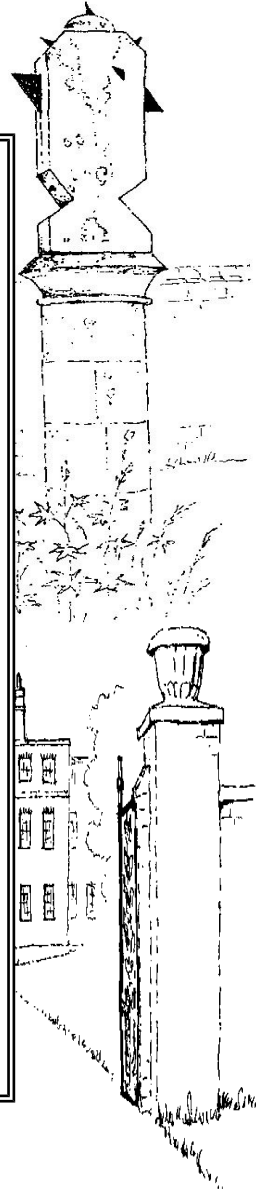
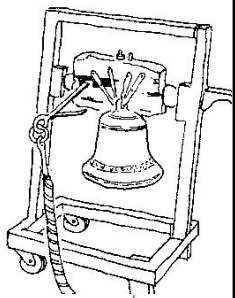


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Village Diary - October 2013

- 3rd OSJ Proms - Ashmolean Museum, 7.30 pm*
- 11th Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*
- 13th Family Communion - St. Paul's Church - 10 am*
- 13th Friends' Concert - St. Paul's Church - 7.30 pm*
- 14th Parish Council Meeting - The School, 7.30 pm*
- 15th DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER'S MOUTHPIECE*
- 19th Car Boot Sale - The Green*
- 20th Evening Prayer - St. Paul's Church, 6 pm*
- 25th Mobile Library - The Glebe, 1.40 - 1.50 pm*



Church Services in October

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 13th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 20th	6 pm	...	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>			
SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 6th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Harvest Service
	6 pm	Little Wittenham	Harvest Service
Sunday 13th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 20th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	8.30 am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion

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VILLAGE NEWS

Red Cross Week - Kath Pearce and Carol Askew

We would like to thank everyone who gave so generously, this year, during Red Cross Week. The Culham collection raised a fantastic £164.83 - this was an increase of £46.65 on last year!

We also received a tremendous response to our requests for donations towards the bottle tombola. Again, we received more contributions than ever before. Many thanks from Kath Pearce and Carol Askew

Carol Service - Andrew Churchill Stone

As noted elsewhere, the Carol Service will be on Sunday 22 December at 6.30pm. As in previous years, it would be nice to form a choir to help lead the singing and sing one or two 'choir only' carols. It is intended that there would be a rehearsal on the afternoon of Sunday 15 December, around 4pm, and one before the service itself. If anyone is interested in joining a choir please let me know on 533011 or a.churchill.stone@givemail.co.uk.

Senior Citizens' Free Xmas Lunch at the Railway Inn – please see page 7

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Friends of Culham Church Present on Sunday 13th October

An Evening of Music performed by
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**Bruch's 8 pieces for Clarinet, Piano and Cello
after which there will be an Interval, followed by
songs from the golden age of musicals from Carousel, South Pacific, Kiss Me Kate and
Porgy & Bess**

**Performance begins at 7.30 at Culham Church
Supper will be served during the interval
Tickets £7.50 pp, £22 for a family**

Tickets available from Philip Owen or any
member of the Friends Committee - please call 01235 555223 or pandj@btinternet.com

St Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) – Andrew Churchill Stone

Notes on PCC Meeting held on 3rd September

The Quinquennial Inspection (mandatory 5-yearly inspection of the church's fabric) has been carried out and the report is awaited. Some works (e.g. cleaning, painting etc) are already in progress.

There would be a confirmation service for the whole team at Dorchester Abbey on 22 September, with 2 candidates from Culham.

Sunday 8th September would be the last service for Keith Graham and Olivia Glenny and their family. Olivia has been appointed Archdeacon of Berkshire and they are moving to Newbury. They have played a significant part in all bridge parishes in terms of music, leading worship and supporting Anne and David. They will be much missed. There will be a presentation after the morning service on 8 September.

Harvest Festival on 29 September.

Carol Service on Sunday 22 December.

Culham Pre School – Lea Allmond

As we start our new term we would like to say goodbye to the following children - Florence, Sidonie, Rory, Will, Amber, Charlotte and Sophie. We would like to wish all of them good luck in their new schools. We would also like to welcome into the pre-school Isaac, Betsy, Florence, Harry, Ellen, Ivy, Archie, Christopher and Cristian: we hope that they will have an enjoyable time with us.

This term we shall be looking at Castles, Knights and Princesses with lots of exciting activities focusing around this theme.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Co-op Community Fund who have made a very generous donation to us, which will be used to purchase new toys and equipment for the children.

We are now opening all day every day and if you would like any further information about this please contact us on 01235 530010/529235.

Alternatively we can be emailed at culhamvillagepreschool@gmail.com.

Culham Parochial C of E Primary School



After the long sunny break we have started Term 1 with our exciting topics:
FS/Year 1 (Robins) - Castles, Knights and Princesses
Year 2/3 (Owls) - Castles - Medieval Madness
Year 4/5/6 (Red Kites) – Medieval Madness



To enhance their topic work, the children are looking forward to visiting Warwick Castle later this month (the staff are too!). The end of the term will be celebrated with a Medieval Day (complete with banquet!) when the children will dress up as Knights, Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses. The junior pupils recently took part in an inter-primary TRYathlon event at the White Horse Leisure Centre. A good (and wet!) time was had by all, with some great results achieved by our children.

Dates for your diary:

Harvest Festival Service, St Paul's Church, Culham Thursday 26 September, 9.15am	Remembrance Service, St Paul's Church, Culham Monday 11 November, 10.50am
Open Day Thursday 28 November – please telephone the school office for further details (01235 521766)	Parents & Friends Christmas Craft Fair (in school) Sunday 1 December – please telephone the school office for further details
Parents & Friends Christmas Fair (in school) Friday 6 December, 3.30pm	Community Carol Service (in school) Thursday 12 December, 2.15pm (followed by refreshments)
Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church, Culham Thursday 19 December, 6.00pm	

Abingdon Drama Club Junior Drama Classes *Spaces available in all classes now!*
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Contact details: The Old Tannery, Nensington Road, Woodstock. OX20 1JL. Tel. 01993 813832
 Email: www.sofa.org.uk/the-museum.

ORCC (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) **News from the Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme: September/October 2013**

Be smart when you buy firewood. Please buy from a local supplier, as this minimises 'fuel miles' and supports local businesses. Ask your supplier whether they provide OxLogs (www.oxlogs.com), which are the Oxford quality standard for woodfuel. Otherwise ask 1. what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less), 2. what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'), 3. whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and 4. how long the logs are.

Wood with a high moisture content will burn badly, since much of its energy will first go into turning that moisture into steam before it can heat your house. Last summer was terrible for drying wood, but this year has been much better. You can buy a moisture meter for about £15 online. For more information see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/our-community-wants-to.

Join Logs for Labour. L4L matches up woodland owners whose woodlands need managing ('log offers') with people who are willing to help out in return for logs ('labour offers'). The woodfuel programme is organising a series of L4L events for the autumn and winter. If you would like to make either or log or a labour offer, contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood to get updates on log offers.

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

Ash die-back. The Forestry Commission has a very good website in case you are worried that an ash tree has chalara (ash die-back): www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara.

Events and talks. The woodfuel programme will have a stand at the Local Environment Group Conference at Trap Grounds, Oxford on Sun 22 Sep, and at Chipping Norton Energy Day on Sat 28 Sep; and will be talking to Transition Eynsham on Wed 16 Oct at 7:30pm. There will also be a woodfuel conference in Dorking on Fri 4 Oct, and one on productive woodland enterprises in Birmingham on Thur 17 Oct. Please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk for more information.

OSJ Proms at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, in October

Each concert in this series by the Orchestra of St John's is inspired by the Museum's collections and is introduced by members of the Ashmolean's curatorial team.

Thursday 3 October: 7.30 pm (Doors open 7.00 pm), Ashmolean Museum, Oxford

Britten Hymn to St Cecilia, Op. 27 ~ Purcell Ode to St Cecilia
Handel Ode for St Cecilia's Day ~ with OSJ Ashmolean Voices

Ticket prices: £25 for a chair, £10 for a floor cushion space, £100 for a season ticket. Please book tickets online or call the Box Office on 0845 680 1926

THE MOUTHPIECE

Advertising - Brian Bracher

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!

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Contributions to the NOVEMBER issue of the Mouthpiece by OCTOBER 15TH, please, to:

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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 14th December 2013** for a Christmas Party, from **2 to 6 pm**. This offer is limited to 30 people who must be Culham residents. It will include:

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- Entertainment, Bingo and Raffle

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are you on a special diet?



To Pauline Davidson, The Railway Inn, Culham, OX14 3BT (tel. 528046)

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Address.....

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Telephone number

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