delivered to all households. The purpose of the questionnaire is to really establish just how practical or viable our ideas are. For example, will we use the facilities enough to merit creating them? Are we willing to pay to keep certain projects going?

So if you haven't already put your ideas forward yet, please do so by **30th November 2012**.

We will endeavour to publish monthly updates here in the Mouthpiece so check back next month to see the next step in the process!

If you are interested in getting involved in any way, shape or form, please email [community@culhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:community@culhamvillage.org.uk) or telephone Sam Casey-Rerhaye on 799489. The next CCG meeting is on **5<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm** at the Waggon & Horses pub.

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## **NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE RAILWAY INN – PAULINE DAVIDSON**

10th Live music - Shakedown Prophets

17th Live music - Nameless

**Monday 26th Chocaholics party** - If you are looking for some special Chocolates for Christmas, please join us at The Railway Inn at **7 pm**. A display of Chocolates will be available to view and order. All proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Party at The Railway Inn (see below). If you cannot make that evening, catalogues are available for you to pre-order.

**Christmas Party, Saturday 16th December – see page 9 for details**

## **CULHAM PRE-SCHOOL - LEA ALLMOND**

The children have all settled very well into the new school year. This term we have been looking at the changing of the seasons and enjoying walks through the village, collecting leaves to make collages and to do leaf printing. We have also enjoyed activities associated with the Abingdon fair, including making toffee apples and popcorn!

In the forthcoming term we shall be looking at the night sky and nocturnal animals.

We have had several new children joining or pre-school and hope that they all enjoy their time with us. We have also said goodbye to many children who have moved onto their primary schools: we wish them all an enjoyable time in their new settings.

## **CULHAM PAROCHIAL SCHOOL – CAROLINE EVANS**

The term is certainly getting under way with plenty of exciting activities for the children. Thank you for all your harvest gift donations which were displayed in the church for our well attended harvest service. The children enjoyed practising their songs and preparing their work towards a very enjoyable service. We were pleased that so many parents joined us for lunch here in school afterwards. Earlier this week the children helped to deliver the harvest gifts to our friends and neighbours in the village – they always enjoy this event!

This term the infant children have been learning about the seasonal changes in our environment and have taken a walk to gather leaves and make autumn pictures. Another autumn walk is planned for the end of the week – weather pending! We are expecting some mice in school this week, though thankfully not real ones – the infant children will be making these out of wool. Science for the infants has taken the form of investigating materials to follow our theme of ‘fantastic authors’. These materials will be used to make a coat for the ‘Smartest Giant in Town’. The children in our junior class have been looking at author biographies using ICT. They have also produced some fabulous alternative endings to the BFG. Our science investigations recently consisted of making rockets, which produced some very interesting models!

This week we will be welcoming a representative from Operation Christmas Child. They will be delivering an assembly to the children to explain all about the ‘Shoe Box Appeal’. We hope to support this charity as we have done so in the past and collect lots of filled shoe boxes. If any members of the community wish to fill a box and bring to school, we will make sure that it is delivered to the collection depot on their behalf.

During the last couple of weeks our staff have been working very hard to improve our library area – come and take a look! The children now have a comfortable area to choose their reading books and to sit comfortably on the bean bags and cushions! If you have any unwanted cushions or bean bags for our library area we would be most grateful.

*Dates for your diary - all are welcome to our forthcoming Christmas events.*

Wednesday 19 December, 2.15pm: Community Carols & refreshments in school

Thursday 20 December, 7.00pm: School Nativity Performance

## **CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL (CPC) NOTES – OCTOBER 2012**

There was no report from either the District Councillor or County Councillor.

There has been no response from the Diocese about the proposed change in style of fence to be placed across the playing field.

There was nothing to report from the fortnightly safety check list.

After the half term break, speed monitoring will again be carried out on the A415 at the Waggon and Horses junction and it will cover a full week, 24 hours per day.

With regard to the proposed 'fencing' around the Green, this is ongoing with a stockpile of old electricity poles from the village being available to use as boundary posts.

### **Parish Plan**

The suggestion boxes have been placed at the noticeboards, The door-to-door survey is about to go ahead with volunteers asking a few brief questions of each household at the doorstep.

### **Next meeting**

**Monday 12th November 2012 at 7:30 pm at the school.** *As ever all villagers are welcome to attend - please come along even if you have no specific items to present/discuss*

**Finally:** There was a power failure in the village in June. If you had any equipment failure at the time or soon after, please contact Sam Casey-Rerhaye (details on back of the Mouthpiece).

## **LOCAL POLICE – REBEKAH KENT & SARAH JONES**

*Sarah Talbot has recently got married and her name is now **Sarah Jones**. Her new email address is [sarah.jones1@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah.jones1@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) .*

The Benson and Berinsfield neighbourhood covers the parishes of Berinsfield, Nuneham Courtenay, Culham, Clifton Hampden, Dorchester-on-Thames, Shillingford, Warborough, Berrick Salome, Benson, Ewelme and Brightwell Baldwin.

The local priorities here have changed to Theft from Vehicles and Burglary. There has been an increase in tools being stolen from vehicles and there have been burglaries to outbuildings in particular in the Warborough, Shillingford and Benson areas. To address this, hi-visibility patrols have been put into place and we are conducting the "Clear Car" campaign where owners of vehicles are notified if they have left items on show in unoccupied vehicles.

### **Local 'Have Your Say' Meetings in November 2012**

Saturday 10th – Library car park, Wimplestraw road, Berinsfield : 1730 -1800

Monday 12th – Outside Primary School, Thame Road, Warborough: 1500 – 1530

Tuesday 20th – Village Hall Car park, Berrick Salome/Roke: 1800- 1830

**Thursday 22nd – The Village Green, High Street, Culham: 1730 – 1800**

## **OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL – ELIZABETH STEVENS**

Here are some items from ORCC's latest Newsletter, which can be found, in full, in the "Community Action" Section of the Village Web Site.

### **Bulk Oil Buying Scheme: plan ahead for oil deliveries over the Festive Season**

Existing members of the ORCC Trading bulk oil buying scheme have found that the annual membership fee (£20 + VAT) will probably be recouped in their first oil order. Savings are typically about 5p/litre compared to average prices. The minimum order is 500 litres and the negotiated price is posted on ORCC's website at the beginning of each month.

The last oil delivery of the year will be at the **beginning of December**. After that there won't be another one until mid-January. This is an unusually long gap between deliveries, so if you need oil to tide you over the Festive Season, please order it in November, so that it can be delivered in plenty of time for Christmas. **The order deadline will be Wednesday 21 November**. Any orders placed after that date will not be delivered until mid-January 2013.

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### **Oxfordshire Support Finder**

This is an online directory of services, information and advice for health and wellbeing. It provides a single point of access to information and advice for all types of adult social care and related services, such as help with living at home, staying healthy and safe, transport services and leisure activities. With hundreds of local organisations listed on the site, you can search for services you need to look up help and support each other. [www.supportfinder.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.supportfinder.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **BONFIRE TIME – ANNE HENDRY**

November is the month of bonfires and fireworks with explosions of colour lighting up the night skies. For those of us who prefer our colour explosions without the bang, *Pyracantha* and *Cotoneaster* fit the bill. They're bright and beautiful plants, bursting into flower in spring with a profusion of tiny pink and white flowers, followed by an abundance of shiny berries in autumn.

The plants at first glance look similar and are in fact distantly related. *Pyracantha* is commonly known as Firethorn for obvious reasons. It's viciously prickly but this adds to the plant's versatility. It's thorny habit makes it an ideal intruder deterrent for unwanted visitors (animals and humans alike) to the garden. Plant close together and within a couple of years the plants will be almost

completely impenetrable. *Cotoneaster* is the gentler sister of *Pyracantha*. It's thornless and therefore sometimes chosen over *Pyracantha* by those who want the beauty without the bite.

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They're also ideal plants for a wildlife garden, providing dense cover for roosting and nesting birds, nectar for bees mid-summer when the pickings are slim and ample fruit for birds, particularly blackbirds and thrushes, in autumn. *Pyracantha* berries are not poisonous as commonly thought and despite being bitter in taste, they can be made into jellies. The magnificent fiery orange and ruby red berries are set on a backdrop of dark, evergreen, glossy foliage that can brighten up the gloomiest November day.

*Pyracantha* 'Navajo' and *Pyracantha* 'Orange Charmer' are good choices for the garden. 'Orange Charmer' is an evergreen, bushy, arching shrub producing white flowers from April and large spherical orange fruits in autumn. 'Navajo' sports vibrant orange-red berries nestled against shiny green leaves and can be resistant to fireblight. *Cotoneaster horizontalis* has superb colour late in the year with deep red berries and glossy green foliage. The herringbone-patterned stems develop into a decorative weave across the ground or on a wall according to how it is trained. It works well in the shade but the delicate pink flowers and jewel-like red berries really thrive in full sun.

Both plants can be grown as hedges, as groundcover plants or against walls and fences to provide natural screening. They look equally good as freestanding shrubs when space in the garden permits. They're easy to grow in sun or partial shade and are not too fussy about soil, often growing in dry and shady positions. They're fully hardy and tolerate most weather conditions although they're not appreciative of cold, easterly winds. They require little pruning, but if they do grow out of their space, just cut them back hard without fear of damaging the plant.

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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 15th 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 (tel. 528046)**

I would like to come to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at The Railway Inn on **Saturday 15th December 2012.**

Name .....

Address.....

.....

Telephone number .....

*Special needs – please **CROSS OUT** if **NOT** needed*



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