

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter



December 2019/January 2020



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For your diary:

Sunday Dec 1 st :	11am	Parish Communion	St Paul's
Saturday Dec 7 th :	evening	Concert – Oxford Harmony, Bach Street Boys, Quintessence	St Paul's
Sunday Dec 8 th :	4pm	Messy Church (children centred activities)	St Paul's
Tuesday Dec 10 th :	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting <i>(note change of day)</i>	Culham School
Sunday Dec 15 th :	4.30pm	Village Carol Service	St Paul's
Friday Dec 20 th :	4pm	Children's Film Club – <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i>	St Paul's
Wednesday Dec 25 th :	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 	St Paul's
Sunday Jan 5 th :	11am	Parish Communion	St Paul's
Sunday Jan 12 th :	4pm	Messy Church (children centred activities)	St Paul's
Sunday Jan 19 th :	4pm	Parish Communion	St Paul's

Church service times

Culham

Sun Dec 1st 11:00 Parish Communion
Sun Dec 8th 16:00 Messy Church (child-friendly, children's activities)
Sun Dec 15th 16:30 Village Carol Service

Wed Dec 25th 10:30 CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION SERVICE



Clifton Hampden and Burcot

Sun Dec 1st 08:00 Holy Communion
Sun Dec 8th 10:30 Parish Eucharist
Sun Dec 15th 10:30 Parish Eucharist
Sun Dec 22nd 16:30 Carol Service
Tues Dec 24th 23:30 Midnight Service for Christmas

Long Wittenham and Little Wittenham

Sun Dec 1st Long W 09:30 Family Service, crafts and breakfast
Sun Dec 8th Long W 09:30 Parish Eucharist
Sun Dec 15th Little W 08:30 BCP Holy Communion
Sun Dec 22nd Long W 10:30 Parish Eucharist
Tues Dec 24th Long W 16:30 Carol Service & Little W 18:00 Carol Service
Wed Dec 25th Long W 09:30 Parish Christmas Day Eucharist

Dorchester Team News

Narnia

We are very excited that Narnia is returning to Dorchester Abbey with a repeat of our popular interactive exhibition. There will be new exhibits – a sleigh ride and an evacuee country house scene as well as the ever popular homes of Mr Tumnus and Mr and Mrs Beaver. The exhibition runs from 11th January to 8th March.

One special event during Narnia will be a storytelling event on Thursday 6th February. Amongst our special guest storytellers will be the author Francis Spufford who is a Narnia enthusiast. Francis has also agreed to talk about his book Golden Hill over coffee on Friday morning (7th) if interested in this additional event please contact the Rector, 01865 340007 or admin@dorchester-abbey.org.uk.

Verger

After several years our Verger, Charlie Gibbs is leaving to take up a commission as a forces musician. We hope to continue to see Charlie and his family on Sundays in his voluntary role but his departure creates a vacancy for a small paid or voluntary job as Abbey verger taking a role in Occasional Services and helping to ensure the smooth day to day running of the Abbey. Please contact the office, the Rector or Sandie Griffith if you would like to discuss this.

Special Family Service in January

In January we will be inviting anyone who has been christened at the Abbey to a special family Christingle service with renewal of Baptism Vows. Please do join us from 10.30am – if you would like an invitation for yourself, a family member or friend and think that we might not have your details do get in touch!

Events in the Abbey:

Sat Dec 7th York Waits Concert 7.30pm Renaissance Music for Advent and Christmas with Deborah Catterall, singer. The Waits present a programme of festive music from around Europe, including fifteenth century English carols, North German Lutheran chorales, French Noels and Mediterranean lullabies and dances, exploring the wide diversity of both familiar and less well known seasonal repertoire. The Abbey will resound to the grandeur of shawms and sackbuts, curtal, crumhorns, with contrasting intimacy of the great recorders, flutes, harp, gittern, rebec, fiddles, portative organ and the joyful, rustic bagpipes and Vielle. Tickets £10/15 available in advance from Eventbrite or on the door.

Sun 8th Dec 4.00pm PACT Refreshments followed by Carols at 5.00pm PACT's annual Carol Concert will be held on Sunday 8th December 2019 at Dorchester Abbey at 5pm with light refreshments from 4pm. The Abbey Choir will be performing and Mill Lane Primary School Choir from Chinnor and soloist Alison Brucker. It is free to attend but we welcome donations on the night towards PACT's work. Places are limited so booking is essential. www.pactcharity.org

Sat 14th Dec 7.30pm OSJ Christmas Carols A programme of popular carols.

OSJ Ashmolean Voices, John Lubbock conductor with guests Shillingford & Warborough choir conducted [Christine Cairns](#).

Concert in association with [ClearSky](#). To support Clear Sky, buy the 'Clear Sky' ticket – all income from this ticket, which includes an extra £2 donation, goes to Clear Sky. Clear Sky will also hold a raffle at the concert.

Tickets from www.osj.org.uk

Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm HFT's The coming of Christmas This has been a much-loved annual event for 25 years, and has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds to ensure that people with learning disabilities can live the best lives possible. Join us this year for a magical silver jubilee celebration that is guaranteed to leave you feeling festive.

The historic Abbey - beautifully decorated for Christmas - will be transformed by the light of more than 1,000 candles; a stunning and atmospheric setting for some truly spine-tingling choral music from The Choir of Magdalen College, Oxford.

The choir, conducted by Mark Williams, will be joined by special guest readers Juliet Stevenson CBE and Michael Pennington.

[Tickets from Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk)

Sat 21st December 7.30pm OSJ Handel's Messiah in its original scoring

OSJ Voices, Soloists Louise Wayman soprano, Charlie Tetley alto, Xavier Hetherington tenor, bass Tom Mole and Orchestra of St John's John Lubbock conductor. Tickets from www.osj.org.uk

Sat 31st December 7.00pm OSJ Strauss Gala Wonderful waltzes and polkas mostly by Johann Strauss Junior, plus the final scene Act 1 of La Boheme by Puccini.

Featuring: Orchestra of St John's with John Lubbock conductor and Hannah Davey soprano, Maki Sekiya piano

Tickets from www.osj.org.uk

Sat 11th Jan Narnia Exhibition Opens

Margaret writes:

Come and step into the snowy landscape of Narnia! Collect your Narnia Identify Card, put on one of our coats and go through the wardrobe to enter the cold wintry world of Narnia, where it is 'always winter, but never Christmas'. Sit in the White Witch's sleigh, listen to the crunch of the snow as you watch real Arctic scenes of the film 'All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride'. Become Mr Tumnus or Mr and Mrs Beaver, or role play having tea with them! Sit on the White Witch's throne, or become one of the Kings and Queens of Cair Paravel. Finally, can you find the secret Narnia message hidden in the displays?

This exhibition is open to ALL visitors young and older and is certainly not to be missed!

Special weekend and half-term themed activities will be available, see our website for details or contact the Education Officer. Tickets £5 (2 adults and up to 4 children), £2 (2 adults and 1 child) or £2 per adult.

Special curriculum linked school group tours are available, contact the Education Officer, Margaret Craig, education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk for further details.

Thurs 6th Feb Narnia Storytelling evening with Francis Spufford (see note above)

Fri 7th Feb Francis Spufford talks about his book **Golden Hill** over coffee (see note above)

Sat 8th Feb 7.00pm Supper and Concert featuring Two-a-part and YoCo Abingdon Group who will be travelling to Kenya on 13th February. Tickets £25 per person available from January at the CoOp Dorchester or from John Cornelius johntcornelius@aol.com mob: 07912 351018

Team Events:

Team Service 29th December 10.30am Marsh Baldon

We'll be having a quiet Sunday on 29th December. There will be the usual service in the Abbey at 8am and at **10.30am** a service for the whole Team family at Marsh Baldon church.

China Mosaic

Workshop

Saturday 14th Dec.

The Abbey Tea Room, Dorchester Abbey.

1:30pm - 5:30pm



Make your own Christmas Angel

Learn to create something beautiful from
vintage & unwanted china.

£45 incl all materials.

refreshments & your own

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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.



Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

CHILDREN'S CINEMA CLUB

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FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 4PM
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Culham Parish Council (CPC) – November 2019

The Playground Group has decided to go with the company SutcliffePlay to supply the play equipment. Sixteen pieces (including adult equipment) have been selected at a cost of £73,391. Various grants are to be applied for. The Clerk reported there had been a cyber attack on the CPC website! This has been dealt with by changing the various access codes.

Highways officers and Lorraine Lindsay-Gale are to meet onsite to consider the speeding in Thame Lane. A Tollgate Road and Thame Lane speeding survey is to be investigated/instigated.

Sutton Courtenay Parish is interested in using the company Gigaclear to provide high speed broadband. If a certain percentage of people signs up, they will install the infrastructure. The users then have the option of choosing their own broadband provider. There is a possibility of OCC providing grants for the installation.

The grass cutting programme for next year will be investigated, possibly using the existing company. Certain areas of the village may be left longer between cuts to encourage environmental variability. Sight lines for safety and areas around the bus stop need to be considered.

The tree planting quote received recently for several new trees will be pursued. The approximate cost is £1,000. A grant from the District Councillor's budget will be applied for.

Next meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2019 at 19:30 at the school.

NB – CPC has changed the meeting day from the second Monday to the second Tuesday of each month

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/>

District Councillor's Report December 2019 - Sam Casey-Rerhaye

. We have been told that there will be no news from or discussions with the government and South Oxfordshire regarding the Local Plan situation until after the General Election.

However, there are many other things that we are getting on with at the Council. Apart from making a decision to properly finance the new building at Crowmarsh, we have given the go ahead for a raft of repairs, updates and renewals in leisure centres, public toilets, computer systems and other areas that are long overdue.

Voter registration – from the Elections Team:

The deadline for registering to vote has passed!

Important information

Everybody who applied for a postal vote should receive their ballot pack by 6 December – if it doesn't arrive by this date people should contact Elections on 01235 422528 to request a replacement. This is the earliest point at which we can issue replacements.

With postal votes we are reliant on the mail being delivered on time. Therefore, if anyone is likely to be away after 6 December, they should consider applying for a proxy vote instead to guarantee their vote.

The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 4 December. To find out more residents should visit southoxon.gov.uk/votebyproxy or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebyproxy.

More information on the general election can be found at southoxon.gov.uk/elections or whitehorsedc.gov.uk/elections

Free parking in the run up to Christmas

People in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse can benefit from free parking in district council car parks on certain days in December.

The annual free parking tradition is provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to encourage people to shop locally for their Christmas presents. The free parking days allocated to each area are agreed with the individual town councils depending on which day would best suit local traders.

Free Christmas parking days also means people don't have to pay to park if they wish to catch up with friends and family in the pubs, cafés and restaurants during the festive period.

People will be able to park their car without paying for a ticket in South and Vale car parks on the following days next month:

South Oxfordshire

- Didcot – Mondays (9, 16, 23 Dec)
- Goring – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 Dec)
- Henley – Tuesdays (3, 10, 17 Dec)
- Thame – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 Dec)
- Wallingford -Thursdays (5, 12, 19 Dec)

Vale of White Horse

- Abingdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 Dec)
- Faringdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 Dec)
- Wantage – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 Dec)

On the above days there's no need to display a ticket.

Parking is also free on a Sunday in many of the council-owned town centre car parks in South and Vale - please check the tariff boards in car parks for further details.

Capital Grants

South Oxfordshire District Council has £320,000 of funding available for local groups, including town and parish councils, undertaking building work and other community and energy saving projects in the coming year.

The council's capital grants scheme opened in at the end of October. Similar awards have gone towards a new playground and outdoor gym, restoration of church bells and energy efficient improvements to a village hall.

Local organisations in South Oxfordshire have until midday on 2 December 2019 to apply to the council for money towards improving, creating or replacing community facilities.

Grants range from £1,000, which could cover the replacement of a village noticeboard, to £75,000 towards a project like a new recreation ground, but the improvements must benefit local residents. The maximum we are able to fund is 50 per cent of the total project cost. Groups are encouraged to refer to the guidance notes available on the council's website before making an application.

For more information and advice please visit the council's website www.southoxon.gov.uk/grants, email the grants team at grants@southandvale.gov.uk or give them a call on 01235 422405.

'Don't Disappear' – Recognising relationship abuse

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) have launched a video 'Don't Disappear' to help people recognise relationship abuse. This is following their 'Know this isn't Love' coercive control campaign from earlier in the year. It will be launched under the branding of Victims First, an organisation that supports victims and witnesses of crime across the Thames Valley and is managed by the OPCC.

'Don't Disappear' tells the story of Jamie and Emma; from the seemingly loving early stages of their relationship, to the development of coercive and controlling behaviours such as jealousy and possessiveness, control, love bombing and isolation. We hope the video will help people who may be in controlling relationships to identify with it and potentially seek help. Please share on social media if you use it.

The video can be found at <https://youtu.be/d6rt8w5HBWw>

Anyone who is concerned they may be experiencing this can contact Victims First **for support on 0300 1234 148** You can find further information about coercive control at www.victims-first.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns/

Civil Parking Enforcement

The District Council is exploring the options on taking on parking enforcement. It appears that in the whole of England, out of 326 local authorities, 21 do not handle civil parking enforcement, including three of the four Oxfordshire Districts. Unfortunately, I could not attend the information evening for councillors about this, but I will keep you updated as I hear more.

New life-saving app

A new potentially life-saving app can tell emergency services the precise location they need to go to when someone needs assistance and Thames Valley Police is recommending everybody installs it on their smartphone.

What3words divides the entire globe into 57 trillion 3m x 3m squares – if someone needs assistance it will then provide a specific three-word code for where they are, making it a lot easier for the emergency services to find someone in a rural area or unfamiliar location.

The app, which is used by emergency services across the country, is free and doesn't require an internet connection to use – for more information please see the [what3words website](http://what3words.com).

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas



Sutton Courtenay W.I

Well where has that year gone, flew by in a flash!

But its never too late to come along and join us at Sutton Courtenay WI.

We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Tea, cake and good old natter is included! Meet new friends or catch up with old ones.

The WI is for all ages, you are never too young or too old. Its definitely not all Jam

and Jerusalem! Come along for an evening and find out what you have been missing.

If you would like any more info please call Val on 847612.



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INSPIRING WOMEN



Dates for our next meetings :

21st January Nick Brazil – Castles in the air (Bizarre world of victorian inventions)

18th February Social Evening

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 or call/text Anne on 07826 360402.



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Primary School

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Upcoming Events at St Pauls

Concert – Oxford Harmony, Bach Street Boys, Quintessence Saturday 7th December evening

Village Carol Service – with children's choir! Sunday 15th December 4.30pm

Christmas Day Service - Wednesday 25th December 10.30am

Other News/Events

Neighbourhood Policing newsletter

Didcot and Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Team Newsletter

Priorities

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

ASB remains a priority in Didcot. We have seen an increase in calls and incidents of ASB in the Orchard Centre. We are working with business owners and security staff at the location as well as the perpetrators and their family to ensure the area remains a pleasant and safe place to visit.

Unfortunately, due to young people causing antisocial behaviour around Wallingford, particularly Bullcroft Park, The Neighbourhood Team have had to issue five Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and one Warning letter. An Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) is a non-legally binding written contract between one or more local agencies and an individual outlining what the perpetrator should or should not do. The terms of the contract reflect the behaviour to be addressed and also sets out the possible consequences of breaking the agreement. We will not tolerate ASB from adults or young people and hope that those involved will learn from this incident and stick to the conduct outlines in their contract.

Rural crime

We continue to deal robustly with offenders making arrests, seizing dogs and vehicles where appropriate. We work closely with the rural community utilising a WhatsApp group to improve communication. This month, we have welcomed a 'shiny' new member to The Didcot and Wallingford Neighbourhood Team! We are very lucky to have received a new 4x4, and following our recent success of Rural Crime Week, we are hoping the new addition will aid us with our continued fight against rural crime.

County drugs lines

Our officers are consistently receiving information and intelligence regarding drug dealing. We take action to tackle drug dealing by conducting warrants and arrests. We enforce closure orders to prevent offenders returning to the area and we have set up hot spot patrols marked with signage provided by the Community Safety Partnership.

Ride of Respect in honour of PC Andrew Harper

Thames Valley Police is hugely grateful to the public and police family who have been paying their respects to our colleague PC Andrew Harper in many different ways including remembrance events. On Sunday 27th October, PCSOs from the Didcot and Wallingford Team were lucky enough to spend the day with over 5,000 motorcyclist who had gathered for a Ride of Respect between RAF Benson and Abingdon Airfield, in honour of PC Harper. This was an amazing turn out and we would like to thank the organisers and all that were involved, including the motorcyclists, some of which had travelled from far and wide to pay their respects.

We would also like to thank the members of the public whose travel was affected this day for their patience. We would like to thank the public again for the incredible touching support that they have shown to PC Harpers family and Thames Valley Police.

Cold weather

Winter seems to have arrived suddenly and the cold has definitely set in. The Neighbourhood Team would like to take this opportunity to remind you to demist your car windows properly before starting your journey. The mornings are busy with commuters and school children and if your car is not fully demisted, you could be the cause of a collision.

For Thames Valley Police, winter is a peak time for car thefts. We understand that time is of the essence, but please do not leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running whilst de-icing or demisting. You may only pop back inside for a few minutes but this is enough time to have your vehicle easily stolen. Don't give the criminals the opportunity.

Speed Indication Device (SID)

It has been highlighted to us by the local residents of East Hagbourne that speeding in the village is a regular occurrence. To help address this problem, the neighbourhood team have involved local residents in a "Community Speed Awareness" scheme. Under this scheme, members of the community group have now received training from a neighbourhood PCSO in how to use a Speed Indication Device (SID). The members can also borrow this device from the team for a period of time to conduct speed checks. This proactive approach aims to build a strong community resilience, and allows them to use their local knowledge to target specific 'problem' areas. Speed Indication Devices measure the speed of approaching vehicles, typically with radar, and display the measured speed. They are not intended to directly enforce speed limits, but rather to inform motorists to modify their driving behaviour, either when approaching a danger zone or to generally comply with the speed limit.

Vehicles seizures

The Neighbourhood Team have continued their good work of removing unauthorised vehicles from the road. A car was seized on Thursday 24th October in Didcot, due to the driver not having a license, or insurance. The male also turned out to be wanted for breaching a closure order. On Monday 21st October, the team seized a vehicle in Saint Georges Road, Wallingford for driving with no insurance. The driver reported to court. To avoid having your vehicle removed, please make sure you hold the correct insurance, documentation and certificates required.

Distraction thefts

In the past few weeks there have been two incidents in Didcot and Wallingford. A female described as aged in her twenties, slim build, dark hair, wearing black clothing with a distinct white strip on the trousers, holding a red clip board, is targeting the older community. She is approaching them and speaking in what has been described as an Eastern European accent, saying that she is deaf and collecting money for charity. When the victims are distracted, she has taken money or valuable items from them. We would ask that you please pass this information on to members of your family or friends to make them aware. If you have any information regarding the identity of this female, please telephone 101 and quote 43190323379.

Please get in touch/follow us using the following:

E-mail: DidcotandwallingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/tvpsouthandvale

Phone: 101

Always phone 999 in an emergency



New report reveals Britain's hazel dormice have declined by over 50% since 2000

Loss of quality woodland habitat is a major factor and woodland management is critical to halting the decline of this charismatic species

A new report published by People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) has revealed that Britain's population of hazel dormice (*Muscardinus avellanarius*) has declined by 51% since the millennium, decreasing on average by 3.8% per year.

The *State of Britain's Dormice 2019* report underlines the importance of providing the right habitat for dormice, and maintaining such habitats via correct woodland management practices, is the key to bringing this endangered species back from the brink.

In Britain, dormice – known for their endearing appearance with soft caramel fur, furry tail and big black eyes – are threatened and are considered to be vulnerable to extinction. In fact, hazel dormice are already extinct from 17 counties in England. The areas where they are still known to exist are almost all entirely south of a line between Shropshire and Suffolk.



hazel dormouse. Credit Angyalosi Beata/Shutterstock.

Ian White, Dormouse & Training Officer at PTES, explains: "The decline in dormouse numbers is due to the loss and fragmentation of their natural woodland and hedgerow habitats, as well as climate change. In particular, it's the loss of habitat *quality* that's of real concern. Sympathetic woodland management is essential for the recovery of dormice. Whether woodlands are managed for timber or public access, shrubby areas should be created beneath the tree canopy. These provide dormice, and many other species with areas to nest and feed in while also being able to access the mature trees. It is this variety of woodland habitats required to help dormice survive."

Hazel dormice are arboreal mammals who prefer structurally diverse habitats – they use tree holes to nest in, dense woodland understory to raise their young and feed in, and hedgerows and bramble banks to disperse through. Critically, the way in which woodlands are managed has changed – with traditional management practices such as coppicing, glade creation and small-scale tree felling (which once created mosaic habitats) becoming less common, and as a result many of the woodlands we see today simply aren't suitable for dormice. These factors, combined with unseasonable or extreme weather (which can affect survival over the winter and impact on their ability to raise young), can be detrimental to dormice survival.

But, despite this, there are some areas where dormice numbers are increasing. At 96 of 336 sites (29%) analysed for this report, populations were 'stable' or 'increasing'. Also, at 28 of these sites (8% of the total) the average annual increase was 5% or more per year. But, elsewhere, there is still lots of work to do.

PTES is working hard to ensure that dormice can thrive once again in our countryside and manages the National Dormouse Monitoring Programme (NDMP) – the longest-running small terrestrial mammal monitoring programme in the world. Since it began in 1990 hundreds of volunteers across England and Wales have collected over 120,000 records, providing a significant data set which indicates how dormouse populations are faring. It's these data that have been used in the *State of Britain's Dormice 2019* report.

In addition, over the last 26 years, PTES has managed 30 reintroductions at 24 sites, releasing almost 1000 captive-bred dormice to create new populations or improve genetic diversity at existing ones. These reintroductions play an important role in the long-term conservation of the species, returning dormice to 12 counties in England where they have been lost.

PTES also provides training and guidance for woodland managers, encouraging them to adopt appropriate land management practices. PTES' *Managing Small Woodlands for Dormice* can be downloaded [here](#).

PTES is working to improve our understanding of dormouse ecology and to improve the problem of habitat fragmentation. The conservation charity is funding research into hibernation when dormice can be very vulnerable; PTES has recently launched the Great British Hedgerow Survey, whereby farmers and landowners are being asked to assess the condition of their hedgerows and PTES are working with the ecological consultancy Animex to create dormouse bridges to improve accessibility between habitats



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At the Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon.



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Jessica Dunne as Buttons

Friday 10th January 7.30pm

Saturday 11th 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday 12th January 2.30pm

Thursday 16th January 7.30pm

Friday 17th January 7.30pm

Saturday 18th January 2.30pm & 7.30pm

An original new script written for Abingdon Drama Club, this exciting version of 'Snow White' transports you into a world of magic, mystery, magnificence, maleficence and mayhem and loads more words beginning with "M"!

Abingdon Drama Club's excellent production is a feast for the eyes and the ears. A brilliant pantomime full of fun and surprises for all the family.

Tickets: £10, £8 concessions (60+, students, ADC members)

Group Bookings: Groups of 10 and over – All tickets £8 (£8.55 when booked online – just select the concession rate ticket and choose the number you require). Please let us know if you have any problems with your booking.

Tickets available from:

The Bookstore, The Abingdon Precinct (15 Bury Street), Abingdon or online at

Website: www.abingdon-drama-club.com

Email: enquiries@abingdon-drama-club.com

The Abbey Cinema



Last Christmas Fri 6th Dec to Wed 18th Dec

Frozen II Fri 13th Dec to Thurs 26th Dec

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The Abbey Cinema, Abingdon-on-Thames



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We wish all our readers a very

**Merry
Christmas**

Christmas Party at the Railway Inn – Pauline Davidson

I would like to invite senior citizens of Culham, aged 65+, to The Railway Inn on **Saturday 7th December 2019** for a Christmas Party, from **2 to 5.30pm**. This offer is limited to 30 people who must be Culham residents. It will include:

- Free 4 Course Turkey Meal and refreshments.
- Entertainment, Bingo and Raffle

If you want to come, please fill in and return the tear-off reply slip below. Please note that we need to know if you have any special requirements, such as :-

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



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**.

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Telephone number

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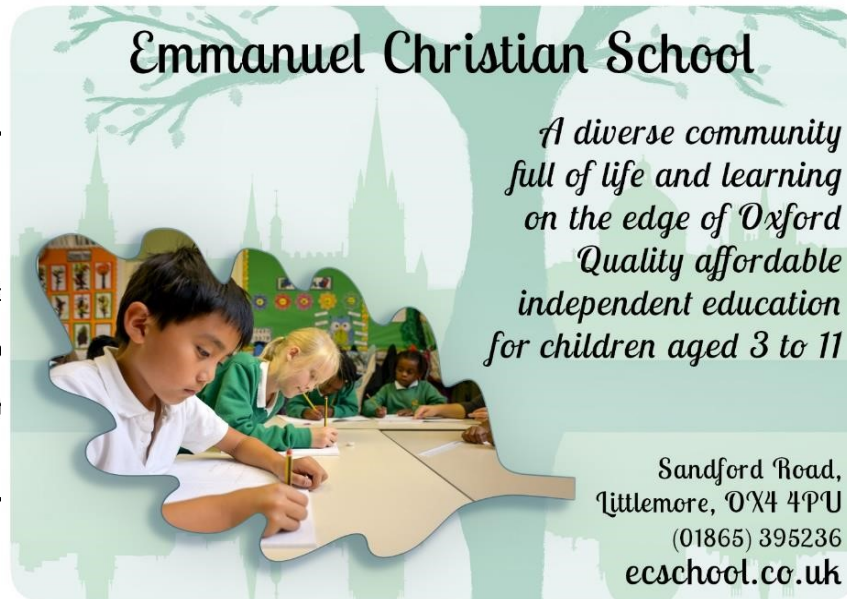
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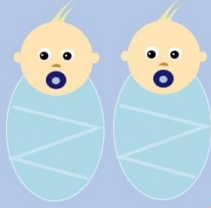


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