

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

February 2018



## **For your diary:**

**Sun February 4th:** 16:00 – Evening Prayer, St Paul's

**Sun November 11th:** 16:00 – Messy Church (incl. children's activities & biscuits!), St Paul's

**Mon November 12th:** 19.30 - Parish Council Meeting, Culham School

**Sun November 18th:** 11:00 - Parish Communion, St Paul's

## Talking Point – Revd Caroline King



February is a short but pivotal month; in the church, we transition from the season of Christmas and look towards Lent, Holy Week and Easter. February begins with the Feast of Candlemas on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It is the last of the church's Christmas celebrations and the final mention of the infant Jesus in the bible.

The date for Candlemas is significant; 2<sup>nd</sup> February is forty days after Christmas and lies exactly half way between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, so it marks the day upon which winter is half over. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February winter is half over and we can truly look forward to signs of spring.

The passage in Luke 2:22-40 is one of the most beautiful and haunting passages in the bible. In it God speaks through Anna and Simeon. Sometimes God speaks to us through surprising people. Anna was an 84-year-old widow, yet she could see the potential wrapped up in the tiny helpless child. She could see the man he would become. Simeon could see too that this child was a light to lighten the world. Simeon took Jesus into his arms and said the words which are well known because they have come down to us as the "Nunc dimittis". He was saying to God that he could now die happily because he had seen the Saviour.

These are the words as found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, 1662:

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word.**

**For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation,**

**Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;**

**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

It is better to light a candle than to stumble in the dark. Candles are an important part of our worship especially during the Christmas season but we must remember that Jesus the light of the world is for all times and all places, not just this time of year. We are called to see that the light of the love of God shines in our parishes throughout the year.

For me one of the most hopeful signs of spring are the snowdrops which even now are just beginning to poke through. They are so delicate, so simple, so pure, a little sign that lighter days and the colours and blossom of spring is on the way. As we move from the celebrations of Christmas to observing Lent I find the poem below speaks to me in many ways

**Into a dark world  
a snowdrop comes,  
a benison of hope and peace, carrying within it  
a green heart,  
symbol of God's renewing love.**

**Come to inhabit our darkness  
Lord Christ,  
for dark and light  
are alike to you.  
May nature's white candles of hope remind us of your radiance  
and light our journey  
through Spring, and beyond.** (Kate McIlhagga, Iona Community)

With best wishes, Caroline

### **Team Events**

#### **Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Filling Station**

Transformation 1: Vision Nick Page, author speaker, podcaster and unlicensed historian is launching a series of teachings on identity in Christ and personal transformation. The first session will be about vision – a vision of fullness of life, lived with a God who loves us. The focus is on our view of who God is. This will be followed by a talk on Intention on 14<sup>th</sup> March and Means on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Nick has written over 80 books for adults and children and those who aren't sure. His writing and speaking is laced with humour, wisdom and considerable humility. You can find out more about his work and books here: <http://nickpage.co.uk>

### **Events in the Abbey**

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00pm Chiltern Arts Festival Concert - Mozart and Mendelssohn – Ben Goldscheider and City of London Sinfonia**

Tickets from <https://chilternarts.com/event/mozart-mendelssohn-ben-goldscheider-city-london-sinfonia/>

## **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.00pm Stepping into Song Concert**

Join members of Rock Choir, Didcot Girls' School Choral Group and All Saints CofE Primary School, Didcot, in a fantastic evening of music.

Supporting the Footsteps Foundation – offering therapy to children with disabilities and assisting them with walking.

Afternoon tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes will be available as you listen in the beautiful Abbey.

Please help us by supporting this event.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

Online at <http://buytickets.at/steppingintosong/121699>

Footsteps Foundation, Dorchester-on-Thames

Adult tickets – £9

Children and Concessions – £7

The Co-Op store, Dorchester-on-Thames  
Pupil Services, Didcot Girls School

## **Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am Morning Service**

Mrs Penny Faust from the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust will be coming to speak. The title of her talk will be Holocaust Memorial Day: from 2001 to our post Brexit era; "Why a journey of hope and good intentions has had to become a leap of faith."

Penny worked freelance for the BBC for 20 years, including 10 years as a contributor to R4's **Thought for the Day**, and also worked in education. She has been actively involved in interfaith activities for more than 40 years. She is the former Chair of Oxford Council of Faiths and currently co-Chair of the annual Interfaith Friendship Walk. In 2017, Penny received a High Sheriff's Award for her interfaith work in Oxford.

Penny has delivered the reflection at the Holocaust Memorial Day Service in Oxford since its inception in 2002.

## **Church service times**

### **Culham**

Sun February 4th 16:00 Parish Communion

Sun February 11th 16:00 Messy Church (family service, crafts & cake/biscuits)

Sun February 18th 11:00 Parish Communion

### **Clifton Hampden and Burcot**

Sun February 4th 08:00 BCP Communion

Sun February 11th 11:00 Parish Communion

Sun February 25th 11:00 Parish Communion (child-friendly, children's activities at 10:30)

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

Sun February 4th Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast

Sun February 11th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

Sun February 18th Little W 08:30 BCP Holy Communion

Sun February 25th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

# Village News

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

**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

## 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.



## FRIENDS OF ST PAUL'S, CULHAM

The Friends is a registered charity run by Trustees united in their common aim of preserving the village church. Some trustees are church goers, some are not, but we are united in our desire to maintain and preserve this important structure. We aim to raise sufficient funds to care for the fabric of the church and to assist with reordering it so that it may be adapted to serve as both a place of worship and a community centre for the village and the surrounding community.

For the last five years we have run a quiz in the Schumann Hall of the European School which has proved to be a popular and successful event. Unfortunately that will not be possible this year since the Europa School is not yet in a position to allow non-school organisations to use the hall, but we hope to hold the quiz again at a future date.

At present the Friends' committee has eight members who meet about every two months in each other's houses, to devise ways of fundraising and caring for the church. This is not an onerous task and it can be very rewarding. We need some new members for this committee who would be prepared to give a little time towards this important work, which will enhance the life of the village. If anyone feels that they can help then please contact Ruth Ward at [rward15@btopenworld.com](mailto:rward15@btopenworld.com) or Philip Owen at [P.owen462@btinternet.com](mailto:P.owen462@btinternet.com).

## Culham Parish Council (CPC) December 2017/January 2018

### December

April Jones has resigned from the CPC. The Parish Councillors would like to express their thanks to April for her hard work and valuable input to the affairs of the Council over the last few years, and we offer her our best wishes for the future.

Adrian Morris attended the meeting with a view to joining the CPC. He was subsequently proposed and seconded by the councillors present and will be formally requested to join.

Other matters:

The CPC response to the SODC Local Plan has been submitted.

CPC has forwarded a submission to SODC on the scoping consultation for the Project Swift project

An email from Cllr. David Brooker of Goring on Thames Parish Council, about the creation of a lobby group on local parking enforcement has been received. Since such deregulation involves much more than just issuing parking fines, it was decided to investigate the extent of these powers before replying to the request.

There will be no further grass cutting until the Spring. The existing grass cutting contract will be reviewed at the January meeting. The Clerk will contact the contractor to determine their preference on the type of contract.

All the village waste bins require signage to indicate that they can also now be used for dog waste.

The pile of waste material in the playing field will be disposed of in the new year. The school will be consulted on the type of play equipment to be ordered. The electrical installation and the wooden wall plates in the shed will be investigated further in the Spring.

The application by Hill's has been rejected by OCC. There is a possibility that Hill's will appeal the decision.

## **January**

Adrian Morris is now a Parish Councillor. However, there is still a vacancy on the Council, so please consider joining. If you would like further information please contact any current Councillor or the Clerk – details on the back of the mouthpiece.

In response to the planning application by Project Swift for the Farm Park on Culham Heights, CPC will commission a planning and traffic consultant to counter the arguments proposed for the application.

The willow trees close to the small pond behind the church will be pollarded and the hedged along the north end of Tollgate road will be reduced in height.

The contract for the village grass cutting and the maintenance of public areas will be resolved at the next meeting.

The installation of more village salt bins will be investigated.

A formal request will be made to the Mouthpiece to provide accounts, prior to offering funding for publication from the CPC.

The budget for 2018/19 was resolved to have no increase on the village precept. It is believed that the SODC and OCC precepts will be increased. A sum of £15,000 has been earmarked to provide funding for the challenge to the SODC Local Plan to build the 3500 houses on the north side of the A415. This will come both from CPC reserves and possibly fund raising.

## **Next meeting**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 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.

# UPDATE FROM SAVE CULHAM GREEN BELT CAMPAIGN:

## LOCAL PLAN / PUBLIC EXAMINATION

South Oxfordshire District Council are aiming to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State at the end of January. The Planning Inspectorate will then appoint an independent Inspector and set a date for the examination. All those who said they wanted to attend the examination will be contacted with the date and venue details. The details will also be published on the Council's website.

**We will let all those on our mailing list know when this date is finalised.**

## CULHAM HILL / A415 ACTIVITY CENTRE / CAMPING AND THEME PARK

MEANWHILE Save Culham Green Belt and Culham Parish Council would like to alert residents and locals of a planning application for development work on 94.5 hectares of Green Belt land in Culham (woodland, open fields and escarpment overlooking the River Thames) – stretching from Culham Hill to Thame Lane (opposite the traffic lights at Tollgate Road) . It directly adjoins the land earmarked for the proposed housing development.

The application is for 'Change of use of land from agricultural land to farm park, wildlife and outdoor activity centre, associated buildings and outdoor play structures, mountain bike trail, formation of lake, ponds and wetland area, area for glamping tents, site manager's accommodation, formation of a new access off the A415, alteration of two existing accesses (from Thame Lane and A415), creation of new pedestrian access off A415, associated engineering works, drainage and landscaping'.

The application is under **reference P17/S4416/FUL** and **the deadline for responses, open to anyone, has been extended to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

Culham Parish Council **will be objecting** on the following grounds:

- ~ the impact on the permanence and openness of Green Belt and loss of agricultural land.
- ~ the excessive amount of built form, commercial outlets, car-parking and a house.
- ~ Traffic problems, queues and delays caused by the visitors, all expected by car. The first phase vehicular entrance is on the bend of Thame Lane and the second phase entrance is from the A415 opposite the traffic lights at the top of Tollgate Road
- ~The danger posed to residents and children at these proposed junctions.
- ~ The anticipated 2000+ visitors per day on bank holidays & weekends and 400 – 950 on other days PLUS staff and deliveries would add considerable volume to existing road infrastructure.
- ~ Culham is well served with similar facilities, both free and fee-based, such as the first-rate *High Ropes* tree top forest adventure course & *Lasergaming* in Furze Brake, a local and existing business that would be jeopardised, Millett's Farm, the White Horse Leisure Centre, Snakes and Ladders, the Earth Trust, Abbey Meadows, Sutton Courtenay Wetland centre etc.
- ~ the impact on the Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Culham Brake and its rare flora, the Summer Snowflake.
- ~The objection will also complain that the decision by the District Council not to require an Environmental Impact Assessment for this proposal is wrong.
- ~the increase in noise, light and traffic pollution this will cause to the parish.

**If you would like to look at the Design and Access Statement (the summary of the proposal) and comment, please use the orange 'Comment Now' button on the Council's website. This link will take you to the application details:**

<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/Main.jsp?MODULE=ApplicationDetails&REF=P17/S4416/FUL>  
(or type in SODC planning and then Culham Hill or **P17/S4416/FUL** in the Search box).

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

## **December**

### **GROWTH BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOUSING AND GROWTH AGREEMENT**

The Oxfordshire Growth Board comprises the six councils: Cherwell District Council, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council, together with the county's Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). On Budget Day it was announced the Board had reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement with Government. This will see an additional £215 million of investment over the next five years to build infrastructure, support the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity across the county. This breaks down as: £30m pa for five years for infrastructure; £60m for affordable homes across the county; and £5m to develop a Joint Statutory Spatial Plan. The Board wants the five-year deal to be the first stage in a sustained partnership with Government to secure the ongoing investment needed to deliver properly planned growth and economic development over the coming years. This will support councils to achieve the ambition of 100,000 new homes across the county over the period 2011-2031, as identified through the 2014 countywide Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Local Plans. The bids to the Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF), to support the development of the Didcot Garden Town, and West Oxfordshire and North of Oxford Garden Villages, are still being considered by Government with decisions expected in the New Year.

### **OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY**

The National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) has published its report to Government on the Oxford-Cambridge arc. It advised on the need for long-term investment funding for new transport infrastructure to harness the region's economic potential, to benefit local people and boost UK plc in a post-Brexit landscape. For the residents of South Oxfordshire and particularly this Division facing the potential of an expressway cutting a ten mile swathe through our countryside, there were encouraging signs in that the Commission recommended that a more logical route would be to follow existing rail and road routes (to the West and North of Oxford). But the Commission declined to be specific which is frustrating. So the work of the Expressway Action Group continues lobbying locally and at Westminster to encourage Highways England to take this advice. I will continue to do all I can to support them.

### **QUARRY APPLICATION AT CLIFTON HAMPDEN AND CULHAM REJECTED**

I am delighted that after years of diligent and effective campaigning by local residents against the application for a huge quarry at Fullamoor Farm between Clifton Hampden and Culham it was rejected by the County Council's Planning and Regulation Committee on November 27<sup>th</sup>. The main reason was the unacceptable impact upon traffic and congestion in the area, particularly at peak times. The quarry would have generated 100+ lorry movements per day. A last minute attempt was made by Hills to save their application by agreeing to prohibit lorry movements at peak times. This failed to satisfy the Councillors as did the arguments that the quarry would not impair the construction of the North-South road from Didcot, the new river crossing and the Clifton Hampden bypass all of which now look as if they could be in place by 2025, which is really good news.

### **OXFORDSHIRE ADULT SOCIAL CARE SETTINGS OUTSTRIP NATIONAL AVERAGES**

Older people and adults with disabilities are getting a better level of service from care settings in Oxfordshire than elsewhere in England, official figures have again proved. The number of care homes and home care providers in the county rated as "Outstanding" or "Good" by the Care Quality Commission was yet again comfortably higher than the national average when the latest figures were published on November 1. A total of 89 per cent of the 209 Oxfordshire providers are rated "outstanding" or "good" compared to a national average of 81 per cent. The CQC regularly publishes updated national figures and Oxfordshire has for some time outstripped the national averages.

### **OCC ANTI-SCAM CAMPAIGN**

OCC's Trading Standards is asking people to "Take a Stand Against Scams". This month, National Trading Standards started offering free call blockers to any person living with dementia that is currently receiving scam or nuisance calls. It's the latest initiative in the Friends Against Scams campaign launched last year

to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams and empowering communities. Locally, OCC introduced free training and local awareness sessions, available online and face-to-face to provide people with the confidence and skills they need to identify and prevent scams. Around 100 people have now received training and some have become "SCAMChampions", which means they are now busy spreading the message and hosting their own sessions to recruit more "Friends". The campaign aims to inspire action, highlight the scale of the issue by encouraging communities and the nation to talk about scams, change the perception of why people become scam victims and prevent people from becoming or continuing to be a scam victim. More information can be found here: <http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/friends-against-scams-in-oxfordshire-would-you-like-to-become-a-scamchampion/>. Applications for a free call blocker for people living with dementia can be made via [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker)

## SMOKE ALARM TESTING

OCC's Fire and Rescue Service are urging residents to test smoke alarms regularly. The Local Government Association warned that almost 40% of battery-powered smoke alarms failed to activate in residential fires in England in the past year. Figures show that more than a fifth of households never test their smoke alarm and one in 10 homes do not even have a smoke alarm. More information can be found here: <http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/smoke-alarms-0>

## **January**

### COUNCIL PROPOSES FUTURE BUDGET FROM A RESILIENT POSITION

OCC is planning to set a new budget having made difficult choices in previous years to manage a combination of squeezed budgets and the fact that more people need council services – especially in children's social care and adult social care. At the same time the council has been involving communities in services for their locality – ranging from support for older people and those with learning disabilities to library volunteers. The net result is that the council's finances are in a resilient position looking ahead to the 2018/19 financial year and planning for years up to 2022. Although proposed budget changes are not as extensive as in many previous years, like any organisation the council still has rising financial pressures that need to be matched by new savings so that a balanced budget can be proposed. At the time of writing, plans are based on a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (1.99% referendum limit plus 3% social care precept). However, in December, Central Government announced councils could add an additional 1%, should they so choose. This is currently under consideration. The Budget has to be approved by Cabinet, then Full Council on February 13th. The Budget consultation can be found here: [https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget\\_1819/consultationHome](https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Budget_1819/consultationHome)

## FIBRE BROADBAND UPDATE

This update covers the following areas: Toot Baldon, Marsh Baldon, Garsington, Stadhampton, Nuneham Courtenay, Clifton Hampden, **Culham** and Dorchester.

The superfast broadband infrastructure upgrade scheduled for your location has moved from being expected to complete this December, to the first half of 2018. OCC understands this is likely to be very disappointing, and the council wishes to reassure everyone affected that all effort is being made to have this work completed as soon as possible. For context, the programme has achieved it's 95% coverage target on time, but as part of a major infrastructure project which has delivered over 73,000 premises with access to superfast broadband, there are some instances where mostly engineering related challenges have not been overcome in time for completion by December. These instances are normally related to gaining access to wayleaves, high cost structures needing re-planning, collapsed ducts requiring new track (with commensurate traffic management notice periods), or in some cases a technology change where we are not confident the proposed new technologies, such as Fibre to the Remote Node, will be properly deployed.

If you would like to have further specific information in respect of your location, please see our website map <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/cms/content/postcode-checker-map> or contact us and we will provide you with all the information we have, and if necessary we can arrange a call in the New Year to discuss this with you.

# Other News

## Much loved iconic landscape, Wittenham Clumps, threatened by new highway proposal

Local charity, Earth Trust, is raising strong objections to a proposal currently being considered for a potential link road from the A34 to the new Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. One of the route options would cut across Earth Trust farmland, impacting on its economic viability, which will undermine their ability to manage the Wittenham Clumps and other national assets that Earth Trust safeguards.

Earth Trust is an environmental learning charity which manages this 1,200 acre site, including farmland, woodland and wetland. Set within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the Wittenham Clumps and Little Wittenham Wood Nature Reserve have been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and include a nationally important Scheduled Ancient Monument. In a county with limited accessible greenspace for people to enjoy, this great heritage landscape is much loved and plays a major role in the visitor economy. It is the most highly visited, free to access greenspace in the South East, with more than 150,000 visits made to the Wittenham Clumps each year.

The proposed route cuts across this land, destroying the economic viability of the Earth Trust Farm which supports the management and setting of this historic and biodiversity-rich landscape.

Jayne Manley, CEO of Earth Trust says: "This proposal will damage the viability of Earth Trust and our ability to manage the Wittenham Clumps and the surrounding farmland and forestry. We look after the living genetic collection of hardwood timber trees, Paradise Wood, and this link road will undermine our ability to protect this nationally important resource. Therefore, for many reasons it is important that this accessible greenspace is protected."

A letter from Earth Trust has been sent to national bodies including Highways England and the National Infrastructure Commission raising concerns about the routes published on maps which represent local understanding of route options. Local MP Ed Vaizey will be helping Earth Trust to make sure the importance of the site and their work is properly understood.

Graham Shaw, Chair of Trustees for Earth Trust, said: "This site is steeped in heritage and rich archaeology; there is evidence of people living in this area right through from the Stone Age to the modern era, including Bronze Age, Iron Age, Roman and medieval remains. Nowadays, Earth Trust adds to the tourism of the area and sits within Oxfordshire's Science and Knowledge Spine attracting scientists and technicians to this area, to live and work. This proposed route option will severely impact upon all of this."

Neighbourhood Policing  
newsletter

Your **Neighbourhood Policing Team** consists of Inspector Tim Pavey, Sergeant Fraser Weller, PC Simone O'Dell, PCSO Sue Harris, PCSO Marie Davenport, PCSO Sarah Jones, PCSO Clare Beale.

### You Said We Did

Just before Christmas we had more purse thefts in the town centre. We patrolled Wallingford throughout December, specifically speaking to shoppers who leave their handbags in shopping trolleys. We have a limited number of purse bells which we have left at Waitrose (Wallingford) customer service desk.

### Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

I am pleased to report that incidents of anti-social behaviour remain low and there is not specific area targeted.

### Offenders brought to justice

On 28th December PCSO Lewis Symm and PC Matt Drew attended a report of shoplifting in Wallingford town centre. PCSO Symm recognised this male as he has been connected with other crimes. The officers managed to identify where the offender had gone upon leaving the shop and were able to arrest the male that same day.

### Crime prevention advice

We have had received a report of a male going door to door in one of villages selling dusters, ironing boards etc. Very sadly this male persuaded an elderly resident to sign a cheque for nearly £200 for goods

that would ordinarily be worth no more than approx. £10. We strongly advise that you do not buy from anyone on the doorstep. Please do not fall for a sob story and part with money. Buying from people on the doorstep encourages them to return to our area.

We have two vehicles stolen in Wallingford recently. The car keys are taken from the house and the cars are stolen with the keys. Please ensure your car keys are not reachable through the letterbox (they often reach through with coat hangers etc). Keep your car keys away from any windows and doors to prevent them from being "fished" through letterboxes, or seen from outside to tempt the thief but make sure you know where they are in case of fire.



Wishing you a Happy and Healthy 2018 from all at **Sutton Courtenay WI**

As another new year starts why not make joining the WI top of your resolution list! Our lovely members will make you very welcome, so come along and meet us.

As usual we have a packed programme ahead. Here are a few dates for your diary.

**20<sup>th</sup> February**, Guns & Roses to Hearts and Flowers with Kate Lace

**17<sup>th</sup> April** 'Crafty Members' - some of our fabulous ladies will be sharing their craft

skills with us.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. If you would like more information, please call Val on 847612



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## Thursday 15th February

### Gerry Colvin

Support: TBA

Doors: 7pm - Support act: 7.15pm - Main act: 8pm

Tickets: £15 - Available here or Mostly Books, 36 Stert

Street, Abingdon, OX14 3JP (cash only)

In the 1970s Gerry joined pop band 'The Man Upstairs'. They released three singles and toured with 'The Smiths'.

In the early 1980s he co-founded and fronted the legendary John Peel favourite skiffle-cowpunk indie outfit 'Terry & Gerry'. This seminal band toured Europe and the USA and appeared on countless Radio and TV shows including "The Tube" and "The Old Grey Whistle Test". Their five singles and album all reached No.1 in the indie charts. In 2010 Cherry Red released 'Let's Get the Hell Back to Lubbock', the definitive 'Terry and Gerry' compilation.

Colvin's other projects include film music as vocalist with 'The National Screen Orchestra'. He also performed as a comedy double act with Hollywood superstar Mackenzie Crook.

For more information: [www.gerrycolvin.co.uk](http://www.gerrycolvin.co.uk)

## What's on at The Cornerstone



### Dylan Thomas: Clown in the Moon

Thursday 1 Feb 2018 7:30pm

Theatre

Starring Rhodri Miles in

Clown In The Moon (the title of a poem written when Dylan Thomas was 14) is a dramatic portrait of the poet's chaotic, frequently hilarious, and all too brief life.

Located in a BBC studio, it sets some of Dylan's famous broadcasts and iconic works alongside vivid reminiscences of his clownish antics in pubs, bars and parties, and his encounters with a host of eccentric and volatile women.

Rhodri Miles (Game of Thrones) returns as Dylan Thomas after his previous sell-out performances of the critically acclaimed Burton and winner of the 'Best International Show Award' at the Hollywood Fringe Theatre Festival in 2010

Prices: £12.50, Concs £10.50, Under 26s £5

## **Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years**

Friday 2 Feb 2018 7:30pm

Music

Simon & Garfunkel: Through the Years is the most authentic sounding concert to the unforgettable music of Simon & Garfunkel. Made up of Dan Haynes & Pete Richards, **Bookends** have toured the globe extensively with their concerts being described as 'simply breath-taking'.

Performing the songs in a truly captivating way, against a backdrop of iconic imagery, their delicate recreation of the unmistakable sound of the American folk-rock duo is something of a masterpiece.

Hear many of the hits such as The Sound of Silence, Mrs Robinson and Bookends' own beautiful rendition of the unforgettable Bridge Over Troubled Water.

Prices: £21, Concs £19

For more events and information: [www.cornerstone-arts.org](http://www.cornerstone-arts.org)

01235 515144

## **What's on at The Earth Trust**

[www.earthtrust.org.uk](http://www.earthtrust.org.uk)



### **Mud Pie Monday!**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-11.30am**

Come and get messy in the mud kitchen - buckets of mud and buckets of fun! Wellies and waterproofs advisable. £4 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

### **Winter Activity Trail**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-4pm**

Pick up your map and explorer backpack from the Earth Trust Centre and head out for a self-led adventure in the woods! Can you complete all the winter-themed activities along the trail? Bookable slots to collect your map/backpack, last slot 3pm. £4 per child (plus refundable deposit required for backpacks); booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

### **Wildlife Wednesday at Mowbray Fields**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12pm**

Our roving Wildlife Wednesday visits a different Earth Trust community nature reserve during each school holiday; this half term, come out and play at Mowbray Fields in Didcot (OX11 8SU). Explore the reserve and learn about local wildlife. £2 suggested donation per child, accompanying adult(s) free. No need to book.

### **Build a Bird Feeder**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-11.30am and 1pm-2.30pm**

Make three different bird feeders to take home for your garden. £5 per family; booking essential: book online (incurs a fee) or call 01865 407792 during office hours.

### **Discover and Play**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 10am-12pm**

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