

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter No 353

Village Diary – February 2014

9th Family Communion – St Paul's Church, 10am

10th Parish Council Meeting - The School, 7.30 pm

11th Hydroelectric Meeting – The Fish, Sutton Courtenay, 6.30 pm

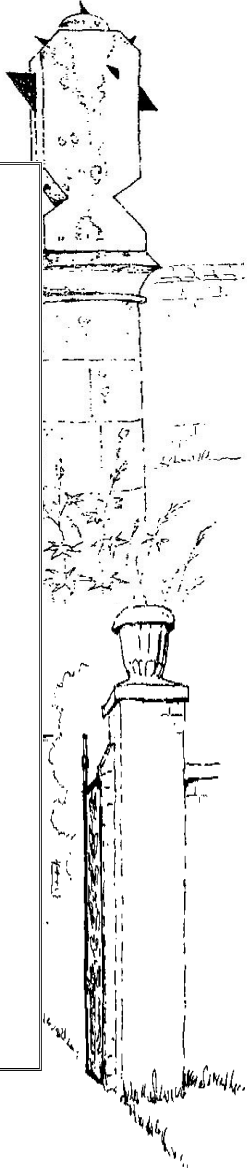
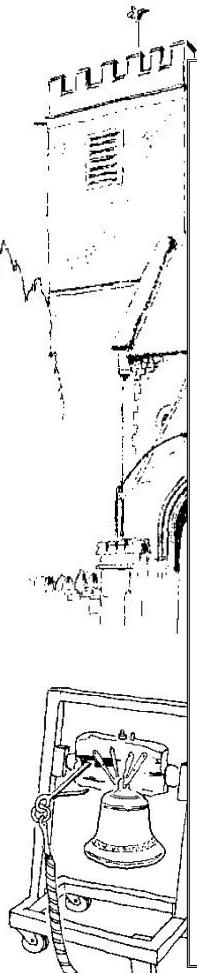
14th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm

15th DEADLINE FOR MARCH'S MOUTHPIECE

16th Evening Prayer - St Paul's Church, 6 pm

18th Hydroelectric Power Meeting – Waggon & Horses, 6.30 pm

28th Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
SERVICES AT CULHAM			
Sunday 9th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 16th	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 Ilesley at Culham Church on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9.00 am.</i>			
SERVICES ELSEWHERE			
Sunday 2nd	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Presentation & Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 9th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Evening Prayer
Sunday 16th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	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

CHRISTMAS AT THE RAILWAY INN

One Saturday in December, Pauline and Roy Davidson gave a free Christmas Lunch for Culham's senior citizens at The Railway Inn. A good number of us enjoyed a delicious four-course turkey dinner. We had all sorts of entertainments, including a choir from Dorchester, "Two-a-Part", who treated us to a few Christmas Carols. We even had a visit from Santa Claus!

We would like to thank Pauline, Roy and their helpers for their splendid efforts, and also their customers and others who funded this generous event. We had a great time!

FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S

Early Warning! **8th March 2014** is the date for the 2nd annual Culham Friends quiz to be held once again at the European school on Thame Lane, following the success of last year's event. There is even a possibility of a trophy being inaugurated to ensure that the winners of the quiz are commemorated for future generations! Tickets can be reserved at this early stage as there is sure to be a big demand.

In the run up to Christmas, please would you consider raising money for the Friends of St Paul's by making any on-line purchases using the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk. You can shop with over 2,000 well known stores and each will donate up to 15% of what you spend. It doesn't cost you a penny more - the service is totally free.

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).
4. Find the retailer you want to shop with.
5. Click to visit the retailer, then shop as you normally would.

The Art of Culham

Saturday 22nd March 10am-4pm

Local artists: Children's activities: cakes & refreshments: Raffle prizes
St Pauls Church, Culham stpaulsculham@gmail.com Free entry

THE ART of CULHAM: stpaulsculham@gmail.com

On Saturday 22nd March 10am-4pm St Paul's Church Culham, is holding its first Art show with local artists who live in or have a connection with the village, including mosaics, paintings, illustrations, pottery and bookbinding, children's activities throughout the day, cakes and refreshments, art show raffle, live music

All welcome!

Free Entry!

ADVERTISING IN THE MOUTHPIECE

For **over a year** we have been seeking help with managing the Mouthpiece advertisements: we have had some assistance in the collection of fees by hand and in formatting advert pages, but the present advertising manager can no longer do everything else. Sadly, nobody else wants to do it either.

This means that NO advertising invoices will be sent out for the year 2104-5 and, quite possibly, all advertising will be removed from April 2014 onwards.

We apologise to those advertisers who have supported us by paying promptly with minimal fuss.

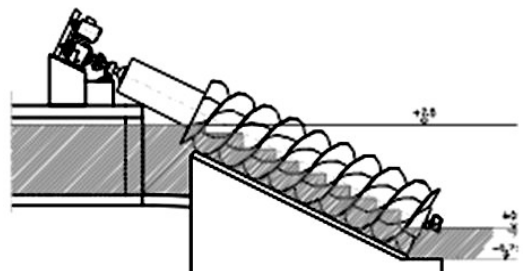
Soon, the mouthpiece will close down for lack of funds. If you can help, please email Brian Bracher on advertmouthpiece@gmail.com or ring 525885.

HYDROPOWER IN SUTTON COURTENAY?

As it flows through Sutton Pools, the Thames releases enough energy to power hundreds of homes, or a medium sized factory!

Can the local community benefit from this?

James Walton, a Sutton Courtenay resident, and Henry Reily-Collins a Culham resident of Hallidays Hydropower, have been looking at the options and would like to share the exciting possibilities at the following meetings:



in CULHAM: The Waggon and Horses at 1830 on TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY &
in SUTTON COURTENAY: The Fish at 1830 on TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Please feel free to come to either meeting. We will make a short presentation, and invite discussion and questions. If you'd like to submit any questions in advance please email james@jgwalton.com

The two pubs remain open for business as usual during our meetings.

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Winter is a busy time for the NHS. Everything from flu to falls and sickness to sore throats means our health service is under extreme pressure during the winter months.

By **choosing well**, it could save both you and NHS services a lot of time and inconvenience. So if you become ill or suffer an injury, **take two minutes** to decide which NHS service is most appropriate for your needs. Many minor ailments can be easily treated at home or with advice from your local chemist or NHS 111.

Where to go:

1. **Your first aid kit** –many minor ailments such as bruises, grazes, sore throats, colds, coughs, minor cuts, hangovers, and indigestion can be effectively treated yourself. Remember to have a well-stocked medicine cabinet or first aid kit. For details of what to keep in stock ask your pharmacist, or visit www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/990.aspx
2. **Pharmacies** – many people forget that their local pharmacist or chemist can provide treatments and advice for a wide range of complaints. If you have diarrhoea, a minor infection, headache, tummy upset, an insect bite or sting, a cough, a cold or even if you want travel advice, your pharmacist can help.
3. **GP Surgeries** – if you are feeling generally unwell, have feverish children, a rash, ear pain, an infection, persistent symptoms then your GP is the right choice. If your surgery is closed but you don't feel you can wait for help or advice, call 111.

4. **111** – This is the free, 24 hour a day, 365 day a year NHS advice line. You should call 111 when you are feeling unwell or have been hurt but it is not a 999 emergency. If you are unsure where to go or what to do, 111 can provide valuable advice on the most appropriate action to take. It is also a valuable service for people who are not registered with a GP or who just need information or reassurance about what to do next.
5. **Minor Injuries Units (MIUs)** – these centres can often treat many of the complaints people go to A&E for. Deep cuts, eye injuries, broken bones, sprains, minor burns and scalds can all be effectively treated at an MIU. In Oxfordshire we have MIUs in Abingdon, Henley and Witney.

Accident and Emergency/Emergency Department (ED) – This is **ONLY** for genuine emergencies e.g. Life threatening conditions such as severe chest pains, breathing difficulties, choking, and serious bleeding injuries. If you attend the ED with a minor cut or a bad hangover you are taking up valuable time of the Emergency doctors and nurses who are there to treat those who are badly hurt and severely unwell.

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All that is needed to join the bulk oil buying scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year. Orders are placed once a month and savings in the cost per litre are generally around 5p per litre less than the average price.

For further details go to www.oxonrcc.org.uk or telephone Emma on **01865 733214**.

OXFORDSHIRE WOODFUEL PROGRAMME

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme is running a series of 'logs for labour' events, where participants get free firewood in return for a few hours of work managing their local woodlands. Do come along! Find out more on www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour. Please buy your firewood from a local supplier to minimise 'fuel miles' and support local businesses. When you buy firewood 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. Alternatively buy OxLogs: see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/oxlogs.*

The woodfuel programme now has funding to advise community groups of all kinds on installing biomass boilers in their buildings. Please contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk for more information, also if your community building is heated by biomass and you would be willing to share lessons from that with others.

LOCAL POLICE UPDATE

Here is the latest Benson and Berinsfield neighbourhood update from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Rebekah Kent and PCSO Sarah Jones.

The Benson & Berinsfield neighbourhood covers the parishes of Berinsfield, Nuneham Courtenay, Culham, Clifton Hampden, Dorchester-on-Thames, Shillingford, Warborough, Berrick Salome, Benson, Ewelme and Brightwell Baldwin.

The local priority is Burglary and Attempted Burglary. The neighbourhood team have been and will continue to carry out high visibility patrols to help combat and deter these incidents. Unfortunately we have seen a slight increase overall in Burglaries and Attempted Burglaries but the team has been working with CID to identify offenders and prevent further 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 view of a window.

We have had a decrease in anti-social behaviour (ASB) this month which is great news!

If you would like some crime reduction advice please visit your local police station, during opening times, or contact your neighbourhood officer by calling the police non-emergency number 101.

SHEEP KILLED ON THE CLUMPS BY PET DOG - KIRSTY WARREN

On the 13th of January a dog attacked and killed a sheep on the Wittenham Clumps. There have been several incidents recently where sheep have been seriously injured after being mauled by dogs. Please keep your dogs on leads where sheep are grazing to reduce stress to the animals, and to prevent unnecessary deaths. Thank you.

For further enquiries, contact Kirsty Warren at kirsty.warren@earthtrust.org.uk or ring 01865 409406.

CORNERSTONE ARTS CENTRE, 25 STATION ROAD, DIDCOT, OX11 7NE

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2014

- 1-16 **Janine Philips Exhibition**, Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-4pm. Free entry.
- Sat 1 **The Comedy of Errors Theatre: Family** (Bristol Old Vic Theatre School), 6pm. Ages 7+ and adults.
- Sun 2 **Suitcase Stories Children's: Theatre**, 11am & 2pm. Ages 4-8 and adults.
- Fri 7 **Dracula by Bram Stoker: Theatre** (Blackeyed Theatre), 8pm. Ages 13+ and adults.
- Sat 8 **The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) Theatre: Comedy**, 7pm.

Ages 12+ and adults.

- Fri 14 **Valentine's Stories and Supper: Supper Theatre** (Scary Little Girls), 8pm.
 Sat 15 **Cara Dillon Music: Contemporary Folk** (plus support from Ellie Williams), 8pm.
 Sun 16 **Little Howard and the Magic Pencil of Life and Death: Children's Comedy Theatre**,
 2pm. Ages 4+ & adults .
 20-30 **Oxford Print-Makers: Focus on Print Exhibition** Tue-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 11am-4pm.
 Free entry.
 Fri 21 **Eamonn Coyle and Kris Drever Music: Folk**, 8pm.
 Sat 22 **An Afternoon with Sunny Ormonde: It's Lillian from The Archers! Matinee:
 One Woman Show**, 2pm.
 Sun 23 **Who's Been Sitting In My Chair? Children's: Theatre** (Freehand Theatre), 2pm.
 Ages 3-7.
 22 & 23 **Thoroughly Modern Millie Hiring: Theatre** (Jigsaw Stage Productions), 7.30pm.

For more details (e.g. classes in Ballet, Boogie & much else!) please visit web site
www.cornerstone-arts.org or call the Box Office on 01235 515144.

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