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Culham's Newsletter
February 2024



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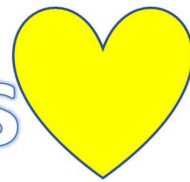
Dates for your Diary

Fri 2 Feb	8pm	Ladies of Culham-Still life drawing	St Paul's Church-check WhatsApp group for details
Sun 4 Feb	11am	Holy Communion	St Paul's Church
Sun 11 Feb	11am	Holy Communion	St Paul's Culham
Wed 14 Feb	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	St Paul's Culham
Sun 18 Feb	11am	Messy Church	St Paul's Church
Sat 23 Feb	3pm	Lego Club 	St Paul's
Fri 1 Mar	8pm	Ladies of Culham-Graphology & hand writing analysis	St Paul's Church – check WhatsApp group for details

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS



Culham Kids



Happy winter! Hope you all stayed safe in the flooding and the cold during the last month. We think it's important to get outside in all weather, so wrap up and go for a walk.

Winter Word Search

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What do snowmen eat for lunch?

Iceberg-ers

Have you made snowflakes out of paper? Why not try, then use them to decorate your house over the winter.

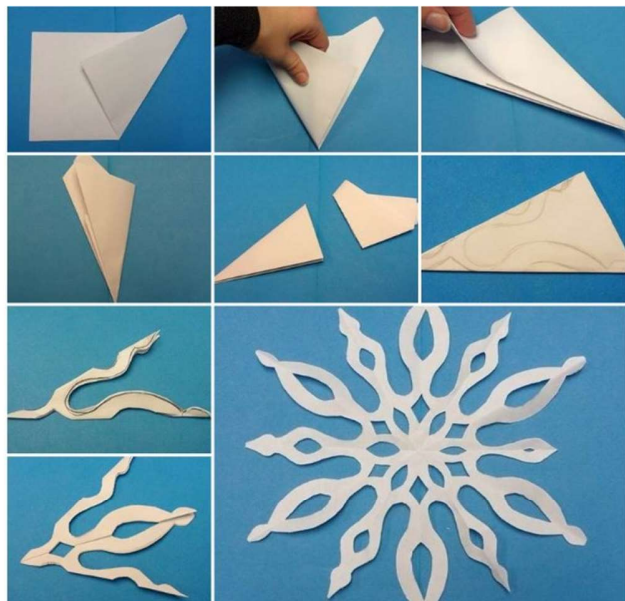
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SNOW
WINTER

Who's a penguin's favorite relative?

Aunt Arctica.



Important dates – Lego Club –Saturday 23rd February.
Have fun colouring this page! See you next month!

Editor: Thank you, Laura and Monty!

Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

Culham Parish Council website: www.culham-pc.org.uk

Ladies of Culham Next Dates:

2nd February – still life drawing

1st March – graphology / hand writing analysis

5th April – tea tasting and history

3rd May – Abstract painting

7th June – wine tasting

5th July – cocktails

We're really looking forward to our events in 2024, thanks to everyone who's offered to run a session for us. From the Admin Team

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

Email ladiesofculham@gmail.com



The Culham Cookbook

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Temporary Road Closure and “No Waiting” restriction at Culham, Abingdon Road & Tollgate Road

In the interests of public safety, it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close the road and impose a ‘No Waiting’ restriction as detailed above to facilitate carriageway patching works.

A temporary Notice is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 06 March 2024 up to and including 08 March 2024. This will operate between 20:00 and 06:00.

Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.

Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Tim Belton – Milestone Infrastructure, Oxfordshire County Council on 0345 310 11 11.



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TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

**TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF AND WAITING ON THE HIGHWAY
BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES**

- LOCATION:** Culham, Abingdon Road & Tollgate Road
- REASON:** To facilitate carriageway patching
- DURATION:** Starting on 06 March 2024
The anticipated completion date is 08 March 2024 (date included). This will operate between 20:00 and 06:00 (Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)
- ACCESS:** Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

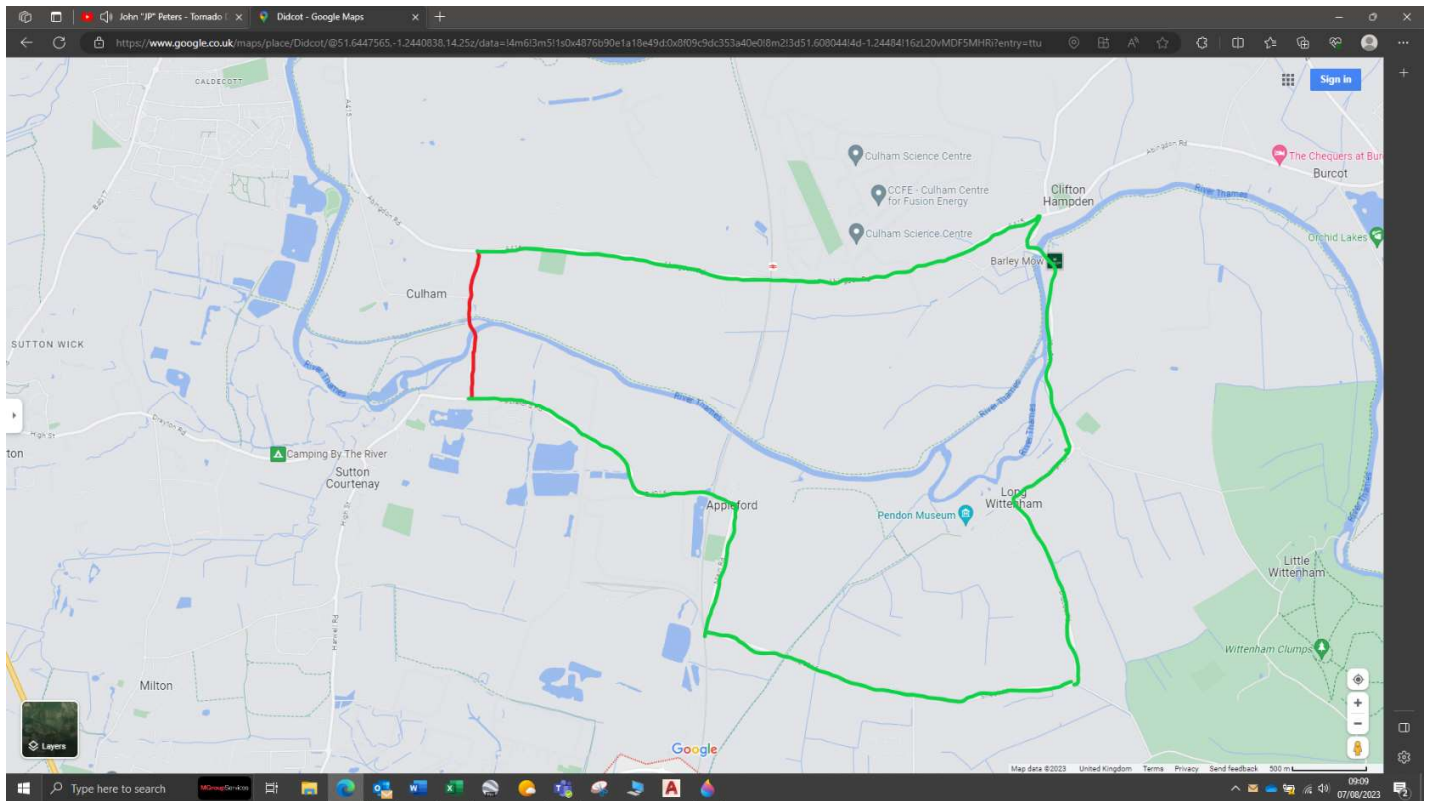
The “No Waiting” restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow “No Waiting” cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: via A415, High Street, Didcot Road, B4016 and vice versa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Cotton'.

**Bill Cotton,
Corporate Director : Environment and Place**

Date: 13 December 2023



The above plan indicates the extent of the road closure indicated in red with detour/alternate route indicated in green.

Overgrown Hedges and Trees Bordering Roads and Paths

Villagers are reminded that where they have hedges and trees bordering roads and paths it is their responsibility to ensure that they are cut back to the boundary line so as not to overhang or encroach onto the highway (meaning carriageway, footway or verge).

There should be clearance of at least 2.2m (7' 2") above a footway, pavement, or verge to allow pedestrians free passage.

It is recommended that this work should not be carried out during the bird nesting session, between 1st September and 1st March, unless there is a danger to the public.

Dog Fouling



There is concern that some dog owners are failing to pick up poo / failing to notice that their dog has pooped. Recent fouling on the pavement along High Street has been stepped in and spread. Please have respect for others at all times.

South Oxfordshire District Council have this advice:

Reporting the issue

If you see a dog owner allowing their dog to foul and not picking it up please note down as many details as you can that might help us to identify them. We require the following information to commence an investigation:

- date and time of incident
- location of incident
- description of person in charge of the dog
- description of the dog
- name and/or address of person in charge of the dog

We will need a written statement from you for our investigation that could lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued. The current fine is £50. If a person refuses to pay they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000.

For dog owners

To avoid getting a fine, here some tips:

- never let your dog walk far from you as this makes it difficult to see when they foul
- always carry a bag when walking your dog so you can clean up. If you do not have a bag ask another dog walker if they have a spare
- encourage your dog to stay on the perimeters of fields or pitches to prevent any fouling causing harm to other people

Other News



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



We always welcome new members

We meet every third Tuesday monthly in the

River Room, All Saints Church, at 7.30 pm

Come along for a visit

February 2024 **Speaker/presentation**

Daily Life in Tudor Times

(Please note our March meeting is an AGM, members only)

Contact us via email at suttoncourtenaywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Or 01869 331081



RSPB Vale of White Horse Local Group

Happy New Year from the RSPB Vale of White Horse Local Group. Did you take part in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January? Your RSPB local group provides monthly talks from September to May at the River Room (by the Church), Sutton Courtenay and / or via Zoom in the darker months, on Mondays starting at 7.30pm and finishing by 10pm. We also meet monthly at local birdwatching sites.

We welcome new members - membership is now £10 for the remainder of the season (whether or not you are an RSPB member), and free for under-16s, and includes a quarterly e-Newsletter and the programme of talks and trips. Non-members are also welcome to attend individual talks (in-person or Zoom) for a fee of £5. You can join using the form on our website (under "Contacts"), which also includes details of our full programme: www.rspb-vwh.org.uk, or at an in-person meeting. For meetings with an option to join via Zoom, members receive the link via email a few days beforehand.

Our next talks are:

19 February 2024 (Zoom only): Mike Pollard: Curlew Recovery in the Upper Thames

Breeding curlew numbers have fallen dramatically in recent years. Mike will talk about a project he led to halt the decline of curlews and other waders across the Upper Thames, involving many local and national wildlife and other organisations.

18 March 2024 (River Room and Zoom): Ian Barthorpe - The Pantanal

Ian will talk about his travels in the Pantanal wetlands of South America

Our next trips are:

28 February 2024: Radley Lakes: meet 10am at far end of Barton Lane (off Audlett Drive) (OX14 3NB)

24 March 2024: Arne Nature Reserve: meet 10am on site.



Anyone for Social Badminton?

John Mason badminton have places available. No League – no pressure. Just a good fun evening. Whether you are a seasoned player, a little bit rusty or very rusty even and aged 18 – 80 you are very welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings 7.45m until 9.45pm.

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e-mail: badminton@abingdon.onl



Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

New Oxfordshire Gallantry Board to commemorate the county's military and civilian heroes

- New permanent exhibition opening 22 October 2023
- Commemorates people of Oxfordshire awarded the country's highest awards for gallantry
- Stories of heroism from the Victorian era to the last decade told

On 22 October 2023 Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum (SOFO) in Woodstock will unveil a new display to celebrate some of the county's most remarkable heroes - the 31 men who have been awarded the Victoria Cross, the George Cross, or the Edward and Albert medals that preceded its institution.

The Victoria Cross was instituted by the Queen in 1856 to recognise exceptional acts of valour in the presence of the enemy, and was open to all ranks of the military.

All those recognised on the museum's board are individuals who have close and enduring links to Oxfordshire.

10 Oxfordshire men were awarded the VC prior to 1914, in campaigns ranging from the Crimean War to the Boer War.

6 more VCs were awarded to county men during the Great War.

The George Cross and the George Medal were both instituted in September 1940 by King George VI for "acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of the most extreme danger". It would supersede the Empire Gallantry Medal, and by 1971, replace the Albert and Edward Medals. The Albert Medal was instituted in 1866, awarded for saving lives at sea, while the Edward Medal was instituted in 1907. Originally awarded solely for bravery amongst miners and quarrymen, it was extended to farm and industrial workers.

The county's Second World War Victoria Cross and George Cross recipients cover both civilian acts of bravery and all branches of the armed forces, with three GCs awarded to men in the Royal Navy. Henry James Miller, of Hanborough, died whilst helping to evacuate the crew from his submarine HMS Unity in April 1940 after a night collision with a freighter in the North Sea.

Since the end of the war, five more GCs have been awarded to Oxfordshire men - four of these were based at different times at Vauxhall Barracks in Didcot, the home of the Army's EOD regiment.

This new board in the SOFO museum tells of those Oxfordshire people whose valour on the battlefield, and gallantry in action were formally recognised by their awards - civilians and soldiers alike.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN

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generalmouthpiece@gmail.com

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