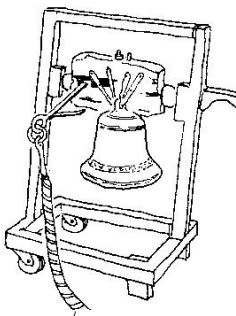


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Village Diary – April 2013

6th Car Boot Sale, The Green, 12 – 4 pm
8th Annual Parish Meeting – School, 7.30 pm
12th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 to 1.50 pm
14th Family Communion – St Paul's Church, 10 am
15th DEADLINE FOR MAY'S MOUTHPIECE
21st Evening Prayer – St Paul's Church – 6 pm
26th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 to 1.50 pm



CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 14th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 21st	6 pm	...	Evening Prayer
<p><i>Join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday morning services at Culham Church! All welcome.</i></p> <p><i>Come along for informal prayers with Revd Anne Ilsley at Culham Church on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9.00 am.</i></p>			
SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 7th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Tuesday 9th	10.30am	Long Wittenham	Home Communion
Sunday 14th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 21st	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion

Fundraising for Friends of St Paul's Church – Philip Owen

There is an easy way to generate income for local charities when you make purchases on the internet without costing you anything. It is called easyfundraising.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk helps charities, schools, sports clubs, community groups, and other good causes to raise money when their supporters shop online. It works in a similar way to many other loyalty shopping sites, but instead of earning points when you shop, you raise a donation for your cause instead. It's as simple as that!

You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend. For example, John Lewis will donate 1%, Amazon 2.5%, The Body Shop 6% and some insurance retailers will even donate up to £30 simply for taking out a policy with them! It doesn't cost you a penny more - the service is totally free.

How to generate donations It's very simple - once you've registered on the website, when you shop with one of the retailers, the easyfundraising system makes a note of the purchase, collects the donation from the retailer and passes it to your chosen good cause. That's it! No hassle for you, easyfundraising do all the hard work while you shop as you normally would.

To get started

If you would like to support Friends of St Paul's Church:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulsculham
2. Click on 'sign me up'
3. Fill out the quick form to register your details (you do not give your bank details).
4. Find the retailer you want to shop with.
5. Click to visit the retailer, then shop as you normally would.
6. Your donation will be shown in your easyfundraising account within 30 days. Please let me or anyone in the Friends' know if you need any help.

Philip Owen, Chairman of the Friends' of St Paul's

Village News

**CHARLOTTE STORRS STONEWARE
POTTERY OPEN FOR ANNUAL SALE
OF OLD STOCK AND SECONDS**

5 AND 6 MAY 2013 FROM 11AM TO 5PM

THE POTTERY, 8 THE GREEN, CULHAM, ABINGDON OX14 4LZ

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Missing - Church Cleaning/Flower Rota

Has anyone seen this year's Church Cleaning/Flower Rota? It has been circulating as usual since early in the year but has not been returned to either of us. If you do find it or know where it may be or have already volunteered please can you let one of us know?

Janet Bracher Tel: 01235 525885 email: janet@thebrachers.com
Ingrid Reichardt Tel: 01235 520534

Tombola (Culham Plant Sale & Church Fete) and Red Cross Collections

We would be very grateful for contributions to the Tombola (bottles, tins, etc) and Red Cross (money!) We will be coming round the village collecting your contributions sometime between **5th and 17th May**. Thank you in advance for your help.

Kath Pearce and Carole Askew

Have too much clutter?

Bring it along to the Green on 6th April from 11 am to sell, £6 per pitch.

Admission free for buyers from 12 noon to 4 pm!

Donations can be dropped off at 18, The Glebe, or call 01235 522448 for collection

GET ON YOUR BIKE FOR SUE RYDER

Sue Ryder – Nettlebed Hospice is urging people to 'saddle up' a special cycling charity event this year – designed to offer them the ride of their lives. The charity is holding its annual Ride for Ryder bike ride on **12 May 2013** to raise funds for local care for people with incurable illnesses. There are three routes to choose from; the 10 mile route is great for novice riders wanting to take part and raise money but the 25 mile and the 60 mile routes offer something for the more experienced. The event will start and finish at Nettlebed Hospice and travels through the stunning countryside of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire.

To find out more or sign up visit www.sueryder.org/rideforrydernettlebed or contact fundraising on 01491 641 070, bbox.fundraising@sueryder.org

Culham Plant Sale and Church Fete – Jane McCord

SATURDAY 18TH MAY – 1.30 pm to 4 pm

All donations welcome, especially –

Cakes, jams, marmalade, etc

Plants (labelled if possible)

Children's books and puzzles

These can be brought to the church on the Saturday morning.

Culham Parish Council (CPC) Notes – Andrew Steele

From the County Councillor: There was no report.

A 'forest school' will be created on the playing field if the Diocese agree to the lease being amended.

One of two replacement trees has been planted by the pond and the second will go in on the north west corner of the Green when the existing tree has been removed.

It is expected that more short posts will be introduced around the Green to protect the verges.

The Bridleway is looking good after the recent repairs by villagers and the introduction of the wooden posts. A smaller vehicle for the collection of wheelie bins around the Green is not available but CPC will monitor the state of repair of the Bridleway.

A fairly major clearance of a sort, of trees along the A415 north of the playing field, has been undertaken by the Diocese.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the school on 08 April at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Parish Plan

The 'final' questionnaire has been sent round to the community group (email). The deadline for suggestions is the end of March during which time quotes for printing are being obtained. The expectation is to send the questionnaire round to all villagers in May.

Finally, please remember it is an offence (and of course dangerous) to cycle on pavements and to park partially or wholly on pavements so please do not do so.

Also please do not park across lowered access to properties.

Thank you

Next meeting: Monday 08 April 2013 at 19:30 at the school - after the Annual Parish Meeting.

As ever all villagers are welcome to attend - please come along even if you have no specific items to

present/discuss.

Culham Pre-School – Lea Almond

Lea Almond

This term the children have been looking at the theme of 'All about Me'. They have created wonderful portraits of themselves and painted pictures of their families and pets.

We have a super display of their favourite foods and have enjoyed many cooking activities.

World book day was very interesting with the children dressing up as characters from stories that they have enjoyed.

We also celebrated the Red Nose day making biscuits and cakes.

Talking Point by Revd Anne Ilsley

As you read this we will have just celebrated Easter. Our churches, after the austerity of Lent, bedecked with the most wonderful displays of flowers. Lent as it concludes with Holy Week and Good Friday prepares us so that we can greet Easter morning and the resurrection. The rhythm of the church year doesn't stop there. It will be May 9th this year before we take our annual evening climb up the clumps to celebrate Holy Communion for Ascension Day. Meanwhile the whole of April is Easter Season as we dwell on the stories of those who witnessed Jesus' resurrection appearances.

April is also the time for the Annual meetings for our churches. We will be saying a huge thank you to Church Wardens and members of our Parochial Church Councils. Some will thankfully be being re-elected, while others will have resigned their positions after giving sterling service. We are also very aware that there is an army of people who work hard in a myriad of ways, from cleaning to coffee rota, from churchyard maintenance to key rota. All these volunteers help to keep our churches as open and welcoming places, important foci for the communities in which they stand.

While faces change in the local church Justin Welby our new Archbishop even ahead of his enthronement, on March 21st, begins to make his voice heard and by the time you are reading this the New Bishop of Rome should have been declared. What changes will the leadership of a new Pope bring?

We live with seemingly changeless rhythms as well as with endless change, although if you look closely at tradition you will find that even here, there has been evolution if not revolution. I am very grateful for the people whose contribution to church life has given a sense of continuity in these changing times. Please don't stop unless the time is right! But for some change will be more in the air than continuity. There are lots of things that you could take up as a new challenge and commitment to your community and that's not just in the church!

What changes for us all?

With my prayers Anne

Calling anyone married in Dorchester Abbey

Four years ago as part of the Dorchester Festival we held a service celebrating marriage and invited everyone who had been married in Dorchester Abbey to join us. We plan to do the same this year and would like to contact as many people as possible. Please contact the Rectory with your details/details of friends and relatives.

Please note that this service will be on 5th May and not as previously indicated.

In recent months the Rector has contacted people married in the Abbey inviting them to contribute to a Festival Cope (which will be worn at weddings and major festivals) which will match the altar frontal and festival vestments. The cope features a design based on the dove in the Lady Chapel wall painting. If you would like to make a contribution please be in touch for further details and a Gift Aid Form!

Dorchester Festival Ball: Invites you to enjoy the Magic of the Circus

Friday 3rd May 2013 from 7.00pm

The Dorchester Festival Ball is the opening event of the fantastic 10-day bi-annual Dorchester Arts Festival. This glamorous event starts in the glorious surroundings of Dorchester Abbey with a Champagne and canapé reception whilst being entertained by exciting circus acts and is followed by a sumptuous two-course dinner and dancing to Festival Ball favourites "Lucky to Be Alive" in the Cloister Garden Marquee. Bid for fantastic prizes in the Grand Auction with all proceeds going towards the Festival Charities. Book a table with friends or join a harlequin table.

Tickets: £85 per head, available directly from Tracey Francis (traceyannfrancis@gmail.com) or 01865 340352.

Sutton Courtenay WI

For our February meeting we had a wonderful talk by the mouth painter Keith Jansz. His story was truly inspirational and his works of art superb. It was a delight to welcome Keith and his wife Cindy to our meeting.

On display during the evening was a beautiful baby's pleated coat knitted by Olive Steptoe. The pattern for the coat won 1st prize in the Women's magazine in 1948 to commemorate the birth of Prince Charles. Olive is sending the coat as a present to the Duchess of Cambridge for her new baby.

Sutton Courtenay WI meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 at the Village Hall. New members are always welcome.

Backhaus German Bakers

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CONCERT

Saturday 18th May

Concert in St. Laurence Church

Warborough at 7.30pm

Featuring the WALLINGFORD CHURCH CHOIR

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**A light hearted and very varied programme featuring about
30 of the choir, including their very youngest choristers.**

Tickets £10 including a glass of wine afterwards

From Sue 858555, Pat 858948, or Ken 858187

Local Police – Sarah Jones

Parking

Parking is something that your neighbourhood officers deal with on a day to day basis and we rely on local residents to keep us informed of any issues arising. We understand that inconsiderate and illegal parking can be frustrating and dangerous and we will assess and deal with all reports appropriately. Vehicles parked illegally or causing an obstruction can be fined £30 by means of a fixed penalty notice. We have received further complaints of inconsiderate parking outside Culham School, particularly at school pick up and drop off times. We have been asked to monitor this and will issue warnings if required.

Have you signed up to Thames Valley Alert?

Thames Valley Alert is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they should like to receive it. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. You can also filter the updates you receive by specifying the priority level of the messages. To sign up to receive alerts, visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk.

Have your say online

You can now send non-emergency to us using the online form that is available on the Thames Valley Police website. For you to do that, follow the link:

<http://www.thamesvalleypolice.uk/yournh/yournh-about-nh-pal/yournh-tvp-pal-area-n153-hys>.

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