



# The Mouthpiece



*Culham's Newsletter No 362*

*Village Diary – December/January 2014/5*

## *December*

- 5<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seniors' Christmas Party – Railway Inn, 2 – 6pm*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting - The School, 7.30 pm*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Community Carol Service – St Paul's Church, 2.15pm*
- 14<sup>th</sup> Family Communion – St Paul's Church, 10am*
- 18<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Performance – St Paul's Church, 6pm*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*
- 21<sup>st</sup> Village Carol Service – St Paul's Church, 6pm*
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Holy Communion – St Paul's Church, 10am*

## *January*

- 11<sup>th</sup> Family Communion – St Paul's Church, 10am*
- 15<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY'S MOUTHPIECE*
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer - St Paul's Church, 6 pm*
- 30<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library – The Glebe, 1.40 – 1.50 pm*

## CHURCH SERVICES - DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015



DATE	TIME	PLACE	SERVICE
<b>DECEMBER SERVICES AT CULHAM</b>			
Sunday 14th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 21st	6 pm	Culham	Annual Carol Service
Wednesday 25th	10 am	Culham	Christmas Holy Communion
<b>JANUARY SERVICES AT CULHAM</b>			
Sunday 11th	10 am	Culham	Family Communion
Sunday 18th	6pm	Culham	Evening Prayer
<b><i>Join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday morning services at Culham Church! All welcome.</i></b>			
<b><i>Come along for informal prayers with Revd Anne Ilsley at Culham Church on Thursday mornings, 8.15 - 9.00 am.</i></b>			
<b>DECEMBER SERVICES ELSEWHERE</b>			
Sunday 7th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sunday 14th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st	6 pm	Long Wittenham	PACT Carols
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	6 pm	Clifton Hampden	Carol Service
	4 pm	Clifton Hampden	Crib service
	6 pm	Little Wittenham	Carol Service
	6 pm	Long Wittenham	Carol Service
	11.30 pm	Clifton Hampden	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	11 am	Berinsfield	Team Service
<b>JANUARY SERVICES ELSEWHERE</b>			
Sun 4th	8 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
	10 am	Long Wittenham	Family Service
Sun 11th	8 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10 am	Clifton Hampden	Holy Communion
Sun 18th	10 am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion
Sun 25th	8.30am	Little Wittenham	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Clifton Hampden	Family Communion
	10.00am	Long Wittenham	Holy Communion

### VILLAGE NEWS

#### **Merry Christmas from the Mouthpiece!**

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we would like to thank all those who have contributed to and delivered *The Mouthpiece* for their help.

#### **Royal British Legion Poppy Collection - Jon Woodley-Shead**

A very big thank you to all in Culham who donated to the 2014 collection. We had two collection boxes in the village, one for the Waggon and Horses which raised £216.02, the other I took door to door around the village and the school raised £360.75. That's a total of £576.77. As a comparison the major superstore in Abingdon raised £180.00. WELL DONE CULHAM! "Lest We Forget"  
If you would like to volunteer for next year's collection, please do call me.

**100 Years.** The theme of the **2014 Culham Bonfire and Fireworks Pyromusical**  
- Jon Woodley-Shead



Well now didn't that go off with a bit of a bang? I am happy to believe that all enjoyed the Culham Bonfire and Pyro musical. Thank you to all who gave time, effort and materials to make this such a successful event; thank you to the ladies who manned the soup and hot dog kitchen, to the helpers of the village who helped with the setting up of marquees, safety barriers and endless tasks to which there are too many to mention, to the bucket shakers, and to all who attended and donated.

The final total of this year's event is £3,470.82

There were six entrants to the build a guy competition, 1<sup>st</sup> Guy Fawkes – Octavia and Oriana. 2<sup>nd</sup> Forest Fawkes – Culham Forest School. 3<sup>rd</sup> Builder Bob – Alfie. Equally placed at 4<sup>th</sup> "A Dapper Chap from Culham" – Callum and Kirsty. "Onesie Guy" – Luca, Mae and Ava. "Kim Guydashian" – Price Family. Well done to all the entrants who each received a prize

And finally a very massive "Thank You" to Karl and his team from Spyrotechnics, who work tirelessly and with passion for a few meagre after-event beers, for an absolutely fantastic fireworks display. For all who would like to relive the event it will be uploaded to YouTube, and can be seen in full HD.

**Village Carol Service at St Paul's Church** - Sunday 21st December 6pm

Come and join in this village event, carols and hymns will be led by a specially organised choir and it is very likely that there will be refreshments afterwards to fill you with Christmas cheer!

**Culham Parochial School** – Caroline Evans

We do hope you will join us for our **Community Carol Service** in St Paul's Church on Thursday 11 December (2.15pm), refreshments will be served. Our **Christmas Performance** is being held on Thursday 18 December (6pm) in St Paul's Church – you are all warmly invited.

The staff, governors and children of Culham School wish you all a very merry Christmas and our best wishes for the New Year.

**Parents & Friends of Culham School**

You are invited to the Christmas Craft & Shopping Fair!

Come and buy something special on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11am til 3pm in the school.

There will also be a Children's Christmas Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.20pm in the school.

**Charlotte Storrs Stoneware**

The Pottery will be open on Fri 5, 12, 19 Dec and Sat 6,13, 20 Dec 11am to 4pm.

The Pottery, 8 The Green, Culham, OX14 4LZ (at back of house)

See the Gallery at [www.charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk](http://www.charlottestorrs-stoneware.co.uk) for more images of Charlotte's work.



## **Culham Parish Council**

No news from the District Councillor John Cotton

County Councillor, Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

The latest report will soon be available on the village website

### Other items

The moles on the playing field have been dealt with and the burial ground / church yard is being dealt with in consultation with the Diocese.

CPC will request a dog litter bin to be placed close to the bus stop at 44 High Street and will also ask for a litter pick to be undertaken along the Burycroft.

The CPC risk assessment was updated and is now accepted as being in force.

Next meeting - Annual meeting of the Parish Council Monday 8 Dec 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.

### Domestic waste bins

Please remember to put out your domestic waste bins, of the relevant colour, before 07:00 on Friday each week (unless the SODC has indicated otherwise) as the pick up time can vary each week.

A link to the Biffa site is included below

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/recycling-rubbish-and-waste/your-recycling-and-waste-collections>

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **PACT Carol Concert**

Back by popular demand, PACT's annual carol concert is being held once again at Dorchester Abbey on Sunday 14th December.

There will be a children's tea party from 5pm-6pm with fun activities for the children and refreshments for all. This will be followed by the carol concert at 6pm-7:30pm with performances from the Abbey Choir, Cranford House Junior Choir and professional soprano Erin Hughes as well as lots of opportunities for the congregation to join in for classic Christmas carols.

The carol concert is free to attend but there will be a retiring collection to raise funds for therapeutic services for adopted and fostered children.

We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to bring friends and the whole family to join in the festivities.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance via PACT's website: [www.pactcharity.org/carols](http://www.pactcharity.org/carols)

Tickets are limited so please don't delay - register for tickets today

**From Planning Policy, VoWH  
Public Consultation:**

- 1. Vale of White Horse LOCAL PLAN 2031 PART 1**
- 2. Design Guide Review**
- 3. Community Infrastructure Levy Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule**

Vale of White Horse District Council invites you to comment on three consultation documents running from **7 November 2014 to 19 December 2014 closing at 4.30 pm precisely.**

1. The Local Plan 2031 Part One: Strategic Sites and Policies looks at strategic planning across the Vale up until 2031. The plan provides guidance on the provision of land for 23,000 new jobs and plans for 20,560 new homes in the district from 2011 to 2031. Along with what infrastructure will be needed to support this growth. The plan focuses growth within Science Vale and reinforces the roles of the main towns, whilst promotes thriving villages and rural communities. This is the **final publication** of the plan before submission to the Secretary of State.

2. The Vale of White Horse Design Guide Review provides guidance to decision makers and those wishing to develop housing on the rules we will use to assess high quality, well designed homes and neighbourhoods in our district. This is so we create successful places that people want to live and work in. This document is a Supplementary Planning Document that will form part of our suite of planning policy documents.

3. The Vale of White Horse Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule stage is the first of two consultations on the charging schedule. CIL is a mechanism that we can use to raise funds from new development to provide infrastructure which is required to support the new development across our district.

How to comment

Comments on any of the consultations must be received within the consultation timeframe given. You can view an electronic copy of the local plan and supporting evidence by visiting [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/lpp1](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/lpp1) . You can view an electronic copy of the Design Guide by visiting [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/design](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/design). You can view an electronic copy of the preliminary draft charging schedule by visiting [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/cil](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/cil). All documents will be available to view at the District Council Offices, Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JE and all libraries across the district during normal office hours. We encourage those responding to the Local Plan to use the standard response forms found online, at council offices or libraries across the district. Responses to all consultation can be made electronically using the consultation system found on our website (registration is needed), via e-mail to [planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or via post to Planning Policy, Vale of White Horse District, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED, clearly stating which consultation you are responding to. All representations received will be available to the public to view. Representations received as part of the local plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State.

Local Plan public meetings

To support the publication process of the local plan we have provided some public meetings the final one is at the Corn exchange in Faringdon on Tues 2 Dec 6-8 pm

Notification

For the local plan you may also state in your response if you would like to be notified about the submission of the plan to the Secretary of State, any recommendation resulting from an independent examination and finally whether the local plan is adopted.

If you have any queries or problems accessing this information, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01235 540 347. Scott Riley, Planning Policy

### **Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum together with The British Legion**

In No Man's Land – Christmas 1914 – “A Remembrance”

St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock Sunday 14 Dec 3pm

Readings and music with Robert Hardy, Hugo Vickers, Marsha Fitzalan,

The Waterloo Band of the Rifles, Woodstock and Bladon Choirs

Tickets £15 from Kate Burrows on 01993 810215, [fundraising@sofo.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@sofo.org.uk)

### **Earth Trust**

An auction of art held in November raised over £20,000 for the Earth Trust which manages the Little Wittenham Nature Reserve. Here are some activities offered by the Trust in December.

- Introduction to Hedgelaying - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am-4pm

A hands-on two day course learning to lay a Midlands-style hedge. £75; booking essential (if the course becomes fully booked please ask about our January and February hedgelaying weekends).

- Natural Christmas at the Earth Trust - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-2pm

Re-use, recycle, bake and make this Christmas! Come along and learn how to make traditional, natural Christmas decorations. There will be a range of activities to suit all ages, from popcorn garlands to festive wreaths. You can also meet Father Christmas and purchase some Earth Trust Christmas cards. Activities cost between £1 and £12; free entry and parking. Poem Tree cafe will be open for light refreshments.

- Heritage Skills Taster Session: Hedgelaying - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am-4pm

Have a go at hedgelaying in this free taster session. Please book on to the morning (10am-1pm) or afternoon (1.30pm-4pm) session, or both: [volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@earthtrust.org.uk) or 01865 407792.

### **Job Vacancy**

FCC Environment is a leading UK waste and resource management company, whose core business centres on collection, resource recovery and renewable energy providing services for local authorities and commercial customers.

Role Purpose. To remove items from the appropriate picking line and to assist with the cleaning of the facility.

### Key Responsibilities

- Positively and negatively picking material from the appropriate picking line
- Assisting with the cleaning of the MRF facility – sweeping, tidying up
- Adhere to FCC health and safety policies
- Maintaining housekeeping within the mess facility
- Maintenance of site infrastructure –cleaning drains, litter picking
- Any other duties deemed necessary to meet the needs of the business.

Location – Sutton Courtenay, Didcot

Rate – up to £6.90ph

2 shifts, AM or PM plus alternate Saturday mornings

## THE MOUTHPIECE

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If you would like to try editing an issue of the Mouthpiece, please let us know – we would really appreciate another person! You only need to use word and email.

## 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 6th December 2014** 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?*




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**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 6th December 2014**.

Name .....

Address.....

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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. ....

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