

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

May 2016



## For your diary

|      |   |                                     |                       |
|------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 8th  | <i>Family Communion</i>                           | <i>St Paul's Church</i>             | <i>10 am</i>          |
| 9th  | <i>Parish Council Meeting</i>                     | <i>The School</i>                   | <i>7.30 pm</i>        |
| 14th | <i>Plant Sale &amp; Church Fete</i>               | <i>The Green &amp; Culham Manor</i> | <i>1.30 pm - 4 pm</i> |
| 15th | <i>DEADLINE FOR JUNE EDITION</i>                  |                                     |                       |
| 15th | <i>Sung Evening Prayer (with visiting choir?)</i> | <i>St Paul's Church</i>             | <i>6 pm</i>           |

# CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

| DATE                      | TIME  | PLACE  | SERVICE  |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|--|
| <b>SERVICES AT CULHAM</b> |       |        |  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 10 am | Culham | Family Communion                                   |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>   | 6 pm  | Culham | Sung Evening Prayer<br><i>With visiting choir?</i> |

Join us for coffee and a chat after Sunday morning services at Culham Church! All welcome

## SERVICES ELSEWHERE

|                                       |                           |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>                | 8 am<br>10 am             | Clifton Hampden<br>Long Wittenham                     | Holy Communion<br>Family Service                   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Ascension | 7.30pm                    | Toot Baldon   |  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>                | 10 am                     | Clifton Hampden                                       | Holy Communion                                     |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup><br>Pentecost  | 10 am                     | Long Wittenham  | Holy Communion                                     |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup><br>Trinity    | 8.30 am<br>10 am<br>10 am | Long Wittenham<br>Clifton Hampden<br>Little Wittenham | Holy Communion<br>Family Service<br>Holy Communion |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>               | 10.30 am                  | Marsh Baldon  | Team Service                                       |

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## Talking Point - Reverend Caroline King



This May the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting every church in England to join a week of prayer leading up to the Feast of Pentecost which the church celebrates on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May. At the heart of the many different prayer based activities happening all over England will be the prayer that Jesus taught us The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is relatively short, a mere 70 words, but they are enduring words, still taught in schools, words that most people still know off by heart. The Lord's Prayer is said by billions of people in hundreds of languages and it continues to give us comfort and draw us nearer to God. Below are two versions, one in traditional language the other in more modern language. Both expressing the same profound truths.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Perhaps for each day in May you can commit to pray the Lord's Prayer, in its simplicity it offers beautiful words expressing profound truths. Through it we receive words of comfort, hope, challenge, forgiveness and the hope for a more just world 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as in heaven.

Another of the Archbishops' suggestions is that you could commit to pray for 5 friends daily. One way to do this is to find five small stones and write each of the people on your list onto each of the stones. Place them on your desk, bedside table or fireplace as a reminder to pray. Alternatively, you could place each stone in a different room of your home and pray for each person as you enter or leave the room. Below is an acrostic that can help us to pray.

Using the BLESS acrostic can help us to focus on all of the felt needs of those we are praying for:

- Body – health, protection, energy
- Labour – employment/unemployment, retirement, adequate income
- Emotional – inner peace, joy, wisdom, insight, patience
- Social – healthy relationships between spouses, parents, children, friends;

Please look at the church notices for more details of events focussed on the week of prayer. If you would like to explore the ministry of prayer in more detail, please speak to your vicar or worship leader. We would love the opportunity to explore the transformative power of prayer with you.

With best wishes, Caroline

# VILLAGE NEWS

Village website: [www.culhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.culhamvillage.org.uk)

## PLANT SALE & CHURCH FETE Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 to 4pm

Donations and Volunteers!

Get your seedlings and bake your cakes, search your cupboards ready for the annual Plant Sale and Church Fete held on the Green and at Culham Manor. With traditional stalls and new attractions. Donations for all the stalls are welcome



**Cake Stall:** cakes (bought or home baked), jams, marmalades, home baked bread & produce.

**Raffle:** donations of raffle prizes would be very welcome.

**Books:** books jigsaws, games, DVD's CD's and puzzles.

**Plant Stall:** plants, seedlings of all varieties, garden ornaments (plant pots etc.).

**Tombola:** bottles, chocolates, sweets, tins etc.

**Bric-a Brac:** unwanted gifts or household items.

Plants & seedlings can be left at the Church, cakes and produce can be taken to the Church on the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Other items can be left at the church or call **Jane** for collection.

**Jane 07710510685 / 01235537525**

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## ST PAUL'S CHURCH FINANCIAL SITUATION – Andrew Churchill Stone

Following discussion at the Annual Parish Council Meeting (April 10, 2016) the council would like to make all residents aware of the current state of the finances of St Paul's.

It is important to say that this is separate from the Friends of St Paul's, the well-supported charity which pays for the up-keep of the fabric of the church. The church community has to meet running costs.

We have lost financial support over the last two years where parishioners have moved away or have been unable to support the church any longer.

In 2015 expenditure exceeded income by £3,000 which is likely to be repeated in 2016. This means that by Christmas 2016 St Paul's will have no money left.

Currently annual costs are £8,000, that is:

£4,500 for our Parish Share (Culham's contribution to the vicar's salary and costs)

£2,000 Insurance

£1,500 Running costs (utilities)

Annual income is currently £5,000.

If we cannot pay our running costs, insurance and Parish Share there is no option but to close the church as a functioning building. This would mean there would be no possibility of funerals, christenings, marriages, seasonal services or regular services in Culham. It would also have implications for the school and other community users.

If 10 people/families contributed £25 a month St Paul's could remain open as a parish church.

I will be at the Plant Sale on May 14<sup>th</sup> to sign up anyone willing to donate to the church on a regular basis and to answer any questions. In the meantime please contact me if you feel you can help (see "Who is Who" on back page for contact details).

## **CULHAM PAROCHIAL SCHOOL – Lindsay Priddle**

New curriculum topics have been started in all classes:

- Robins Class (Reception, Years 1 and 2) have a topic titled “Through the Window” which will look at the local area and environment, they will also continue to grow plants in the outdoor area. If anyone has any old photographs of the local area which they are willing to share with Robin Class, please do contact the school office. They will be looking at how the local area has changed over the years.
- Owls Class (Years 3 and 4) are learning about Rainforests, finding out about where they are, the features and sustainability. They are planning a trip to the Living Rainforest near Newbury.
- Swallows Class (Years 5 and 6) are learning about the Ancient Greeks and Year 6 are working incredibly hard in preparation for their Statutory Tests which take place in May.



We had a lovely Easter assembly in St Paul’s Church on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. All the children sang three hymns beautifully: Lord of the Dance, Easter Jubilation and Spring Chicken. Owl Class shared the Easter story whilst Swallow and Robin Classes assisted the retelling by holding up pictures and letters to spell out the word EASTER. The letters were all linked to the story with E being for Entry, A for Arrest, S for Scourge, T for Trial, E for Execution and R for Resurrection. The Rev. Jennifer Morton then led us in prayers and a blessing.

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the Abingdon & District Schools Music Association’s Spring Concert performing in Silk Hall, Radley College with music, narration and singing linked to A Midsummer Night’s Dream. The collaborative production involved a number of schools who sang as a collective choir, producing a magnificent sound.

Our Parents and Friends Association organised Easter competitions across the school. Robin Class decorated Easter bonnets, Owl Class created and decorated eggs and Swallow Class produced 3D Easter scenes. There were many entries of varying shapes and sizes and they were judged by Rev. Jennifer Morton and prizes were awarded to the winners. Please visit our website for pictures of the creations. <http://www.culhamprimary.co.uk/news/detail/pfa-easter-competition/>

We are still collecting Sainsbury’s Active Kids school vouchers. If you would like to donate your vouchers, please drop them into the School Office and we will redeem them for sports and playground equipment.

## **CULHAM PAROCHIAL SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS - Anne Churchill Stone**

In conjunction with the Parish Council and Church Parish Council we are planning the next **Culham Show!** It is likely to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016 on The Green.

It will be a slightly smaller affair than the original Show but organised along the same lines.

External stall holders and food providers will be invited to pay for a pitch, local residents will be able to set up a stall for free. Entry will be by ticket on the “gate”.

St Paul’s Church will run a flower and produce show and also cakes and teas.

There will be competitions and entertainment!

Anyone who would like to contribute to the planning and organisation is welcome to contact me, or if you would like a stall please let me know

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## **CULHAM PRE-SCHOOL – Sian Harris**

Culham Pre-School is up and running!!! We offer care and Education to children from 2-4 in a safe and stimulating environment. We run Monday to Friday in unison with Culham Parochial C of E School. Nursery Education Funded and paid places AVAILABLE. Do pop in and see us or come and join us at Culham Village Church Fete on May 14<sup>th</sup> for some interactive story telling!!!

For more information call 01235 537351 or email [enquiries@culhampreschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@culhampreschool.org.uk)

## **CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTES – APRIL 2016 – Andrew Steele**

Assurances have been received from John Taylor, the Morrell representative, about the hydroscheme and the proposals for the Waggon and Horses re-development. For the hydroscheme, the intention is to completely grass over the access road after the construction period. The road itself will remain. Residents will be offered shares in the scheme and Morrells will offer the information they have gained about their scheme to the Sutton Courtenay hydro group.

It is proposed to build 10 starter homes on the car park site of the Waggon. These will be offered at 80% of the going rate for similar properties. They will not however necessarily be on offer to the local community before going to the open market.

An annual tree planting scheme is being considered with trees being sited at various locations within the village.

A Neighbourhood Plan in conjunction with Sutton Courtenay is being considered because a plan for Culham alone is not considered viable.

A possible final meeting will be held to find volunteers to take forward the Culham Community Building.

A small celebration to be held on the playing field to mark the Queen's 90th birthday is being organised.

An access gate from the lock car park through to the lock, avoiding the main road is being pursued.

The poor condition of the pavement between The Burycroft and High Street will be reported to OCC highways.

The Hills quarrying application for the quarry at Clifton Hampden has been submitted.

The Police Commissioner voting venue, currently proposed to take place in Clifton Hampden for Culham villagers, will be investigated with a view to providing a more local voting venue. It is feared that this move to 'centralise' voting will set a precedent for any future polls.

### ***Next meeting***

Monday 9th May 2016 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.

### **CPC have been asked by Network Rail to point out the following:**



From 27 May 2016 the overhead lines and associated infrastructure along the Great Western Route should be treated as live at all times

You do not need to touch the wires to receive a shock.

It is extremely dangerous and only trained and qualified personnel are permitted on the track or any associated part of it, including support masts, cables and other elements.

This will have no effect on people using the railway infrastructure legitimately which includes those using level crossings and stations correctly.

There is of course no danger to any persons provided they remain away from the railway boundary and fencing altogether.

Please consider how this will affect you or the activity of your organisation and take appropriate action.

## **REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS APRIL 2016 – County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale**

### **PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY COUNCIL**

On Thursday 25th February a surprise announcement was made by Oxfordshire's District Councils and Oxford City Council. It called for the abolition of the County Council and the establishment of four district quasi-unitary councils, to include parts of Gloucestershire and Northamptonshire. In addition, the announcement called for the creation of an unelected quango to be known as a 'Combined Authority' to take on difficult areas of responsibility currently with the County Council, such as social care and major road projects. So, this would mean four councils spread across three counties, plus an over-arching unelected "Combined Authority". This is still a two-tier system, which the Districts claim they want to abolish.

The District Councils are now in the process of commissioning management consultants to produce a report to evaluate their proposals.

The Oxfordshire County Council view is that a single county-wide unitary authority is an option that should be considered since it would provide significant savings, enabling much valued services to be maintained. Indeed, two or three unitary councils should be included in order that all options are equally evaluated. It had thus been forced to begin the process of commissioning a separate management consultant's report. As a result of County and public pressure, District Council leaders have now agreed to commission a report covering all the options. However, the terms of reference of the Districts' revised brief has not yet been agreed between County and Districts and may yet lead to the production of two reports.

### **STREET LIGHTING**

OCC's current Street lighting contract with Scottish & Southern Electrical (SSE) was until March 2024, however, the contract contained a single break point at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. In July 2015, SSE served notice on OCC that they intended to activate this break clause as the contract was not affordable to them for its full duration. Negotiations to achieve a compromise were unsuccessful. OCC therefore has to implement interim arrangements while a new maintenance contract is procured. The interim contract is expected to last 18 months. For the first 6 months there will be an emergency/make-safe service only. Beyond that period OCC will look to increase the level of service provided to more than just emergency/make-safety activity as appropriate.

The street lamp LED replacement project is a one-off capital programme of works funded through DfTs challenge funding. A separate procurement arrangement is being made for this project to ensure its continued delivery as planned.

It is appreciated that there will be concerns locally about the impact of this interim arrangement and reduced level of service, but in a time of significant financial pressures, the termination of the current street lighting contract provides an opportunity to procure a new and improved street lighting contract. The county council will also be able to take advantage of recent improvements in technology and general advancements within the sector.

### **DRAGON IGNITES BATTLE AGAINST POTHOLES**

A new weapon is being deployed in the battle against potholes on Oxfordshire's roads. The 'Dragon' – so called because of the fire breathing nozzle it uses to dry out potholes – is a mobile patching machine that has already fixed many hundreds of potholes and a multitude of other defects on the county's roads. Skanska, OCC's highways maintenance contractor, has added the Dragon to its arsenal against potholes and is using it to good effect across Oxfordshire, Cambridge and Peterborough. The machine repairs an average of 20 defects day and has filled up to 44 potholes in one shift. So far it has fixed just short of 2,000 in Oxfordshire. The traditional method of pothole repair consists of a two-person gang and a lorry manually filling the potholes with hot tarmac. In the right circumstances, potholes filled using the Dragon can cost as little as £10 compared to £70 for traditional methods. It is also safer and provides a more environmentally sustainable solution. The potential savings that Dragon brings allows

additional focus on repairing many of the defects that have yet to form into potholes. These repairs can be done at the same time due the multi-function repair capabilities of the Dragon. It can fill pot-holes, seal cracks and provide a thin overlay to minor surface damage. This preventative maintenance saves money in the long-term as the repairs are all undertaken at the same time.

#### RECYCLING CENTRES TO OPEN LATE ON THURSDAYS

Opening hours on Thursdays at OCC's Household Waste Recycling Centres will be extended from 7 April to 29 September. The sites will be open until 8pm on Thursdays in addition to the normal hours of 8am-5pm every day (including Sundays). The Household Waste Recycling Centres can accept a wide range of materials for recycling including garden waste, textiles and electrical items. Food waste should always be placed in the food caddies provided by the district council and collected as part of the kerbside collection scheme. More information about the sites, including layout and a full guide to what can be recycled can be found at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

#### KEEPING HGVS MOVING WHILE REDUCING THE IMPACT ON COMMUNITIES

A free online mapping tool has been launched to help freight and logistics companies plan their routes through the county. Oxfordshire Freight Gateway is linked to the National Freight Journey Planner and is designed to help logistics managers and drivers of large goods vehicles to select the most appropriate routes for their journeys in Oxfordshire. A suitable route is provided based on the vehicle's weight and dimensions and journey details. Details here: <http://freightgateway.co.uk/oxfordshire/>

### **EXTRACT FROM ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS APRIL 2015 TO APRIL 2016 County Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale (see the full report on the village website)**

#### DIDCOT TO CULHAM/CLIFTON HAMPDEN – NEW THAMES RIVER CROSSING

Significant housing and employment growth is planned in the Science Vale area, with 20,000 new jobs, 20,000 new houses and 50,000 new residents anticipated by 2031. Growth of this magnitude would create unsustainable pressure on the existing highway and public transport network. As a result Oxfordshire County Council has developed a transport strategy to accommodate this growth. Plans have been published for a new river crossing of the Thames at Culham/Clifton Hampden. Four route alignments have been considered.

Of the 4 alignments, 2 have been ruled out mainly on archaeological and cost impact. The remaining 2 will be looked at in more detail through the next stage of the design and appraisal process. To complete a new road link, including design, public consultation, planning and securing funding, it is likely to take approximately 10 years before construction could start. A bid has been submitted to government for funding for up to £125 million, although scheme costs could be lower depending on the outcome of detailed design.

A proposal for gravel extraction at Fullamore Farm along route alignment 3 has come forward. Any gravel extraction would not prevent completion of the new route, as there would be a condition to maintain the route or reinstate it to a suitable condition to allow road construction to go ahead.



## POTTERY OPEN FOR ANNUAL SALE OF OLD STOCK AND SECONDS

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## OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS

### CHARLOTTE FRANKLIN MOSAICS (VENUE 250)

14th-15th, 21st-22nd May 11am-6pm

The Other House

High Street

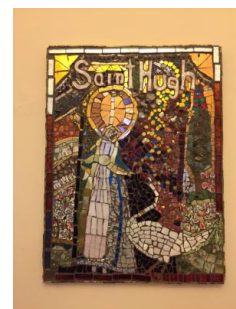
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### CHARLOTTE STORRS CERAMICS (VENUE 249)

14th-15th, 20th-22nd May 12am-6pm

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## NATURAL PARENTING GROUP

This group began in Culham and has now moved to a bigger venue in Hadland Road, North Abingdon. The group now offers a sling library in addition to breastfeeding support, a real nappy library, a natural parenting book library and a social place for like-minded parents to meet.

The group meets at 9.30-11.30 on a Wednesday morning.

Refreshments are available as well as activities for the children.

apukabingdon@gmail.com or on Facebook "APUK:Abingdon"

# OTHER NEWS

## Dorchester May Morning - Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8.30am

TWO A PART will again welcome May by singing from the top of the Abbey tower and then give a free concert in the Abbey. Funds raised from breakfasts and donations will be shared between the Abbey and the Nasio Trust for the Medical Centre at their project for AIDS orphans and destitute children in Kenya.

Continental Breakfast from 8.30am in the Abbey. Two A Part Sing from the Tower at 9, then in the Abbey

Breakfast tickets £5 PLEASE BUY THEM IN ADVANCE from Dorchester Co-op £5 keeps a child in food for a month, £10 provides a teacher for a month

## Cornerstone – Didcot, 01235 515144, [www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org)



### Curious - Sunday 22 May. 10am, 11.30am and 2pm £6

Perfectly timed at just 25 minutes long it's the ideal introduction to theatre for under-threes; journeying into a playfully imaginative world of very few words, where kitchen meets garden, where dirt is good and where messiness mischievously conjures the perfect birthday surprise. At the end of each performance children are invited onto the stage to create their own recipes by digging in moist, soft soil. This makes the entire event around 45 minutes long.

### Richard Herring – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. 8pm £15 (£13.50 conc.s)

Comedy strictly for the grown-ups. "Happy Now?" explores what really makes you 'happy'. Richard is famed for his concept-led, one person live stand up shows and in this twelfth solo show he examines whether we can ever hope to be, or are meant to be, truly content.

**Shakespeare Untold** - Sunday 29 May. 2pm £14, £12 (concs), £10 (under 16s), £40 (family ticket)  
An amusing and clever re-telling of two Shakespeare classics. Suitable for ages 5+ this family-friendly double bill comes from London's world-renowned venue, Shakespeare's Globe. Romeo Untold retells the story of star-crossed lovers, Romeo and Juliet, through the eyes of the Capulet Ball's party planner. While Titus Untold retells Shakespeare's goriest tragedy, Titus Andronicus, as seen from the kitchen of Titus's pie maker.

### Eliza and Martin Carthy - Friday 13 May. 8pm £15

Unmissable father and daughter folk duo unite for a special evening of music from their new CD 'Elephant'. Legendary ballad singer and guitarist Martin has influenced generations of artists including Bob Dylan and Paul Simon. Eliza has been nominated twice for the Mercury Music Prize and is a multiple award-winner at the BBC Radio Two Folk Awards.

## ABINGDON JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Festival will take place at various venues throughout the town, including the Unicorn Theatre, from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.



It will include eight concerts, two drama performances, one audio-visual show and one musical workshop. Six of the concerts will be free events. The workshop will also be a free event and will be open to anyone interested in playing music.

The Abingdon Jazz Festival is being organised by The Friends of Abingdon and Music at the Unicorn. All profits will go towards supporting the future events in Abingdon.

Performers will include: Pete Oxley & Nicholas Meier Quartet and Swingtime, directed by George Haslam, featuring guest trumpet star Steve Waterman.

**Tickets:** Remade Guitars (Stratton way) or book online [www.abingdonjazzfestival.org.uk](http://www.abingdonjazzfestival.org.uk)  
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**Brilliant Bees** - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 10am-2pm

This month's Sunday Drop-in is all about bees! Bees are pollinators which means they're really important for growing all sorts of food. Give them a helping hand by making a bee hotel or diner to take home for your garden and *bee* inspired to create some wild art. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.



**Dawn Chorus Walk** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 4.30am-6.30am

Set your alarm clock and join us to listen to the birds celebrating the season on the Wittenham Clumps. Learn more about identifying birdsong with Ben Carpenter. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

**Bats at Wallingford Castle Meadows** - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 8.15pm-10pm

Local expert Dominic Lamb will lead a walk at dusk to find out more about the wonderful winged mammals, including how to recognise different species using a bat detector. £5 adult, £2 child; booking essential: 01865 407792.

**Sensory Walk** - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm-4pm

Escape the stresses and strains of everyday life and immerse yourself in a hands-on nature sensory experience, including identifying birdsong, silent walking and photography, and blindfolded tasting. With Stuart 'The Wildman' Mabbott and photographer William Mankelow. Bring your own camera. £12; booking essential: 01865 407792.

## Venturefest Oxford

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June - King's Centre Osney Mead, Oxford**

Registration opens on Monday 4 April 2016 for the county's premier business networking event: Venturefest Oxford. Some of the highlights of this year's programme include: An outstanding line-up of **guest speakers**, including: Lisa Thomas, Global Head of Brand & Managing Director at Virgin Enterprises; Bianca Miller, runner-up of *The Apprentice 2014*; Mark Stevenson, entrepreneur, broadcaster, expert on global trends and innovation, and author of *An Optimist's Tour of the Future*; and Will Kintish, author of *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Networkers*



A closing debate will explore **what the referendum result means for innovation**. A lunchtime panel discussion asks **what the next 20 years holds for today's entrepreneur**. **Over 20 free, practical, interactive sessions** on innovation, funding, recruitment, protecting IP, cybersecurity, marketing and more. An opportunity to pitch to the Venturefest Oxford audience for a cash prize and in-kind business support in the **Pitching for Success** session. **Tickets** - £25 before 31 May, £30 if bought between 1 and 28 June, £40 at the door. Price includes entrance to all sessions (including Breakfast session), exhibition and networking areas, refreshments throughout the day (including lunch), and evening drinks reception. Student entry is free of charge – valid ID will be required. For full details or to book tickets visit [www.venturefestoxford.com](http://www.venturefestoxford.com).

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## THE MOUTHPIECE

We would greatly appreciate having an extra editor, so if you'd like to try editing an issue, please contact **Anne Churchill Stone**. If you're familiar with WORD and Email, then you could do it!

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