

The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter
September 2023



Dates for your Diary

Fri 1 Sept	Time TBC	Ladies of Culham-Mindfulness with Elaine	Venue TBC
Sun 10 Sept	11am	Harvest Festival	The Green
Wed 13 Sept	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	St Paul's Church
Sat 30 Sept	From 3pm	Autumn Gathering, Pub & Pizza	The Green

Plus Lego Club  (3pm)

Culham Kids

We hope you've had a fun summer? Did anyone get out on the river for any activities? Did anyone spot a kingfisher?



For those of you going back to school, or starting school, we hope you have a great time.

Back to School Word Search

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Desk	Library	Lunch	Map
Glue	Drama	Study	
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Art	Pencil	Tape	

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Important dates – Lego Club – Sat 30th Sep at 3pm at the Autumn Gathering. Have fun colouring this page! See you next month!

Editor: Thank you, Laura and Monty!

Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk



Harvest

12am Sunday 10th September
Culham Green
Ploughman's Lunch £10 Adult
£ 5 Child
Refreshments & Beer Tent
Steam Engine, Music
Bouncy Castle

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Ladies of Culham Next Dates:

1st September – mindfulness with Elaine –
venue TBC

6th October – book club

3rd November – board games

1st December – wreath making

Further dates in 2024 to be confirmed!

To be added onto the LoC WhatsApp group, or
any questions, please email us

Email ladiesofculham@gmail.com



Notes and updates from CPC meeting held on 9th August 2023.

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

Chair – Chris Pritchard.

Public Participation:

Philip Owen
John Taylor
Gordon Gibbs

Summary of discussions:

- Possibility to locate the defibrillator at Culham Lock. Chris Pritchard will follow up.
- HIF1 – planning inspector to hold enquiry on the decision made by OCC and to make recommendation to Secretary of State.
- Suggestions for application for funding from Community Grant– benefit to Culham community, such as EV charging point. **Suggestions welcome from residents.**
- Spoil Heaps – review the decision to allow to remain, will be agreed at next meeting in September.
- Waggon and Horses – amended application. John Taylor confirmed that once planning permission was granted, the site would be up for sale and Morrells would not be developing the site. However, access to the proposed community orchard must remain as part of the consent. Sam Casey-Rerhaye would speak to the planning officer to give more detailed feedback.
- Grass Cutting – several areas required some additional cutting back to improve vision for road users.
- The PC agreed to purchase gravel/chippings to assist in repair of potholes on track leading to the Church.
- The Clerk would be seeking a quotation for improving access to the Cemetery with installation of steps.
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Next meeting

Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

A draft copy of the full Minutes for the CPC meeting of 9th August 2023 can be found on the Parish Council website <https://www.culham-pc.gov.uk/>



Such a small animal caused so much inconvenience and chaos

District Councillor Report August 2023 - Cllr Sam Casey-Rerhaye

'HIF1' roads and bridges planning application

The planning committee at Oxfordshire County Council turned down the application (presented by the Highways department of the same council) for the roads and bridges that are proposed to run from the A34 Milton Roundabout through Didcot to Culham and Clifton Hampden, coming out on to the B4015 just north of Clifton Hampden. They voted 7-2 to reject this. The meeting was held on 17th & 18th July. On July 25th the Secretary of State (SoS) Michael Gove wrote to OCC to call in this application and has appointed a planning inspector to hold an inquiry on the decision and make a recommendation to the SoS. This means that at the moment, the planning decision has not formally been issued so any planning applications in South Oxfordshire will be judged on that basis.

Councillor community grants funding now open

The new round of funding from the Councillor Community Grant scheme has now opened. Organisations, including Town and Parish Councils, can now apply for grants from me as your local ward councillor from £250 up to a maximum of £5,000.

If you are thinking of applying, please get in touch with me first to discuss the project and then visit the **South Oxfordshire Councillor Community Grants webpage** for further details on eligibility. Applications are made online and are open until midday on Friday 20 October 2023.

For more information, contact the Community Enablement team at grants@southandvale.gov.uk

Improving energy efficiency online events

The climate and biodiversity team held an online event in July for town and parish councils and community groups on "Improving Energy Efficiency in Community Buildings". Recordings and copies of the presentations are available on our website [South Oxfordshire](#). The team is planning a similar webinar on Tuesday 10 October. For that event the focus will be on how town and parish councils (and other community groups) can enable more retrofitting of residential properties in their areas. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon.

'Move Together' nominated for an award

Move Together, the physical activity programme co-ordinated by our Active Communities team that supports people with long term health conditions, has made the final six of the national APSE Awards for Best Health and Wellbeing Initiative. The winner will be determined at an awards ceremony in September.

You can find out more about Move Together and how it helps residents to get active via [the South Oxfordshire Move Together webpage](#)

River Thames water quality updates

Anyone planning to use the River Thames at Wallingford and Henley for swimming, boating or fishing this summer will be pleased to know that the environmental charity Thames21 is doing regular water quality sampling as part of its campaign to improve water quality and gain bathing water status in those areas. The charity is publishing its water quality updates on its website. The Thames 21 website has details for **Wallingford** and for **Henley**.

Cornerstone Arts Centre events and activities

Didcot Garden Party launched on Saturday 22 July at Cornerstone Arts Centre and more than 200 people came on the first day in spite of the rather wet weather. The party continues until 30 August with lots of activities for children, families and adults - including Community Days, family yoga, live music and comedy at Cornerstone.

Check out the [Didcot Garden Party page on the South website](#) where you can download the free brochure for more details.

Fun for babies and toddlers

And for the autumn season, there will be classes and workshops just for those early years and their parents and/or guardians. The fun starts in September with weekly classes Baby Boppers and Story Time With Laura. These classes focus on providing tots with fantastic sensory play experiences and socialising opportunities. Parents and/or guardians can also book children aged up to 7 on their workshop Riddle and Rhyme Time on Thursday 26 October. Join acclaimed children's poet James Carter in an interactive session with soothing music, rhymes, and the opportunity to write a poem with the special guest at the end.

Contact me at

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Come and enjoy the late summer with us
'Happy Feet' – Foot care advice in September
A talk about the River Thames in October

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Other News

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Tickets: £12, £10 concessions (60+, Under 12s, students, ADC members)

Group Bookings: Groups of 10 and over – All tickets £10 (£10.60 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

Abingdon Heritage Open Days

Abingdon's Heritage Open Days are a highlight of the late summer. This year the main events are on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 September, the theme is "Creativity unlocked."

You can discover the artistic influence of the town. From Hollywood icons, internationally renowned painters, Rockstars, top comedians and actors, Abingdon has been part of all their lives.

There are exhibitions about the historic Abingdon missal, plus a local artist, Oswald Couldrey. You can also be taught some painting techniques and try your hand at lacemaking. There will be the usual exhibitions, open historic buildings, walks, talks and trails.

The Missal is a religious book which contains all the prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass in the Roman Catholic Church. A Missal is used in Catholic churches today and helps the congregation follow the service and participate by knowing when to respond and what to say at certain points during the service. The Abingdon Missal is one of the most richly illuminated manuscripts to survive from the Abingdon Abbey Library. It is in two parts. One contains the texts for the religious occasions in the summer and the other those for the winter.

You can find the full programme at <https://www.abingdonheritage.org.uk/festivalprogramme>



Soldiers of
Oxfordshire
Museum

Best-selling author Shrabani Basu to give 'Spy Princess' talk at Ditchley Park in charity fundraiser

- 7pm, Wednesday 6th September 2023 at Ditchley Park
- Shrabani Basu is the best-selling author of *Victoria and Abdul* and *Spy Princess*
- Tells the story of Noor Inayat Khan GC a Second World War secret agent codenamed 'Madeleine'
- Tickets sold raise funds for Soldiers of Oxfordshire Trust, in memory of former Trustee and friend Major Tom Shannon

Best-selling author Shrabani Basu will give a talk on the story of Noor Inayat Khan, the first woman radio operator to be infiltrated into occupied France in 1943, at Ditchley Park on Wednesday 6th September 2023 from 7pm.

The venue for this event will be the magnificent Ditchley Park, with the ticket price including a donation to the museum, as well as drinks and canapes.

Tickets can be purchased from the museum website, with virtual tickets to watch the event live online also available for those unable to attend in person.

Book Tickets:

<https://www.sofo.org.uk/product/spy-princess-the-life-noor-inayat-khan-with-shrabani-basu-talk/>

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