The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter

September 2021



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 5th September 11am. Family Holy Communion St Paul's Church, Culham
Sunday 12th September 11am. Holy Communion St Paul's Church, Culham
Tuesday 14th September 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting St Paul's Church Culham
Sunday 19th September 11am Harvest Festival St Paul's Church, Culham

Sunday 26th September No Service at Culham. Dorchester Team Service at Berinsfield

Mondays 4th, 11th , 18th and 25th October 2021 7-8pm Meditation Taster Course at St Paul's Church, Culham

From the Dorchester Abbey Team

From Revd Paul Wignall and the Dorchester Abbey Team

Talking point

Friendship



"A friend is one who knows all about you but loves you just the same". This is something that I remember my grandmother saying. It's very similar to a short passage from Charlie Mackesy's book 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' – a wise and beautifully illustrated book about friendship.

"So you know all about me?" asked the boy.

- "Yes" said the horse"
- "And you still love me?"
- "We love you all the more"
- "Sometimes I think you believe in me more than I do." Said the boy.
- "You'll catch up." said the horse.

At the end of July the church celebrates Jesus friendship with Mary, Martha and Lazarus. In a special prayer which includes the words that Jesus enjoyed the love of his friends,

"in learning, argument and hospitality."

I suspect that the best friends are those with whom you can be truthful, grumpy, argumentative and just plain tired! They are also those that see through the grumpy and argumentative person to the one that you may not even see yourself.

We need friends to be the best that we can be – old friends, new friends, friends that we get to know because we share the same enthusiasms; friends with whom to be grumpy – and friends who tease us! Perhaps the experiences of the past year and more have helped us to appreciate friends all the more, maybe even reconnect with them. That's great – because we all need to be around the people who believe in us and love us for what we are not what we keep on trying to be!

What friendships will you celebrate as you read this?

Team Services - New Look Fourth Sundays

Although the Pandemic was difficult in different ways for us all there were some unexpected joys and one of these was the way in which different people from across the Team came together for online worship. As a clergy team we learned how enjoyable and productive it was to work together with lay members of the Team to create different and original services. We received a lot of feedback from people wanting to 'capture' this. As a result the Team Council agreed that for six months beginning in September we would have a Team Service on the FOURTH Sunday so that we could see one another more regularly and build on the relationships created online!

This month in Marsh Baldon we will focus on Creation and on fourth Sunday in October we will be celebrating Berinsfield Church's 60th Birthday. On Advent Sunday (fourth in November) the service will be at Dorchester Abbey

This means that during the six month period the pattern of Services at Dorchester Abbey will change at 10.30am with Sung Eucharist on 1st and 3rd Sundays and Family Service and Evensong on 3rd Sundays.

A Special celebration for the Rector- everyone is invited!

I was ordained Deacon in Christ Church on 4th October 1995 and Priest at St Mary's Church Banbury on September 29th1996 and so this year marks the 25th anniversary of my priestly orders. Last year my Deacon celebration fell on Bishop Colin's leaving service day so my celebrations were muted! Anyone who would like to celebrate with me is warmly invited to join me in the Abbey at NOON on 3rd October for a celebratory service followed (I hope) by refreshments. Please let me know if you would like to join me!

Events in the Abbey

Sat 11th **Sept 7pm -** OSJ Concert Harp and Strings. Discover gorgeous music for harp and strings. From Schönberg's warm Notturno to Debussy's delicate Dances, we present overlooked gems by some of music's greatest composers. Tickets £15 to £20 from www.osj.org.uk

Sat 2nd Oct 8pm - Music at St. Peters at Dorchester Abbey Handel: Alexander's Feast with The Thames Consort Director Jeremy Boughton and soloists: Soprano: Lisa Gifford-Guy Tenor: Chris Fitzgerald-Lombard Bass: David Le Prevost. Tickets: £16 (free for under 25s) Tickets must be pre-booked online at www.musicatstpeterswallingford.org.uk or phone Jules on 07968 703079.



Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

St Paul's Church

For up to date St Paul's Church information and activities please see the St Pauls and Culham Village facebook page for details: https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsandculhamvillage



We would just like to say a big thank you for coming to Culham Festival this year and a massive thanks to all those who helped out in every way that made sure we ran smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you! Although it was a scaled down version of previous years we felt it was just as lively and fun and we just about managed to break even. We donated £50 to the church for the electricity and have donated all the left over meat and buns and some crisps to Oxfordshire's Food Hub which is a food bank for the homeless.

A big special thank you to John Thomas who donated all his ride money from his fabulous steam train rides, that the kids absolutely loved, which was split with the festival and church.

Sadly though, we missed out a few opportunites to make a profit this year; to organise more stallholders and the advertising in the program, which we couldn't produce this year, the door for entry fees (although this was possibly best for covid safely) or the raffle and tombola. The more money we make in future, the more we can do and donate. So next year we hope we will get many more helpers so we can make this not only a fantastic annual event for the village but a great way of donating to good causes in the village.

We will be having a meeting in September to debrief on this years festival, discussing the profits and losses and to set a date for next year. You are all most welcome to come and it would be great having some feedback and ideas for future events. If you are interested or just want to pass on some feedback please drop Tasha an email (tdi@talktalk.net) so we can let you know the date for the meeting.

Thanks and best wishes

Tasha, Jude & Kit

MEDITATION TASTER COURSE AT ST PAULS

Come and try out four different styles of meditation at St Pauls in October. We'll meet for an hour each week and you'll be led through a short 10-15 minute meditation which you can then try out at home. Each week will focus on a different type of meditation practice so hopefully you'll find something to suit you. You'll also receive advice on how to deal with common pitfalls and we'll trouble-shoot any specific problems you encounter. The sessions will be led by Sarah Chatwin who has had a meditation practice since 1979.

No sitting on the floor (unless you really want to)! We'll use chairs. Please bring a couple of cushions though so you can be comfortable.

Dates and times every Monday in October 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 7-8pm

Sessions are 'pay what you can' by donation in aid of the Friends of St Pauls.

Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes – August 2021

The CPC website address: https://www.culham-pc.gov.uk/

Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes - September 2021.

Culham Parish Council (CPC) notes - August 2021 - Held in St Paul's Church, Culham.

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

There are three applications pending for the Wagon and Horses site re-development, including one for a single dwelling. The Neighbourhood Plan group will talk to the pub designers

Grants are available from the OCC councillor, Robin Bennet, for up to £15000. CPC may apply to fund the river crossing feasibility study. SODC Councillor Sam Casey-Rerhaye has a community grant of £5000 for all her parishes.

There was limited engagement at the village fete (6 groups) concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. A government quango (named Locality) grant may be available to finish the design and layout of the plan. A draft NP is in preparation for the September meeting, and it is hoped to have a referendum in January/February 2022.

CPC will ask OCC for a full quote for the installation of the proposed village gates.

Cat Noble of The Green Group has asked if CPC wants to advertise the Solar Streets scheme in Culham. This would be on the back of the Didcot area scheme. CPC will distribute flyers to residents and put information on the village WhatsApp group.

Trees and Hedgerows in the village was discussed. There is a scheme called 'Tiny forests' where lots of trees are planted in a relatively small area. The Woodlands trust will give the whips away. The installation of larger single trees along the high street was proposed and will be pursued. CPC will catch up with VOWH DC about installing trees by the cricket ground.

On the pedestrian crossing to the Europa School, a 106 application from the developers of the pub towards a crossing could be pursued. A campaign, involving parents and the Europa school about a crossing at the pub site should be considered.

Next meeting

14th September 2021 at 7:30pm – to be held in St Paul's Church, Culham.

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



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



WE'RE BACK!

We've started our meetings again

 in July we met (safely!) - laughed and shared our experiences during lockdown

August is our 'Roaring Twenties' BBQ

 in September we'll have fun painting self-portraits and in October we'll celebrate Autumn with a tasty Harvest Supper!

We meet every third Tuesday monthly in the River Room, Sutton Courtenay at 7.30 pm

if you wish to join us, for information contact our Secretary on 847612



Other News

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 - CPRE Oxfordshire

The latest consultation on the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 has now launched and runs until 8 October.

The Oxfordshire Plan will set the development framework for the county for the next generation. It will affect all Oxfordshire residents, either directly (through development) or indirectly (through impacts on services, infrastructure, our countryside and rural character).

CPRE Oxfordshire is fighting to make sure that the growth options are deliverable without undue damage to our countryside and some otherwise good policy proposals for getting to net zero and restoring nature. That means guiding development to the right places and building high-quality compact housing to make the best use of scarce land.

We urge you to respond to the consultation – it is our best chance of influencing both the outcomes of this Plan and the OxCam Arc proposals.

Have your say NOW – it's too late to act when the bulldozers arrive.

Find more information on the CPRE Oxfordshire website www.cpreoxon.org.uk



Abingdon Drama Club Junior Drama Classes Enrolling now for 2021/22!

Abingdon Drama Club (ADC) is aiming to restart their Junior's drama classes in September. The exact date will be advised to all interested parties as soon as possible.

ADC has been providing drama classes for young people for over 35 years. The classes offer young actors from Abingdon and the surrounding area a chance to hone their acting skills in a fun, nurturing environment while meeting other young people from a variety of schools around the area. Classes meet during term time.

Our teacher, Leone White trained and worked as an actress and theatre-maker in Melbourne.

After working as an actress with some of Australia's major theatre and film practitioners, - including **Kim** Farrant, (international director of such films as Strangerland with Nicole Kidman, and Angel of Mine), Sue Broadway (then chair of the Australian Circus and Physical Theatre Association) and in a long creative collaboration with Louris van de Geer (lauded Australian play-wright, for whom she performed in a number of works), - she made her way back to the UK in 2016. Since returning she has performed in interactive site-specific works, as well as for performance driven art-works.

In the UK, Leone has been fortunate to have worked as a teacher/facilitator of drama sessions for adults and children with Creation Theatre, Open Stage Arts, Encore Youth Theatre (Wallingford), LifewithArt and Act it Out Theatre and is delighted to work with Abingdon Drama Club as their Juniors Drama Classes teacher. Leone has an Arts degree from The University of Melbourne, a Diploma in Theatre Arts from Swinburne University and studied at 16th Street Actor's Studio in Melbourne.

She has been with ADC since the summer of 2019.

The classes are as follows:

Juniors 1 Ages 9-12 Sundays from 2.30pm – 3.30pm

A combination of drama games, improvisation and scene work. A fun way to make new friends and start to learn the fundamentals of theatre and performance. SPACES AVAILABLE.

Juniors 2 Ages 13-16 Sundays from 3.30pm – 5pm

This class focuses on building drama skills including voice, movement, action, objective, subtext and characterisation. In-depth study of plays and playwrights supports learning, particularly for those enrolled in GCSE Drama. SPACES AVAILABLE.

"Acting is essentially telling the truth using someone else's words. As actors we are storytellers. Our job is to engage the audience and the best way to do this is through truthful performance."

How do I join?

For more information on ADC Juniors, email juniors@abingdon-drama-club.com



Abingdon Drama Club presents the World Premiere of Good and Faithful Servants

By Tony Green
Directed by Tony Green

Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th September 2021

7.30pm: Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon

Good and Faithful Servants by Tony Green, is set in an alternative world where Hitler has won the Second World War and Nazi Germany stands triumphant as the conqueror of Europe.

It is 1964 and Berlin SS detectives March (Adam Blake) and Lartner (Alex Jenkins) are hunting a crazed killer who is stalking women in the back streets of the city at the very heart of Hitler's empire. Set in the world of the Robert Harris novel *Fatherland*, this tense police thriller is set in the dark, almost unimaginable world of a victorious Third Reich.

Tony explains, 'This play was born out of my desire to put on a police 'procedural' play. These are actually surprisingly rare and very hard to get right within the confines of the stage. It's not a 'whodunit' by any means, but a journey through a police investigation in an extraordinary setting.

I also wanted to pay tribute to one of my favourite books, *Fatherland* by Robert Harris and the elements of that story which still fascinate me over 25 years after I first read it. Namely, the work needed to build an effective 'alternative history' in which to set the action as well as ensuring that the audience are engaged with central characters who are effectively part of an evil and oppressive system'

This is another world premier from the writer of the successful ADC plays 'Another Man's Eden', 'Thou Shalt Not Suffer' and 'A More Perfect World' and is another example of Abingdon Drama Club's commitment to producing compelling drama and never being ones to shy away from a challenge.

This great play, with its excellent ADC cast, delivers a great evening in the theatre. It promises to be fascinating and thought provoking, in equal measure.

We ask the audience to consider others and to observe any safety measures in force.

The play is unsuitable for children under 12 years. This play contains a brief strobe effect

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 get in touch if there are any problems with your booking.

Tickets available from:

The Bookstore, The Abingdon Precinct (15 Bury St), Abingdon.

Email: tickets@unicornboxoffice.org.uk Telephone: 0845 4636638



SOFO Museum launch Crowdfunding campaign to build WW2 Air-Raid Shelter

- Building a life-size WW2 Anderson shelter exhibit for visitors, families and schools to enjoy and learn from.
- Expands on popular WW1 Trench display at the museum, built by local Cadets in 2014.
- A funding goal of £2000, with stretch goals include expanded audio-visual elements and themed events
- Rewards for supporting the project include pin badges, guidebooks, family passes and having your name included on a plaque in the exhibit itself. Pledge levels start at just £5.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, are launching a crowdfunding campaign on 21st Jul 2021 to help build a new WW2 exhibit - a life-size Anderson Shelter. The campaign is set to run for seven weeks with a goal of £2,000 to build and install the display.

Anderson shelters were used in the Second World War by families as a place to hide when air raid sirens sounded, warning of a potential bomb attack.

The project aims to expand upon the ways in which visitors can learn about conflict and engage with the county's history through an interactive environment. Despite the pandemic SOFO is still looking forward, aiming to create an imaginative space that can connect people again while breathing life back into the galleries.

Already installed at the museum is a model trench which was built with help from local Cadets when SOFO first opened in 2014. The trench has proved a hit with visitors of all ages, and an invaluable tool when teaching the First World War to visiting school groups.

If fully funded, the air raid shelter experience will become a vital part of SOFO's WW2 education sessions which teach about the changes to life at home during wartime, while regular visitors will be able to enjoy it during our opening hours. We will also use the handling materials in our reminiscence work which helps participants explore their memories of the past in a safe and welcoming environment.

Donations of any size can be made towards the project, but rewards are available for those making donations of £5 or more, including pin badges, visitor guidebooks and museum annual passes. Those who back the project at the highest donation tier will have their name included on a commemorative plaque inside the exhibit itself. Only through the support of the community can the museum continue to provide unique and engaging connections to the county's wartime heritage.

Should the project push beyond its initial funding target, a number of stretch goals have been set to expand on the air raid shelter itself. These include the potential to audio soundscapes and video experiences to the display, as well as themed events and workshops.

Find out more and back the project at: crowdfunder.co.uk/anderson-shelter-project



SOFO Museum online talk to reveal Great War story of Winnie-the-Pooh illustrator E. H. Shepard.

- E. H. Shepard, famous for his Winnie-the-Pooh and Wind in the Willows illustrations saw service on the Western Front and in Italy during the Great War he was even awarded for gallantry.
- An online talk followed by live Q&A session with speaker James Campbell at 7pm, Tuesday 14th September 2021
- Shepard's Great War sketches and humorous illustrations will feature in the talk throughout.
- · No ticketing or registration to view, but donations to support the museum are encouraged.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) will hold an online talk and live Q&A session through their website on Tuesday 14th September 2021.



Ernest Shepard is best known for delighting generations of children with his charming illustrations for A. A Milne's Winnie the Pooh and later editions of Kenneth Grahame's Wind in the Willows in the 1930s.

Before he found the height of his fame bringing Pooh, Piglet and Tigger to life, he used his artistic talent to document his time in the trenches during the First World War through a series of humorous caricatures and detailed sketches.

James Campbell explores the life and Great War experiences of E. H. Shepard in this talk, illustrated with sketches and drawings from the artist's early career as a cartoonist right through his military service as an artillery officer on the Western and Italian Fronts.

Discover how Shepard was recruited by the Intelligence Corps because of skills, and how he would be awarded the Military Cross and a mention in dispatches for gallantry in the field.

Like previous online talks hosted by the museum, no pre-registration or digital tickets are needed to watch the talk - but viewers are encouraged to donate to support Oxfordshire's only dedicated military museum. Donations allow SOFO to tell more stories through events like this, as well as supporting the museum's work in preserving and presenting the county's military heritage and the history of all those affected by conflict in the region, soldier or civilian.

Watch the talk at: www.sofo.org.uk/whats-on/

Three Abingdon Businesses Win Muddy Stiletto Awards

Three independent businesses in Abingdon were named as winners in the Muddy Stiletto Awards 2021 for Buckingham & Oxfordshire on Thursday.

The ethos of Muddy Stilettos is all about celebrating and supporting the most unique, interesting, brilliant local businesses. The public response to the awards this year has been incredible, with over 750,000 people around the country voting across the Muddy Stilettos sites.

Mostly Books on Stert Street, was named 'Best Bookshop'.





Tipsy Mercer, located on the High Street, was named as 'Best Bar'

Devine Times Photography was named 'Best Photographer'.



What is the Oxfordshire Plan?



Oxfordshire's city and district councils are working together to produce a new strategic plan for Oxfordshire.

The Oxfordshire Plan will include policies relating to climate change, environmental quality, infrastructure, development, urban renewal, and much more. It will set out how much new development there will be in Oxfordshire to 2050 and where this new development will be located. It will also set requirements for new development, to make sure that it takes account of its environmental impacts and is supported by necessary infrastructure.

Key facts about the Oxfordshire Plan:

- The Oxfordshire Plan will focus on the strategic planning issues relevant to the whole of Oxfordshire.
- It will sit alongside adopted Local Plans and Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- It will provide the framework for new Local Plans and Neighbourhood Development Plans.
- It will be used to help make decisions on planning applications.
- The Oxfordshire Plan will identify broad locations for new development. It will be up to Local Plans to identify specific development sites within this framework.
- It will plan for the next 30 years, up to 2050. This
 is double the length of normal Local Plans.

What are you consulting on?

In early 2019, we undertook an initial consultation called 'Introducing the Oxfordshire Plan'. The purpose of that consultation was to ask for your views on what the vision, aspirations, objectives and strategy for the Oxfordshire Plan should be.

Having reflected on your comments, we have identified a range of different options for the Oxfordshire Plan. We want to know what you think about these options – are there options that you agree or disagree with? Do you think that there are other options that should be considered?

The responses received through this consultation will be used to help shape and inform the development of the Oxfordshire Plan 2050.

When and how can I respond?

This consultation will run for 10 weeks from **30th July to 8th October 2021**.

Anyone wishing to make comments can do so at www.oxfordshireopenthought.org. Alternatively, comments can be emailed to: info@oxfordshireplan.org

or posted to:

Oxfordshire Plan 2050 Speedwell House Speedwell Street Oxford OX1 1NE



What are the key policy options in the consultation document?

The Oxfordshire Plan will include policies based around five key themes:

i. Addressing climate change

This theme includes policy options on sustainable design & construction, energy, water efficiency and flood risk. Collectively, these policies will help to reduce carbon emissions in Oxfordshire, encourage a shift to sustainable energy, help prepare for future weather events (flooding), and ensure an efficient use of energy and water.

ii. Improving environmental quality

I his theme includes policy options that collectively aim to protect and enhance Oxfordshire's natural, historic and built environments. Policy options in this theme include those relating to air quality, water quality, biodiversity net gain, naturer ecovery, natural capital, ecosystem services, and more.

iii. Creating strong and healthy communities

This theme presents a range of policy options that will help to build communities that are strong, healthy and inclusive. Policy options in this area will help ensure that new development in Oxfordshire considers and supports our physical and mental wellbeing. Other policy options in this theme relate to high quality design, health infrastructure, leisure, recreation, open sports and community facilities.

iv. Planning for sustainable travel and connectivity

This theme aims to reduce carbon emissions from transport in Oxfordshire. It supports sustainable travel choices, including measures to encourage walking and cycling and the use of public transport. It seeks to reduce the need to travel, especially by car. It also aims to support the delivery of new strategic infrastructure and looks to ensure communities are digitally connected. Key policy options in this area include those on digital infrastructure, sustainable transport and freight management, strategic infrastructure, and a specific policy that focuses on a movement towards a transport network where no carbon emissions are produced in Oxfordshire.

v. Creating jobs and providing homes

This theme includes a variety of policy options that will help to provide a range of homes (including affordable homes) to meet Oxfordshire's needs, as well policy options that will provide better access to jobs and support Oxfordshire's economy. Policy options in this area include those on urban and town centre renewal, skills and education, affordable homes, specialist housing, as well as tourism, culture and arts, and more.

What are the development location options?

We are consulting on five different broad options for where future development in Oxfordshire could be focused:

Option 1

Focus on opportunities at larger settlements and planned growth locations.

Option 2

Focus on Oxford-led growth.

Option 3

Focus on opportunities in sustainable transport corridors and at strategic transport hubs.

Option 4

Focus on strengthening business locations.

Option 5

Focus on supporting rural communities.

Each option is high level and helps identify where new housing, employment and other development could be located, and where there are opportunities for environmental enhancement and infrastructure improvements. It may be that a mix of options will be needed.

How many homes are needed?

An important question for the Oxfordshire Plan, is how many new homes are needed in Oxfordshire to 2050? A key piece of evidence is the Oxfordshire Needs Assessment (OGNA) which considers different growth scenarios.

There are three growth scenarios which show what the range of housing need for the next 30 years are in Oxfordshire. Across these three scenarios, it ranges from 101,580-150,000 homes.

A significant number of new homes are already planned to be built in the next 10-15 years. These homes will help to meet some of Oxfordshire's housing need and will be taken into account when considering the OGNA scenarios.

The Oxfordshire Plan will need to plan for any additional homes needed in the next 30 years, beyond the homes already committed. This in the range of 26,000 -77,000 homes.

The decision on where in the range the figure for Oxfordshire should sit will be informed by the outcome of the evaluation and evidence in the next phase of plan-making in preparing the draft plan.

Timetable

The timetable for producing the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 is set out below. These timescales could change given the uncertainty around Covid-19 and because some stages are outside of the councils' control.

Stage	Timeline
Options Consultation	Summer 2021
Draft Plan Consultation	Spring 2022
Submission of plan for examination	September 2022
Examination	November/ December 2022
Inspectors Report	February/ March 2023
Adoption	May/June 2023

Next steps

Based on the responses received from this consultation, and other evidence, we will produce a Draft Plan with a further round of consultation in Spring 2022, prior to the Oxfordshire Plan being submitted for independent Examination.

If you would like further information about the Oxfordshire Plan, the different options discussed in this leaflet, and the evidence that sits behind the plan, please visit our website at www.oxfordshireplan.org.





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