

# The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter  
**June 2023**



## Dates for your Diary

Fri 9 June	8pm	Ladies of Culham Floral Crown Making	St Pauls Church
Sat 24 June	2 – 5pm	Culham Fairy Hunt	The Green Culham

# Village News

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

## Coronation Celebrations in Culham

Friday May 5th saw the start of Culham's Coronation celebrations, with a pop-up pub, pizza van and children's film night. The sun came out and crowds descended on the Green, where the beer flowed swiftly and the pizzas sold out rapidly. It was a fantastic evening, with many people from the village coming together to enjoy the atmosphere, ahead of the Coronation weekend.

Saturday 6th May saw clouds descend and rainfall, but fortuitously, Culham's "Big Lunch" Coronation street party on the Green was held on Sunday 7th! Sunday started with Songs of Praise in the church at 11AM, followed by the main event; our Street Party on the Green. Families started to arrive from



12 noon, with picnic lunches set out on the tables and on blankets across the Green, including plenty of Coronation quiches, Coronation rice chicken, salads, pie; food fit for a King and Queen (and Culham villagers). Our resident French baker also handed out fresh baguettes across the tables. The kids enjoyed Coronation themed face painting, and decorating crown biscuits.



By early afternoon the warm May sun was shining down on Culham and everyone was enjoying themselves.



As part of the Big Lunch, many people brought homemade cakes and desserts to share, which helped fuel the next activity of the weekend; the Culham inter-street tug-of-war. Five teams competed for the pride of their street with "The Green" narrowly beating Culham Kids in the final. The wooden spoon was awarded to Tollgate Road, who were unable to win a single bout!

The second competition was the children's "nature" themed art competition, a nod to the passion of the new King. We had five fantastic entries, pictured below, with the winners as follows: prize

1st Place - Edward's Toucan

2nd Place - Rosie's daisy themed King

3rd Place - Nia's green hillside

Runners Up were Hazel and Alice



At 4:15PM a large contingent from the village walked into Abingdon to watch the bun throwing. It was an amazing event, with huge crowds and several buns were caught by Culham residents. After the bun throwing, we returned to Culham for a BBQ dinner and evening quiz.



Huge thanks to the organising team and volunteers who helped run the weekend's festivities and ensured that everything ran smoothly. Over the course of the weekend, we raised just under £1000, which goes back to the Church and also to Culham Children's Club, ensuring we have funds to cover insurance, electricity, marquee hire, gazebos and everything else required to host future events.

**Thanks to everyone who came along, we all hope you thoroughly enjoyed the weekend! If you have any feedback or would like to help out in future events, please email the Mouthpiece.**



# LADIES OF CULHAM

## Next Dates:

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

All meetings are at St Paul's Church, Culham. Questions?

Email

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# CULHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Culham Parish Council (CPC) Notes – May 2023

Held in St Paul's Church Culham.

Philip Owen was elected as Chair for the meeting

**Public Participation** - None

### Other items

**Insurance renewal** – The Clerk will look into quotes for renewal.

**Risk Register** – Minor changes/updates were made to the existing register which was then approved.

**Responsible Financial Officer's report** – Individual sections of the report were read out by Philip Owen and were approved by the councillors present. The accounts were approved and will be posted on the noticeboards for 30 days – Both internal and external audits will follow.

**The defibrillator** grant has been obtained from the District Councillor. The unit will be purchased by Philip Owen.

**Trees** – The previously agreed trees are likely to be obtained from Charlbury Garden Centre. They will be planted in October. There will be three silver birches planted in a group on the Green. The two remaining trees (one for the Coronation and one for the QEII memorial) will be Prunus Pandora (cherry blossom). One will be in the recreation ground and the other location is yet to be decided.

### Next meeting

Date to be advised.

Culham Village website address:

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

The CPC website address:

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

## Culham Neighbourhood Plan

The plan received a majority 'YES' vote at its local referendum on Thursday 4 May, as per the results below:

- Votes in favour of adopting the neighbourhood plan (YES vote): 117 (81.17%)
- Votes against adopting the neighbourhood plan (NO vote): 18 (12.94%)
- Turnout: 139 (44.83%)

The plan is now part of the development plan and will be used in the determination of planning applications within the neighbourhood area.

We will now progress the plan to full council in June where the decision will be taken on whether the plan should be 'made' to become part of the development plan.

# District Councillor's Report May - June 2023

Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye

I am delighted to continue to be your District Councillor for another 4-year term. Please find my contact details at the end of this report where you can contact me about any council matter.

## Find out about grants from the Council and how to apply

Council officers will be at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Tuesday 6 June to meet with voluntary sector groups, town and parish councils and residents to provide advice and guidance on grants. This will be an opportunity for people to discuss a project they might want grant funding for, and to ask questions about eligibility or the application process for all the varied grant schemes.

It'll begin at 2pm and anybody wanting to take part over the phone, by Microsoft Teams or in person at Cornerstone can email us at [grants@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southandvale.gov.uk) or call **01235 422405** to book a slot.

## New funding round now open

South Oxfordshire District Council is providing £50,000 in funding for community organisations and individuals to apply for, with a maximum grant of £1,000. Applicants will need to show that their projects will help communities to become more active or sustain activity.

More information about the grant scheme can be found on our website [southoxon.gov.uk/grants](https://southoxon.gov.uk/grants) or organisations can contact the council's Community Enablement team on 01235 422405 or [grants@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southandvale.gov.uk).

The closing date for applications is midday Friday 30 June 2023.

## Meet our Community Hub

Our Community Hub team will be in the café at Cornerstone on the same date from 2pm to meet residents. The Hub can offer support and direct people to help on a range of things including Cost of Living, food support, becoming a host for Homes for Ukraine scheme or offering support to guests on the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Please come along and chat with council officers to find out more about what we do, get advice or let them know how we can support you better.

For anybody who can't come and meet in person but needs help because they are struggling financially or just finding life difficult, we can help. Whether it's practical support or just advice, I encourage you to get in touch:

- **Call:** 01235 422600
- **Email:** [communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communitysupport@southandvale.gov.uk)

Our office hours are 8.30am - 5pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am-4.30pm on Fridays (and closed on bank holidays)



## Comedy Takes Over Cornerstone Arts Centre

Cornerstone's Summer season is in full swing and jam-packed with comedy shows. There is something for everyone in this season's diverse line-up.

If you have a taste for impressions catch famous comedian Debra Stephenson on 8 June or if you want to introduce younger ones to the genre try Comedy Club 4 Kids on 2 June, laughs are guaranteed!

[Head to the Cornerstone website to find out more.](#)

### Contact me:

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## Other News



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**Oxfordshire Roads Action Alliance (ORAA)** is a community alliance and campaign group to prevent unsuitable road development in Oxfordshire.

The Alliance was established in August 2022 and grew out of local concerns about Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC's) plans to build the HIF1 relief road. This road will be the biggest road project ever undertaken by OCC.

ORAA is an alliance that also supports local residents and campaigners to get their voices heard for new developments such as HIF2 (A420) and near Chalgrove.

We are not 'NIMBYS'. We are in favour of sustainable development with low-carbon infrastructure to support housing. However, in facing the climate crisis we cannot continue simply to rely on roads and cars as the primary mode of transport. We need alternatives.

South Oxfordshire in particular needs an integrated transport scheme with public transport (rail, buses, taxis, trams etc.) along with properly surfaced off-road cycle tracks (not adjacent to traffic).

Our vision is for climate-friendly developments with liveable urban spaces where noise and pollution and commercial traffic are minimised.



Soldiers of  
Oxfordshire  
Museum

## Women and War: From the Fringes to the Front Line - New exhibition to tell the stories of women in the armed forces

- **Exhibition opening on 3 June and running until 10 September 2023**
- **Charting the evolution of women's roles in the armed forces from the Second World War to today**
- **Personal accounts of women's experiences in the armed forces, from those recruited to help 'set Europe ablaze' in the Second World War SOE to those who now take on front line combat roles.**
- **Objects on loan from a range of individuals and other museums, many on display at the Woodstock's SOFO Museum for the first time**



*Women & War* will explore the diverse experiences of women who have been involved with all aspects of military life, from the 'fringes' of history to those now taking on front line roles in the armed forces today.

Using unique, personal stories, pen portraits of women in historical and modern roles feature throughout.

From 1941, women were called up for war work, in roles such as mechanics, engineers, munitions workers, air raid wardens, bus and fire engine drivers. Away from these vital roles more than 80,000 women joined the Women's Land Army, 'Land Girls' enduring tough conditions and long hours in isolated rural outposts in order to prevent Britain from being 'starved out'. Others would join women's auxiliary units of the Armed Forces, such as the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Women's Royal Naval Service and Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Women continued to play a vital role after the war and over the last two decades, women have taken on more jobs in the British Army. Since 2018, all Army roles have been open to them. This includes combat roles in the infantry and special forces units.

But even before that, many female soldiers had been serving on the front line and in war zones across the world. Away from the front line, women have taken on positions and broken down the barriers in what were once male-dominated roles in MI5 and MI6; the UK's Security Service and Secret Service.

Members of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY), founded in 1907, most famously played significant roles in the SOE during the Second World War, but remain active today. Members of the FANY have seen service in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as providing vital support during disasters, terrorist attacks and crises at home in the UK.

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