

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

October 2017



## For your diary:

**Sun October 1<sup>st</sup>:** 16:00 - Parish Communion, St Paul's

**Sun October 8<sup>th</sup>:** 16:00 - Pet Service (Messy Church), St Paul's

**Mon October 9<sup>th</sup>:** 19.30 - Parish Council Meeting, Culham School

**Sun October 15<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00 - Parish Communion, St Paul's



## Talking Point by Revd Jon Roberts

My son turned 2 this summer, and my wife and I are very aware that he's going through some massive changes. His language is taking off and he's chattering away to us all the time, seemingly in a language only we can recognize. His body movements are growing in confidence and he's riding his little balance bike lots. And we're more able to have conversations with him now, to explain things, which he seems to be understanding more and more, and he's telling us more about what's going on inside his head... which is fascinating!

I never cease to be amazed at the little phrases and thoughts he comes out with, seemingly out of the blue. He's not only parroting back what we say, but also very clearly processing the concepts, ideas, and notions in what we say, and sometimes just turning upside down what we might think is a completely normal and very common sense way of understanding something. He really is a very innocent and a very new person in every way.

Parenting has probably been the hardest thing I've done in my life so far (and we're still only just beginning!); and a lot of the time it's really not much fun! But as a priest in the Church of England, in some sense my business is the growth of people and communities, and growing into the likeness and presence of a God who is Himself a community of loving relationships (Father, Son, and Spirit).

These last few months are the first time I've really thought about sending my son off to school in a few years, and I'm very excited about that prospect for him, about all those opportunities ahead. But I'm also slightly scared for him, for all that he has to encounter and experience in our world, that can be hard and upsetting. I'm also aware of all the massive decisions we, his parents, will have to make, and I want so badly to make good choices for him.

In this season of new terms and new beginnings for so many families, parents, and children, I sincerely wish every blessing upon all those making such big decisions, those taking children to school for the first time, and those who have significant decisions to make for themselves, or those around them in the very near future. May God be with you.

### Team Events:

#### Team Service - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October

Every fifth Sunday we hold a service at which all the parishes in the Dorchester Team can meet together for worship. On 29<sup>th</sup> October this service will be held at Berinsfield Church at **11am**. The Rector will have just returned from a visit to the Burning Bush Project and will speak about her experiences there and give an update on the project.

### Events in Dorchester Abbey

#### OSJ Beethoven and Bruch - Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 7.30pm

Beethoven Eroica symphony, Bruch violin concerto Jan Schmolck violin soloist Orchestra of St John's John Lubbock conductor. Tickets available from [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk)

#### Realms of Glory: A Celebration of Angels – 22<sup>nd</sup> October until 6<sup>th</sup> January – 9.00am to 4pm.

Dorchester Abbey will be hosting a Celebration of angels with an exhibition, interactive family themed workshops and a Celebration of Angels in Music concert which is open to everyone. The exhibition will be open from 22 October until 6 January between 9.00am to 4.30pm, excluding services.

Centre stage will be given to a series of hanging angel painting reproductions with kind permission from the National Gallery in London. An angels trail will lead the visitor through the Abbey, exploring the role of angels in the journey of life.

Half term fun can be had at daily angel themed craft workshops geared towards primary school age children. A choice of afternoon sessions are available to keep the kids entertained and happy including make your own; trumpets, stained glass angels plus wings and halos.

A draw your own guardian angel competition is open to all ages. The concert will be held on Wednesday 29 November at 6.30pm. Check the Dorchester Abbey website for more information: [www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk](http://www.dorchester-abbey.org.uk)

### **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.00pm Pre-Christmas 'Come and Sing' with Dorchester Abbey Choir**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 7pm, Dorchester Abbey Choir is hosting a come and sing open rehearsal where we will begin working on some of the music we are singing over the Christmas period and especially at the Abbey Carol service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We start this far in advance of Christmas as there is lots of other music to prepare along the way during the Advent season.

Do come along and have a sing – no further obligation, but it is also a chance for people who think they might like to join the Abbey Choir to try us out. We start singing at 7pm in the abbey and finish at about 8-15 after which some of us seek liquid refreshment across the road after our exertions.

If you would like to join us on 27<sup>th</sup> October or would like to know more about the Abbey Choir or Junior Choir, do get in touch on 01491 836310 or [jjbwallingford@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jjbwallingford@tiscali.co.uk). Alternatively, just turn up on the evening; you will be very welcome!

There is also a Junior Choir (term time Fridays 6-00 until 6-30) and a Song School for Juniors on Wednesdays run by Christine Cairns. Both groups welcome new members and they will be doing Christmas too!

## **Church service times**

### **Culham**

Sun October 1<sup>st</sup> 16:00 Parish Communion  
Sun October 8<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Messy Church (Family Service, crafts and cake)  
Sun October 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Parish Communion

### **Clifton Hampden and Burcot**

Sun October 1<sup>st</sup> 08:00 BCP Communion  
Sun October 8<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Parish Communion  
Sun October 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Parish Communion  
(child-friendly, children's activities before main service, times to be finalised)

### **Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham:**

Sun October 1<sup>st</sup> Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast  
Sun October 8<sup>th</sup> Long W 09:30 Parish Communion  
Sun October 15<sup>th</sup> Little W 08:30 BCP Communion  
Sun October 22<sup>nd</sup> Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

### **Berinsfield**

Sun October 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Team Service

### **Culham Pet Service - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> October 4pm - St Paul's Church**

Bring your pets along! Or a photo or two, or even a cuddly toy! All welcome to this celebration of loved animals in our lives and the joy they bring.



# Village News

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

## **A repeat of last month's editorial!**

**The Mouthpiece** needs a plan for the future if it is to continue in paper format. Obviously, an electronic version could be produced at virtually no cost by those who volunteer to edit/organise advertising. The question is, would anyone actually read it if it were not dropped through the letter box? Also, it maybe that the villagers who most rely on The Mouthpiece are less likely to have access to the internet, or at least less likely to access the Mouthpiece through it.....

We are able to pay for 1 more year (10 issues) then the funds amassed from advertising will be spent. The advertising revenue was intended to cover only unexpected print costs and sundry expenses, not monthly print costs.

We have been very fortunate that Culham Print Room have been able to offer us a considerable discount this year and before that Robinson's Removals had sponsored 10 issues. Prior to this Waste Recycling Group (WRG) allowed The Mouthpiece to be photocopied at their office (Appleford Sidings) as a community benefit, however a change of management deemed this too intrusive to their own business and asked that it should cease.

An alternative is to find a sponsor for a year – if you know of any local business that might be able to print the copies or contribute to the cost of printing (about £60 per issue for 180 copies, usually 16 to 20 sides of A4) please get in touch with Anne or Rob (see Who is Who on back cover for contact details).

Of course, another alternative is to close down paper production and publish on the village website, it would be useful to have any feedback on whether villagers think this a preferable course of action.

**Update:** Some feedback we have received since last month includes having a fundraising event to help support the costs and having a few paper copies at strategic places around the village, particularly for some people who wouldn't be able to access the mouthpiece any other way. If anyone else has any other feedback or suggestions, please get in touch!

**Art of Culham**

contact: [artofculham@gmail.com](mailto:artofculham@gmail.com)



The ART of CULHAM are looking for artists who live or work in Culham to be involved at the art exhibition to be held April 27th/28th 2018. Please contact via the email supplied above.

For more information like us on  St Pauls & Culham Village

## **Culham Parish Council (CPC) – September 2017**

Agreement has been received from EA to spread the spoil heaps on the Moors. This will probably take place early next year.

Plans for the Waggon and Horses have been submitted to CPC and are likely to be presented to SODC with minor amendments. CPC will comment on the application when the publicly available documents are available.

Other items:

- The CPC's existing insurance company is withdrawing from the insurance market and another company will be approached to take over the policy.
- An arboreal report on the trees under the CPC responsibility is required for insurance purposes. Likely contacts for this assessment will be investigated.
- Individual Councillor email addresses have been recommended, rather than the use of personal emails. These will be set up on the upcoming CPC website.
- The OALC is running a 'transparency course' in October. The Clerk will attend.
- The shed on the playing field will be assessed for future use before repairs are considered.
- Several complaints about the reduction in footpath widths have been received from villagers. These have been passed on to OCC but this only counts as one 'complaint' coming as it does from the Clerk. Please contact OCC yourselves directly about this problem as the more complaints that are received will boost the likelihood of action being taken.
- A final end of season village grass cut will be requested.

**Next meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 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.

## **County Councillor's Report by Lorraine Lindsay-Gale**

Key projects informing how Oxfordshire grows and develops in the coming years will reach critical points in September. They are:

- The Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy - led by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on behalf of the Oxfordshire Growth Board, the strategy will be considered for board approval on 26 September by Oxfordshire's six councils, who collectively deliver projects from the government's City and Growth Deals. Public consultation on the strategy's prioritisation framework concludes on 3 September.
- Housing Infrastructure Fund - bids totalling up to £500m will be made by OCC, with the support of the Growth Board, to the government's HIF by 28 September.
- Oxfordshire Growth Board will decide on the business case for a spatial plan for Oxfordshire.
- Place Based Proposal – negotiations are underway with government to agree a package for Oxfordshire that will help unlock housing and increase productivity through a number of freedoms and flexibilities. The initial proposal is due to be with DCLG by 6 September and an MP briefing session will be arranged to provide an overview of the proposal.
- The National Infrastructure Commission establishes governance in the region around major infrastructure projects and connectivity through the 'first and last mile' principle.

### **Congratulations and Support for Youngsters After Exams**

Congratulations to all students who achieved their objectives after receiving GCSE, AS and A-Level exam results last month. For those who got their desired grades, and those who would like support, OCC is giving advice for 16 to 19-year-olds about staying in learning, finding a job or starting an apprenticeship. Throughout the results period and beyond, staff will be available via the web chat service on the Oxme website to talk to young people and parents about the wide range of learning

and employment opportunities available in Oxfordshire, and to help with applications. Information can be accessed via a dedicated page on the Oxme website [www.oxme.info/resultsday](http://www.oxme.info/resultsday)

## **Changes to Daytime Support**

As demand for social care grows, OCC needs to make sure there is a secure core service in place for the future. To achieve this OCC is introducing a new daytime service. This follows a review of adult daytime support and a public consultation. From 1 October OCC's Health and Wellbeing and Learning Disability Daytime Support Services will be replaced by a new Community Support Service. This will be delivered from eight centres: Abingdon, Banbury, Bicester, Didcot, Oxford, Wallingford, Wantage and Witney. Everyone with eligible care needs for daytime support is guaranteed to receive a service and can choose to receive this from OCC. Most day services in Oxfordshire are provided by community groups - three-quarters of these receive no council funding and continue to flourish. The vast majority of the 47 voluntary sector day services that have received funding from OCC have been awarded transitional grants. Further grants will be available in the future. Many people who use daytime services have multiple needs and the Community Support Service buildings will be used by all service user groups with staff providing personalised support to meet individual needs. By introducing these changes OCC is making sure that the services are in place for the people that need them most. Further information is available at

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2017/mar/changes-daytime-support>

## **Household Waste Recycling Centre Update**

As detailed in the July Parish Report, OCC has signed a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract that secures all seven sites in the medium term, with no change to the sites opening hours or days. Banners and leaflets are now on site at all seven HWRCs, informing local residents that there will be a change in non-household waste charges from the 1st October. The existing DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme is being replaced by a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for non-household waste. Tyres and plasterboard will also be charged for at an affordable rate. OCC is not obliged to provide residents with a disposal site for non-household waste. However, in the HWRC public consultation carried out in summer 2016, 91% of responses indicated that residents would prefer to pay to deposit non-household waste as a way of saving money and protecting other council services. Soil, rubble, hard-core, plasterboard (gypsum) other DIY type items are classified as construction waste, not household waste, and are expensive for OCC to dispose of. OCC recognises that many householders carry out small DIY projects from time to time, and by applying a small charge this allows HWRCs to continue accepting these discretionary types of non-household waste. Non-household or DIY items, as a general rule are materials created from the construction, demolition, alteration or repair of a home or garden. Residents can still dispose of all their household waste free of charge at any of the county's HWRCs. Also new in October 2017 will be a bin for recycling hard plastics. After a successful trial at Dix and Alkerton HWRCs, items such as plastic garden furniture and children's toys will be collected and recycled from all sites. PCs may want to remind residents that all HWRCs are open until 8pm on Thursdays until 1 October 2017. More information about the changes is available online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste) and <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/new-household-waste-recycling-centre-contract-for-oxfordshire-announced/>

## **South Oxfordshire Home Care Agency Rated "Outstanding"**

A home care provider in Oxfordshire has been rated as "Outstanding" by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), confirming that the county is ahead of national averages. George Springall Homecare is a domiciliary care (home care) agency providing support and care to people in their own homes in the South Oxfordshire area - currently with clients in Wallingford, Botley, Steventon, Shippon, Standlake, Abingdon and Berinsfield. Following an inspection earlier this year it has been given the CQC's top rating of "Outstanding" – which is rarely awarded. The other possible ratings following an inspection are "Good", "requires improvement" or "inadequate". The award means that Oxfordshire is now better than the national average for "Outstanding" domiciliary care agencies with three per cent given the top rating locally compared to two per cent nationally. A total of 86 per cent of local agencies are rated "good" compared to 82 per cent nationally.

## **£6.2m Government Funding to ‘Help Unlock 15,000 New Homes’ in Didcot**

Housing and Planning Minister Alok Sharma has announced that Oxfordshire is set to benefit from thousands of new homes and improvements to local transport networks thanks to a £6.2 million government cash injection awarded to South Oxfordshire District Council. This will accelerate delivery of Didcot’s Northern Perimeter Road, a vital piece of local infrastructure and key to the success of Didcot Garden Town, where over 15,000 homes are expected to be built by 2031. The infrastructure investment promises to boost economic growth across the Science Vale and enterprise zone, increasing employment by 20,000 over the next 20 years. Didcot Garden Town’s delivery plan sets out a vision for the development of high quality housing and the transformation of the local area. Good design is at the heart of the plan, prioritising high quality public and green spaces. In keeping with its location at the heart of Oxfordshire’s Science Vale, cutting-edge technology will underpin and enable development. A mix of affordable and private rented homes will be supported not only by new roads but by a host of other new facilities, including new cycle paths, a leisure centre, new schools, shops and more green spaces. Guided by residents, this development promises to rejuvenate the area while retaining the unique character of Didcot town.

## **Oxford Transport Strategy: Demand Management Options Continue**

As part of the Oxford Transport Strategy (OTS), work continues around the potential introduction of demand management measures, including consideration of a workplace parking levy, congestion charging and access restrictions in Oxford. The strategy also includes ambitious proposals for rapid transit, mass cycling and a much stronger emphasis on place and better air quality across the city. September sees the next stage of a programme of work including research with businesses in Oxford and residents across the county, using focus groups and individual interviews, to gather attitudes and views on transport, congestion, and demand management options. Sample representatives from major employers, small and medium enterprises and sole traders will be contacted to better understand their expectations, needs and priorities for transport improvements. Workplace parking surveys will also be carried out to understand the availability and occupancy of car parking in the city. Over 1,500 employers will be contacted in writing to request permission to carry out a survey on their land. Wider consultation on demand management options will be vital to help shape proposals and this is expected to take place between next February and April.

## **NIC Cycling Adviser Visits Oxford**

The Sunday Times journalist Andrew Gilligan was in Oxford on 7 and 8 August in his newly appointed role of cycling adviser to the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC). Mr Gilligan has been asked to write a report, by 11 September, on cycling across Oxford, Milton Keynes, Cambridge and the Growth Corridor and how to make it “world class”. The former London Cycling Commissioner was appointed to the role in July by NIC Chairman, Lord Andrew Adonis. During his visit, co-ordinated by OCC and involving Oxford City Council, the University of Oxford, local cycling charity Cyclox, the Oxfordshire Cycling Network and OxLEP, Mr Gilligan was able to gather information and views on current and future provision for cyclists in the city. He had meetings with the Leader, Councillor Ian Hudspeth; the Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Yvonne Constance, and Bev Hindle, Strategic Director for Communities, along with several of his directorate colleagues. Discussions covered the Local Transport Plan, recent infrastructure achievements, plans for the future including provision for cycle commuters (who account for 19% of all commuter journeys in the city), how to get more people into cycling and cycling’s health benefits.

## **South Oxfordshire Local Plan**

Subject to democratic approval, on 11 October South Oxfordshire District Council is publishing its Local Plan for six weeks and inviting comments from residents, businesses and organisations. This is the version of the plan that the council intends to submit for independent examination.

This is your final opportunity to comment on the plan and you must respond if you want your views to count.



The Council will be holding drop-in events throughout the district during October and November, including one in Culham on **Thursday 19 October between 4pm and 8pm** at Culham Primary School.

The Local Plan, evidence studies, additional drop-in dates and details on how to comment will be available from 11 October at [www.southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/newlocalplan).

## Oxfordshire County Council's DIY 1,2,3 for free scheme's changing




















The current scheme which has been running at the Household Waste Recycling Centres for 15 years allowed residents to deposit up to three DIY waste items for free before being charged a small fee of £1 for each additional item.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 this changes to a small fixed fee per item of £1.50 for most non-household or DIY items.



Residents can still deposit household waste for free at their local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

More information about the changes can be found online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste)

**What can I dispose of for free, and what will I get charged for at Household Waste Recycling Centres?\***

Household Waste No charge			Non-household waste	
			Charges apply	Charges may apply
 household waste	 household & garden chemicals	 hard plastics	 tyres	 wood & timber
 mixed paper & card	 gas bottles	 small appliances	 building materials	Charge Floorboards, doors, skirting boards No charge Wardrobes, tables
 cardboard	 mattresses	 large appliances	 plasterboard	
 mixed glass bottles & jars	 carpet	 scrap metal	 hardcore & rubble	
 garden waste	 furniture			

\*For more details and a complete list visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chargeablewaste)

## Green Recycling Bins - The Railway Inn

Green Recycling bins are situated at the end of The Railway Inn Car Park. This is to raise funds for Children's Air Ambulance. There is also a green bin for media. All items should be bagged.



# Other News

## Musey Hog Hog Hog Roast and Music Night



A Fund Raiser for the 2019 Passion Play!  
Christ Church Barns, Northcourt Road, Abingdon.  
**Saturday 7th October 2017 - Doors open 5.00 p.m.**

Extreme Puppet Team | The JAM Band | Abingdon Gospel Choir | The Rose Family | Christ Church Band | Lloyd Cadman | Abingdon Community Choir | Face Painting | Children's Games

Looking for a fun night and a hearty meal? Look no further than the Hog Roast and Music Night taking place at Christ Church Barns on Northcourt Road Abingdon on Saturday 7th October.

Enjoy the spectacular hog roast, with the usual trimmings, freshly baked rolls, salad and sides, a pudding and one free drink and don't forget the musical entertainment from local acts.

There is a vegetarian option (contact the organisers in advance at [abingdonpassionplay@gmail.com](mailto:abingdonpassionplay@gmail.com)), face painting and children's games, so all are welcome.

Proceeds go towards the staging of the 2019 Abingdon Passion Play.

**Tickets:** £10 from the Bookstore, The Abingdon Precinct (15 Bury St), Abingdon or online at [abingdonpassionplay.org.uk](http://abingdonpassionplay.org.uk) or £12 on the door. Under 16's entry free!

Email: [abingdonpassionplay@gmail.com](mailto:abingdonpassionplay@gmail.com)

## What's on at The Earth Trust



### Autumn Water Festival - Sunday 1st October, 11am-4pm

Join our annual autumnal celebration of water and wetlands. See our website for full details. £6 adult, £3 child, £15 family. Book online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson).

### Intermediate Wildlife Photography - Sunday 8th October, 10am-3pm

In each of these workshops professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. This workshop will cover macro photography. £80 adult, £70 child (14-16 yrs), subsequent workshops 15% off. Booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### Leatherwork - Saturday 14th October, 10am-5pm

Make a made to measure belt whilst learning all about bevelling, stitching, riveting and dyeing leather. With Maud van den Broecke. £80; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### Natural Dyeing - Saturday 14th October, 10am-4pm

Discover the wide range of plants that can produce dye and find out how to extract and fix colour. £40; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### **Basket Weaving - Saturday 21st October, 9.30am-5pm**

In this practical workshop you'll learn how to weave a frame basket in a session lead by Catherine Tregaskes, from Crafts for a Sustainable Future. £50; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### **Build a Bat Box - Monday 23rd October, 10.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-3pm**

Help bats prepare for hibernation by making a shelter to put in your garden. All tools and materials provided. Two 1.5hr sessions available, with 6 places for individuals or families/groups in each session (cost is per box not per person); ideally there should be one adult with each box being made. £15 per box; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### **Mud Pie Mania - Tuesday 24th October, 10am-11.30am**

Drop in for Mud Pie Monday - buckets of mud and buckets of fun! Join us either in the Earth Trust Centre where youngsters will have the opportunity to get creative (and messy) in our mud kitchen. Please bring your own spade/trowel if you have one. Wellies and waterproofs advisable. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Woodland Adventure - Wednesday 25th October, 10am-12pm**

An expedition for 5-8 year olds. Use your detective skills to discover our secret destination where we will explore, build and play! Activities will be aimed at the 5-8yrs age group but younger/older siblings are also welcome to join in. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Wildlife Wednesday at Neptune Wood - Wednesday 25th October, 2pm-4pm**

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday normally visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve each school holiday, but this half term, we're heading to Neptune Wood! Come out and play, and explore this fascinating and under-explored area of our nature reserve. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Family Bushcraft - Thursday 26th October, 10am-4pm**

Bring the whole family and go wild in the great outdoors! Explore the woods, make shelters, learn how to make a fire and use a knife safely. We'll cook on the fire but bring a packed lunch too. £22 adult, £17 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

### **Discover and Play - Friday 27th October, 10am-12pm**

Forest School for the under-5s. Join us for a morning of play and discovery in our woodlands. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free.

### **Tree Climbing - Friday 27th October, 10am-5pm**

Use ropes and harnesses to explore Little Wittenham Wood's treetops in 1hr sessions with The Great Big Tree Climbing Company. The minimum age is 6yrs but there is no maximum, so parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends can all have a go too! Spectators do not need to pay. £20 per participant; booking essential: online at <http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/tree-climbing-events/>

### **Spooky Dusk Discovery Walk - Friday 27th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm**

Do you dare come out to the woods tonight?! Join us for a moonlit Halloween walk to experience the local woodland at night. Torch and courage essential! £6 adult, £3 child; booking essential: 01865 407792 or online at [www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson) (incurs a booking fee).

## 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 9th December 2017** for a Christmas Party, from **2 to 6pm**. 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 9th December 2017**.

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. ....



## The Mouthpiece

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Contributions to the November issue of the Mouthpiece by October 15<sup>th</sup>, please, to: [generalmouthpiece@gmail.com](mailto:generalmouthpiece@gmail.com)

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