

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

**November 2020**



## Crossword

This is the [onlinewords.net](https://onlinewords.net) Daily Crossword Puzzle #4 for **Oct 26, 2020**

Find the solution at <https://onlinewords.net/49919>

### Across

- 1. Pseudonym
- 6. Strike
- 10. Took a dip
- 14. Spear
- 15. Ballerina's skirt
- 16. Heavenly headwear
- 17. Singer \_\_\_\_\_ Hayes
- 18. Unmodified
- 20. Repair
- 21. Tattered cloth
- 22. Spiritualist meeting
- 23. Puppy supplier
- 25. Transmitted
- 26. Of the mind
- 28. Form
- 32. Fight back
- 35. Mislaid
- 37. Caspian \_\_\_\_\_
- 38. Rocker \_\_\_\_\_ Clapton
- 39. Excuse
- 41. Ventilates
- 42. Polite address
- 43. Walk heavily
- 44. Retitle
- 46. Dentist's concern
- 48. Purpose
- 50. Deserve
- 52. Los \_\_\_\_\_, California
- 56. Hinder
- 59. Tax agcy.
- 60. Unaccompanied
- 61. Hesitating
- 63. Multitude
- 64. Run away
- 65. Teen's woe
- 66. Velocity
- 67. Twelve months
- 68. Treetop abode
- 69. Looks after

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## Talking Point -“Remember, remember.....”

November is the month of Remembrance and remembering. I wonder how we will remember 2020, an extraordinary year of political upheaval, a global pandemic and a wonderful upsurge of community spirit and support?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> November is All Souls' Day, an important day of prayer and remembrance in the Church when we speak the names of those we love but see no longer and we offer prayers for them and for



ourselves in our grief. This year many families have experienced bereavement in the most difficult circumstances of funerals with only a very few family members or no one present at all. Remembering and praying for we have lost will be particularly painful this year. The 11<sup>th</sup> November is of



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Remembrance Day, a special day to honour those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. This year our Remembrance Tide is more poignant as we remember the sacrifice of all those who serve our communities during the pandemic, the NHS workers, those who work in social care, teachers, delivery drivers, Post Office staff and supermarket staff.

These three strands, remembering our loved ones, remembering those who died for our political freedom, and remembering those who support our communities; these are woven together in this extraordinary year into a tapestry which comforts and challenges us in equal measure. We can feel comforted by the resilience of our communities, the kindness of our neighbours and the knowledge of God's love for us and for those who have died. However, we are challenged to recognise the frailty of democracy when nations and governments experience a health and economic catastrophe; and we are challenged to recognise in ourselves a selfish concern for our own needs when things get tough -remember the stockpiling of loo rolls and pasta?

As we progress through the winter months of this extraordinary year and look towards a new year, I wonder if we will remember the pain and distress of 2020 or the love and the hope shown in our response to the trials of the pandemic? My prayer for us all as we remember, is that we will cling to values of justice, mercy and love in our dealings with friends and with strangers.

## Church Services and Times

Nov 1st  
8am Dorchester  
8am Warborough  
9am DSL  
9.30am Clifton Hampden  
10.30 am Dorchester

Nov 8th  
9.30am Long Wittenham tbc  
10.30am Dorchester OR EARLIER IF MEMORIAL  
11am Berinsfield at Propeller  
Marsh Baldon.  
Clifton  
Stadhampton  
Drayton at Memorial tbc  
4pm Culham.



Nov 15th  
8am Dorchester  
9am DSL  
9.30am Clifton  
10.30am Warborough ZOOM  
10.30am Dorchester Family Craft morning  
11am Marsh

Nov 22nd  
8am Dorchester or 10.30am  
8.30am Little W  
9.30am. Long W  
9.30am. Stadhampton  
10.30am Dorchester  
11am. Berinsfield ZOOM  
4pm Toot

NOv 29th  
8 am Dorchester  
4pm Advent Service tbc

## Church News

### Team News

Two new Licenses! It was a delight to welcome the Reverend Canon Paul Wignall as a Licensed member of the Team in a service on 7<sup>th</sup> October – and good to see representatives of the Bridge Group present. Rev Canon Rachael Carnegie was also Licensed at our morning service on 4<sup>th</sup> October. Many of you will have already enjoyed Rachael's ministry as priest with Permission to Officiate and it is a delight to have her become a member of the Team Ministry with a Licence.

Huge thanks to everyone who has worked hard to care for the Bridge Group of Parishes during the vacancy especially David Haylett and Marcus Braybrooke, Roy Epps, Christopher Purvis and Tom Boardman-Weston.

### Services in the Team

We are gradually making our way back to normal with services but of course in these uncertain times we do not know what the future holds. Services of worship can happen with more than 6 people as long as the Churches in which they happen are Covid secure. One aspect of this is asking you to register in advance for services so that we can ensure there is space. I'm glad to report that people have been enjoying the return to church and wanted to remind you that you may worship anywhere in the Team. If you don't receive the regular email do please ring the office on 340007 and they will be happy to let you know a service that is near you and pass on your details to the clergy.

### Events in the Abbey

28th November 6pm and 8pm OSJ Unlocked - Glazunov 'Intermezzo Romantico', Faure 'Four songs', Samuel Coleridge-Taylor 'African Suite: Danse nègre', Wagner 'Siegfried idyll' with Ilona Domnich soprano and the Orchestra of St John's. Tickets £15 from [www.osj.org.uk](http://www.osj.org.uk) Prebooking essential.

### Dorchester Team Discretionary Fund

The clergy have at their disposal a limited fund which we are able to spend to support people who are in financial difficulties. It is particularly helpful in an emergency as we are able to be flexible and turn around funding very quickly. If you feel this fund could help someone you know talk to one of the clergy to find out more. Referrals are through the clergy and local health/ social provider professionals.

# Village News

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

## Village Support Group

In the Spring we sent a leaflet round to every house in the village informing parishioners that support was available from volunteers to help in shopping, collecting medicines, exercising the dog or anything where someone was struggling with the consequences of dealing with Coronavirus. As we approach Christmas with the expectation of a second wave, more lockdowns and further uncertainty, we repeat this message to everyone in our village that there are people who will help. It is important for everyone to realise they are not alone. If you are unable to access cash for any reason or have any kind of financial difficulties, please make contact under absolute confidentiality. South Oxfordshire District Council have made a grant available to help in those situations where people are in difficulty through no fault of their own because of Coronavirus.

To access assistance in the first instance if you are self-isolating, if you are for any reason unable to get out to get your essential groceries and medicine, if you are in need of assistance of any kind please contact **Mary Rickford on 07939 221846** or **Caroline Baird on 07711 675129**.

Just text or call and Mary, Caroline or one of the community volunteers will do their best to help.

Coronavirus is contagious. We will take every precaution to ensure we are spreading only kindness:

We will avoid physical contact with other people and wash our hands regularly

We will leave any items we deliver on the doorstep rather than going into anyone's home

We will ensure we ask about information on any allergies

We will at all times follow the advice being given by the government

Culham Friends

## Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes – October 2020

from Andrew Steele Councillor Culham Parish Council

The meeting was held online.

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

A second application for the Waggon and Horses site development will be put forward. This will involve demolishing the pub and building up to 20 houses on the site. The original application (to refurbish the pub and build a motel complex) will remain on the table.

Local Plan – The SCGB group response to the 'main modifications document, prepared by the inspector, is being prepared. CPC have decided not to vote more money from parish funds to pay for a proposed review of the report by three barristers.

An on-site HIF1 (Housing Infrastructure Fund) meeting is proposed and will involve CPC councillors and two members of the project team. This will allow discussion of the proposals on a face to face (socially distanced) basis.

CPC has sent their response to the SWIFT theme park development to SODC objecting to the application.

An external consultant for the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been appointed and a meeting s planned for the first week of November. Also, a £5k grant from SODC for the production of the plan is being pursued.

There has been no response from the Diocese regarding the recreation ground and the play equipment. CPC Clerk will write to the Bishop directly for a reply. CPC will consider asking the Diocese if it can purchase the playing field – NB Comments on this course of action would be welcomed from residents. Please contact the Clerk or any Councillor.

Fibre optic cable has been installed in the village to the numerous telegraph poles, but it is not yet connected to houses. CPC expects businesses to contact residents individually about these connections.

CPC is to investigate a change to the dog waste bin situation, possibly reducing the number of small bins in favour of fewer, larger ones.

The possibility of planting a native hedge along the fence line in the playing field will be investigated.

### **Next meeting**

Likely to be Tuesday 10 November 2020

This will almost certainly be an online meeting.

As ever all villagers are welcome to attend - please come along even if you have no specific items to present/discuss.

CPC website: [www.culham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.culham-pc.gov.uk)

## **Culham Neighbourhood Plan**

**Are you interested in influencing the future of Culham?**

**A Neighbourhood Plan** allows **local** people to **plan** for the types of development to meet their community's needs and where the ambition of the **neighbourhood** is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider **local** area.

The Parish Council has obtained grants from South Oxfordshire District Council and Central Government to fund the preparation and production of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A steering committee has been set up by the Parish Council and is now seeking members of the community to join it.

**This is your chance to help in the development of your community.**

If you are interested and want to join the committee or find out more about what is involved please speak to either Philip Owen, [p.owen@culham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:p.owen@culham-pc.gov.uk) , 6 The Green, Culham, Tel 01235 555223 or Gordon Gibbs, [grgibbs@btinternet.com](mailto:grgibbs@btinternet.com) , 32 High Street, Culham, Tel 01235 523679 or any member of the Parish Council, whose contact details are in the Who is Who In Culham directory at the rear of The Mouthpiece.

## St Paul's Church – News Going Forward

[info@stpaulsculham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpaulsculham.co.uk)

### PCC

Positions have arisen on the Parochial Church Council for new members to join and continue going forward for St Paul's Church, including Mission, Messy Church, Culham Children's Club, Reordering, fundraising and events.

Positions from within the PCC include, **Hon. Secretary, Electoral Role Officer, DTC representative, PCC councillors.**

If you are interested in becoming a PCC member please contact Ruth [info@stpaulsculham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpaulsculham.co.uk)

### Churchwarden

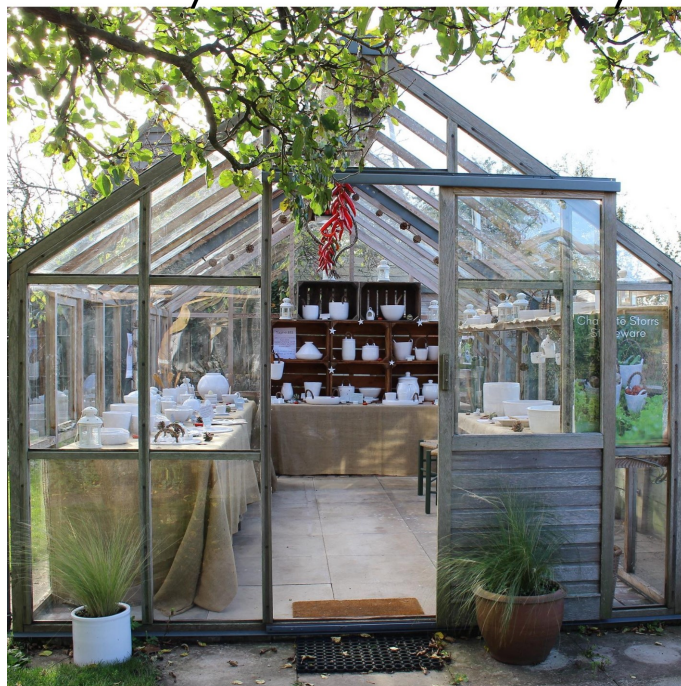
A position of **Churchwarden** is also available, elected outside of the PCC through open voting before the APCM in November. If you are interested in becoming Churchwarden, please contact [Ruth](mailto:Ruth@stpaulsculham.co.uk) [info@stpaulsculham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpaulsculham.co.uk) for the application documents.

### APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is planned for Sunday 15th November 11.30am following the Zoom Service with election of churchwarden and PCC members. This could be broadcast via Zoom, email/postal voting will be accepted. For further information contact Ruth [info@stpaulsculham.co.uk](mailto:info@stpaulsculham.co.uk)

Ruth Ward  
Assistant Churchwarden

## Charlotte Storrs Stoneware Pottery Greenhouse Gallery



Open from 24 October to 18 December, by appointment only



The Pottery, 8 The Green, Culham  
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## **International Singer Performing in Culham**

Nadia Eide (Nadia Storrs) is an international singer and she has recorded a video singing outside St Paul's Culham.

The video can be watched at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTKIDsnQF\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTKIDsnQF_c)

## **Oxfordshire County Councillor's Report – October 2020** **Lorraine Lindsay-Gale**

### **COVID-19 Update**

The rise in confirmed COVID-19 cases is a fast-moving situation. Ongoing discussions are taking place locally, regionally and nationally as regards the number of COVID-19 cases and a very close eye is being kept on trends and data. The Government introduced a three-tier system to determine local control measures for COVID-19 in individual areas. We are ready to respond in terms of how any such new system affects Oxfordshire.

### **COVID Secure team**

To help ensure Government safety rules are being applied, a new COVID Secure team is now operating across Oxfordshire. Funded by Oxfordshire County Council's NHS Test and Trace grant, and delivered jointly across all Oxfordshire councils, the team's aim is to work with and support businesses to help them comply with the rules and guidance that applies to them and to ensure good infection control measures are in places which the public access.

### **Local Contact Tracing System**

A new locally focused COVID-19 contact tracing system for Oxfordshire has been launched, designed to support and compliment the national system. It will provide another layer of support to help control the virus and #stopthespread. Collectively, Oxfordshire's six councils will work to contact people that the NHS test and trace national system is unable to reach. People contacted will be advised to isolate, talked through how to access local support when isolating, and asked about details of their close contacts so these can then be followed up by the national team. The service will run seven days a week with calls coming from the council using a local (01865) phone number. Text messages will also be sent to people with mobile phones telling them to expect a call.

### **Parking enforcement proposals aim to keep the traffic moving**

Motorists have been told that proposed changes to the way parking is controlled in Oxfordshire would lead to safer roads and help traffic to move more freely.

Oxfordshire County Council has agreed to apply to the Government to take over responsibility for civil parking enforcement across the whole of the county. If the plans are approved by district councillors at the Vale of White Horse, South Oxfordshire and Cherwell, then the new measures could come into force across the county by November 2021.

The proposal, which was agreed by the county council's Cabinet on October 13th, would also lead to the creation of up to 168 new on-street pay-and-display car parking spaces in the Vale, South, and Cherwell districts.



The county council already enforces parking in Oxford City and West Oxfordshire, and could now take over responsibility from Thames Valley Police in South Oxfordshire, the Vale, and Cherwell, ensuring continuity across the whole county.

The aim is for the new arrangement to be self-funding, with the extra pay-and-display spaces helping to pay for enforcement costs, although there would be some limited funding from the three districts.

This is not a way to make more money out of motorists, but to ensure our roads are safer and kept clear of obstacles to keep the traffic moving. The aim is to achieve 100% compliance of parking regulations. If that was to happen then there would be no income from penalty charges. However, if drivers choose to park illegally, they should expect to receive a fine.

Members of the public would be able to report areas and incidents of illegal parking through a dedicated email address and telephone line. Officers would investigate and take enforcement action as required.

Parking offences, which include overstaying in pay-and-display bays, double-parking, dropped kerb obstruction and yellow line infringements, would be enforced by the county council's contractor Conduent. Penalty charges range from £50-£70, but would be reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days.

**And now for something a bit lighter...**

## **VIKINGS REUNITED**

### **A family is being reunited from our Museums Service after 1,000 years and an Oxford Massacre**

Two Vikings from the same family are to be reunited more than 1,000 years after their deaths, thanks to help from our Museum Service. We have a skeleton that is one of at least 35 men and boys believed to be victims of Oxford's St Brice's Day Massacre of AD 1002, in which dozens of Danish raiders, settlers and their offspring were thought to have been executed on the orders of the King Aethelred II of England. The skeleton is held at our Museum Resource Centre in Standlake, West Oxfordshire.

Now DNA evidence has shown that a male skeleton, discovered during an excavation in Denmark, is closely related to one of the Oxfordshire victims – known as SK1756.

Next year, SK1756 will be taken 'home' to Denmark to be included in a Viking exhibition alongside the latest Danish discovery – believed to be a close relative such as an uncle, nephew, grandfather, grandson or half-brother.

In the meantime, SK1756 is set to be featured in a Danish TV documentary about the Vikings. The Director of the National Museum of Denmark, Dr Rane Willerslev, visited Standlake with a television crew on Thursday, September 24, where he interviewed Oxfordshire's Curator of Archaeology, Angie Bolton, for the documentary.

Dr Willerslev said: "It was strange to see this skeleton – one of your ancestors – which had been hit eight to 10 times in the head and stabbed several times in the spine, just lying there in front of you."

The mass grave was discovered in 2008 when archaeological excavations took place ahead of a development in the grounds of Oxford University's St John's College. Research shows that they had all been massacred at the same time, probably in AD 1002.

Isotopic analysis suggests that some of the victims originated from within the UK, Denmark and Germany. The massacre was prompted by King Aethelred's frustration at his inability to stop Viking invaders from raiding England.

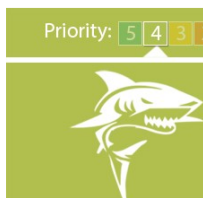
## MORE LIBRARIES OPEN ACROSS THE COUNTY

**19 of our libraries have already re-opened**, with more to follow. Locally, we now have seven core libraries open: Abingdon, Thame, Didcot, Cowley, Henley, Wallingford and Berinsfield. Plus Faringdon, Sonning Common, Watlington, Woodcote and Chinnor Community libraries are opening during the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> October. Benson library remains closed while a new roof is fitted, and Wheatley is also closed due to refurbishment work. It is hoped that both will be open before Christmas.



## Green Recycling Bins - The Railway Inn

The Green Recycling bins situated at the end of The Railway Inn Car Park **are no longer available** as they are full to overflowing and collections are not taking place.



## Oxford Scam Warning

Thames Valley Police are urging people in Oxford to remain cautious after an elaborate scam has resulted in victims losing a total of £15,000.

A man, described as being of Mediterranean appearance, in a dark coloured car, has been approaching people asking for directions to Heathrow Airport.

He claims to be a fashion designer with Giorgio Armani and that he has excess stock he is unable to take back to Dubai with him due to the high cost.

He asks people to lend him money to cover the cost of his car hire on the promise that the money will be paid back.

He encourages the individuals to provide their bank account details and will then drive them to the bank where the money is withdrawn and handed over.

The contact details passed over to the individuals turn out to be false and no money is ever paid back.

This scam results in a significant financial loss and poses a risk to the victim's safety

by agreeing to get in a car with a stranger.

Where personal details including bank details have been handed over, this also leaves the victim open to identity fraud.

Thames Valley Police also are urging the following:

- Never agree to lend a stranger money, no matter how elaborate and believable their story may be.
- Never agree to purchase or accept items from a stranger – These items may be stolen and you could be implicated as being involved in handling stolen goods.
- Never reveal personal details to a stranger, especially banking details.
- Never agree to get in a stranger's car, no matter how friendly and trustworthy they may seem.

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Please always call 999 in an emergency.

For more information, visit the national Take Five to Stop Fraud (<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>) campaign.

## **Be Aware and Alert**

A reminder/warning to residents to be alert for possible burglaries.  
Make sure doors/windows etc are locked.

Also be cautious of strangers calling at your door.

## **Other News**



## **Government Planning Reforms – have your say!**

The Government is currently consulting on a major shake up to the planning system that would see:

- The introduction of nationally-imposed housing targets
- An increase in housing numbers in the south-east, but a fall in other parts of the country
- A significant reduction in local involvement - Community engagement would be largely restricted to the Local Plan making stage (as it stands, just one six-week consultation), with the public thereafter losing their ability to scrutinise most individual planning applications.

Countryside campaigners CPRE Oxfordshire are concerned about the impact these changes will have on our rural county. You can read more about the issues on their website at [www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)

The Government's White Paper – Planning for the Future – is out for consultation until 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020, but the debate will continue thereafter so there is still time to share your views with your local MP.



## **CPRE Oxfordshire – Trustees Wanted**

Do you care about your local countryside? Want to make a difference?

CPRE Oxfordshire is the voice of the countryside in Oxfordshire. We fight for the right development in the right place and work to protect, promote and enhance our amazing local landscapes and rural character.

Due to retirement of current members, we are looking for a number of new trustees, including a treasurer, to join the team.

By volunteering with us you will be helping to find positive solutions for the issues facing the countryside and the environment. By applying your skills and experience you can make a real difference and be a central part of our friendly and passionate charity.

### **To find out more...**

Please contact our Branch Secretary Dorian Grier: E: [dorian.cpre@gmail.com](mailto:dorian.cpre@gmail.com) or leave a message on our office phone: T: 01491 612079.

Role descriptions can be downloaded from the CPRE Oxfordshire website [www.cpreoxon.org.uk](http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk)

Application deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020** in the first instance, but we are happy to receive expressions of interest on an ongoing basis.

## **The Abingdon COVID Girls calendar 2021**

A small group of fellow Abingdonians are producing a charity calendar for next year.

The calendar will be different.

It will be about the pandemic.

It will be about Abingdon and in this most painful of times, it will be about fun. Goodness knows we need some right now.



**But above all the calendar will be about respecting what people have gone through and are going through in these unprecedented times.**

Based very roughly (no, very VERY roughly\*) on The Calendar Girls (but with no nudity\*\* - phew!), the various months will show the wonderful ladies of Abingdon caught in the act of.....well that would be telling now wouldn't it!

Every page will be sponsored by and feature one of our fantastic Abingdon businesses. Along with donations received, this sponsorship revenue will pay for the printing of the calendar. All other elements in the production – design, artwork, “models” (ahem!), copywriting and marketing have been donated free of charge. The calendar will go on sale throughout the town well in time for Christmas and ALL proceeds will go to The Abingdon Food Bank and The Abingdon Bridge (TAB), two local charities.

**A future collector's item if ever there was one!**

\* Nothing like Calendar Girls in fact!

\*\* I did ask if all the ladies could wear extra clothes!



language teaching. He returned in 1985 to live in Oxford, raise a family and set up an inbound tour business. 5 years ago he moved to Abingdon. His passion is still travelling but his planned trips to Bhutan and Chernobyl have come to an abrupt halt, for obvious reasons. His interests include bridge, chess, badminton and dancing. Laury has been involved with various charities over the years and so considers working on this project to help The Abingdon Bridge and the Abingdon Foodbank to be both stimulating and a privilege.

**For more information and to find out where to buy the calendars:** [claire.louise4940@hotmail.com](mailto:claire.louise4940@hotmail.com)

## **Street Tag**

Street Tag is a new family-friendly game that rewards primary schools, families, individuals and communities for physical activities such as walking, running, and cycling.

Street Tag is turning streets and parks in Oxfordshire into a giant virtual playground. You can play to win rewards for your child's primary school, or as an individual or team of up to six people in Oxfordshire's community league.

Watch your total distance accumulate and see how you far you climb up the local leaderboard. Get ready to push yourself and start your journey to a healthy lifestyle with Street Tag. For more info on how to play, head to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/streettag)

## **The Abingdon Bridge (TAB)**

We support young people aged 13-25. Our guidance and emotional support is free. We do this by providing counselling, support programmes, healthy lifestyles programme and bespoke workshops and group work.

For more information go to: [theabingdonbridge.org.uk](http://theabingdonbridge.org.uk)

## The Abingdon Food Bank

**“The foodbank was there when we really needed it, it was an absolute lifeline.”**

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

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## **‘Your Mission Starts Here’ – *Spy Oxfordshire* exhibition to open at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum**

**Opening on Friday 28th October and running until 17th December 2021**

Spy Oxfordshire, a major new exhibition, will get visitors thinking critically about the mysterious world of secret intelligence, once described by CIA Director Allen Dulles as “probably the least understood and most misrepresented of the professions”.

The exhibition will shine a light on previously unknown but fascinating local connections to the intelligence world. Oxfordshire intelligence officers were at the heart of the British war effort during the Second World War: from the commandos that knew no fear and wreaked havoc behind enemy lines, to the codebreakers, analysts, and “connectors of the dots” who provided Prime Minister Winston Churchill with unprecedented insights into the Nazi war machine. Everyone featured in the exhibition has been chosen to illuminate a different part of what is called the “Intelligence Cycle”, the process by which intelligence is collected, analysed, produced, and used by the policymaker in the service of protecting national security. In learning the stories of these remarkable men and women, visitors will see that the truth of intelligence is often stranger than the fiction.



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While the exhibition will show that intelligence has a lot more layers to it than what we see in spy fiction, there will be plenty to catch the eye of 007 fans eagerly awaiting the release of *No Time To Die*. Spy Oxfordshire will feature some iconic film props and replicas on loan to the museum, such as the Walther PPK used by Sean Connery in *Dr. No* and original concept drawings for the PPK/S handgun with dermal sensors - used by Daniel Craig in *Skyfall*.

Bond author Ian Fleming features heavily in the exhibition alongside his famous literary creation. Objects include Fleming's walking stick and an exact replica of the golden typewriter he used at his Goldeneye home in Jamaica, where he wrote the 14 Bond novels. On display will be items from the private collection of Mike Vanblaricum of the Ian Fleming Foundation, which have rarely been seen outside the USA, including original storyboards from the film *Diamonds are Forever* and Sean Connery's shoes from the film *Never Say Never Again*.





Artefacts from fictional espionage sit alongside their real-world counterparts, as Spy Oxfordshire will also unveil a collection of rare WW2-era gadgetry, including everything from Special Operations Executive (SOE) lapel and sleeve daggers to dummy pieces of coal used to conceal explosives. SOE parachutists' equipment, tools and weaponry shared with the French resistance, and uniforms and equipment of women in the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) also feature among historic collections helping to illustrate Oxfordshire's lesser-known contribution to the war effort.

Visitors will be encouraged to think about how everyone, even today, has a stake in the intelligence business. It is part of our daily lives, whether we like it or not, from what we read in the newspapers and the security measures we undergo at the airport to the use that is made by governments and private corporations alike of our internet searches, social media and even shopping habits.

"Ask yourself, as you walk through the exhibition: as a citizen, are you comfortable with what is being done to keep us safe? Are the methods employed by the secret services proportional to the national security threats we face?", urges the opening to the new exhibition.

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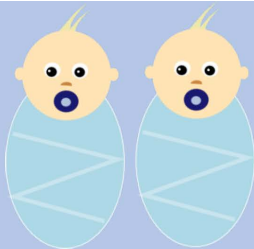
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