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# hello AND WELCOME



Falling into the Autumn and Winter.

While the leaves may still be clinging onto the trees, we have definitely entered a new season with shorter days and cooler weather.

Yet the village spirit continues with some lovely reflections from our 'roving reporter' Fi Kermack on the many events that have been going on in the Church. Including the renowned Pet Service, which meant that the pews were filled with not only human feet, but many paws and wagging tails.

WANTED

## JUNIOR REPORTERS

Sydenham Newsletter is looking to have an on-going feature by a Junior Reporter. Ideally we would like a different young person each edition to write about something they are interested in. It could be...

Something that has happened to them  
Somewhere they have been  
Something they have done  
Anything that inspires them!





The animal theme clearly continued when some people visiting St Mary's as part of Ride and Stride arrived on horseback (as well as walking and cycling of course!). Then that was all topped off by Songs of Praise and Harvest Festival.

As is now village tradition the 31st October, then saw an eclectic mix of witches, ghosts, bats and cats wandering between homes for Halloween. There was even a smurf and a gnome / Father Christmas / smurf in the midst (no idea who that might have been!). However, many of the village were incredibly generous with their efforts and kind with their offerings and all the kids had a wonderful time.

Now dare we say it...we are moving onto Christmas! As usual, we are taking that to another level with the festivities properly kicking off from the 2nd December with the Christmas Fayre. It would be wonderful, if you can spare some time or make some contributions for the various gift and food stalls. A little help from everyone, makes the event so much more special. Then there are also the traditional services over the festive period for everyone to enjoy.

As always there has been loads going on that the Parish Council have been involved with.

In particular the Chinnor homes appeal that the team were instrumental in working on the joint response with Chinnor PC and also attending the lengthy appeal sessions too. They share an initial overview of the proceedings.

Looking at timings and budget, I suspect we are probably going to be preparing the next newsletter in January.

So, please do share with me any contributions as they happen as I am always compiling the content, or at the very least by the 5th January 2024 to [rachel@curvemarketing.net](mailto:rachel@curvemarketing.net).

Thank you

Rachel  
Merry Christmas



# church NEWS

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

KEEPING YOUR LITTLE CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE ALIVE FOR YOU!



## THE PET SERVICE

The roaring coming from St Mary's Church on the 20th of August could be heard far and wide. The Annual Sydenham Pet service was underway and in keeping with our sense of fun as well as the imminent Women's World Cup final, we cheered the team on in style. Whenever the word 'lioness' was mentioned (and it was quite a few times!) everyone emitted a mighty roar!

15 dogs of all shapes and sizes plus a tortoise called Toby had read the invitation and duly brought their humans (adults and youngster) along numbering some 30.

We enjoyed poetry and animal themed songs to mark the special occasion plus a blessing of all the animals. During the service Joan performed a very special task by also blessing a replica of St Mary's Church. Julia Gossage had made it specially for us in her pottery class and it now sits in pride of place.

*Fi Kermack*





# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

## RIDE & STRIDE

Oxfordshire has a rich heritage of churches of all denominations. Many of these date from Saxon and Norman times, standing as landmarks in their neighbourhoods and providing an important focus of continuity and stability in ever-changing times. The annual 'Ride & Stride' event aims to provide funding to help local communities repair, maintain and improve Oxfordshire's historic churches, preserving them for future generations.



St Mary's participated and welcomed visitors who arrived on foot, horse back and bike on that particularly hot day in September. Eleanor Church kindly set it all up for us in Sydenham and villagers took turns to provide refreshments. Thank you to everyone who took part and special commendations go to Gilly and Rosemary who, despite the heat pedalled many miles visiting over 30 churches between them as our pictures show.

<https://ridestride.org/>

## SONGS OF PRAISE

To see the church supported is a joy to behold and the St Mary's Songs of Praise also in September indeed welcomed a healthy number.

With a theme of 'Music is Good for the Soul', the congregation chose and sang in fine voice a variety of favourite hymns. Chris played a memorable piece, the choir performed Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah and Vicky read 'Music' by Walter de La Mare's - "When music sounds, gone is the earth I know, And all her lovely things even lovelier grow."

Everyone left with endorphins racing round their system and feeling much cheered.

# church NEWS cont.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

We plough the fields and scatter

The good seeds on the land...

Thank you to all those who came with a harvest gift in the shape of tinned food, biscuits useful store cupboard items as well as symbolic fruit, vegetables, bread and grain. The altar was positively groaning with the amount donated. Joan led the service which was well attended by adults and children. Then the food was all donated to charities helping people affected by the cost of living crisis.





# VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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*Food from Midday until 3pm*

# church NEWS future events.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT ST MARY'S. SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 12 - 2PM**

Our annual event is always very well attended and much enjoyed. Visitors spend the two hours between 12 and 2 enjoying a good chat over homemade soup, crusty bread and tasty puddings. Then browsing the Christmas stalls, winning wonderful raffle prizes, guessing the weight of the cake and playing games! All ages welcome and catered for and remember it is cash only! Do come along.

If you can provide any help, please let

Fi Kermack know via

[fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com)

or 07785 220621. Please also see our requests for various donations.

## **CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S**

### **Carol Service - Sunday 17th December - 4pm**

Come along to the unmissable Carol Service where you will be greeted with mince pies and sherry then raise the roof with favourite carols and nine lessons.

### **Sunday 24th December - Crib Service - 4pm**

Put down your oven gloves and wrapping paper for a moment and bring your children, friends, family and yourself to our famously good Crib Service. Arrive early though as all pews fill up fast!

### **Midnight Mass - 11.30pm**

Steal a slice of peace and quiet during our Midnight Mass service.

Please also keep an eye on the noticeboard for our regular services and 'specials'.





# christmas FAYRE

**SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER - Old School Room 12 – 2pm**

*Can you please help? We need contributions for our various gift and food stalls.*

*Thank you.*

**Christmas Gift Stall** - Never or barely used unwanted gifts, something from your 'present draw', an item bought along with your weekly shop to suit children and adults. Please drop off at Gilly and Roy's FRONT DOOR of Fuschia Cottage (opposite the playing field).

**Christmas Food Emporium** - donations please: cakes, mince pies, chocolates, Christmassy biscuits, pickles, sausage rolls, xmas cakes and puds etc. Please drop off to Vanessa's in the box provided outside 4 Sydenham Grove (preferable) or bring along to the OSR by 10.30am on the day.

**Christmas Sparkle** - can we encourage you to look through your jewellery box and re purpose any pieces? The more sparkly the better. Please drop it off at Musgrave Cottage (either in the letter box on the fence or through the cat flap in the back door) or call 01844 351203 to arrange collection.

**Bottle Tombola** - We need bottles of all kinds (wine, beer, spirits, soft drinks, squash, ginger beer, bubble bath... Please drop off at The Old Bakery (next to the pub) in the plastic box provided just inside the front door.

**Raffle** - We are looking for some rather special prizes. If you can provide anything, please email Fi (see below).

**Help** - If you can help (even a little bit) before (we need a few 'strong' people to help shift tables at 2pm on Friday 1st in the OSR) or on the day, that would be so much appreciated. Contact Fi Kermack on 07785 220621 or e mail [fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com).

*Thank you so much*



# planning IN SYDENHAM



## **P23/S1345/FUL**

Greenways, Sewells Lane, Sydenham.

Removal of existing dwelling, construction of replacement two storey detached dwelling with car port, access, car parking and associated works.

**Approved at SODC Planning Committee.**

## **P23/S2716/HH**

Kingsland Barn, Thame Road, Sydenham, Chinnor OX39 4LA.

Part garage conversion to studio/gym with skylights.

SODC decision – **permission granted.**

## **P22/S2339/HH**

Wheatsheaf Barn, Sydenham Road, Sydenham.

Addition of first floor. Internal remodelling, change of glazing and addition of roof lights. (Bat surveys submitted 11 July 2023 and as amended by plans received 04 October 2023).

SODC decision – **permission granted.**

## **P23/S2670/HH AND P23/S2674/LB**

The Water Lane, Brookstones.

Retrospective Listed Building and Householder application to regularise unauthorised alterations to works approved under P13/S3921/HH and P13/S3925/LB.

SODC decision – **permission granted.**





# parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS

**PUBLIC PLANNING INQUIRY PINS REF: APP/Q3115/W/23/3323268**  
**ORIGINAL PLANNING APPLICATION P22/S4643/O**

## **150 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS OFF OF THAME ROAD, CHINNOR**

The Public Planning Inquiry heard closing arguments on Friday 20 October. These were presented by the barristers for Sydenham & Chinnor Parish Councils (the “Rule 6” Party); SODC and the Appellant, Gleeson Land.

The Rule 6 Party’s case was four-fold, that (a) Chinnor has been significantly over developed; (b) As a result, there is insufficient capacity in nursery and primary education, healthcare, retail, and amenities; (c) Moreover, the Proposed Development is unsustainable from a transport perspective and will drive a significant increase in reliance on cars; and (d) The Proposed Development negatively impacts the AONB.

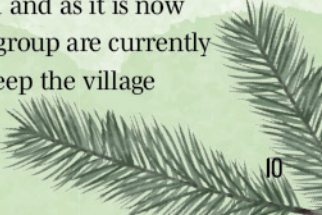
SODC’s barrister lead on the point that allowing the planning application would “do considerable violence to the credibility of the Chinnor NP” as well as arguments on unsuitability of the site on landscape term and that the development would be contrary to the locational policies of the South Oxfordshire Local plan.

The closing arguments are published on the planning application page on SODC’s website under reference P22/S4643/O.

Throughout the inquiry Sydenham & Chinnor Parish Councils provided a lot of detailed evidence as to the potential negative impact of the proposed development. The strength of opposition to the proposed development shown by a significant number of villagers, demonstrated by attending the inquiry, signing the petition, answering questionnaires and writing objections, was palpable. Thank you to everyone who contributed! We now have to wait while the Planning Inspector concludes his report and makes his decision about the application, expected before the end of the year and possibly in the next few weeks.

## **SYDENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Our Sydenham Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) was “made” in May 2021 and as it is now over two years old, it is not considered “current”. The SNP working group are currently investigating ways to update the plan to keep it current, and will keep the village updated on progress.

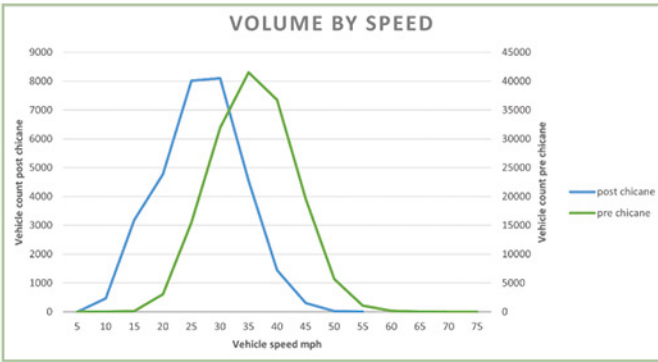


# parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS *cont.*



## B4445 CHICANE

After years of campaigning by the parish council and a successful joint venture with Chinnor PC we're delighted that the chicane is now in place. It is demonstrably slowing traffic approaching from Chinnor and making it safer for traffic leaving Sydenham at the junction. The data from the VAS sign has shown this very clearly!



Before the chicane was installed, the VAS sign recorded 67% of traffic going past at 35mph or over, and 17% travelling at 45+mph, whereas now only 20% of traffic passes the sign travelling at 35mph or over, and only 1% at 45+.

## BROOKSTONES TREE

The perished oak tree in Brookstones has been taken down for safety, with permission from the Council Tree Officers. As the tree is in the Conservation Area it has to be replaced, and the new tree to be planted will be a Sweet Chestnut. We are also adding a bench.



## NEW SALT BIN

There will be another salt bin near the Emmington junction for use on the road leading up to the junction and around Plough Corner. Oxfordshire County Council hopes to have this in place by Christmas at the latest.





## DRAINAGE

The exceptional recent rainfall did lead to flooding in the usual places however, there have been notable improvements where the roadside gutters and pipes under the road have been cleared. The parish council continue to work at keeping the drainage ditches throughout the village operating as well as possible with a thorough maintenance schedule and by liaising with local authorities. The flooding by the chicane on Sydenham Road is mainly caused by the pipe under the road near Slade Farm being too small. We have cleared out the ditch on the south side of the road which improves things but cannot do the same on the north side as the gas main virtually runs in the ditch. We are starting to investigate solutions with both OCC highways and SGN.



## PLAYGROUND

The hedges have been cut and the ditches dug out. New hedging is to be planted on the road side of the playground in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, or want to contact a councillor, please do email us on [parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk)

## REDUCE YOUR ENERGY BILLS?

Reduce your energy bills with the Home Upgrade Grant from Oxfordshire County Council. Targeting off-gas-grid, energy-inefficient homes, this initiative offers free home energy improvements from

insulation to solar panels. Funding is limited so early application is advised.

Check your eligibility and apply at [welcomethewarmth.org.uk](http://welcomethewarmth.org.uk). Get your home winter-ready today!



## WINTER WELLBEING PACKS

As we move into the colder and darker months, we become acutely aware of the role we all have in looking out for vulnerable older people in our communities. Winter can be tough at any age, but it's particularly challenging for older people who face additional health risks, and increased feelings of loneliness and isolation. In addition, the cost-of-living crisis with rises in food and energy prices, is causing many local older people to worry about staying healthy and keeping their homes warm.

Age UK Oxfordshire are offering Winter Wellbeing packs, and if anyone would like one please contact the Parish Clerk on [parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@sydenhamvillage.co.uk) or contact Heather on **01844 873690** and leave a message.



# sydenham WOMENS INSTITUTE



## NEWS FROM THE WI

We have had a very busy couple of months so have pleasure in reporting on a selection of our activities.

We are a very friendly bunch of all ages and warmly welcome new members. Contact our President Siobhan McKee via [sydenhamwi@gmail.com](mailto:sydenhamwi@gmail.com) if you'd like to come along (even to just one meeting to see what we get up to). In addition to a summer walk followed by supper at the Crown, theatre visits and more we also welcomed some varied and interesting speakers.

## WHO WERE THE MITFORD FAMILY?

In June, WI members listened to a very interesting and informative talk by Muriel Pilkington on the colourful Mitford family.

References to the family go back to the Middle Ages; later writings mention family members such as John Mitford who designed the first Royal Exchange and Exbury House in Hampshire. Another John Mitford (1748-1830) was briefly the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland and the 1st Lord Redesdale who inherited Batsford House, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, through marriage. Batsford House was then inherited by Algernon Bertram Mitford (1837-1916), known as 'Bertie'. He had lots of children (10 - no wonder he had no money!) including, Clementine who was to marry Winston Churchill.

Bertie's son David (1878-1958) inherited, but not a great deal - so maybe the eggs of his 500 chickens helped, sold at Harrods of course. David sold Batsford House and bought Asthall Manor, married Sydney Bowles and had one son, Tom (who died in 1945 in Burma at the age of 36) and six daughters. The infamous Mitford sisters: Nancy (born 1904), Pamela (1907), Diana (1910), Unity (1914), Jessica (1917) and Deborah (1920). Apart from Tom who went to prep school, lessons for the young Mitfords were in the library. They had numerous pets and activities included riding, fishing, gardening, Girl Guides, visits to Stratford Theatre and skating in Oxford (Deborah at 16 was invited to be in the Olympic skating team but her mother would not allow it). In 1926 the family moved to Swinbrook House, designed by David.

Although it was large enough for each child to have his/her own bedroom, it was a cold house and disliked by the children. The Mitfords owned three other houses, one on Mull, one in London and one - the Old Mill Cottage, in High Wycombe.

Nancy became noted for her witty novels of upper-class life including *The Pursuit of Love* and *Love in a Cold Climate*; she started the use of the terms 'U' (upper class) and 'non-U'. Pamela is perhaps the least well-known of the Mitford sisters. Diana married into the Guinness family but left him, and her children, for the 'Black Shirt' (British Union of Fascists) Sir Oswald Moseley. Diana was incarcerated during the war and then put under house arrest. She later moved to Paris and became friends with Edward VIII. Unity also had extreme right-wing views. On leaving a Munich finishing school in Munich, she stayed in the city and was introduced to Adolf Hitler. It was rumoured that she was Hitler's mistress although her sisters refuted this. Jessica (Decca), in contrast had extreme left-wing views. She moved to the US in 1939 and joined the Communist Party in the 1940s in New York. Her first husband died in 1941 and she married Bob Treuhaft in 1943, the civil rights activist and lawyer. Like her sister Nancy, Jessica was an author; one of her books, *Hons and Rebels*, describes her childhood and early adult life and was recommended by our speaker. The youngest of the Mitford sisters, Deborah, married Lord Cavendish in 1941 and became the Duchess of Devonshire.

Together they established Chatsworth as a visitor attraction and charity.

An extraordinary family!

*Sally*

## **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MORSE**

For our meeting in September, we were given a very interesting talk by Alistair Lack on the TV series *Inspector Morse*, *Lewis* and *Endeavour*. The series were based on a series of novels written by Colin Dexter who wrote 13 books between 1975-1990's. The books were a mix of fact and fiction. Colin Dexter also made a cameo appearance in all but three episodes.

There were 33 episodes of *Morse* and *Lewis* but 36 of *Endeavour*. 39 different colleges were used with a third filmed in Middx and Herts. All three series were shown in 120 countries!

The red jaguar in the series was in fact not in good shape, always breaking down and needing much work. Eventually the car was given away in a promotional raffle with tickets selling at £5 each. The winner of the car then went on to sell it for £20,000. It was then refurbished and sold for over £100,000 pounds!

*Pat Hardiman*





# sydenham WOMENS INSTITUTE *cont.*



## SUMMER FUN! FIERCELY CONTESTED GAMES OF CROQUET AND PIMMS

You would have thought it was Ascot week judging by the number of hat wearing ladies arriving at Jane and Paul Rooksby's on a summer evening in July!



The theme of the WI Summer Party was just that and coupled with a delicious buffet selection, plentiful Pimm's and good chat we all had a jolly good time!

The garden is a delight with its many secret places which we enjoyed discovering, whilst hotly contested games of croquet were played out by our guests who included both Jacky and Joan.

Many thanks to our wonderful hosts.



*Fi*

The WI meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, usually in the OSR at 7.30pm and would welcome anybody who would like to join them. Why not pop along one time and find out more about it all?



# out AND ABOUT

## WHAT TO DO WITH 'STUFF'?

Unless you are incredibly organised with a capital I, we all have stuff!

By stuff, I mean opening doors to find a collection of knickknacks that have been collecting for some time or a chest full of old photographs that you have been meaning to sort for ages or something precious you've kept because you can't bear to throw it away.

Jane Fletcher our speaker at the October meeting shed light and was plentiful with ideas on what to do with it all! Jane is a popular speaker at WI events around the country and is always thrilled when people are not only inspired but come up with new ways of 'stuff creations'.

So, what are some of these ideas? Jane's father who sadly passed away last year had a favourite jacket which evoked so many memories. It could either hang in the cupboard gathering dust or be repurposed, which it was into a splendid teddy bear to be enjoyed every day.

Jane found a pair of her husband's glasses from the 80s - they made her laugh. So, these were mounted in a box frame with a witty prose to accompany it. Another tip – tackle your photo's but in bite size pieces and always write who people are on the back for posterity. These are just some of the many nuggets Jane shared with us.

The monies raised from these talks help Jane to produce motivational art for community spaces and talks to promote mental health.

<https://theartofgivingcic.com/> for further inspiration and her charity the 'Art of Giving Community Interest Company'





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# **ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**12.00 - 2.00 PM Saturday 2nd December 2023  
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**Come and join us for a delicious lunch  
of homemade soup and bread,  
puddings and refreshments.  
Browse the festive stalls, win wonderful  
prizes, and play some games.**

***A wonderful start to the Christmas  
season for all the family.***

**Everyone  
is welcome!**



# out AND ABOUT cont.

**BOO!**

On 31st October the village children were out and about for Halloween!

Lots of amazing costumes were spotted including a tiny terrifying clown and an enormous ride-on chicken. The children all really appreciated the brilliant spooky displays through the village! It is always exciting to see the special effects at the Archer's house and this year meeting a real-life ET at the door of one house was a massive highlight. A trip to the pub is always a big adventure as well with special treats from Tina & Pete very much appreciated! Thank you to everyone who made this such a fun night for the children.

*Emily Oliver*







# OSR 200 CLUB

As usual the draw took place at The Inn with Buster leading the events, assisted by Ray, Leon and other interested members contributing!

The result of the draws for October and November were:

**October winners** were: Frances Smith, Hannah Isherwood, Fi Cuthbertson, Cheryl Belson, John Wilson, Jon Church, Paul Stancliffe and Simon Rothschild,

November saw the official New Year Draw take place around the Bar at the Inn with Buster, Ray, Leon and Landlord Dave Maisey eagerly awaiting my arrival with Gilly at 5pm!

The winners were Jane Errington, Steve Nutley, Grace Chandler, Sheldon, Derek Randall, Paula (behind the Bar), Albert Chandler and Cyndy Thomas. Congratulations to all the winners and special thanks to the team.

If you have not yet paid your subs, please contact Roy Harrison at Fuchsia Cottage and pay the fee of **£12** for each Number purchased. It is a monthly draw and the fee covers entrance for the 12 month period and for Christmas Day with the additional double Draw of **£50** and **£100!**

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*Roy Harrison*







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### ROW ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

There was much excitement in the village on October, when Kev had the very boat that he is going to row across the Atlantic in. It might be in December 2025, but the adventure is clearly starting now.

So if you were lucky enough to see the boat, or just want to know more about the challenge then find out more about 'The World's Toughest Row' at <https://www.worldstoughestrow.com/>

*Sara Luff*



# *the* CROWN INN



**Welcome to our last update of 2023.**

A busy October with Sunday lunches in much demand. A very big Happy Birthday to Pauline, who celebrated a special year with friends and family here at The Crown. Thank you Gordon for organising this. A couple of weeks later we hosted The Sydenham Choir Annual Supper. Again, another enjoyable evening was had, thank you Siobhan for organising the pre orders and seating plan. Saturday 2nd December we host The Cricket Club Annual Awards, this will be a private event closed to the public.

Our Christmas Menu is now available via our facebook page. This will not incur a deposit or pre orders but will require an advanced booking. The core pub menu will be shrunk down to only a few meal options during this time. Here below are our festive hours moving towards the new year.

**Tue 19 Dec 16:00 – 23:00**

**Wed 20 Dec 16:00 – 23:00 (Santa's Sleigh night)**

**Thu 21 Dec 16:00 – 23:00 (Sydenham office party)**

**Fri 22 Dec 16:00 – 23:00**

**Sat 23 Dec 12:00 – 23:00**

**Sun 24 Dec 12:00 – TBC**

**Mon 25 Dec 12:00 – 14:00 (Drinks Only)**

**Tue 26 Dec Closed (Boxing night quiz 19:00, Fully Booked)**

**Wed 27 Dec Closed**

**Thu 28 Dec Closed**

**Fri 29 Dec 16:00 – 23:00**

**Sat 30 Dec 12:00 – 23:00**

**Sun 31 Dec 12:00 – 17:00**

**Mon 1 Jan – Thu 4 Jan Closed**

**Friday 5 Jan Normal hours resume**

Many Thanks for your custom here  
and have a peaceful Christmas

*Pete, Tina & Sparky*







# Christmas Word Search



Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

C	A	N	D	Y	C	A	N	E	R	D	C
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# *the* INN AT EMMINGTON



**So, the clocks went back, the leaves began to fall and our thoughts turned to Autumn and Christmas.**

*First up, at the end of October, Broken Bones rocked The Inn over the Halloween weekend. This was their 4th time at The Inn and this heavy rock band from South London did not disappoint ... make sure you come down when they play again in 2024!*

*Next, just last weekend, we celebrated Paul Ridgley's 70th birthday at The Inn with local boy Nick, of super group Rockpool, playing DJ and spinning the vinyl until the small hours. A great night was had by all and thank you to everybody who made sure Paul had a wonderful evening. He is already looking forward to his 80th!!*

*Going forwards, on Saturday 25th November, Dragonfly will be playing at The Inn. Previously Mutts Nutts, this Chinnor group are definitely not one to miss, and will be rocking The Inn from about 8 / 8.30pm - why not book a table to eat beforehand?*

*The following weekend, on Saturday 2nd December, Nick's band Rockpool play at The Inn for only the second time. A real surprise package last time, they were one of the best bands to play here so why not start December off with some live music, good company and dancing. Tables available for eating beforehand.*

*Our Christmas menu will also start at the beginning of December and we will be open every evening midweek as well as all day Fridays during December and our usual all day weekend opening. Pre bookings and orders required for our Christmas menu so why not join us with a group of work colleagues, family or friends. Menu available online and at The Inn.*

*Another local tradition means that on Wednesday 20th December, the Sydenham sleigh will depart The Inn so join us for a drink and mince pie to wish it on its Merry Way!!*



*The biggest night of the year - Friday 22nd December sees our now legendary end of work Christmas Party with MFU again joining us so you can party the night away. Tables still available for those with stamina who want to eat beforehand. A night not to be missed.....*

*Over the Christmas period, our opening hours will change slightly and will be published on our Facebook page and website but at the time of going to press.....*

***Christmas Eve - open 12 noon to 10pm, food 12 noon to 4pm***

***Christmas Day - Closed***

***Boxing Day - 12 noon to 5pm, no food***

***Wednesday 27th December - 12 noon to 5pm, Christmas Bottomless Brunch - pre bookings only.....more details to follow***

***Thursday 28th December - 12 noon to 6pm, food 12 noon to 4pm***

***Friday 29th December - 12 noon to 11pm, food all day***

***Saturday 30th December - 12 noon to 11pm, food all day***

***Sunday 31st December - 12 noon to late, food 12 noon to 5pm***

***Closed from Monday 1st January to Sunday 7th January, reopening Monday 8th January at 3pm***

*All that is left is for us to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and thank you as always for your support during 2023.*

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