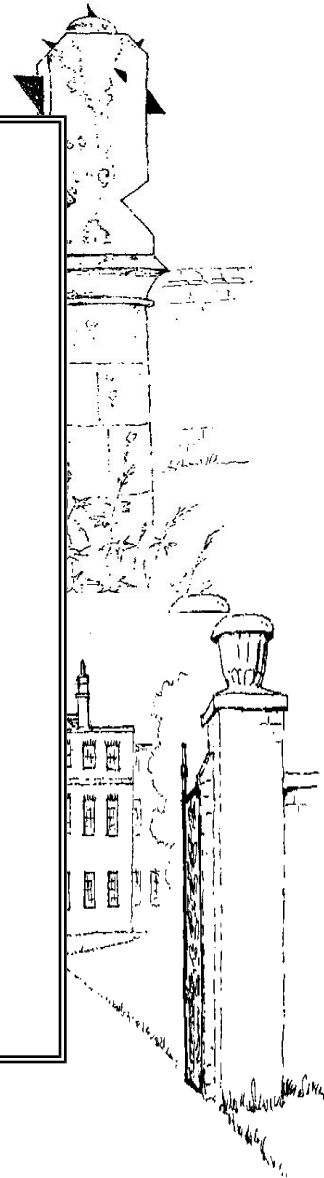
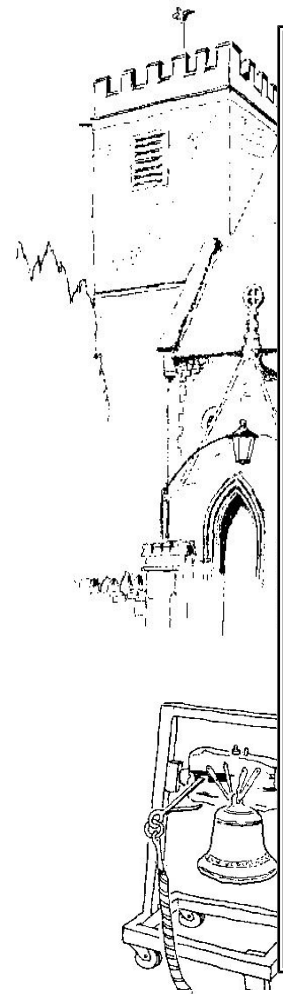


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Village Diary – May 2013

- 10th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 to 1.50 pm*
- 12th Family Communion – St Paul's Church, 10 am*
- 13th Parish Council Meeting – School, 7.30 pm*
- 15th DEADLINE FOR JUNE'S MOUTHPIECE*
- 18th Plant Sale & Church Fete, St Paul's Church, 1.30 – 4 pm*
- 19th Songs of Praise – St Paul's Church – 6 pm*
- 24th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 to 1.50 pm*



CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 12th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 19th	6 pm	...	SONGS OF PRAISE
<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 5th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Thursday 9th	7 pm	Wittenham Clumps	Ascension Day Communion
Sunday 12th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 19th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion

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, also bric-a-brac and books (no clothes please)

These can be brought to the church on the Saturday morning or if this is not possible to 6 The Green (behind the church) at any other time.

**ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE PLANTS, CAKES, TEAS, BOOKS, DVDS,
BRIC-A-BRAC,
RAFFLE, TOMBOLA,
WELLY-WANGING & FACE PAINTING.**



COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

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*

VILLAGE NEWS

Charlotte Storrs Stoneware
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5 and 6 May 2013 from 11am to 5pm
The Pottery, 8 The Green, Culham, Abingdon OX14 4LZ
www.charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk

Friends' of St Paul's Church Quiz Evening 2nd March - Philip Owen

One dark night during the depths of our recent winter about 70 hardy quizzicals gathered in the Schuman Hall of the European School to take part in the inaugural Friends' quiz event. The evening was a great success, principally as a result of the efforts of Ruth and John, ably assisted by Kath, Jude, Anne and others. The questions covered a Smörgåsbord of topics covering sport, rivers, bridges, literature, inventions and discoveries and of course food and drink. For those less interested in questions there was an excellent ploughman's supper to occupy attention and a raffle. The main object was to have an enjoyable evening which I think was achieved by all concerned. Second, the quiz itself, the winners and losers of which have not been recorded, was notable in that it was in all respects perfectly set. Finally, the objective of raising funds to support the fabric of the Church was more than achieved thanks to the generosity of those who attended, contributed and otherwise supported the event with a total of over £800 received. Thank you again to Kath, Jude and Anne, to Laura, Chelsea, Cathy, Roxy, Marianne and John for their assistance on the night, thank you to the European School for allowing us to use their facilities and a very special thanks again to Ruth and John for all of the time and effort they put in to making the event a great success.

SCS Car Boot Sales – Jon Woodley-Shead

Sorry! We took the decision to cancel the 6th April Car Boot sale, and we apologise to all who arrived to no event.

However we will be holding an event on **Saturday 27 April** at the usual times. Please keep a watch for the information signs which will give the dates for upcoming sales.

There will be a boot sale on **8th June**, not in May as previously printed, and we will then continue with the boards around the village.

For information please call Dee or Jon on 01235 522448.

Church Cleaning/Flower Rota - Ingrid Reichardt & Janet Bracher

The new Church Cleaning/Flower rota has now been pinned to the Notice Board in the church porch. Thank you very much to all those people who have already volunteered. If you would like to add your name to the rota (or check when you are doing the flowers &/or cleaning), this can be done at any time as the church is open every day.

Accommodation to Let

1 x bedroom with en suite, good size room with shower, toilet and sink, shared kitchen and wash room, off street parking, bus stop within 200 yards. Please contact **Paul 07973 444461**

For Your Diary: Friends AGM and BBQ - Philip Owen

The annual AGM of the Friends' of the Church of St Paul's will take place in the Church at **11.00 am on Sunday June 9th**. Please attend if you would like to hear about the well-being of the Church Building and if you would like to share your views or listen to others on supporting the Church Building going forward.

The aim of the Friends is to raise sufficient funds to maintain the fabric of the Church building, and where possible to make improvements. It is a registered charity run by the Trustees united in their common aim of preserving the village church. St Paul's is a beautiful and historic structure, is important as part of Culham and deserves our support. The Friends has been pleased to support the Church with funds for repairs and improvements since 2000 approaching £10,000. We are currently focussing on building up sufficient capital to meet expected costs in the coming Quinquennial Review.

Immediately after the AGM there will be a BBQ. If you would like to attend the BBQ please purchase a ticket from one of the committee members or just email me on pandj@btinternet.com to reserve yourself a place. The tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children.

Culham Parish Council – Andrew Steele

April's CPC meeting was replaced by the Annual Parish Meeting. The next CPC meeting is on **Monday 13th May 2013** at 19:30 at the school.

As ever all villagers are welcome to attend - please come along even if you have no specific item to present/discuss.

Culham Pre-School – Lea Almond

This term the children will be looking at the theme of 'Out and About'. We shall be taking trips around the village to the church, the river and the allotments. We shall of course also visit the playground and playing field for some games.

We had a lovely Easter Picnic and Bonnet parade (thankfully the snow did stay away!). The children made beautiful bonnets and had a great time.

Culham Pre-School is now opening on Monday and Tuesday afternoons for children and it is hoped that this will become a Monday - Friday option from September. For any information please call in or ring us on **01235 530010/529236**

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We have just finished our annual exercise of invoicing advertisers for the new financial year and collecting their fees. We have three new advertisers, one of whom (Laura Cooper) has also been helping us format advertising pages and share files over the Internet.

Laura Cooper (Tollgate Therapies) offers a variety of holistic and beauty therapies and specialises in Sports Massage. She teaches introduction classes in holistic treatments for the general public and industry courses for therapists. Laura is also involved with Didcot Phoenix Cycling Club, running the Ladies' club runs. For more information please see www.tollgatetherapies.co.uk.

James Rockall (Culham Gardening Services) has started a local gardening business offering a reliable and professional service with vast experience and knowledge gained from working on professional gardens. He has public liability insurance and already works for several people locally.

Anne Andrew recently retired from classroom teaching and is now going to focus on private flute and piano teaching in the Abingdon area.

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My story – Paul Greenway

I'm running the Great North Run this September for the Alzheimer's Society. Even though my Nan is still around at the age of 92, the person we once knew is sadly slipping further and further away from us each year. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago, a horrible condition that is predicted to affect 1 million people in the UK by 2021. So I'm raising money for the Alzheimer's Society who aim to raise awareness, provide support for sufferers/carers and fund a research programme. I know times are hard – so anything you can give will be very much appreciated, even just a small amount. Thanks so much - I'd better get training soon! You can even TEXT YOUR DONATION. Please text the code NANG56 and your amount (£1, £2, £5, £10 or £20) to 70070 e.g. "NANG56 £5" to 70070.

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Local Police – Sarah Jones

The Local Priority for Benson and Berinsfield is Burglary and attempted Burglary, due to an increase in attempted burglaries and burglaries occurring across the area. The neighbourhood team have been carrying out high visibility patrols to help combat and deter these incidents - and will continue to do so. We would urge all home owners to make sure that their properties are left secure and items such as car keys and valuables are not left in the view of a window. Please report anything which you feel is suspicious and may be of interest to us.

Speed Indication Device (SID). Recently we have used the SID in Clifton Hampden following reports from people who were concerned that vehicles were travelling in excess of the speed limit. On the 30 March between 3:40pm and 4:40pm we checked vehicles on the A415 travelling into the village from the direction of Berinsfield. 28 vehicles were noted as speeding in excess of the 30mph speed limit and letters were sent to the registered owners.

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.

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme Bulletin

Signs of *ash die-back* include wilting leaves and browning of young stems. The web site www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara gives information about what to do about diseased ash trees. Woodfuel-themed *study visits* will run on 15 April, 1 June and 8 June, including a unique opportunity to see a Ministry of Defence woodland and taste wild rabbit.

If you are a woodland owner who could use some free help with woodland management, or you would like to work outdoors in return for some firewood, please join '*Logs for Labour*'. A quality standard for firewood for Oxfordshire is being developed. '*OxLogs*' suppliers will clearly state the volume, type, length and moisture content of their wood. For more information on any of these please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk.

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Starlight for Local Hospice – Vicky Smith

Sue Ryder Starlight Hike is back and we are searching for people to join us for this 10k night-time walk to support the incredible care at Nettlebed Hospice, near Henley.

Both men and women can register for the event which starts at 10.30pm at Green Park in Reading on 22 June. Participants will be treated to fantastic entertainment along the route, plus a breakfast roll at the end.

Karen Silkstone, a Teaching Assistant at Cholsey Primary School, is taking part in the walk for the third time.

She says "My husband Danny was admitted to the hospice on 31 December 1999 and from the minute we arrived the support and care we received from all the staff was truly amazing. The Nurses and staff were a fantastic support to me and my family and I would not have coped without knowing that Danny was receiving the best care possible. Danny sadly passed away aged 31 at the Hospice on 27 August

2000 but the care and support did not stop there, and to this day we are still greeted with smiles and hugs every time we go back to see the Nurses and staff.”

Each year Nettlebed Hospice needs to raise £1.6 million to keep care like this going. Can you help us reach this target by joining us under Starlight?

Registration for Starlight Hike £12 per adult (aged 16 and over) until the 26 April and £15 after that.

Children under 16 go free. To register or to find out more visit www.sueryder.org/starlighthike or call **01491 641070**.

Earth Trust Events in May 2013, Earth Trust Centre, Little Wittenham

www.earthtrust.org.uk

Saturday 11th May, 10am-4pm. Our Landscape's Story. Take an active look at the historic Wittenham Clumps with eco-hydrologist Curt Lamberth and explore how man has influenced the landscape over the centuries. Lunch included. Adults £55

Saturday 11th May, 10am – noon. Family Plant Foraging. Forage for local plants and find out more about their varied uses: food, dye, fire lighting and more. Adults £5, children £2

Thursday 16th May, 8.30-10.30pm. Bats at Wallingford Castle Meadows. Join a local bat expert on a walk at dusk to find out more about bats. Adults £5, children £2

Saturday 18th May, 10am-12 noon. Birds at Thrupp Lake, Radley. Take a morning stroll around the lake and learn about summer migrating birds and their habitats. Adults £5, children £2

Sunday 19th May, 10am-4pm. Summer Salad Growing. The Little Salad Company will show you how to grow plants from seed, which varieties to grow and introduce you to some weird and wonderful leaves that can bring your salad to life! Lunch included. Adults £55

Wednesday 29th May, 10am-4pm. Family Bushcraft, Earth Trust Centre. Go wild in the great outdoors, explore the woods, make shelters, learn how to make a fire, simple campfire lunch included. Adults £20, children £15

Advance booked required, please call 01865 407792 to reserve a place.

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