

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

March 2018



For your diary:

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

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

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

Sun March 18th: 11:00 - Parish Communion

Talking Point by Canon Sue Booy

How are you getting on this Lent?

I'm writing to you just before lent begins so at the moment everyone's mind is focussed on what they might give up - however by the time you read this you may be doing well - or not. Or, of course, you may have decided on a dry or vegan January and be giving Lent a miss!

The ancient purpose behind giving something up for lent it is that by doing so I will draw closer to the Creator, the ground of my being, to God. This might be alcohol to clear my mind, it might be chocolate - to purify my body. It may be increased service of my neighbour in whose service I believe I am serving God. Whatever it is the purpose is to understand better my relationship with God and creation and to make a habit of it so that each lent builds on the last. Apparently it takes about six weeks to establish a habit so Lenten timing is good - if you're doing well keep at it!

Listening to an art gallery commentary recently I heard an artist say that the purpose of art was not to be looked at or commented but to be stood in the presence of. In other words don't work too hard - allow the art to speak for itself, to speak direct to your heart.

This year Lent began on St Valentine's Day. A recent piece of research showed that couples who stayed together we're ones who were able to be silent together. Do you ever take time to simply look at your beloved - to take delight in the gift that person brings to your heart and life.

During the rest of Lent, however you've been doing so far, why not take a bit of time just to "be" in the presence of the Spirit of God whatever that might mean to you and allow yourself to soak it up without overthinking.

...and when you've gazed for a while there is a simple question to ask. "Where is God, or Gods spirit in my life?"

Whatever your answer the question is worth asking every so often and Lent is a particularly good time to ask it! There aren't any right answers and sometimes it's a question that just raises more questions!!

I'm enjoying the curiosity this year that Lent began on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fools Day. Yes, Easter is on 1st April. What do I make of that? Do ask - or join us on Easter Day!

Team Events:

Wed 14th March 7.30pm Filling Station Transformation 2: Intention

Nick Page, author, speaker, podcaster and unlicensed historian continues his series of teachings on identity in Christ and personal transformation. This second session will be about intention. It's not enough to have the vision, we have to intend to do something about it. So this is about deciding to step out as a disciple.

Palm Sunday - 25th March

Reflective Team service completing the Bishop's Study material on the stories of Lazarus - Dorchester Abbey 6pm.

Maundy Thursday - 29th March

Team service with clergy serving dinner and washing feet, culminating with a Eucharist and the stripping of the altar - Dorchester Abbey 6:30pm.

Good Friday - 30th March

Team family service - Long Wittenham 9:30am.

Devotion with Canon Prof Graham Ward from Christ Church Cathedral speaking about his experience in South Africa - Dorchester Abbey 1-3pm.

Events in Dorchester Abbey

4th March - 6.00pm Sung Latin Mass

Thames Consort Latin Sung Mass An opportunity to hear Palestrina, 'Missa Tu es Petrus' and Tallis, 'Verily, verily I say unto' you sung by the Thames Consort in the glorious surroundings of Dorchester Abbey. This is an opportunity to appreciate our musical, architectural and liturgical heritage in one event as Dorchester Team clergy will Celebrate the Mass in the Abbey at George Gilbert Scott's High Altar in the context of this Thames Concert performance.

10th March - YoCo Charity Dinner

Come and enjoy a two course meal and wine with table service whilst being entertained with songs from Two-a-Part in support of YoCO. A chicken, beef and vegetarian dish available with a selection of desserts. YoCO is a local charity established to support young people aged 14 – 21 in youth groups following a guided 18 month programme designed to help them to overcome the problems that they face during teenage years by developing resilience and confidence. The young people then have the opportunity to visit Western Kenya and assist with the endeavours of the Nasio Trust by helping local teachers and charity workers in the day care centres supported by the Trust.

As well as providing the table service, the Berinsfield youth group will also be performing a song or two to say farewell before heading off to Kenya at Easter.

Tickets are available from the Coop in Dorchester or by calling John Cornelius (07912 351018).

17th March - Berkshire Maestros Concert - Dixit Dominus Concert 2018

The county groups of Berkshire Youth Choir, Camerata and Berkshire Youth Guitar Orchestra come together along with alumni members of Berkshire Youth Choir and singers from Charters School for this celebration concert.

The concert will include performances of Handel Dixit Dominus, Bernstein West Side Story and Grieg Holberg Suite.

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/FFIIEG

24th March - Benson Choral Society 7.30pm

Brahms Ein Deutsches Requiem with Soprano Aoife Miskelly and Baritone Johnny Herfort.

The German Requiem is Brahms' greatest and longest choral work. Brahms wrote the Requiem between 1865-8, still in his early thirties. The death of his mother in February 1865 had had a profound effect on him, and we may also recall the words of his mentor, Robert Schumann, who died ten years earlier, and who encouraged Brahms to 'direct his magic wand where the massed forces of chorus and orchestra may lend him their power'. It was this work that won Brahms general acceptance across Europe as a composer of significance. The Tragic Overture, composed in 1880, sets the sombre mood for the Requiem that follows.

Tickets from www.bensonchoralsociety.org.uk

30th March 6.00pm OSJ Bach and Faure

Bach Cantata 32
Faure Requiem
Six unaccompanied motets on the Lord's Prayer
Conductor John Lubbock

Tickets from www.osj.org.uk

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

Culham Parish Council (CPC) – February 2018

The report from Lorraine Lindsay-Gale, our County Councillor, and that from Sue Lawson, District Councillor, should appear elsewhere in the Mouthpiece.

Waggon and Horses site - a pre-application for the refurbishment of the site will be submitted to SODC later this month by Morrells. This will be more in line with the SODC requirements.

Hydro Spoil Heaps - The removal or levelling of the spoil heaps now, apparently, requires permission from OCC. There is still no resolution on this. The gates at the entrance off Abingdon Road will be moved once the spoil heap saga is resolved, reducing the area between the road and the gates. The roadway capping, returning the road to a 'farm track' style, will then be undertaken.

An application to OCC by the Trail Riders Fellowship in 2005 to make Thame Lane a BOAT (By-way Open to All Traffic), essentially making it a road, will be resisted and objected to by CPC. The Clerk will ask OCC about more information on this request.

There is still a vacancy on CPC for a Councillor. Please consider joining your Parish Council to assist in maintaining the aspects of the village and the environs that we would wish for the residents.

CPC will undertake a trial of mole capture on the playing field to try and reduce the current mole hill problem.

Quotes will be requested for the next round of grass cutting within the village covering the Green, the playing field and the grass verges.

A grant for the setting up of a bespoke CPC website has been received and a new laptop will be purchased as a first step. The final website, as yet to be designed, is likely to go live in April or May this year.

The CPC has obtained an extension to the consultation about the Farm Park application. The extension is now until 26 February 2018 and CPC will be objecting to the application.

Next meeting

Monday 12th March 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.

Village website address

<http://www.culhamvillage.org.uk/>

County Councillor's Report - Lorraine Lindsay-Gale

Councillor priority fund key part of budget proposals

Oxfordshire County Council is going to reinstate the popular Councillor's Stewardship Fund that was axed during the cuts re-naming it the Councillor Priority Fund. County Councillors will have a £15k fund to support parish council highways and community group projects. In addition, OCC will prioritise children's social care with £1.9m extra being put in to this service. Overall this means £8.5m is being added to the budget for children's social care in 2018/19. This follows the central government announcement that it would allow councils to raise council tax by an additional 1% primarily to address financial pressures in children's social care. The council had proposed a 1.99% Council Tax, with an additional 3% precept for adult social care bringing the total proposed rise to 4.99% the same as last year. The additional 1% that has now been allowed would take the total rise for 2018/19 to 5.99%, with a proposed 2.99 % rise in 2019/20. Other calls on funding include the local government national pay settlement where a total of £2.9m extra is required over 2018/19 (£1.4m) and 2019/20 (£1.5m) The Budget proposals go to Full Council on February 13th.

Growth deal close to agreement

As detailed in the December report, the Oxfordshire Growth Board* has reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement (Growth Deal) with Government. This will see an additional £215m 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 (JSSP). 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. During the period of development all planning authorities will have their five-year land supply requirement reduced to a three-year land supply with that condition in place for the first three years of the new JSSP. The Growth Deal is coming to the stage that it will soon go through the six councils' democratic processes to be agreed.

*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).

Carillion: OCC agrees exit deal after company collapse

OCC has formally terminated its contract with Carillion LGS Limited effective from 1 February 2018, following the collapse of the parent company. This brings forward the already agreed end of the contract negotiated last June set for the end of June 2018. OCC made a net payment of £10.65m to Carillion to cover work already completed as part of the final settlement to end the contract. Carillion provided school meals and cleaning; maintenance of council buildings; property services, and construction work such as school extensions. Services previously provided by Carillion will continue through a mix of bringing staff in-house; continuing with suppliers, and working with sub-contractors. Like every other Carillion customer, OCC is now working out the most cost-effective way to complete work left unfinished by Carillion. It has taken over direct responsibility for commissioning future construction work and service delivery.

New funding boosts support for asylum-seeking children

Extra funding to support unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASCs) living in Oxfordshire has been received by the county council. A government grant worth £335,000 has been awarded to help strengthen the support services available to UASCs over the next two years. It is part of a wider national funding announcement of £29million. OCC has the same responsibilities for looking after UASCs arriving in the county as it does for all other children and young people in care. Young asylum-seekers are among the most vulnerable groups in society – often with no connections or family in the UK, little spoken English and having made long and traumatic journeys. The new money is not for covering the cost of care placements themselves, but for additional support to help UASCs adjust to living in the county, and integrate with local communities. The council currently looks after 52 UASCs. These young people have predominantly travelled from Afghanistan, Albania and Eritrea.

Localities grants awarded to Newington and Berinsfield

I was delighted to be able to sponsor two successful grant applications to the OCC Localities Grants scheme. Newington Parish Council applied for £1,800 to pay for a feasibility study into refurbishing their Church so that the building can function as a community hub along the lines of Stadhampton. The Employment Action Group applied for £3,895 to enhance their universal services for young families run from the Berin Centre in Berinsfield.

Oxford to Cambridge expressway

On 12th December an overwhelming majority of County Councillors (57 out of 63) voted to support a motion tabled by Cllr Atkins calling on the Leader Ian Hudspeth to write to Highways England, NIC, the Minister Chris Grayling etc asking on behalf of the County Council for an Independent Inquiry before any decision is taken on the preferred corridor for the Expressway. (Two of the possible Southern routes cut straight across this Division.) Up until now the proposed timetable for the project only includes an Inquiry afterwards, when the choice between North/West, Central or South of Oxford has been taken. It was encouraging to get such widespread support from right across the county.

A cross party Cabinet Advisory Group has been set up at OCC to monitor and comment on the progress of the project. And I recently attended a meeting with MP's John Howell and Ed Vaizey who have committed to support the Action Group by lobbying at Westminster together. It's good to know that support continues to grow and we should be very grateful to the coordinator of the Group Peter Rutt, who is doing an outstanding job.

District Councillor's Report - Sue Lawson

Councils work to secure better deal for Oxfordshire

Two of Oxfordshire's Council Leaders say they are positive about the county's Housing and Growth Deal after Growth Board members agreed to a change in approach over the way it is progressed. The Oxfordshire Growth Board led by Cllr Bob Price, is made up of the Oxfordshire Councils and Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) and they reached an outline Housing and Growth Agreement with Gov't last year. The Government announced the Deal as part of the Autumn Budget Statement 2017. It offers £215 million of Government funding over a five-year period to support Oxfordshire's housing growth and the economy – including £150 million towards infrastructure funding. The Deal offers the potential for further funding in the future, however Vale and South's Leaders are concerned that the amount being offered is not enough to support the infrastructure that will be needed. The Leaders say that while the Deal provides an opportunity for more joined up planning around the county, which could potentially bring benefits, they are concerned that there is a risk that continued under-delivery of housing in places like Oxford could undermine Local Plans elsewhere in Oxfordshire. The Vale and South Leaders believe the amended recommendation will give more flexibility to local authorities, while ensuring that the Deal can only go ahead upon satisfactory completion of the Delivery Plan. Full agreement of the Deal with Government can only be reached if it is approved by each of the county's local authorities and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP). Over the next few weeks it will go to council meetings at each of the five district councils for consideration.

Vale's Full Council will meet on 14 February and South's on 15 February to consider the Deal.

The ambitious and comprehensive investment programme will help deliver sustainable development with a focus on quality of place and more affordable housing. It will be overseen by the Growth Board, working in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency, the Highways Agency and other partners.

The Growth Board wants the five-year deal to be the first stage in a sustained partnership with Government to secure the on-going 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 Government recognises the importance of Oxfordshire's knowledge intensive economy for UK plc with two universities and unique research institutions. It has committed to work with OxLEP to develop a Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) to back Oxfordshire's world class science and innovation assets and identify and grow new sectors. Support will also be provided to help scale up high-growth companies, to identify and address specific skills needs and to attract further investment and expansion of the Science Vale and Didcot Enterprise Zones.

Under the terms of the deal the Government will provide Oxfordshire's six local authorities with £60 million of funding for affordable housing, £150 million of funding (£30m for five years) for infrastructure improvements that will benefit existing communities and unlock new development sites.

Government will also provide £5 million in capacity funding to help meet the costs of taking the investment programme forward. This will include the development of a Joint Strategic Spatial Plan, providing a county-wide integrated planning framework to guide the sustainable growth.

Separate 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. 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.

Growth Board members will now work up a detailed delivery plan with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). Final agreement of the deal with Government will be subject to agreement by all six councils and OxLEP.

Extra bank security means changes for some council tax payers

Calling council tax payers - South Oxfordshire District Council's bank details have been changed, which means changes for some council tax and some business rate payers.

The council has been given a new sort code which is 20-01-25, but its bank account number remains the same.

The new sort code will affect people who pay their council tax or business rates by bank transfer or standing order. Those people are requested to update their payment details as soon as possible otherwise the payments may not reach the council.

This change doesn't affect the majority of council tax payers, the 82 per cent who pay by direct debit, as the new sort code will be amended as part of the direct debit service.

The new bank details and information on how to pay will be enclosed with council tax bills being issued in March.

Councillor Jane Murphy, deputy leader and cabinet member for finance for South Oxfordshire District Council, said "We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused to council tax and business rates payers. The new sort code is a result of extra security measures and anti-fraud work by our bank account provider.

"We will be contacting everyone who may be affected by including a message in their council tax bills. However, those paying by direct debit will not have to make any changes themselves."

How to switch to Direct Debit

- Switch to direct debit online
- Or contact the Council Tax Section by calling 0345 302 2313 to set up a direct debit over the phone.
- Or fill in and return the direct debit instruction attached to your Council Tax or business rates bill.

For more information: www.southoxon.gov.uk/counciltax 0345 302 2313

£1.55 million available to boost rural areas in the county

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to community groups, small businesses farmers and foresters for projects that support the rural economy.

The Oxfordshire LEADER fund aims to support a wide range of activities in the countryside such as assisting local small businesses, supporting local heritage and cultural events, attracting tourism and visitors increasing foresters and farmer's productivity and helping to diversify services.

Contributions are available for capital costs such as building work, equipment and for projects located in the Oxfordshire LEADER area until September this year.

Last year the LEADER programme awarded local environmental charity Sylva Foundation nearly £24,000 to build a new forestry yard at their Wood Centre in Long Wittenham. The centre is a dynamic hub for wood-using businesses with Face North Forestry, a fast-growing company, recently moving into a new yard on site.

The Oxfordshire Leader Action Group (LAG) decide where the LEADER funds are awarded and is made up of representatives from local trusts, organisations and district councils.

The LAG is chaired by South Oxfordshire district councillor Elizabeth Gillespie, who said, "Our group visited the Sylva Wood Centre and were delighted to see how the funds were supporting innovative small wood businesses and impressed at the overriding ethos of the Sylva Wood Foundation."

Paul Orsi, Director for Forestry at Sylva Foundation, said, "The addition of the forestry yard is crucial to seeing more local timber being used by the businesses we support. The development was supported by a LEADER grant, which was vital to take this project forward."

Nick Keighley of Face North Forestry said, "Moving into the yard has allowed me to grow my business and add value to the timber I fell. Being based at the Sylva Wood Centre means there is a readymade customer base for my products."

Oxfordshire LEADER is welcoming expressions of interest for support until September this year and all funds will be allocated by March 2019. For further information on the programme and criteria for funding, visit the website <http://www.oxfordshireleader.org.uk/>

If your project is eligible, you can contact Sophie, programme manager, on 01235 422245 or email Oxfordshire.leader@southandvale.gov.uk for further guidance.

Art of Culham

contact: 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.



Other News

Shed Breaks in Wallingford And Surrounding Area

We would like to make you aware of an increase in shed burglaries which have occurred in Wallingford and surrounding villages within the past week.

Please use the following advice to protect your property.

Many sheds whilst being of good construction fall short on basic security. It is easy to unscrew the ironmongery, steal contents and in some cases replace the screws to make it look as if the shed has not been tampered with.

Crime Reduction Advice:

- By using tamper proof screws or coach bolts together with a good quality pad bar or hasp and staple and close shackled padlock, the shed owner will make it harder for the would-be thief.
- It is also a good idea to bond any window glass in, with mastic to prevent easy removal.
- Ensure all tools and equipment is locked away when not in use.
- High-quality locks should be used on doors. Windows can be fitted with a grille or, as a cheaper alternative, chicken wire, to slow a thief down.
- A shed alarm can also be installed.
- Post-coding or indelibly marking all property such as lawnmowers, bikes, and tools using ultra-violet pens, forensic marking such as Selecta DNA or Smartwater or engravers.
- Installing security lighting as a deterrent, and plants such as thorny shrubs to act as a barrier at potential access points.
- If building a shed, putting it where it is most visible to you and neighbours.

If you see anything suspicious please phone 101 or if you believe a crime is in the process of being committed 999.

PCSO 2248 Marie Davenport and PCSO 9825 Sue Harris

Hedgehogs on the Edge: new report shows hedgehogs plummet by half in British countryside

At least half the population of our native hedgehogs has been lost from the British countryside over the last two decades, warn two wildlife charities.

The State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2018, published jointly by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), is the only comprehensive review of the status of Britain's hedgehogs. This new report shows that hedgehogs in rural areas are in severe decline, with their numbers plummeting by half since the Millennium.

"There are many reasons hedgehogs are in trouble," explains Emily Wilson, Hedgehog Officer for Hedgehog Street, a public action campaign run by PTES and BHPS. "The intensification of agriculture through the loss of hedgerows and permanent grasslands, increased field sizes, and the use of pesticides which reduce the amount of prey available, are all associated with the plunge in numbers of hedgehogs in rural areas."

However, with approximately 70% of land in the UK managed by farmers, BHPS and PTES are planning to engage with the farming community to help protect this iconic creature.

"Farmers play a vital role in producing food, but they're also well placed to help protect, maintain and enhance our countryside," continues Wilson. "The Government recently reiterated plans to reform the EU Common Agricultural Policy to reward landowners for delivering environmental benefits. Many farmers already have a sustainable approach to agriculture, and we think there's a great opportunity to work more widely with them to stem the alarming decline of our country hedgehogs."

Whilst *The State of Britain's Hedgehogs* report highlights a worrying decline in our countryside, it shows a more positive outlook for hedgehogs in our towns and cities: although the species has declined by a third in urban areas since 2000, the rate of decline is slowing. Hedgehogs are not disappearing from urban green spaces as rapidly as they were fifteen years ago, and might even be returning. Where they are found, numbers too, appear to be growing in some places.

It is exciting to think that the combined efforts of thousands of volunteers who have joined Hedgehog Street and pledged to make their gardens more hedgehog-friendly, may be making a difference. PTES and BHPS launched Hedgehog Street in 2011 to inspire the British public to help hedgehogs and other wildlife that depend on their gardens and, so far, over 47,000 Hedgehog Champions have signed up to help.

Wilson concludes: "Urban and suburban areas are becoming increasingly important for hedgehogs, so we need more people in those locations to sign up as Hedgehog Champions. Hedgehogs are a generalist species, so the more people can do to help them in their own back garden, the more they will also benefit other wildlife."

How to help hedgehogs

Visit www.hedgehogstreet.org and:

- Become a Hedgehog Champion and find simple advice on making your garden and neighbourhood more hedgehog-friendly
- Pledge to make a small hole – no bigger than a CD case – in your garden fence, wall and other barriers so that hedgehogs can access different gardens in their search for food, shelter and mates
- Log your 'hog sightings – dead or alive – on The BIG Hedgehog Map



At the Unicorn Theatre

Our next concert at the beautiful Unicorn theatre in Abingdon-on-Thames is on Thursday 15th February and stars the legendary Gerry Colvin.

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

"Great voice, wicked sense of humour, enthusiastic, energetic beyond belief." – Les Jones

Doors: 7pm | **Music:** 7:15pm | **Main act:** 8pm / Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

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Our brief for the future is, "If it is good music, we want it at the Unicorn"

All profits go into improving the facilities and into bringing an even greater variety of talented bands, singers and instrumentalists to Abingdon.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Music at The Unicorn 2018 programme will include:

- **Moonrakers & Three Pressed Men** - 8th March
- **TRADarr** - 5th April
- **Gilmore & Roberts** - 3rd May
- **The Abingdon Jazz Festival** - 11th & 12th May
- **Anne Ryder** - 14th June
- **Sally Barker** - 6th September
- **David Nachmanoff** - 5th October
- **AJ Clarke & Dave Pegg** - 7th November
- **The Dylan Project** - 6th December

What's on at The Earth Trust



Lambing Weekends - Saturday 17th-Sunday 18th and Saturday 24th-Sunday 25th March, 10am - 4pm

Earth Trust is throwing open the gates to our working farm at our annual fundraising festival! Join us for some farmyard fun during our popular Lambing Weekends: there'll be lambs, piglets and goats to meet, plus bale climbing, tractor and trailer rides, craft activities and more. Refreshments available. £8 adult, £5 child; £22 family (2 adults + 2 children); discount for online tickets – see www.earthtrust.org.uk/whatson.

Meet the Shepherd - Tuesday 20th March, 4pm-5pm

FRIENDS EXCLUSIVE! Emma Blomfield will introduce our Friends to some of the new arrivals in the lambing shed. Find out what it takes to be a shepherd at this very busy time of year! Free (Earth Trust Friends only); booking essential: call 01865 407792 during office hours or email supportus@earthtrust.org.uk.

More information can be found on our website www.earthtrust.org.uk. All events take place at the Earth Trust, Little Wittenham, OX14 4QZ unless otherwise stated. There are lots of exciting events coming up 2018, including some that are exclusively for Earth Trust Friends – find out more about becoming a Friend at www.earthtrust.org.uk/joinus

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