

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter No 349

Village Diary - September 2013

8th Family Communion – St. Paul's Church, 10 am

9th Parish Council Meeting – The School, 7.30 pm

13th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm

14th Ride and Stride – St. Paul's Church, 10 am – 6 pm

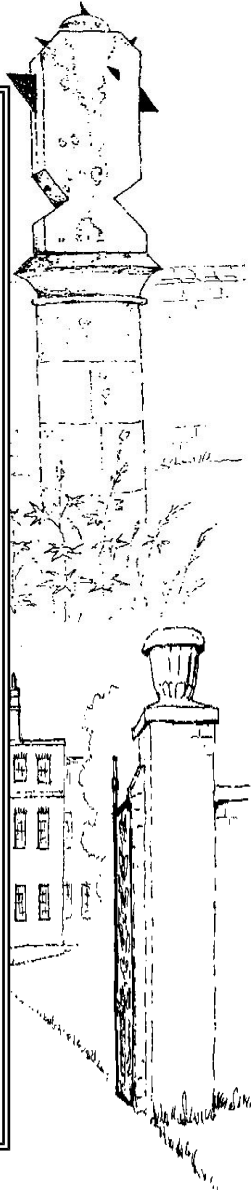
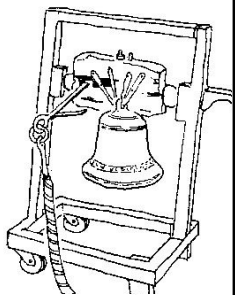
15th DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER'S MOUTHPIECE

15th Evening Prayer – St. Paul's Church, 6 pm

27th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm

29th Harvest Festival – St. Paul's Church, 5 pm

followed by Harvest Supper at 5.45 pm



Church Services in September

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 8th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 15th	6 pm	...	Evening Prayer
Sunday 29th	5 pm	*	Harvest Service
...	5.45 pm		Harvest Supper
* PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME OF 5 pm!			
<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>			
SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 1st	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 8th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	2 pm	Long Wittenham	Baptism
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 15th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Joint Service
	1 pm	Clifton Hampden	Baptism

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VILLAGE NEWS

Au Pair Wanted

A German friend has been asked by a friend in Germany to help find a family with whom her daughter could work as an au pair for 6 – 12 months. She has just completed her A-levels. She loves children and horses and playing the piano. If anyone is interested, please contact **Ruth Ward, 01235 525364**.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride, Saturday 14th September

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 10am and 6pm. 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. Pauls 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.

Harvest Supper at St Paul's Church

On **Sunday 29th September** there will be a short Harvest Festival Service at **5.00 pm**, followed by a **Harvest Supper at 5.45 pm**.

Supper tickets costing **£7** for adults (including a glass of wine) & **£2.50** for children will be available from **Revd Anne Ilsley (01865 407605)** and **Brian Bracher (01235 525885)**.

All are welcome - feel free to come to either or both events! A similar event last year was a great success.

The Glenn Miller Orchestra at Dorchester Abbey, Friday 27 September, 7.45 pm

Celebrate with us at Dorchester Abbey the music of Glen Miller under the direction of Ray McVay. It will be 69 years almost to the day since the Glen Miller Orchestra last appeared in this area and entertained 3,500 troops in one of his last concerts before he went missing over the English Channel. For tickets at £23 each, please ring 0844 8700887 or see www.ticketsauce.co.uk/nasiofundraising. This special event is in aid of the Nasio Trust

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From The Mouthpiece

Advertising - Brian Bracher

Without income from our advertisers, the Mouthpiece will run out of funds and could close, possibly during the year 2013-14. We have streamlined the advertising process this year and we now need someone with experience in WORD, EXCEL and EMAIL to organise the advertisements in the future.

I will **not** be able to continue doing this next year, so if you can help, please ring me on **525885** or email me at **brian@thebrachers.com**. Also, we'd greatly appreciate having an extra editor, so if you'd like to try editing an issue, please contact **Brian Bracher** on **525885**. If you're familiar with WORD and Email, then you could do it!

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme – Riki Therivel

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme has launched a woodfuel standard, *OxLogs*, which aims to improve woodfuel quality in Oxfordshire, and counter the uncertainty of what is meant by 'a load of seasoned wood'. *OxLogs* suppliers will specify the volume, moisture content, type of wood (hard or soft) and length of the wood. When you buy logs, ask for *OxLogs*!

If you own a woodfuel boiler – chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler – please fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T? The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

If you own a woodland that needs managing, or are interested in working outside in return for logs, do join the programme's Logs for Labour scheme as either a 'log offer' or a 'labour offer'. For more information on any of these please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk.

ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council)

Dementia Friendly Communities - Beth Weston

Would you like to make your community Dementia Friendly? Get involved with the Dementia Friendly Communities project through ORCC and we can support you to do just that. We can support you to:

- Galvanise support for making your community dementia friendly where you live
- Provide your community with FREE training to help you have a better understanding of dementia
- Support you to devise a practical plan that will make a difference for those living with dementia in your area

We need your help to make communities across Oxfordshire better places for people with dementia to live.

To find out how you can make a difference contact Beth Weston at ORCCC on beth.weston@oxonrcc.org.uk or 01865 883488

Earth Trust Events in September

Sunday 1st, 10am-4pm, Adults £50: Wild Cooking. Forage for food in the wild and learn how to prepare and cook it. Nick Smart will be showing you how.

Saturday 7th, 10am-4pm, Adults £50: Wild Plant Dyes. Gain an insight into the wide range of plants that can produce dye. Learn the process to extract, fix colours and create your own reference swatch.

Saturday 7th, 7pm-10pm, Adults £5, Children £2: Meet the Moths. Spend an evening seeing just how beautiful British moths can be. Ben Carpenter will teach you the basics of identification and more about these fascinating night time creatures.

Sunday 15th, 10am-4pm, Adults £50, Friends £40: Autumn Vegetable Growing. Let *Cultivate* share their passion for hands on veg growing with you. Find out how these local producers make ecologically-friendly produce and get involved yourself, leaving with top tips to grow green veg in your own garden. Tasty lunch included.

Sunday 29th, 10am-4pm, Adults £50: Winter Salad Growing. Find out how to grow interesting salad varieties indoors over the colder months. The *Little Salad Company* will show you how to grow plants from seed, which varieties to grow, different growing methods to suit your garden or allotment, and introduce some weird and wonderful leaves that can bring your salads to life. There won't be an iceberg lettuce in sight! Tasty lunch included.

Local Police Report - PCSOs Sarah Jones & Rebekah Kent

Here is the our latest Benson and Berinsfield neighbourhood update. The Benson & Berinsfield neighbourhood covers the parishes of Berinsfield, Nuneham Courtenay, **Culham**, Clifton Hampden, Dorchester, Shillingford, Warborough, Berrick Salome, Benson, Ewelme and Brightwell Baldwin.

Local priorities

The local priority is Burglary and Attempted Burglary. The neighbourhood team are carrying out high visibility patrols to help combat these incidents. We would urge all home owners to make sure that properties are left secure and items such as car keys and valuables are not left in the view of a window. If you would like some crime reduction advice please visit your local police station or contact your neighbourhood officer.

Parking

Parking is something that we 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 both be frustrating and dangerous and we will assess and deal with all reports appropriately. Owners of vehicles parked illegally or causing an obstruction can be fined £30 by means of a fixed penalty notice. This month we received reports of inconsiderate parking in Castle Square, Benson again. On one occasion bins were unable to be collected due to the road being narrowed by parked vehicles, officers attended and several fixed penalty notices were issued. Parking issues have also been reported at **Burycroft, Culham**. However officers have not found any vehicles to be parked illegally/dangerously but will continue to monitor the area.

Recovered bicycles

Over the past month we have recovered a substantial amount of bicycles, if you think any of these might be yours then please contact the NHPT with a description of your bike.

Have Your Say Meeting

There is a chance to "Have Your Say" in person on **Tuesday 27 August** from **5:30pm to 6pm** at the **Village Green in Culham**.

We are looking for volunteers to attend our next training course to become an advocate for Oxfordshire Advocacy, an independent, confidential free service that supports adults living in Oxfordshire to get their voice heard and their wishes taken into account. Our volunteer advocates work with people who need support in a meeting, writing a letter or making a complaint, or making sure that correct procedures are followed.

Recently we provided advocates for a man with severe depression to attend a medical assessment to check his eligibility for benefits, and for the wife of a man with dementia who is struggling to get enough support so that she can look after him at home

Our next training course for new volunteers is in Banbury on 14th 15th and 22nd November 2013 and Oxford on 3rd, 4th and 11th October 2013. If you would like to find out more about volunteering for OA please contact us on 01865 741200, email: jacinta.sands@oadg.org.uk, or look at our website on www.gettingheard.org

Payday Loans - David Soward (Citizens' Advice Bureau)

The Citizens Advice service and Trading Standards are now at the heart of the new consumer organisation called the **Citizens Advice Consumer Service**. This provides consumer information and advice, and **Trading Standards services** will take enforcement action where needed. A current subject of interest is **Payday Loans**.

What is a payday loan?

Do you know your rights?

If you have a payday loan, are YOU in control?

Has your lender treated you fairly?

Do you need help?

You can get FREE debt advice from the following web sites and helplines.

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Performances in September

Wed 4 **Didcot Film Club:** Babette's Feast, 8pm

Fri 13 **5th Birthday Show:** 8pm
Some fizz, some cake, some little surprises and a stormer of a show from Alice Francis, first lady of cool swing.

- Sat 14 **5th Birthday Celebration Day:** Free mini-festival, 10am-midnight
It's our birthday so we're throwing the doors open wide for a whole day of fun for the family with plays, dancing, art and music - outside in the town square and throughout the whole building. Evening music and cabaret in the bar.
- Fri 20 **Rodney Branigan:** Free bar gig ,8pm
Rodney's singer-songwriting has been compared to Jeff Buckley and his multi-instrumental skills to Rodrigo Y Gabriela.
- Sat 21 **Alex Horne: Lies** Stand-up comedy, 8pm
Star of We Need Answers and The Horne Section, Alex returns to Didcot. (**Not too rude**).
- Fri 27 **Strindberg's Miss Julie:** Classic Theatre, 7.30pm Ages 14+
Midsummer's Eve 1888, aristocratic Miss Julie is drawn to the socially ambitious Jean, her father's valet. Witness a ferocious power struggle as they attempt a love affair in a world that depended on people knowing their place.
- Sat 28 **Sam Carter:** Contemporary folk music, 8pm
Mixing American spirituals, gospel and shapenote hymn singing with glorious songwriting Sam has been compared with Nic Jones, Richard Thompson and John Martyn, and won Best Newcomer at the BBC's 2010 Folk Awards.
- Sun 29 **Georgie Fame in Concert:** Music legend! 7.30pm
Still fresh, still oozing cool, Georgie comes to Cornerstone with his two sons, Tristan Powell on guitar and James Powell on drums, with both on backing vocals. A night of hits, banter and eye-opening anecdotes from Georgie's career.

Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes for July 2013 – Andrew Steele

From the County Councillor

Lorraine Lindsay-Gales' report has been sent for inclusion on the village website (www.culhamvillage.org.uk)

Other items

The Burycroft grass has been cut.

There has been no response from the Diocese about the cricket club request to use the playing field - the Clerk will chase up the request.

The rubber 'bark' for the play area is on order and should be delivered soon.

The Clerk will write to the Police Commissioner, OCC and the Chief Constable about the speeding problems on the A415 between Abingdon and the Waggon.

Contact with Appleford and Clifton Hampden Parish Councils about a joint action plan is ongoing.

Parish Plan

The questionnaires have been assessed by SODC and will be delivered soon. The return date is 21 July.

Next meeting: Monday 9th September 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.

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