

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

April 2019



## For your diary:

**Thurs April 4th: 14:30** – School Easter Service, St Paul's

**Sun April 7th: 11:00** – Parish Communion, St Paul's

**Sun April 7th: 12:00** – Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Paul's

**Mon April 8th: 19:30** - Parish Council Meeting, Culham School

**Sun April 14th: 16:00** - Messy Church, St Paul's

**Sun April 21st: 09:30** – Easter Service, St Paul's

## **Church service times**

### **Culham**

Sun April 7th 11:00 Parish Communion  
Sun April 14th 16:00 Messy Church  
Sun April 21st 09:30 Easter service

### **Clifton Hampden and Burcot**

Sun April 7th 08:00 BCP Communion  
Sun April 14th 10:30 Parish Communion  
Sun April 28th 11:00 Messy Church (child-friendly, children's activities at 10:30)

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

Sun April 7th Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast  
Sun April 14th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion  
Sun April 21st Little W 08:30 BCP Holy Communion  
Sun April 28th Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

### **Events in the Abbey:**

Fri 19th April 6.00pm OSJ Schubert Stabat Mater in F minor, Bach cantata 82 'Ich habe genug'  
and Verdi Stabat Mater Tickets from [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk)

### **Team Events:**

Wed 10th 7.30pm Filling Station at Marsh Baldon Village Hall  
Sun 14th 6.00pm Team Service for Palm Sunday at Dorchester Abbey

# Village News

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

## **Culham Parish Council (CPC) – March 2019**

There is some confusion amongst the authorities as to what is to happen to the spoil heaps left over from the hydro build. CPC will write to OCC, EA and SODC about getting a resolution. Either spread the waste on the fields or remove it from site.

There were 84 responses to the 152 questionnaires sent out about the Waggon and Horses site development. Of those 75% showed support for the application.

There are local elections being held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. This includes Culham Parish Council. If you wish to be nominated for a position on the CPC please see the item elsewhere in the Mouthpiece.

A reduced spec for the fence across the playing field has been accepted by the Diocese. Quotes will now be sought for the installation of a replacement fence.

The SCGB group are to begin fund raising for the campaign against the new town proposed for the area north of the A415. Several cash donations have been received.

Letters sent and received by CPC about the Cambridge Expressway will be placed on the CPC website.

CPC will object to the latest application for a 'farm park' on Culham Hill.

CPC will object to the application at the JET site for an extension to the RACE building on the basis that this will encourage more cars to the site, given that the application includes a car park extension.

One quote out of three requests sent out has been received for the grass cutting contract. Three grass cuts have been requested for late April, June and September with a possible fourth in late July depending on the rate of growth.

CPC will support the application by Appleford PC for a Sunday service at Culham rail station.

### **Next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 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.

The CPC website address:

<https://www.culham-pc.gov.uk/>

## 6 Vacancies for Parish Councillors – Culham Parish Council

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 there will be elections for the Parish Council.

To be eligible to apply to be a councillor you need to be over 18, preferably a resident of the Parish of Culham and be on the electoral roll (although exceptions do apply).

As part of the Parish Council you will have responsibility on deciding how much to raise through the council tax, influencing and shaping the long-term development policy for the Parish and as part of the Planning process comment on planning applications in the Parish. The main meetings are held once a month, in the evenings.

Locally we are going through busy times with proposals for a housing development on the Green Belt, an Adventure Park, a Quarry, proposal for an Oxford to Cambridge expressway road and proposed enlargement of Didcot. If you are interested in local issues and matters that affect Culham and wish to improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area then consider standing as a candidate for the Parish Council.

For further information and to obtain a nomination pack go to the Electoral Commission's website at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk>.

If you have difficulty with the above site, then contact the elections office at South Oxfordshire District Council, email [elections@southvale.gov.uk](mailto:elections@southvale.gov.uk), telephone 01235 422528 or the Parish Clerk, details in the 'Who is Who in Culham' on the rear page of The Mouthpiece. In addition, if you want to know more of what is involved please feel free to talk to one of the present Parish Councillors, again details in the 'Who is Who in Culham'.

All nomination forms have to be with the South Oxfordshire District Council at 135 Milton Park, delivered by hand by 4.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. It is advisable to make an appointment in advance before you visit the offices by telephoning 01235 422528.



### 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.

### Volunteer for Advertising Role Needed – The Mouthpiece

Sarah Carter who currently manages the advertising in the Mouthpiece is leaving the village, and therefore also leaving the Mouthpiece.

This means we are now looking for a new volunteer to manage the mouthpiece advertising.

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## Upcoming Events at St Pauls



*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 4pm  
Palm Sunday & Messy Church  
Activities and Refreshments*



*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8.30am - 9.20am  
Breakfast Bun*



*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8.30am - 9.20 am  
Easter Fire*



*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.30am  
Easter Day Service  
Refreshments & Hot Cross Buns*



*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1pm-4pm  
Plant sale & Church Fete*



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# Other News

## Could you be an on-call Firefighter? - Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue



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## **Wild Oxfordshire bulletin and WaterBlitz – Wild Oxfordshire**

To hear the latest news, events, training and volunteering opportunities, sign up to Wild Oxfordshire's fortnightly Environmental Bulletin. It's easy to sign up on [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk)

### **Oxfordshire's Citizen Science WaterBlitz**

The 8th Thames WaterBlitz will take place on 26th to 29th April 2109. This bi-annual Citizen Science event, first launched in September 2015, involves hundreds of volunteers carrying out quick and easy to use tests for phosphates and nitrates in local ponds, lakes, ditches, springs, streams and rivers. The intensive testing done by volunteers can help identify key pollution sources or clean water spots that act as refuges for some of our special wildlife that's more sensitive to water quality, such as the beautiful but rare fen violet.

Registration is now open for the next Thames WaterBlitz between the 26th and 29th of April. Please follow the steps on this video to register for the event and request your free Freshwater Watch kit <https://ewgis.org/waterblitz-registration/>. Don't forget to register before 21st April to allow time for testing kits to be posted.

If you are interested in seeing the data collected during previous WaterBlitz events and getting to know more about your local freshwater environment, please visit the Freshwater Links platform: <https://freshwaterlinks.org>. To register for this year's WaterBlitz <https://freshwaterwatch.thewaterhub.org/group/thames-blitz>



## Music at The Unicorn



Music At The Unicorn are proud to announce the return of the mesmerising I O T A to the beautiful and ancient Unicorn Theatre in Abingdon on Thursday 4th April.

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

## The Big Easter Event – Abingdon Passion Play



The Big Easter Event is a community event for Abingdon with something for everybody. It will take place in the Abbey Gardens in Abingdon on **Saturday 6th April, starting at 12.30** with an Easter fete, featuring live music from local choirs and musicians, food (including chocolate!), spring crafts, games and stalls.

At the heart of the event is a performance of the Abingdon Passion Play which continues in the long tradition of Passion Plays that retells the last days of Jesus's life - and does so in a dramatic contemporary style. Simon Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman centurion reflect on the events they have experienced and how their lives have been transformed through their connection with Jesus.

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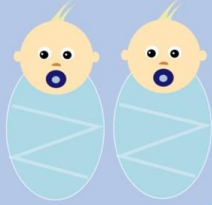
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