

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

July/August 2018



For your diary:

Sun July 1st: 11:00 – Parish Communion, St Paul's

Sun July 8th: 16:00 – Messy Church (children's activities & biscuits!), St Paul's

Mon July 9th: 19.30 - Parish Council Meeting, Culham School

Fri July 13th: 17:30 for 18:00 start – School Play, BBQ, Bar, The Green

Sat July 14th: 10:00 til 22:00 **Culham 2018! The Green**

Sun July 15th: 16:00 - Parish Communion, St Paul's

Sun August 5th: 11:00 – Parish Communion, St Paul's

Sun August 12th: 16:00 – Messy Church (children's activities & biscuits!), St Paul's

Sun August 19th: 16:00 - Parish Communion, St Paul's

Church service times



Culham

Sun July 1st/ Aug 5th 11:00 Parish Communion
Sun July 8th/ Aug 12th 16:00 Messy Church (family service, crafts & cake/biscuits)
Sun July 15th/ Aug 19th 16:00 Parish Communion

Clifton Hampden and Burcot

Sun July 1st/ Aug 5th 08:00 Holy Communion
Sun July 8th/ Aug 12th 10:30 Parish Eucharist
Sun July 15th/ Aug 19th 10:30 Parish Eucharist
Sun July 22nd/ Aug 26th 10:30 Messy Church (family service, children's activities, crafts & cake/biscuits)

Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham:

Sun July 1st/ Aug 5th Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast
Sun July 8th/ Aug 12th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion
Sun July 15th/ Aug 19th Little W 08:30 BCP Holy Communion
Sun July 22nd/ Aug 26th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

Sun July 29th Drayton St. Leonard 10.30 5th Sunday Team Service

Talking Point – Jennifer Morton



A recent episode of 'Escape to the Country' featured Oxfordshire and the escapees wanted to move further west out of London to avoid the traffic in St Albans where they currently lived. Had they, I wondered, ever been to visit this county during the rush hour when the roads to and from work and school are very congested. Those who live in Nuneham Courtenay or Clifton Hampden can testify to that. The other main impetuous to move away from the sprawl of urban areas always seem to be the desire for peace and quiet. Those of us who live in South Oxfordshire are lucky enough to enjoy the peace of the countryside that surround our villages, however I won't say quiet, because even away from the road and traffic noise the countryside is anything but. If we listen we can hear the birds, maybe a fox or the deer, or as I heard the other night the heavy breathing of the horses in the field next door. But are there other sounds we should be listening out for?

It is all too easy in our communities, when our lives are busy, to miss hearing when our neighbours are in need of a listening ear. We can become complacent that the small community spirit will prevail and assume everyone has regular contact with someone. However, for those who have difficulty leaving their home for whatever reason, isolation can become more and more of a problem. As someone who lives alone, I know that I can go a whole day without speaking to another person. Then could it become two, then maybe a whole week or more.....?

Loneliness is one of the main social ills of our time but, in our communities, we are fortunate that for those who are able to get out of the house there many opportunities to get together with others, at coffee mornings, lunch clubs, with other parents at the school gates, book and other clubs and classes, in Church. This presupposes that there is no difficulty in getting there. We must remember that it is not only the frail and elderly that are so often housebound, but also parents with new babies or young children.

However, over the summer many of these opportunities will not be there to provide a meeting point and it becomes even more difficult not to feel trapped and isolated. Our Churches are one place each week that can offer a welcome and friendship when all else takes a break but even these are not always easy buildings to access or comfortable if they have no facilities, however warm the welcome.

So, as we approach the holiday season when so many of these regular opportunities to get together take a break, can we listen out for those whose voices in our communities we need to hear? What as friends and neighbours can we be doing to make sure that no-one that we know feels abandoned or alone?

Wed 25th July 7.30pm Dorchester Abbey Science and Religion Lecture "Male and Female He Created Them": Science, Faith and Questions of Sexuality and Gender Professor Chris Cook Director, Project for Spirituality, Theology and Health, Durham University

Sun 29th September 10.3am The Dorchester Team is (nearly) 40!!

The Dorchester Team was created in 1978 and so this year we will celebrate our 40th Birthday. We plan to celebrate on 29th September with a special Team Service in the Abbey at 10.30am. We will also mark the actual date of the legal Instrument that brought the team into being nearer to its actual date. We would love to hear from you if you were involved in the original plans for the Dorchester Team (especially if we have lost touch) or if you have any photographs of past Team events. We are one of the oldest Teams in the country – something worth celebrating!

Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

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.



Culham Parish Council (CPC) Notes June 2018

These were unavailable at time of going to print so will be published in the September edition.

Sutton Courtenay W.I.

We would like to thank everyone who helped, donated or came along to support our coffee morning on Saturday 16th June. It was a lovely morning, lots of mouth-watering cakes and lots to spend your pennies on too!

Special thanks to Margaret for her hard work setting up and for hosting it in her lovely home.



On the 19th June we had a lovely day out at Stratford upon Avon, a relaxing boat trip along the river, a bit of retail therapy, lunch and even time for an ice cream! Again thanks to our fabulous President Margaret for organising this.



The next dates for your diary are:

July 17th Michael Palmer 'Working as a Met. man in the Falklands'.

August 21st Garden Party

September 18th Our speaker will be Bruce Duncan 'The Loan Soldier'

We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall at 7.30pm.

CULHAM 18

14TH JULY 2018

CULHAM VILLAGE GREEN

10:00AM CLASSIC CARS TO ARRIVE

10:15AM DOG SHOW REGISTRATION

11:00AM DOG SHOW COMPETITION

1:00PM MAURICE

1:30PM ABINGDON MORRIS MEN

2:00PM MEL'S ZUMBA LIVE

3:00PM TAEKWONDO DISPLAY

3:30PM ABINGDON MORRIS MEN

4:00PM M-GAZ REGGAE DJ

5:00PM UNDER THE COVERS

6:00PM BMW

7:00PM THE MIGHTY REDOX

8:00PM THE ALBUM PROJECT-LED ZEPPELIN & PINK FLOYD

10:00PM CLOSE

*Bands
start
5pm*

*Cash
bar*

TIMING AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



VOLUNTEERS - We need lots of helpers so please give an hour or so to make our little festival run smoothly. Stewards are needed and the Bar, Gate, & BBQ all need manning. All volunteers will be fed (BBQ) and watered (bar) and will receive a free raffle ticket for the Grand Raffle! Please email Tasha so she can send you the link to the on-line rota. tdi@talktalk.net or text her on 07956899405.

DOG SHOW - Register your dog from 10:15 - 11:00am.

Rosettes and prizes will be given for:-

Prettiest Bitch, Most Handsome Dog, Most Adourable Puppy, Happiest Rescue, Best In Show. Plus Waggiest Tail and Biscuit Toss if time allows!

CLASSIC/VINTAGE CAR SHOW

Prizes given for Best Vintage, Best Classic, Best Saloon, Best Sports and Overall Best In Show. Cars to arrive 10:00-12:00 please. Prizes at 4:30pm.

STALLS

If you would like a stall to sell your Creations or wares please call Kit 07880 560403 or Tasha 07956899405. Stalls free to Culham Residents.

MINI SCARECROW COMPETITION

No maximum height but small is beautiful. The theme is **RECYCLING**. Please bring to the Scarecrow Stall with a tag attached, with your name on it, by 12 noon on Saturday. Prize will be drawn at 4pm.

Thank you

Other News

Oxfordshire volunteers celebrated

Oxfordshire County Council would like to thank our volunteers and all volunteers across Oxfordshire for the difference they make every day!

Volunteering in Oxfordshire is thriving with one voluntary organisation for every 289 people in the county and around 4,500 voluntary and community organisations across Oxfordshire – that's significantly higher than the national average.

Oxfordshire County Council has approximately 3000 volunteers who do an amazing job in their communities - delivering books to people who can't get to libraries, teaching children how to code, organising activities for adults with disabilities, and much, much more!

The council also works with the voluntary sector to deliver local services and support thriving communities across Oxfordshire. This includes funding Oxfordshire Volunteers - a dedicated volunteering website for Oxfordshire.

Councillor Mark Gray, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Local Communities, said: "Volunteering is clearly something that goes to the very core of who we are in Oxfordshire and we should definitely be proud of it and sing it from the rooftops.

"The message should go out loud and clear – thank you to Oxfordshire's volunteers, you do us proud."

Miriam Chappell from the OCVA (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action) added: "Volunteering is of great benefit to our communities, but what often goes unsaid is the benefit it also has for the individual. Volunteering can be a way to make friends, do something different, and add a fresh routine to your life.

"Volunteering offers you the chance to gain new skills – whether you're hoping to improve your confidence, develop an interest, or even change career. The wellbeing benefits of volunteering, from increased self-esteem to improved social connections, cannot be overstated."

There are volunteering opportunities to suit everyone - from volunteering for the National Trust, to whipping up your favourite bakes to sell, to driving people to appointments, to helping teach digital skills at your local library!

Get involved - visit OxonVolunteers.org



**broken
spoke
bike co-op**

Local DIY cycle workshop, Broken Spoke Bike Co-op, exceeds crowdfunding target in just two weeks and announces 'stretch target'.

After achieving the £11,000 needed to secure their new workshop premises, Broken Spoken have today announced a new 'stretch target' for their crowdfunder campaign. The new figure of £16,000, an additional £5,000 will pay for a much-needed upgrade of tools and contribute to the expansion of their work making Oxford a safer and more fun place for people of all abilities to cycle.

Supporters who donate to the crowdfunder from today will get the chance to have a tool named after them. They'll be able to put their own name, a friend or loved one, or a chosen moniker and the Broken Spoke team have some predictions as to the outcome.

About Broken Spoke

Established in 2012, Broken Spoke is Oxford's own not-for-profit community enterprise where you can learn how to fix and ride your bike. Broken Spoke's vision is to create an open, inclusive, and sustainable cycling and fixing community. They started by running drop-in and women and transgender sessions in community centres around the city. Over the last 5 years they've have grown so much they now help hundreds of people fix and ride their own cycles every year.

www.bsbcoop.org

Sam Chappell Co-Director at Broken Spoke said;

"I'm sure there will be a Tooty McToolface in there somewhere! We're overwhelmed with the support we've received so far. The £11,000 really just covers our basic relocation costs. If we reach the stretch target we'll be able to give the workshop a much-needed upgrade. And in all seriousness, putting people's names, or a chosen name on the tools is our way of honouring those everyday heroes who pledge so generously to keep us pedalling."

As well as paying for a tool upgrade, the stretch target will also support the development of some of the work that Broken Spoke has been doing this year including;

- Drop-in DIY workshop sessions where people can learn to fix their own cycles.
- Cycle training, where people can learn to ride their cycles with more confidence and safety.
- Beryl's night, a regular fixing and discussion evening for women, trans and non-binary folk.
- The Claudia Charter for Safer Cycling in Oxford, a collaboration led by Broken Spoke of a number of cycling organisations in reaction to the death of Broken Spoke volunteer Claudia Comberti in May 2017.
- The Festival Women & Bicycles, an annual cycling festival showcasing the wonderful things that women, trans and non-binary folk are doing in the cycling world.
- Build-a-bike classes, 6-week sessions run as part of the Crisis Skylight workshop syllabus for people experiencing homelessness to learn new skills and access cycling.
- Mobile mechanic Dr Bike events for local Oxfordshire communities.

So far the crowdfunder has attracted 267 supporters including the University of Oxford's Environmental Sustainability Team who donated their £500 prize for winning the Love to Ride UniCycle competition to the Broken Spoke crowdfunder. People wishing to donate can find the crowdfunder

here www.crowdfunder.co.uk/keep-broken-spoke-pedalling

Adam Bows, Sustainable Transport Manager from the Oxford University Environmental Sustainability Team said;

"Broken Spoke Bike Co-op have helped many hundreds of our students and staff over the years with their cycle training and confidence courses. We wish them lots of luck with their move to their new premises"

Henry Owen, Project Coordinator at the CAG (Community Action Group) Project said;

"Broken Spoke are an exemplary community resource; affordable and open to all. Their success crowdfunding so far shows how much people value and support them. But it also shows the strength of the community they've developed over the years, nurturing connection and relationships across Oxford."

He continued *"I'm really excited to see what the new team do with the stretch funding, and I'm excited to name a pump as 'pump up the jam!'"*

As a final goodbye to their current workshop and a thank you to their supporters, Broken Spoke are hosting some final goodbye drinks on their last day on operation in 42 Pembroke St. The event will take place on Tuesday 19th June, 19:00 - 21:30, open to all. More information can be found on the Facebook event here: www.facebook.com/events/1865736226781082/.

Members of the Broken Spoke team keep pedalling in the playground outside their new premises, St Thomas School on Osney Lane



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

Burglary

One of our local priorities is currently Burglary and we are actively working towards reducing occurrences. The neighbourhood team are working closely with other departments (including a dedicated team set-up to work on burglaries) working towards reducing reports through crime prevention and offender management. Ongoing enquiries are continuing at this moment. Please get in touch if you would like crime reduction advice using 101 or our email address (below). To report a Burglary in progress please call 999. If you would like any crime reduction advice and or a home survey please email us.

Scams Awareness Month

Scams Awareness Month 2018 is taking place through June. We want to help you to identify scams and take action by reporting any suspicious activity! Some of the various Scams are listed below:

- Fraudsters pretending to be from the police cold calling members of the public and telling them that their bank account has been compromised by criminals. The fraudster suggests that the person should transfer their bank balance into a 'safe' police bank account.
 - Fraudsters pretending to be from the police attending people's addresses and retrieving the person's card and PIN.
 - Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been the subject of a fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN.
 - Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post the cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and can use the details to commit fraud.
 - Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you have elderly or vulnerable family members, friends, or neighbours, let them know about the scam. Please be aware that:
 - Your bank will never attend your home
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 - Your bank and/or the police will never ask for your PINIf you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or via their website.
- In an emergency, dial 999 or 101 non-emergency number.

New South and Vale Facebook site

To complement our other channels of communication we have launched the South and Vale Facebook page. If you are on Facebook please visit www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale and like/follow us.

River safety

Please can we remind people of the dangers surrounding water, please do not be tempted to swim or paddle in the river however tempting. We have a lovely riverside so can we also remind people not to leave rubbish around the area and to use the bins provided.

Active communities/meetings

Wallingford officers held a 'Have your say' underneath the Town Hall, Wallingford in May. It was very successful and beneficial as lots of people stopped and spoke to us. The next 'Have Your Say' will again be under the Town Hall again on 11th July between 11am -1pm so please come and see us! The next 'Cover it Live' session will be held on Friday 20th July between 5pm-7pm this session will be focused on Theft from Vehicles and Burglaries.

Cover It Live!

Didcot & Wallingford - Burglary & Theft Crime Prevention Online Forum

Wednesday July 11, 2018, 17:00 online at <http://tvpsouthandvale.coverpage.coveritlive.com/>

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non-emergency number 101 or if it is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email WallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

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At the Falcon Hotel on the east coast of England, men from an RAF airbase are planning to spend the weekend with their wives. Patricia Graham (**Laura King**), an actress from London, has something to tell her RAF pilot husband Teddy (**Dave Cassar**). The situation is complicated when Peter Kyle (**John Hawkins**), a Hollywood film star, arrives at the hotel, and Teddy is sent out on a night raid over Germany. Patricia is torn between a rekindled old flame and loyalty to the husband who relies on her for support..... **Flare Path** is set in 1942 against a backdrop of heartache and quiet bravery.

Rattigan's usual brilliant writing is given a new lease of life with a refreshingly realised treatment by the great ADC cast.

It is wonderfully and ably directed by **Lin Crowley** who obviously knows the material. Lin, an experienced ADC director, has been a member of the club - acting, directing and stage managing, for almost thirty years.

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Local Environment Groups Conference

21st July 2018, 10am – 4.30pm

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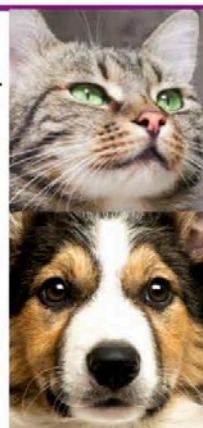
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