

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter
May 2023

The King's
CORONATION

MAY 6, 2023



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 4 May	7am to 10pm	Polling Day – local elections	St Pauls Church
Fri 5 May	5pm on	Pub on The Green Bar & Food truck, Kids Cinema	The Green
Sun 7 May	11am	Coronation Songs of Praise	St Pauls Church
Sun 7 May	12 to 3pm	Coronation in Culham – Part 1 Picnic Lunch	The Green
Sun 7 May	3 to 5pm	Village walk to Abingdon for Bun Throwing	Culham to Abingdon!
Sun 7 May	5pm on	Coronation in Culham - Part 2 BBQ, Quiz, Cinema	The Green
Tues 9 May	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	St Pauls Church
Sun 14 May	11am	Family Communion Service	St Pauls Church
Sat 20 May	1 to 4pm	Plant Sale & Church Fete	The Green
Sat 3 June	4pm on	Culham Nigerian Night	The Green
Sat 24 June	2 to 5pm	Culham Fairy Hunt	The Green

*Save the
dates*



Please join us to celebrate the
Coronation In Culham

On The Village Green

Friday 5th May

5pm - Late

Village Pub & Pizza Truck

Kids Film @ 7pm

Sunday 7th May

12 Midday - Late

Village Pub • BYO Picnic • Art Competition

Bring a Cake/Pudding to Share • Face Painting

Village Walk to Bun Throwing at 3pm • Bouncy Castle

Steam Engines • Kids Crafts • BBQ from 5pm

Quiz, with Kids Round (teams of 4-6)

Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

St Paul's – Coronation Songs of Praise

Come along and lift your voices – Special Songs of Praise service to celebrate the Coronation – Sunday 7th May 11am at St Paul's Church.

If you do want to hear a favourite hymn – let Andrew Churchill Stone know!

See Who's Who on back page for contact details.



Charlotte Storrs – exhibited works

Charlotte will also be exhibiting in the Earth Trust Gallery, Little

Wittenham <https://earthtrust.org.uk/events/earth-trust-gallery-oxfordshire-artweeks/> with a lovely group of other local artists - Site 77.

Charlotte Storrs Stoneware



Oxfordshire Artweeks



From 6 to 14 May except 10th and 11th May
11am to 6pm Site 28

Pots will be displayed in a large gazebo in our beautiful secret garden. Ample parking by the Green. Lovely walks from the Green across the fields, over the weirs to Sutton Courtenay, along the river or past Culham lock. There are good pubs for lunch in Sutton Courtenay! Children are very welcome and can have a go on the swings or slide. Visitors might like a beaker of home pressed apple juice, wander around the garden and look at the hydroponic greenhouse

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Memorial bench for Paul Jordan 1967-2022 (Culham's former postman)

Culham villagers generously donated c.£300 towards a memorial bench in honour of Paul Jordan, our postie who died suddenly last year. The bench has now been erected on the 17th tee at Oxford Golf Club and his sister Lisa would like to thank Culham residents again for their generous donations. She has kindly sent this photo, taken by Paul's golfing friends when they were playing there the first time the bench was there. They told Lisa they didn't think they were

alone 😊 . Amazing.



LADIES OF CULHAM

Next Dates:

- 5th May – Mindfulness Session
- 9th June (later date due to half term holiday) – Floral Crown Making

All meetings are at St Paul's Church, Culham. Questions?
Email
ladiesofculham@gmail.com

Can you help?

There is a vacancy at **The Mouthpiece** for someone to look after our advertising!

The role is not arduous – it primarily involves keeping an eye on emails to advermouthpiece@gmail.com and sending invoices to our Advertisers once a year. Please contact Anne or Gordon if you can help (see Who's Who on back page for details).

Following ad-hoc discussions around the village about the future of The Mouthpiece, the general feeling seems to be that The Mouthpiece, in paper copy, is a valuable resource for the village and the main conduit for information from our Parish, District and County councillors.

We are very grateful to all those who distribute the copies for us, those who have done so for many years and those who are new to the role!

CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PHOTO ID NEEDED TO VOTE AT THE LOCAL ELECTIONS

The government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections.

This will apply for the first time at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023, so please spread the word.

Accepted forms of photo ID will include, but are not limited to, passport, driving licence (including provisional license), disabled parking blue badge, certain concessionary travel cards and proof of age cards with a PASS mark.

To help spread the word, the Electoral Commission have provided a Voter ID Resources Pack, which includes links to posters, copy for newsletters and other content that you can download.

Anyone who doesn't have accepted photo ID can apply on the government's website now for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

For more information, visit the Electoral Commission website:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>

or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

Culham Parish Council (CPC) – April 2023

Held at the church.

Philip Owen was elected as Chair for the meeting

Public Participation

The spoil heaps on the field behind the hydro scheme are likely to be removed, rather than levelled. Both OCC and SODC have indicated they want this option.

Various trees will be cut back, or possibly removed, to keep their current growth at least 5m from overhead power lines.

The planning application for the Waggon and Horses site is still with SODC.

A draft transfer agreement for the sale of the Green to CPC was left with the councillors

Other items

The District Councillor's and County Councillor's reports will appear elsewhere in the Mouthpiece.

Regarding the upcoming Parish Council elections, two of the current councillors are standing unopposed while four are standing down.

Three 'memorial trees' are being considered for planting in the village. They are the Queen Elizabeth II memorial tree, the covid memorial tree and the Coronation tree. Two are proposed to be planted on the Green, and one on the recreation ground.

The Neighbourhood Plan referendum will be voted on on 04 May 2023. This is the same day as the local elections.

The purchase of a defibrillator has been agreed, pending the approval of a grant. It is expected to be placed on the wall of the school.

Next meeting

Tuesday 02 May 2023 at 19:30 – to be held in the Church. NB this is the first Tuesday in May to allow completion of various agenda items before the local elections.

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/>



Culham calling...

Your village needs you!

Are you interested in local issues? Do you wish to improve the quality of life and the environment in the area? Are you passionate about community?

If so, then join us to help make the right decisions about issues about Culham and the surrounding area!

Local councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Use your skills and experience to make positive changes in our village, provide a voice for people living in the area and invest in the future of the community.

Apply to be a local councillor in the upcoming May elections. To find out more, speak to one of your friendly team of councillors

culham-pc.gov.uk/parish-council-election



Referendum on the adoption of The Culham Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has completed a Neighbourhood Plan for Culham. The village will be asked at a referendum on May 4th, the same date as the council elections, to decide whether it wishes to adopt the plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan aims to provide a local framework for national and regional planning policies.

The Plan itself is on the Culham Parish Council website at:

<https://culham-pc.gov.uk/np-submission-document>

The benefits of having a Neighbourhood Plan include

- Enabling communities to play a much stronger role in shaping the areas in which they live and work
- providing the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop
- Communities that have a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 25% of planning levy charged on new developments in their Neighbourhood Plan area.

Please use your vote.

Culham Parish Council

Plant Sale & Church Fete

Culham Green

Saturday May 20th

1pm

4pm

Plant Stall

Cake Stall

Bar

BBQ

Bouncy Castle

Raffle

Books

Refreshments

Children's Activities



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Coronation In Culham Friday 5th May

5pm Till Late



Village Pub
& Pizza Truck
On The Green



7pm Kids Film!



Coronation In Culham Sunday 7th May

Midday Till Late



Bar Tent
Midday-Late

BYO Picnic
from 12pm

Art Competition
with prizes
Theme: 'Nature'

Bring a Cake/Pudding
to share

3pm Village Walk
to
Bun Throwing

Face Painting

Quiz,
with Kids Round
Teams of 4-6

5pm
BBQ

Kids
Crafts


Steam
Engines

Bouncy
Castle





CULHAM NIGERIAN NIGHT



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SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

2-5PM

CULHAM VILLAGE GREEN



Culham

Fairy Hunt



Hunt for fairy doors
Meet the fairy queen
Arts and crafts
Food and drink

FREE ENTRY



District Councillor's Report April/May 2023 – Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye

For this April issue, I have focused on climate, environment and planning updates:

Energy

Following the successful bid to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and the award of £376,000 for works to the Cornerstone arts centre in Didcot we have now started work looking at our other buildings, with a contract awarded for site decarbonisation assessments for the South Oxfordshire Leisure Centres and the Riverside Park and Pool. These assessments will determine what works are required to decarbonise the buildings and will inform the evidence required to make future funding bids to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. We have also appointed APSE Energy to undertake a feasibility study into investing in solar energy on council land, with an aim to offset the councils' unavoidable carbon emissions. The report will include a financial model as well as contractual, planning and grid supply issues and will feed into future decisions about investments in a solar farm.

Bid to Net Zero Fast Followers Fund.

Officers submitted a funding application to the Net Zero Living, Fast Followers programme. If the bid is successful this project will fund an officer post and consultant support to develop an approach to investment in nature-based carbon offsetting in Oxfordshire, aiming to offer Oxfordshire's businesses and local authorities' opportunities to invest in nature-based carbon sequestration schemes within the county. South Oxfordshire are leading the bid, and Vale of White Horse District Council, Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and the Oxfordshire Local Nature Partnership are project partners.

Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) funding

The Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles has awarded £700k from the pilot LEVI scheme (we were previously unsuccessful with 'OZEV' wanting to "level up" other areas). The money will be used across the county to fund cable gullies enabling Oxfordshire residents with properties on the street without off street parking to run an Electric Vehicle charging cable under the pavement to charge their EVs.

Nature Recovery:

Officers in the Climate and Biodiversity team worked with the Parks and Communications team to develop the 'Let it Bee' project which aims to promote wildlife friendly management of council owned land. This follows on from the No-Mow May trials which ran across the last growing season and will involve a total of nine sites covering around 11,000m² where the grass will be left to grow for the benefit of wildlife. The sites are located in Berinsfield, Didcot, Wallingford and Woodcote. In addition, we have also created a new wildflower meadow at Cronshaw Close in Didcot where the grass was scarified, and a wildflower mix was sown. All the sites will be monitored this summer to determine how successful the approach is both in terms of wildlife benefit, costs and public perception.

Bathing Water Application:

In early March we were disappointed to learn from Defra that our joint application with Wallingford Town Council for Bathing Water Status had been unsuccessful. The letter from Defra did not go into the reasons that our application was unsuccessful however, following further enquiries we have now been told that the reason our application failed was that the site did not attract a large enough average number of users across the bathing season.

Defra have so far failed to answer our questions about how many users the site would need to have attracted to allow it to be designated, and we are currently following this up. We are also understand, that of 9 other applications for bathing water status submitted this year only one river-based application was successful, all the others have been given the same reason for refusal as we had in Wallingford.

Thames Water – sewage capacity and new developments

Planning department work is ongoing with Thames Water on approving planning applications and sewage capacity. We have started regular meetings to discuss modelling and sharing of information and we also challenge Thames Water where there are known issues in new application areas, including flooding. Grampian conditions (where infrastructure needs to be provided before houses) can be used but need to be reasonable from a planning inspector's point of view or they can be over-turned on appeal.

Planning and Enforcement

This has been another busy year for the Planning team, both in its day-to-day business of assessing and monitoring applications and in the work of the Planning Policy team to develop the new Joint Local Plan with Vale of White Horse Council. The results of the "issues consultation" means the new plan will focus more strongly on environmental factors, sustainability and green infrastructure than just on further housing growth. The current Local Plan (LP2035) remains in place and we await further news from Government about proposed planning reforms.

The new system to assess and take action on reported breaches of planning rules has been assessed by the cross-party Scrutiny Committee as being effective and proportionate; we cannot feasibly take action on every single planning breach, but the new system ensures that the most serious cases are acted upon the quickest.

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