



The Mouthpiece

Culham's Newsletter
May 2024



Dates for your Diary

Fri 3 May	8pm	Ladies Of Culham – Abstract Painting	St Paul's Church
Sun 5 May	11am	Holy Communion	St Paul's Church
Sun 5 May	12pm	Parochial Church Council AGM	St Paul's Church
Sun 12 May	11am	Holy Communion	St Paul's Church
Wed 15 May	7pm	Annual Community Meeting followed by Parish Council AGM	St Paul's Church
Sun 19 May	11am	Family Holy Communion	St Paul's Church
Sat 25 May	3pm	 Lego Club 	St Paul's Church



Culham

Annual Community Meeting

7pm on Wednesday 15th May 2023 at St Paul's Church

Drinks and nibbles provided!

Please join us at an annual event for the Culham Community. You are invited to:

- Meet your councillors and find out more about the Parish Council
- Hear about the work done in the village over the past year by the council, community groups and event organisers
- Find out more about local issues
- Raise questions and have your voice heard

Please come along and share your ideas, suggestions and opinions on important community matters such as:

Community space

Traffic & road safety

Environment

**Children's play
equipment**

Local events

Local amenities

Planning & development

Conservation

We look forward to seeing you there!

Culham Parish Council

Culham Kids



Welcome to May! Where we are definitely hoping for some sunshine!

With two bank holidays this month, what sort of fun and adventures will you get up to? We found this fun calendar on the internet and thought it might provide some inspiration!



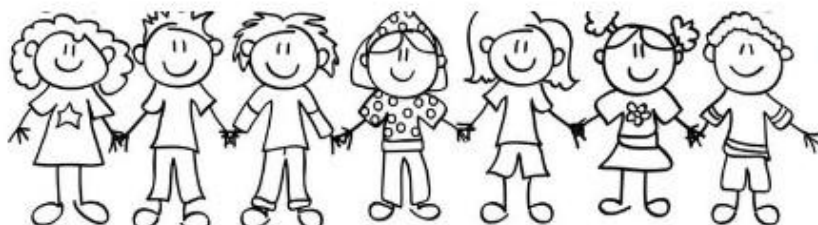
I really hope to see lots of people dancing like a chicken round the village on Tuesday 14th May 😊 😊 😊 😊

Board Games!

What board games do you like to play as a family? Our favourites at the moment are RubbyKub and Carcassonne and also The Chameleon with friends. But we've just got Skull King and having fun discovering the rules for this.



Why not share games around on the Culham Friends and Family WhatsApp group!



Important dates – Lego Club – Sat 25th May at 3pm. Have fun colouring this page!

Talking point by Revd Jo Allen



Belief and Trust

Christianity can be described as a belief system; we believe in Jesus and therefore we are Christian. But there's a bit of a problem with the word 'belief' in the western world. In our context, belief has often become a statement of what we think or feel to be true; it's about a cognitive understanding. This is not wrong, we need a cognitive understanding in faith, but in-and-of-itself that is not enough. In fact, there is a risk that this manifestation of belief turns our expression of faith into a wordy response: I think this, I say this, therefore I believe this.

Pete Enns talks about belief in the Old and New Testament as being a 'trust in'. When reading the Bible, if we switch the word belief for trust it becomes not about what we say but what we do, who we trust in. It's a trust in someone: Jesus. It challenges us to not only say what we believe but to have a relationship with a living God. That transforms our everyday life as trust requires not just our minds but our whole selves. As Enns states 'Believing is easy. It gives us wiggle room to think our way out of a tight spot. But trust doesn't have any wiggle room. It explodes it. Trust is about being all-in.' Christian trust is about being all-in with Jesus.

Who is this Jesus that we are being all in with? I am a sucker for reality TV shows, and Married at First Sight is my current favourite. In this show, individuals are paired up by experts with a potential husband or wife. They meet at the altar for the first time and spend the next few weeks and months getting to know each other. Each week, along with the other couples, they sit opposite the experts and talk about how their relationship is going. During one such gathering, one of the ladies in the experiment sat next to her new husband who, after being originally guarded, was beginning to let his walls down. He was vulnerable and nervous; something that most of us will relate to. She sat next to him patiently giving him the space and time he needed to express himself, and at all the right moments rubbing his shoulder saying 'you're doing so well'. I watched this man visibly soften because someone patiently loved him. This is the Jesus I trust in, our God who patiently walks with us, who knows exactly who we are and what we need, lovingly giving us the space to understand and grow, gently encouraging us at the right moment and helping us to be kinder towards each other. He is of course all those things that we preach at church: generous, forgiving, abounding in love, peaceful, full of justice and able to heal the sick. As this Pentecost season of May so wonderfully shows us, God is with us, full of love and encouragement. The 'belief' that the Christian faith requires is a trust in this very God. What a God to trust in!

If you regularly read the bible, when you come across the word belief or believe, why not replace it with trust and invite the Spirit to 'explode your faith' this month. If you don't and this Jesus stuff has never been for you, take a moment and ask yourself is this encouraging, patient God worth trusting in?

Revd Teresa Stewart-Sykes

Teresa writes: 'I ask for your prayers as Jon and I prepare for a new phase in our life together. At the end of July we will be leaving the Dorchester Team and moving to Dorset where I will be taking up a post as a House for Duty Priest in the parishes of The Winterbournes with Compton Valance; two parishes made up of 4 small villages adjacent to the town of Dorchester, Dorset. My leaving service will be a joint leaving service with the Rev Caroline in Dorchester Abbey on 4th August.'

Canon Rachel Carnegie

On Monday 8th April it was announced that after 10 years as Executive Director of Anglican Alliance, Rachel will be stepping down from the role in October. Here in the Dorchester Team we are hugely grateful for both Rachel's worldwide ministry and her local ministry. We pray for Anglican Alliance as they seek to make a new appointment, and for Rachel as she continues with development work on a freelance basis.

Events in the Abbey

Fri 3rd- Sun 12th May Dorchester Festival

Dorchester Festival is an amazing 64 events raising money for Dorchester Abbey and, in 2024, Restore, a local mental health charity. Come and see The Tallis Scholars, sing with John Rutter, folk with Sam Kelly, dance to Jazz, race ducks, find scarecrows, laugh with Marcel Lucont, cook and do historical trails and much much more! Full details can be found at dorchesterfestival.com

Sat 18th May- 7pm- 9pm Schumann and Mozart OSJ- Mozart Marriage of Figaro overture, Schumann Piano concerto and Mozart Symphony No 41 'Jupiter'. Mozart's popular operatic overture sits hand-in-hand with his triumphant final symphony, a work of huge breadth which showcases his sheer brilliance at every turn. OSJ Artist in Residence Rupert Egerton-Smith performs Schumann's only piano concerto, a glorious piece where the composer's great love for his wife Clara shines through.

Free tickets available for NHS workers and for the disabled. Please email admin@osj.org.uk. Tickets £6 to £35 from www.osj.org.uk

Fri 24th - Mon 27th May The English Music Festival

The English Music Festival celebrates the music of British composers of all eras, with a strong focus on the Golden Renaissance of English Music: the late- nineteenth to mid- twentieth centuries. Full details of each concert can be found at englishmusicfestival.org.uk

10% discount on all tickets available for local residents when entering a valid postcode on the website

Fri 24th May

7.30pm BBC Concert Orchestra	Tickets £29.00
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Sat 25th May

10.30am Marshall-Luck and Cartwright	Tickets £24.00
1.30pm Thorsett and Masters	Tickets £24.00
7.15pm Godwine Choir	Tickets £29.00
9.30pm- Flutes & Frets Duo	Tickets £19.00

Sun 26th May

1.30pm- Phillip Leslie	Tickets £24.00
7.15pm- Excalibur Voices	Tickets £29.00
9.30pm- Paul Guinery	Tickets £19.00

Mon 27th May

10.30am- Ventris and Uttley	Tickets £24.00
1.30pm- Ensemble Kopernikus	Tickets £24.00
7.15pm English Sympathy Orchestra	Tickets £29.00

TEAM EVENTS

Sun 5th May 10am Festival Circus Service at Dorchester Abbey in the Festival Big Tent. Come and join Juggling John for a fun family café service in the tent with songs and circus tricks! Breakfast style refreshments from 10am

Sun 12th May 10.30am Festival Service at Dorchester Abbey Come to this special service with a special guest speaker packed with favourite hymns and singing from the amazing winner of BBC Junior Young Chorister of the Year, With Belind Gifford-Guy.

Village News

Village website: www.culhamvillage.org.uk

Ladies of Culham Next Dates:

3rd May – Abstract painting

7th June – wine tasting

5th July – cocktails

2nd August – pub walk and social

6th September – book club

4th October – Knitting and crochet

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

Charlotte Storrs Stoneware



Oxfordshire Artweeks



18 to 27 May 2024 from 12 to 5pm
Site 463

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. Excellent pubs for lunch in Sutton Courtenay. Children are very welcome and can have a go on the swings or the slide. Visitors might like a beaker of home pressed apple juice, to wander around the garden and look at the hydroponic greenhouse.

Children's Clay Activity both weekends
2pm to 4pm In aid of Book Aid

The Pottery, 8 The Green, Culham, OX14 4LZ



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Brief Notes from Culham Parish Council meeting 10 April 2024

Please note that full Minutes will be uploaded to Culham Parish Council's website as soon as possible. Minutes of previous meetings, together with the monthly reports from the Clerk, District Councillor and County Councillor are all available to view: https://culham-pc.gov.uk/meetings/full_council

- Bin Schedule collection - clerk will upload to PC website
- Town and PC Climate survey - closes 18th April 2024
- **Annual Community Meeting - from 7pm on 15th May 2024. Speakers invited and drinks/nibbles provided. All welcome to come and chat to Councillors and put views across.**
- Annual General Meeting of PC - 15th May 2024 at 7.30pm.
- Interim Internal Audit has taken place with full audit on 30th May 2024.
- 20 MPH - consultation ended.
- Residents' hedges which abut highway/paths - residents will be asked to cut back hedges/trees which are causing issues with access to pathways/highways.
- Grass cutting will commence as soon as ground is drier and hopefully the rain will abate!

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.

Culham Village Community WhatsApp Group

Please scan the QR code below to join now!



To engage with your local community, please join the '**Culham Village Community**' WhatsApp group. To scan the QR code above simply open up your 'photo' app and hover it over the QR code and join the relevant group that interests you.

Culham Chat - The main general group for All Culham Residents

Ladies of Culham - The Ladies of Culham group runs fun monthly meet up's the first Friday of each month (usually held in St. Pauls Church)

Culham families & friends - This local group is popular with families in the village

Cats & Dogs - This group is for all cat and dog owners, particularly useful if you need someone to help cat or dog sit/feed whilst you're away.

Over time there may be more groups added and/or the names of the groups may change slightly but we hope that this group will be a great resource for all local information big or small.

THAMES WATER PLANNED NEW RESERVOIR

*****PLEASE COME TO A PRESENTATION by Thames Water at the Parish Council Meeting on Wed 12th June / 7.15pm-8pm, St Paul's Church, Culham *****

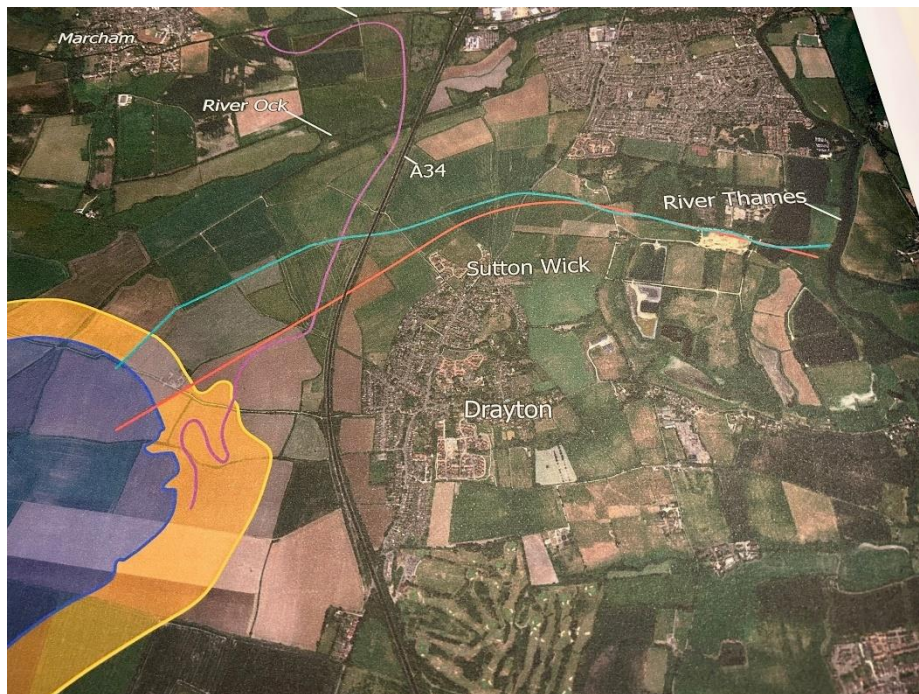
The Parish Council have asked Thames Water to give a presentation and Q & A about the proposals for a giant reservoir in the Steventon area, ahead of the two rounds of public consultation in Summer 2024 and Summer 2025.

The proposed reservoir would cover 6 square miles (of land currently owned by c. 170 landowners). It will involve completely re-routing the Hanney Road and the construction of a new access road to it from the A415 between Marcham and the A34.

There will also be construction work that affects Culham because we have recently learnt that there is to be an intake/outfall from the River Thames AT CULHAM.

From what could be ascertained at the exhibitions held last November this would involve:

1. A weir structure on the river bank (not across the river) and a shaft.
2. 'Screens' to stop fish / debris.
3. An intake tunnel entrance below water level
4. A 5km long 4 m diameter tunnel will be bored from the reservoir end to the tunnel entrance on the Thames at Culham at a depth of c. 20m. It will be bored in the same way underground tunnels get bored and the spoil and residue will be taken out at the reservoir end.
5. On the attached photo the red line is the route of the tunnel.
6. The teal-coloured line is an option for an open channel from the river (which can be used by boats and become part of the Wilts & Berkshire canal. But this would have to cross the A34....
7. The Severn transfer idea (which apparently GARD (Group Against Reservoir Development) would prefer is still a possibility but it would need to go over the Cotswolds, is very costly, and is not currently in the preferred plan).



SODC Councillors Annual Report for Parish and Town Councils

Councillor Sam Casey-Rerhaye, Sandford & the Wittenhams Ward

First year of a Second Term for the Liberal Democrat/Green Administration

In May 2023 the ruling administration at SODC was re-elected with an increased number of councillors; the partnership is now made up of 21 LibDems and 8 Greens. There was one change to the membership of the Cabinet, with Cllr Freddie van Mierlo joining following his election in Watlington. Cllr David Rouane continues as the Leader of the Council with Cllr Maggie Filipova-Rivers (LD) and Cllr Robin Bennett (G) sharing the role of Deputy Leader. This resounding result vindicated the focus that had been placed on nature, climate change, affordable housing and community well-being over the previous four years and gives us the confidence to develop a new 4-year council plan to 2028 which builds on the progress made during our first term. This annual report highlights some of those achievements and explains how our strategic priorities are being translated into delivery by Council officers.

Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Delivery

The Local Development Plan has a policy which ensures that 40% of new housing developments of 10 or more units are affordable, with a variety of tenures. In first 9 months of 2023/24, 156 affordable home completions have been registered.

A new **Housing Delivery Strategy** adopted in November 2022 will enable the council to build up its own stock of houses for social rent or to provide funding for 3rd parties such as Community Land Trusts or Housing Associations to do so. A small development on the Broadway in Didcot will be the first homes built by the Council in over 25 years. We have also been able to purchase over 20 houses with the help of a 40% grant from the Government as part of the Local Authority Housing Fund programme and a further 5 properties using 'Section 106' affordable housing contributions.

A new **Empty Homes Policy** has been adopted this March which will enable the council's Housing Team to actively engage with private owners of longer term empty homes to rent them out, as our housing waiting list grows. The Council is now a Registered Provider of affordable housing itself too, and this requires new policies and resources to ensure that properties are well maintained and responsibly managed.

During the past year we have allocated over £7m of CIL funding for infrastructure projects across the district, helping ensure the impact of new housing developments is managed. Our full report on where this has been spent will soon be on the Data Hub, where you can find lots of information about the Council and what it has been doing.

I have ensured I have kept in touch with council officers and developers over the design of the new housing sites in the ward, in Sandford and Culham. I have been ensuring the local voice of residents is heard at meetings and the latest ideas for sustainable developments are in the forefront of these discussions.

New draft Joint Local Plan 2041

Over the past year we have been working on the development of the new Joint Local Plan (JLP) covering both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts. This will guide the kinds of new housing and jobs planned and where they should go. A key milestone for this was the "Preferred Options" consultation held in January and February 2024. This was carried out both online and with in-person events and it attracted a very high number of submissions, approximately 1300. Feedback from this consultation is now being analysed and will inform the next version of the Plan, due to have another (Reg 19) consultation in the autumn of 2024.

Just as important as the housing and employment development site allocations in the Local Plan are the policies to protect and restore our natural environment, such as reducing light pollution, delivering biodiversity net gain and securing open green spaces for our communities, and a host of policies on better quality, more energy efficient homes.

Community Hub becomes permanent

The virtual Community Hub was first set up during the pandemic to provide support for residents. Government funding for this ceased in 2023 but we committed to on-going funding for this important service, particularly as so many residents have been affected by the huge cost-of-living crisis. The Hub has now been made a permanent part of the Council's structure and will continue to offer advice and support on a wide range of issues including financial help, housing and homelessness concerns, Council Tax payments and Health and Wellbeing.

We have maintained funding of the Active Communities team which runs a variety of activities and programmes to help people recover from Covid-19 or to help families access free or low- cost activities that support physical and mental wellbeing.

South Oxfordshire Grant Schemes including new CIL Grant Fund

Each year SODC provides capital and revenue grants to a wide range of voluntary and community organisations to support their on-going operations or to fund a one-off project or event. In the past year, I have provided Councillor Grant funding in this ward to Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue, for a new bus shelter, more tree planting, 'singing playgrounds' project for music for younger children, towards a written history of Nuneham Courtenay, new goal posts, and to help the rowing club in Wallingford.

The newly launched Community Infrastructure Levy Fund is designed to provide vital infrastructure to support the growth of the district as a result of recent housing developments. The new fund will for the first time allow local organisations to bid for grant funding from the District Council's share of the CIL receipts collected from house builders. At the time of writing, many Expressions of Interest have been registered and funds will be allocated later in 2024.

Reducing our Carbon Emissions

As a Council we have a very ambitious target to achieve net zero carbon emissions in our own operations by 2025. Over the past year we have continued to decarbonise our leisure and arts centres by switching to non-fossil fuel heating systems, reducing the temperature of water in swimming pools, circulating warm air more efficiently and generally upgrading the fabric of the buildings. This has helped to reduce emissions considerably. the largest source of emissions for us is our waste management service, which accounts for over 57% of SODC's total emissions.

There are big challenges for the council in decarbonising the entire waste collection fleet - at a time when technology is still evolving and while we are waiting for clarity from the Government on future recycling requirements. We have agreed a 2-year extension with current Biffa contract and are in the process of acquiring a new fleet of more efficient vehicles and a waste management strategy that will take us further towards reducing carbon emissions in this big area of council work.

We also continue to collaborate with other authorities across Oxfordshire on the delivery of the "Pathways to a Zero Carbon Oxfordshire" action plan, which includes installing EV charging stations, retrofitting homes to make them more energy efficient, exploring Biodiversity Net Gain projects and renewable energy infrastructure. In the past year we also published a new Air Quality Action Plan to ensure that we continue to monitor air pollution in our towns.

Recycling Champions!

We are very pleased to be announced as the country's top recycling district in DEFRA's latest tables. Initiatives such as our "Check it before you chuck it" promotional campaign in autumn 2023 are part of our commitment to maintaining this position. In exploring new waste strategies and ideas, we are committed to increasing the proportion of kerb side and business waste that is collected for recycling while also working on ideas on how to reduce overall waste produced.

Openness and Accountability

We continue to broadcast nearly all our public meetings – where technology is available in the buildings the meetings take place. We report on our performance with honesty and accountability. Our quarterly performance reports are online on our website: www.southoxon.gov.uk/corporateplan and our quarterly Climate Action Plan reports are also online at www.southoxon.gov.uk/climateaction.

Financial Stability

Over the past five years we have restored financial stability and for 2023/24 we approved a balanced budget with only a small (and sustainable) draw on our reserves. We did benefit from higher interest rates, but also by employing a specialist officer to seek external grant funding to supplement our own resources. This officer has paid for himself several times over by securing government funding for projects such as the decarbonisation of our leisure centres and to cover the increased running costs of our swimming pools. The Council Tax charged by SODC remains one of the lowest in the country and it still costs us more to deliver services to new households than we earn in Council Tax receipts, so we know we need to generate income from other services and grants to cover all our costs. We have worked carefully to balance increases to fees and charges with the pressures of the cost-of-living crisis and providing fair value for money remains a priority.

The Way Ahead for South Oxfordshire

We would like to hear residents' views on the council's priorities for the next four years.

We have 5 themes and would like to hear if these are what are important to you, or if you think we should be focusing on other things:

- Action on climate change and nature recovery
- Inclusion, accessibility and accountability
- Thriving and healthy communities
- Homes and infrastructure that meet local need
- Financial stability and innovative transformation

Please contribute at: www.southoxon.gov.uk/TheWayAhead or email jointheconversation@southandvale.gov.uk or phone 01235 422425 (ask to give your views on 'The Way Ahead')

We'd like to hear from as many residents as possible

County Councillor Report April 2024 - Cllr Robin Bennett

Robin.bennett@Oxfordshire.gov.uk

Surface dressing to improve road surfaces and help prevent potholes

Nearly 100 roads across Oxfordshire will be improved as part of a £7 million highway maintenance programme beginning this spring.

Oxfordshire County Council and its contractor Milestone Infrastructure Ltd will be visiting more than 50 locations between 8 April and 3 June to carry out surface dressing work. The programme is part-funded by the government, with £2.629 million coming from the Department for Transport's road resurfacing fund. Around one million square metres of carriageway will be treated, making it the biggest surface dressing programme undertaken in Oxfordshire for at least 20 years.

Surface dressing involves applying bituminous emulsion on to the road as a binder. This is followed immediately by the application of chippings to dress the emulsion layer. This method enables large amounts of road to be treated with minimal travel disruption and helps to prevent potholes.

Motorcycle safety training coming to Kidlington and Thame

Motorcyclists are being encouraged to sign-up for specialist training sessions, designed to improve their safety awareness and riding skills. The Be a Better Biker workshops are provided as part of road casualty reduction work by Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service and neighbouring local authorities (Bucks).

Training covers a range of advanced techniques including:

- Manoeuvring
- Overtaking
- Cornering techniques
- An on-road assessment with a qualified observer
- A review of the on-road session.

The next session will take place at Kidlington Fire Station on Saturday 11 May.

The day includes classroom-based learning and a two hour practical ride out. Anyone wishing to take part must hold a full and valid motorbike licence and have access to their own vehicle to use during the course. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/travel-safe-bucks-41365202613>

River levels in Oxfordshire

River levels in Oxfordshire have remained generally high and responsive to rainfall. Find links to relevant agencies here: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/highriver-levels/>

Service Changes at Oxford Bus Company

Oxford Bus Company has announced they are making some changes to services in Oxford City and South Oxfordshire from 14 April 2024. Find out more and view the changes services on the Oxford Bus Company website. The changes to the X40 River Rapids service may affect you so do check before you set off.

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Fly tipping

If you see fly tipped waste, please report it to Biffa – FixMyStreet no longer accepts reports of fly tipping. Please call Biffa on **03000 610 610** or email: admin.southoxford@biffa.co.uk with details of where you saw the waste, the type of waste and when you spotted it. There is a form you can fill in (if you like forms) on the fly tipping pages on the council's website.

SODC's Envirocrime team can then be dispatched to investigate. The council has a successful track record of prosecuting fly tippers so please do report!

Road safety etc Following recent incidents and concerns raised by residents, I have met again with County officers about, in particular, the Dorchester bypass stretch of the A415, and the A415/Tollgate Road crossing. I have asked for updates on what can be done to bring forward safety improvements and will report back as soon as I have more info. I've also asked for an update on the wider A4074 corridor study as the consultation on this took place some time ago.

RSPB Vale of White Horse Local Group

We provide 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 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:

20 May 2024 (River Room only): Members Evening and AGM

At our last meeting of the year we conduct the AGM swiftly (!), then hand over to members' short talks. We may also have a talk about the local Letcombe Brook Project, to be confirmed.

Our next trips are:

26 May 2024: Whelford Pools: meet 10am on site

9 June 2024: Greenham Common: meet 8pm on site (seeking Nightjars!)

The Mouthpiece Team

We always welcome new volunteers to join the team whether you enjoy editing, marketing or distribution – please contact Anne or Gordon directly if you are interested in joining us



Other News



Helping local refugees – rewarding volunteer opportunities!

Host Abingdon is looking for volunteers to join our team. We help local refugees and asylum seekers with such things as improving English, finding volunteer work, accessing relevant information and advice, and we offer occasional transport, if needed.

We need volunteers who are welcoming and able to understand, support and empower others. Prior experience with refugees is not essential as we work in a team and will offer guidelines and support. Most of us offer a few hours every week, but with lots of scope for family commitments and holidays.

We all feel we get back more than we give, it's an uplifting experience.

If you would like to find out more, please email hello@hostabingdon.org for more information.



www.hostabingdon.org



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 visit

21st May 2024

Guest Speaker is Shawn Todd

History of afternoon tea

Contact us via email at

suttoncourtenaywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Or 01869 331081





Do you love music and would you like to spend a weekend in the best of company, with a friendly and welcoming group of volunteers helping at an internationally-acclaimed music festival, with celebrated musicians and a wonderful array of music?

BBC Concert Orchestra, clarinettist Michael Collins, conductor Hilary Davan Wetton and pianist and Radio 3 presenter Paul Guinery

The Festival takes place over the second May bank holiday, from **Friday 24th to Monday 27th May 2024**, in Dorchester-on-Thames in Oxfordshire The full programme can be seen at

<https://www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk/2024-may-festival/programme.php>

Please contact Festival Director **Em Marshall-Luck** at em.marshall-luck@englishmusicfestival.org.uk for more information.



Saturday 18th May 2024

The Abingdon Air and Country Show is one of the traditional seasonal opening events and is a really fun way to start the season. There will be a varied mix of flying displays as well as the country fayre style arena and showground, plus many other attractions.

<https://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk/>

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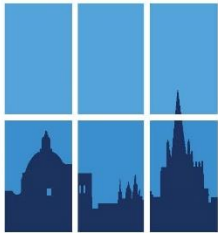
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