

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

**October 2019**



## For your diary:

<b>Sunday Oct 6th:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>
<b>Sunday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Messy Church (children centred activities)</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>
<b>Monday Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>Culham School</b>
<b>Friday Oct 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Children's Film Club – Monsters Inc.</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>
<b>Sunday Oct 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>	<b>St Paul's</b>

# Church service times



## Culham

- Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Parish Communion
- Sun Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Messy Church (child-friendly, children's activities)
- Sun Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 16:00 Parish Communion

## Clifton Hampden and Burcot

- Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 08:00 BCP Communion
- Sun Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Parish Communion
- Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 Messy Church (child-friendly, children's activities at 10:30)

## Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham

- Sun Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast
- Sun Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Long W 09:30 Parish Communion
- Sun Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Little W 08:30 BCP Holy Communion
- Sun Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Long W 09:30 Parish Communion

## Talking Point - Dorchester Team Clergy

I have a big change coming up. A big change that will affect my wife, children and myself considerably. In October my family and I will be moving to Bristol, and in November I will be starting my new job as a vicar there. I've been a 'curate' in the Dorchester Team for over 4 years, which is like being an apprentice or 'junior' - I was fully qualified after 3 years in college, and here I've been learning on the job with experienced colleagues, serving across these wonderful village communities. So I leave here fully equipped to go and be a vicar on my own... in theory!

When I first began ministry in these villages, in July 2015, I was very green. Since then we've had our trials and tribulations, had our 2 boys, my own father passed away, I've conducted many funerals, baptisms, weddings, family services, civic services, communion services, assemblies in schools, and goodness knows what else! I've gotten to know a lot of people across the many villages in the Dorchester Team, and this has been a real pleasure. I've spent most of my time in Berinsfield, and have loved discovering the wealth of community spirit there. The people of Berinsfield have truly blessed me with this experience, of many extended families living alongside one another in the messiness of normal life, never losing their values of community, family, friends, work, and home. This is something that I'll take with me wherever I go.

I've loved and learned a lot working in these village communities. It will be emotional leaving, having to say goodbye to so many people I've worked with, befriended, walked with through some life-changing event, prayed with, or welcomed into the church. It's exciting heading off to pastures new, with new adventures ahead for our family, and going into a new role which will stretch me in ways I'm sure I cannot imagine. But I will not forget the people I've met and walked with in these villages, particularly the people throughout the church congregations, and the people of Berinsfield. You have all had an impact on me, helped to shape the kind of person, husband and father, and indeed priest that I am; the Dorchester Team has left your mark on me and my wife, and we will miss you.

My prayers for the villages of Berinsfield, Dorchester, The Baldons with Nuneham Courtney, Drayton St Leonard, Stadhampton, Warborough with Newington, Clifton Hampden, Long and Little Wittenham, and Culham is that you'll be as willing and able to welcome all the other newcomers you'll be receiving over the forthcoming years, as well as you welcomed me into your churches. That you'll have the courage to stand up for the poor, the vulnerable, the foreigner and the refugee, wildlife and the environment as you were

willing and able to stand up for the importance of my training for ministry and my spending time with my family. That you remember to value the things you've taught me to value, such as community, family, and above all kindness, decency and love.

Until we meet again, goodbye all - May peace and joy go with you, and God bless you.

*Revd. Jon Roberts*

### Team Events:

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October** Bishop Steven and Canon Edmund Newey write "We're delighted to invite you to take part in our inaugural **St Frideswide Pilgrimage**. The route begins on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct at 11.00am at Dorchester Abbey with a** short act of worship and formal blessing of the Pilgrimage and finishes with tea and a service at **Christchurch Cathedral starting at 3pm on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. There are a number of different walking routes all led by an experienced pilgrimage group leader and there will be opportunities for reflection on the way. Please look at the leaflet on [www.chch.ox.ac.uk](http://www.chch.ox.ac.uk) for further information. A group will be staying in the Abbey and are planning to visit Little Wittenham – if you have the opportunity to say hello please do.

### Events in the Abbey:

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm OSJ Concert Music in the Abbey** Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle with soloists Ilona Domnich soprano, Ellie Edmunds alto, Xavier Hetherington tenor, Fraser Scott bass, Catherine Edwards piano and Howard Moody organ. Tickets cost £12-20 from [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk)

### Adult Christmas Craft workshops

Come and get in the mood for the festive season in the Abbey Guest House by crafting something new for your Christmas decorations!

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am to 1.00pm Book Angel

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30-4.30pm Angel Garland

Sessions cost £15 each including all materials and refreshments. To book (by 11<sup>th</sup> Nov) please contact Margaret [education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk) or tel: 01865 343164.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**  
**Marsh Baldon Village Hall, OX44 9LL**



**The South Oxfordshire Filling Station** is one of a network of Filling Stations that meet nationwide ([www.thefillingstation.org.uk](http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk)), where friends gather to meet with God and grow their Christian faith. It is not a new church denomination; anyone of any denomination, any faith or no faith is welcome. You don't have to be a member or let us know you're coming, just turn up on the night. All are welcome.

Our speaker on 9<sup>th</sup> October is James Nickols, regional consultant for the south east of England, and operations officer, of The Filling Station nationwide. On the website, James is described as 'passionate about encouraging and equipping Christians to overflow with the presence of God as they speak about and live out their faith'. Come and be encouraged and meet with God on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Coffee/tea and cake from 7.30pm, worship at 7.50pm, a talk starting at 8.15pm, finish 9.30pm. You are welcome to come and go at any point in the evening.

If you are interested contact Catherine Mason ([southoxfordshire@thefillingstation.org.uk](mailto:southoxfordshire@thefillingstation.org.uk), 07879 626828) or Tom Hunnings (07778 104806).

# Village News

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



**WANTED:** House or lodging. Young professional couple, both engineers, new to the area and looking for a home to rent in or around Culham from the end of October. Minimum 2 beds. We are non-smokers and have no pets or children. Would also consider temporary lodging for 1 person. Please call David on 07587155982.

## Culham Parish Council (CPC) – September 2019

The reports from OCC and SODC councillors should appear elsewhere in the Mouthpiece and on the CPC website.

There have recently been several break-ins at the Waggon and Horses, despite regular re-securing of the premises. Morrells have been asked for a further assessment of the costing for viability of the proposed scheme.

Signatories for the PC accounts is still ongoing with Nat West bank. There have been further problems with the forms issued to CPC.

The September meeting was due to discuss the Appleford group's proposal for a Sunday rail service at Appleford. However, the group did not show up for discussion although CPC agreed to support the scheme.

A request for a specification and plan about creating a wildflower meadow in the playing field will be made.

The play area sub-committee submitted a plan for equipment to be installed on the playing field and the plan was discussed. Several items for inclusion were discussed and will be passed back to the sub committee. Fund raising will form the next part of the plan.

The future of Culham Parochial School is still under discussion/consultation.

A review of polling stations was discussed and the potential loss of the school as a future venue will be passed back to the returning officer.

A review of potential tree planting sites has been undertaken and will be circulated before the next meeting for further discussion.

If anyone is interested in setting up a Speedwatch group in the village, please come along to the next CPC meeting in October.

### Next meeting

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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.

Village website address:

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

The CPC website address:

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

*Please note that the full minutes from July's meeting are available on the PC website.*

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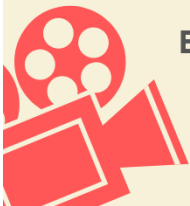
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# District Councillor's Report September 2019 - Sam Casey-Rerhaye

## Local Plan update

The planning inspectors due to carry out a public examination of the emerging Local Plan have provided an initial list of questions and comments about the plan that was submitted in March. This is the normal first stage of the process for the examination of a Local Plan.

The inspectors appreciate that councillors will be considering the Local Plan at the Council meeting in October, but as the plan was submitted back in March, it currently remains at the examination stage.

The list of questions is now available on the SODC website (<http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/planning-and-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2034/local-plan-2034-examination>)

The Full Council meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Speakers are welcome to register to put their views forward to councillors. As I have outlined before, we have been discussing the options and have been extremely united in our approach to our partners; we are determined to do the best for the District, and resist efforts to bully us.

## Council Finances

The Council has to balance its books, and the cuts to Local Government funding have meant that the Council is spending more than it receives in Revenue. SODC Council Tax rates are well below the average in terms of level of Council Tax compared to other Shire counties as unfortunately levels have historically been kept low and revenue reserves used instead. This is not sustainable. The new administration is taking a more responsible approach and are seeking new sources of revenue and ways to keep costs down, but will also need to review Council Tax.

## Jobs Fair

On Tuesday 15 October our South and Vale Business Support team are teaming up with Soha to host a jobs fair at Cornerstone Arts Centre. The event takes place between 1pm and 5.30pm.

There'll be an assortment of flexible and part-time roles on offer, including vacancies that are tailored for young people and for those coming back into work. Please help spread the word to friends and family

## PopUp Business School

The PopUp Business School is coming to Shrivenham on 7-11 October. Would-be entrepreneurs from right across both districts can attend this free five-day course taking place at the Viscountess Barrington's Memorial Hall from 10am-3pm. The school gives positive and practical training on how to get a business idea off the ground through a series of hands-on workshops.

Please help spread the word in your wards and let people know that registration is now open via [popupbusinessschool.co.uk/shrivenham](http://popupbusinessschool.co.uk/shrivenham)

## Voter registration updates

Electoral services at SODC have just sent reminder letters to around 43,000 homes who are yet to respond to the yellow 'Household Enquiry' form. Last month, letters were sent to all homes across South and Vale requiring people to confirm the details of everyone over the age of 16 who currently lives in their property. We need this information to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so in any forthcoming elections. So far more than 80,000 properties have responded. As soon as people get their reminder letter, or if they can find the original letter, they should visit [householdresponse.com/southandvale](http://householdresponse.com/southandvale) to confirm their details are correct or, if not, provide the correct information. If a household fails to respond by 5 October they will receive a visit from one of our officers to confirm the details.

## 'Housing First' to tackle homelessness

SODC have teamed up with housing association Soha to bring Housing First to South Oxfordshire. Housing First is a breakthrough project aimed at ending homelessness among people with complex needs and long-term or repeated experience of rough sleeping.

The scheme works on the assumption that housing is a basic human right. It offers housing and intensive support to homeless people, and provides a dedicated support worker to act as an advocate for clients.

The project offers good outcomes for clients – ending chaotic lifestyles by providing a stable, supportive environment for former rough sleepers to rebuild their lives. It also produces revenue savings for local authorities in the long-term as it will help to reduce the amount of money required for temporary supported housing or hostels.

SODC have allocated six Soha homes for the pilot scheme, with Aspire, an award-winning employment charity and social enterprise, providing specialist support.

### **Plans for the new Council building in Crowmarsh Gifford**

The Council Cabinet will be considering a report in October on the new building for both the South and Vale Districts councils which will replace the one that was burnt down a number of years ago. We are working on achieving the most sustainable and flexible building possible. It makes sense to use the existing site as it belongs to the Council and after other sites were considered, this one remained the best overall.

## **County Councillor's Report August/September 2019**

**–Cllr. Lorraine Lindsay-Gale**



### **Culham and Clifton Hampden Primary Schools to merge**

Informal consultation has been taking place into merging Culham Parochial Primary School and Clifton Hampden CE Primary School. Sadly, after all the efforts that were made to save the school some years ago, the numbers have been dwindling and have now reached the critical level of under 30.

A statutory notice will be served by mid-September, and a public meeting will be held towards the end of the month. Representations can be made until mid-October. So far, 18 children will transfer, who can be accommodated at Clifton Hampden, following some minor internal works to make better use of space. The County Council is arranging transport for these children.

### **STATEMENT FROM CLLR IAN HUDSPETH, LEADER OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

“The decision by the new Liberal/Green coalition at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to defer endorsing the emerging Local Plan has serious implications for the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) bid which would provide £218 million of vital infrastructure for the Didcot area.

The preferred options of the coalition at the council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July were to either revise or withdraw the emerging Local Plan although any decision was deferred. Should either of these options be taken then the probable outcome is the collapse of the HIF bid with the consequent severe impact on the Didcot area infrastructure. This would then probably mean South's existing Local Plan would come under pressure and large-scale speculative planning applications might come forward on inappropriate sites. Neighbourhood Plans that many town and parish councils have spent time working on will continue to provide some protection, but there is a real danger that developers might seek to exploit the situation as there would be no new Local Plan for Neighbourhood Plans to align with.

Problems are not confined to SODC; if there is no HIF then the Vale Local Plan could also fail.

This could mean that within months of new administrations in South & Vale taking office, both Local Plans might fail due to the loss of £218 million for vital infrastructure in Didcot. A further consequence could then be the failure of the £215 million Growth Deal which contains £60 million for much needed affordable homes.

The only way to protect both Local Plans and deliver £433 million funding for Oxfordshire is for SODC to confirm it will not withdraw the emerging Local Plan but will satisfy its ambitions by seeking a review at an appropriate time in the future.”

## **RESIDENTS GROUP BACHPORT DEFEND THE GREEN BELT FOR A SECOND TIME**

There can be few local residents who are unaware of the highly visible campaign that has been waged against Hills Quarries attempts to extract sand and gravel between Clifton Hampden and Culham over a huge stretch of land running down to the river. A first application to the County Council was rejected by the Planning Committee two years ago. But the company came forward with a second very similar application which was heard on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. I was delighted to be able to speak at the meeting for BACHPORT (Burcot and Clifton Hampden Protection of the River Thames) because I am concerned about the impact on the already congested road network of 100 gravel lorries per day, and the safety implications for pedestrians and school children in Clifton Hampden.

This area faces an uncertain future currently, with plans for a badly needed new river crossing and road up from Didcot and a bypass for Clifton Hampden, and potential housing development between the Europa School and the Science Centre.

## **NEW BUS SERVICE**

A dedicated bus service has been launched to help employees and apprentices travel between Culham Science Centre and Abingdon. It starts on 9<sup>th</sup> September and is also available to members of the public.

## **More charging points to support electric vehicles**

The electric car revolution is set to continue in Oxfordshire thanks to a successful county council bid for a slice of a £37m government fund. Oxfordshire is set to host two major initiatives to provide more charging points for electric vehicles (EVs) across the county.

The projects have been awarded funding from Innovate UK as part of the government's £37 million investment into British engineering to transform electric charging infrastructure, revolutionising the experience for the record levels of EV drivers on UK roads.

Park and Charge will see up to 300 chargers installed in residential 'charging hubs' using car parks located in residential areas where properties don't have their own off-street parking.

## **Free school transport for disabled young people is retained**

Young people with special education needs and disabilities will continue to be funded by Oxfordshire County Council, following a decision by Cabinet members on Tuesday, 16 July.

A cross-party group of councillors reviewed the service for students with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) aged 16 or older to find savings needed by the council in response to reduced government funding.

The council has worked with 14 SEND schools to identify the necessary £300,000 of savings for post-16 home to school transport; removing any current need to change existing SEND free transport arrangements. A separate fund has also been created to provide transport for children to go to after-school activities.



## **Radical changes that improve the lives of families are set to be introduced in Oxfordshire**

A pioneering approach that has radically changed the way children's social care operates in Hertfordshire is set to be adopted by Oxfordshire County Council.

The "Family Safeguarding" model has seen the number of children on child protection plans by fall 55 per cent in 30 months in Hertfordshire. Social workers have been working in small integrated teams centred around individual families in need alongside experts providing specialist mental health, drugs and alcohol, and domestic abuse services.

There has been 80 per cent rise in children in care from 2011 to 2019. There are now 780 children in care compared to 425. On current trends and without the changes we plan, children in care would rise to around 915 by 2023.

This new approach that has been pioneered in Hertfordshire will offer a way of beginning to reverse those trends.

### **Council seeks out more local foster carers**

Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet has agreed a £1m investment in its in-house fostering service, which will increase the number of local carers and reduce the number of children who are placed with carers outside of Oxfordshire.

By enhancing the support given and amount paid to foster carers, the county council's in-house service will become competitive with independent foster care agencies and other providers across the country.

Like all councils in England, Oxfordshire County Council has experienced large rises in the number of children entering care over the last decade. In 2011 there were 425 children in care, now there are around 780.

In April 2019, 54 per cent of foster care placements in Oxfordshire were with independent fostering agencies (IFAs) with the majority being out of county (144 in 2019). National best practice suggests a local authority should aim to have 70 per cent of their mainstream carers in-house.



## **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.

## Sutton Courtenay W.I

Sutton Courtenay WI's summer has been fun and entertaining!

We have helped to raise funds for the village, held a coffee morning to raise funds for our WI.

Our summer trip had a last minute change due to the weather. But a very enjoyable day was had all the same.

We travelled back through the decades celebrating 100 years since the OFWI began. Florence Nightingale, Sandy Shaw, Greta Garbo and Madonna - to name but a few - all came along to enjoy our summer garden party!

If you would like to find out what we have planned for our next meetings why not come along and join us. Here are some dates for your diary.

**17<sup>th</sup> September** – 'Tricks of the Trade' (Spying in WW1) - Melanie King

**15<sup>th</sup> October** – 'The Invigilator who set fire to his trousers' - Anne Borrowdale

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. 7.30pm.

Please call Val on 01235 847612 for more information.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

### Okay – there must be someone out there who can help?!

A volunteer is still needed to manage The Mouthpiece advertising. Access to email essential, any skills relating to publishing an added bonus! You would be contacting advertisers to invoice them (usually annually) and dealing with any enquiries relating to the advertising. It is not a heavy workload!

If you are able and interested, please contact [generalmouthpiece@gmail.com](mailto:generalmouthpiece@gmail.com) or call/text Anne on 07826 360402.



### Missing Table

Following the Festival in June it seems there is still 1 table missing! It is a large white table with metal legs that fold underneath. If you have inadvertently removed it from The Green we would very much appreciate its return to the church– no questions asked! Or if you know of its whereabouts please let us know via The Mouthpiece – anonymity can be preserved if necessary.....



Culham Parochial C of E  
Primary School

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



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# *St Pauls Culham*

## *October*

*Sunday 6th 11am Parish Eucharist*

*Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 4pm Messy Church*

*Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 4pm Children's Film  
Club Showing Monsters Inc*

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm Parish Eucharist*



## *November*

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 4pm All Souls Service*

*Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm remembrance and  
reflection with poems and  
readings.*

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm Parish Eucharist*



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# Neighbourhood Policing

## September 2019 newsletter

Didcot and Wallingford  
Neighbourhood Policing  
Team Newsletter

TVP South and Vale would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported us since the tragic loss of our colleague and friend PC Andrew Harper.

### Rogue Traders

We have received a number of reports of rogue traders operating in this area and would remind residents to be on their guard.

Rogue traders call at your door and offer to do work on your home or garden that will be either unnecessary or vastly over-priced. They often have no formal training to carry out the work. Some have links with distraction burglars.

If you need work carried out on your home or garden, get at least two quotes from reputable companies. If possible, get a recommendation from a friend or neighbour who has used the company and can vouch for them.

If someone does call at your door offering to carry out work, stick to the following advice:

- Don't agree to any work or sign anything on the spot.
- Discuss any work you feel needs carrying out on your property with a relative or friend who can help you find a reputable trader.
- Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this.
- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out. If you ask them to leave and they don't, call the police on 999.
- Contact Trading Standards for more advice and information about rogue traders.

Please also be careful of 'Cold Calls' this is when someone will request sensitive information or try to sell you something over the phone. Please use the same principles above and never give out any personal details on the phone. In Particular the bank will never ask for you Pin number and nor will the Police. Please request to see the I.D of any Police person attending your address we will only be too happy to show you.

### Staff updates

We have had some changes in the Wallingford/Didcot Neighbourhood Team. We say goodbye to PCSO Tyler Lewis who has left to become a Police Officer and PCSO Lewis Symm will soon be joining him this month. We would also like to Welcome PCSO Laura Robinson and PCSO Emily Collins to the team. Throughout the year we have the advantage of new Police Officers also joining our team on their Neighbourhood Policing Attachments.

### **Please get in touch/follow us using the following:**

E-mail: [DidcotandwallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:DidcotandwallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

Twitter: [@tvpsouthandvale](https://twitter.com/tvpsouthandvale)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale](https://www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale)

Phone: 101

**Always phone 999 in an emergency**



### Suicide Prevention Survey



Oxfordshire residents that have been affected by suicide are urged to give their feedback to help shape a suicide prevention strategy

Between 2016 and 2018 there were a total of 155 deaths by suicide in Oxfordshire. Of these, 126 of these were men which means that deaths in men outnumbered those in women by 4:1.

The Oxfordshire suicide prevention group is about to revise its action plan and develop a strategy and wants to hear from people in Oxfordshire who have been affected by suicide or who may have had suicidal thoughts themselves.

There is a determination to reduce the numbers of death by suicide therefore we are asking residents to complete the survey [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/suicidepreventionsurvey](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/suicidepreventionsurvey) to help achieve this understanding.

### Sharing a life can change a life



The Shared Lives scheme matches people who need additional support to be independent, with carers and their families. Could you give someone the chance to grow and gain the confidence to become as independent as possible in a family environment? Become a Shared Lives Carer in a home based, paid role - [oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives)

### Help conservationists fill the gap in hedgerow knowledge

Health-check a hedge as part of the *Great British Hedgerow Survey*,

The hedgerows that criss-cross our countryside are not only an iconic sight, but a vital habitat and corridor for many of our native species. However, they are becoming increasingly fragmented which is threatening the wildlife that depends on them.

people's  
trust for  
**endangered**  
species

The survey attracted the attention of BBC Countryfile, and earlier this year presenter Helen Skelton joined PTES' Key Habitats Project Officer Megan Gimber and Dormouse & Training Officer Ian White in Warwickshire, to find out why hedgerows are in need of more wide-scale management.

#### **Why should we care about hedgerows?**

Historically we've lost about half our hedgerows since WWII. Although the rates of direct hedge removal have been reduced, we are still seeing the loss of hedgerows simply through the way they are managed.

Megan Gimber, Key Habitats Project Officer at PTES, explains: "With 70% of UK land being agricultural, hedgerows offer the safest route for wildlife to travel across farmland. Sadly, many hedgerows are becoming gappy, which fragments this amazing network, and without more sensitive management, many hedgerows are at risk of being lost altogether. This is problematic, especially when we're seeing a fall in numbers of the animals that depend on them, such as hedgehogs, bats, hazel dormice and song thrush."

Healthy hedgerows reduce soil erosion as well as air and water pollution. They provide forage for pollinating insects, predators to keep crop pests in check and shelter for livestock, reducing deaths from exposure and improving milk yields. Hedges help us fight climate change through storing carbon, and also reduce the damage from flooding.

To take part and/or find out more, visit: [hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org](http://hedgerowsurvey.ptes.org)



amazing venue  
amazing music  
amazing experience



**FANTASTIC LIVE MUSIC**  
IN THE BEAUTIFUL UNICORN THEATRE

## Music At The Unicorn

Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Our next concert at the beautiful Unicorn theatre in Abingdon is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and stars the multi instrumentalists – **The Churchfitters!** Great name. Great band.

The Churchfitters play a large range of instruments, but you need to see for yourselves what can be done with Mercedes hubcaps and brief cases!

For more information: [www.churchfitters.com](http://www.churchfitters.com)

Dave Pegg, the bassist from Fairport Convention and the Dylan Project says “I am very honoured to be a patron of Music At The Unicorn. I have played in that wonderful space on several occasions and am delighted to have been invited to be with you”.

Doors: 7pm | Music: 7:15pm | Main act: 8pm

Tickets: £15 – MOSTLY BOOKS, 36 Stert Street, Abingdon OX14 3JP (Cash only)  
or [www.musicattheunicorn.org.uk](http://www.musicattheunicorn.org.uk)

## Abingdon Operatic Society Presents

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019, 7.30pm**  
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## Christmas Party at the Railway Inn – Pauline Davidson

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*do you need to be picked up?  
will you be in a wheelchair?  
are you on a special diet?*



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**To Pauline Davidson, The Railway Inn, Culham, OX14 3BT (tel. 528046)**

I would like to come to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party at The Railway Inn on **Saturday 7th December 2019**.

Name .....

Address.....  
.....

Telephone number .....

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Please could someone give me a lift?

I will be in a wheelchair.

I am on a special diet – i.e. ....



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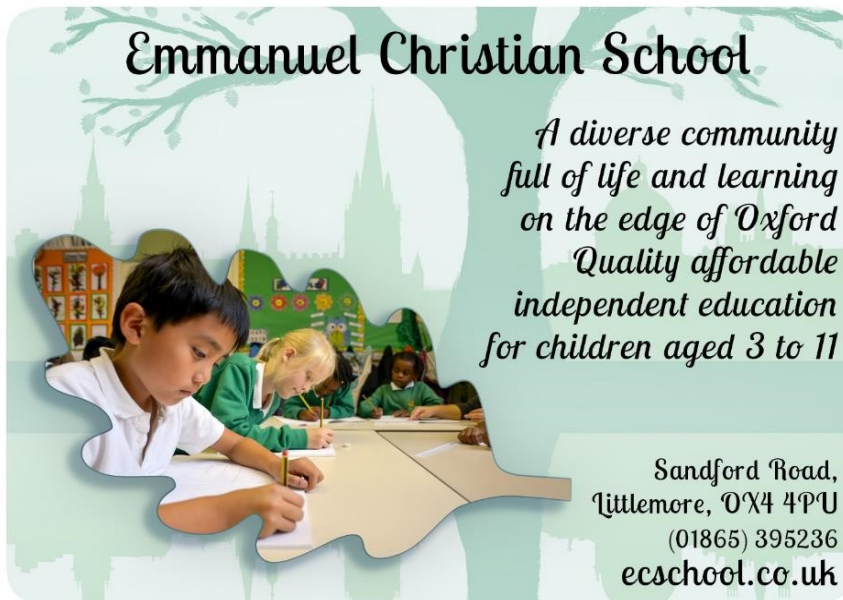
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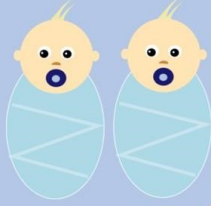
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