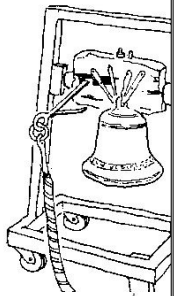


# The Mouthpiece

*Culham's Newsletter No 351*

*Village Diary - November 2013*

- 8th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*
- 10th Communion & Remembrance – St. Paul's Church, 10 am*
- 10th Bonfire Night – Playing Field 2-3 & 6.30 pm onwards*
- 11th Remembrance Service with School – St Paul's, 10.50 am*
- 11th Parish Council Meeting – The School, 7.30 pm*
- 15th DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER/JANUARY'S MOUTHPIECE*
- 17th Evening Prayer – St. Paul's Church, 6 pm*
- 22nd Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*
- 28th Open Day – The School*
- 29th CCG Questionnaire results, The School 6.30 – 9.00pm*
- 30th CCG Questionnaire results, The School 9.30 – 11.30am*



## Church Services in November

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
<b>SERVICES AT CULHAM</b>			
Sunday 10th	10 am	Culham	Holy Communion & Remembrance Service
Sunday 17th	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>			
<b>SERVICES ELSEWHERE</b>			
Sunday 3rd	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 10th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Remembrance Service
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Monday 11th	10.55 am	Long Wittenham War Memorial	Remembrance Service
Sunday 17th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	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

**Culham Villagers, Families and Friends!**  
**You Are Invited to a**  
**Bonfire Pyromusical Night in Culham**  
**Sunday 10th November.**



On the Playing Field  
**Bonfire Lighting 6.30pm - Firework display 7.00pm**  
 Soup and Hot Dogs

There is no charge BUT Donations will be gratefully received

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

**Also**

**Build a Guy Fawkes Competition**

Judging will take place on Sunday 10th November 2pm-3pm  
 on the Playing Field

*Build and Bring a Guy Fawkes, Prize for all*

*(All Guy Fawkes will be put on the Bonfire)*

**Volunteers will be needed on the Day and for the Evening event,**

**Please call Jon on 01235 522448 if you can give a little time**

### **Dads in Culham Social (D.I.C.S.) - Paul Greenway**

This is a group that's recently started meeting in the Waggon & Horses on the odd Friday night, roughly every month or two. No agenda, no committees, no minutes - just a few (or more) social beers with the boys! The next one is on **Friday 1st November, 8 pm** onwards at the Waggon, hope to see you there.....Please email me or call if you want to be added to the mailing list for reminders.

Paul Greenway, 15 High Street (email: [paul.j.greenway@gmail.com](mailto:paul.j.greenway@gmail.com) Tel 0774 064 6057)

### **Dog Waste**

It has been noticed that dog waste is not being cleared up along the towpath between Culham Lock and the Donkey Bridge. Dog bins are provided in the lock car park & on the green - please use them to keep the path a pleasant place to enjoy.

### **Friends of the Church of St Pauls**

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the concert held in the church on 13 October. Local lads Nick and Michael Storrs and their friends generously gave their time in support of the church building and gave marvellous performances displaying their exceptional talents. The audience of around 75 people were thoroughly entertained and, thanks to the supply of vitals, were amply fed and watered as well. The concert raised over £600 which will go towards the ongoing maintenance and up-keep of the church building which is such an important part of our village environment. In the run up to Christmas, please would you consider raising money for the Friends of St Pauls by making any on-line purchases using the "easyfundraising" website [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)?

1. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulsculham>
2. Click on 'support us now'
3. Fill out the quick form to register your details (you do not give your bank details).
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5. Click to visit the retailer, then shop as you normally would.

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## **Culham Community Questionnaire - the results are in!**

A big “thank you” to all of you who filled out the Culham Questionnaire. We had 150 responses which is great. Your views and opinions are vital in shaping Culham to be the way we want it to be – whether it be change or no change at all.

The CCG (Culham Community Group) have produced a draft summary of the findings which makes fascinating reading. It shows the general consensus of the village and we cannot wait to share it with you.

Please come along to find out the initial results at one, or both, of two celebratory events on **Friday 29th November** (6.30pm-9.00pm) and **Saturday 30th November** (9.30am-11.30am) **at Culham School**.

If you need any more incentive, we will rustle up cheese & wine on Friday evening and coffee & croissants on Saturday morning!

**See the questionnaire results – See the draft community plan - Have your say on both.**

Once the community plan is finalised, we can start putting things into action. This further consultation is vital so we know we are doing the right thing; and DOING is the operative word. Let’s get some of our ideas off the ground!

We look forward to seeing you there...

**Culham Community Group**



## **Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes – October 2013**

### From the County Councillor

Lorraine Lindsay-Gales' report for October has been sent for inclusion on the village website ([www.culhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.culhamvillage.org.uk)).

No news from the District Councillor, John Cotton.

### Other items

The CPC external audit has been undertaken and has been signed off as passing all requirements.

New salt bins will be ordered for The Green and Thame Lane. OCC will fill them once each winter but it will be up to villagers to apply as necessary. The bin on The Glebe will be retained.

Under the Community Governance Review of boundaries etc , CPC will recommend that the Jet Site Parish boundary should be retained, i.e. that the site should not be assigned to any one single Parish (Culham, Clifton or Nuneham).

There has been no response from the Police or Highways regarding CPC request to discuss the village's road related problems.

The recreation ground gate has been repaired.

### Parish Plan

There is a launch of the draft plan proposed for two days in November, i.e. the 29th and 30th. Further information should appear elsewhere in this edition of The Mouthpiece

### Next meeting

Monday 11 November 2013 at 19:30 at the school.

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 Allmond

We said a sad goodbye to 7 of our pupils in July as they moved on to their new primary 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 email us: [culhamvillagepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:culhamvillagepreschool@gmail.com).



## Culham Parochial C of E Primary School



### Dates for your diary

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

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### ORCC Trading Limited – Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Plan ahead for oil deliveries over the Festive Season

The merits of the community buying scheme were featured on a news item on BBC South Today on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.30 pm. This is a timely reminder that before the winter sets in members should check their tanks. The deadline for orders for a November delivery is **29<sup>th</sup> October**.  
**Please note: There will be no order placed in December. The next order will not be delivered until mid-January 2014.**

We are pleased to announce that Felicity Mockford will be administering the Scheme on a part-time basis following Christine Bartle's retirement. She can be contacted on 01865 733214.

### Cornerstone Arts Centre

25 Station Road, Didcot, OX11 7NE, 01235 515144, <http://www.cornerstone-arts.org>

A wide range of events – theatre, music, art, workshops, dance including:

Sun 3 Nov	<b>Arthur's Dream Boat</b>	<b>Children's: Theatre</b> 2pm
Fri 8 Nov	<b>Mark Thomas: 100 Acts of Minor Dissent</b>	<b>Comedy: Stand-up</b> 8pm
Fri 22 Nov	<b>Jacqui Dankworth</b>	<b>Music: Jazz</b> 8pm
Sat 30 Nov	<b>Clay Sculpture – Ceramics</b>	10.30am-12.30pm

### Police "Have Your Say" Meetings - PCSO Rebekah Kent

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013 – The Village Green, High Street, Culham 5.30pm – 6pm

### Talking Point - Revd Anne Ilsley

*We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans Ch8 v28.*

I don't want to suggest that we all become like Pollyanna, stridently insisting on finding the good in the most dire of circumstances, but experience has shown me that this maxim, stating that things work together for good, has wisdom in it.

This year I had a most fascinating trip to Turkey, especially interesting for the stimulating input of our excellent guide. This was not a rest I had planned it to be and as it turned out, I needn't have escaped the country to enjoy an extended summer!

The good that came? Perhaps not all that I expected, but the trip really tested the ankle that I broke four years ago and I do believe gave me more confidence in walking on it.

My next trip was down a step in St. Paul's church resulting in a second broken bone. This time my arm is in plaster, but on the positive side, it is a crack, not displaced and my left, not my right arm! I am so grateful to all who have since been ferrying me around so that I can keep working. In this situation I do get to slow down, as I'm taken to various meetings and services with friends from the parish and we chat in the car. There is always some good.

## NOVEMBER EVENTS AT THE RAILWAY INN

### LIVE MUSIC

- Friday 1st (Halloween) - 'The Corsairs'
- Saturday 9th - 'Shakedown Prophets'
- Saturday 16th - 'Vinyl Daze'
- Saturday 23rd - 'Nameless'



### CHOCACHOLICS PARTY

Monday 25th (to raise funds for Senior Citizens' Christmas Party)

**Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at the Railway Inn - see below !**

### 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](mailto:brian@thebrachers.com).

We'd like to welcome Anne Churchill Stone as a new editor and thank her for her work on this issue.

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**Contributions to the DECEMBER/JANUARY issue of the Mouthpiece by NOVEMBER 15TH, please, to:**

**generalmouthpiece@gmail.com**

or

<b>Brian Bracher,</b>	25 High Street, Culham	Tel 01235 525885
<b>John Mason,</b>	20 High Street, Culham,	Tel 01235 527440
<b>Anne Churchill Stone,</b>	18 High Street, Culham,	Tel 01235 533011

### **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:

- 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 14th December 2013**.

Name .....

Address.....

.....

Telephone number .....

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

Please could someone give me a lift?  
I will be in a wheelchair.  
I am on a special diet – i.e. ....

