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# hello AND WELCOME

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Well, it is a year since this new format was launched and here, we are already hurtling towards the end of the year. However, there is still time to reflect on some of the things many of us have been up to recently.

Take the WI and their visit from Chinnor Railway and you must check out the pictures of when they kicked up their heels when joined by The Berkhamsted and Strathspey Reel Club (Scottish Dancing). Equally, the choir had a wonderful evening of song and fun, while the Harvest Festival proved very popular with many celebrating the harvest and the change in season.

**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!

For future editions, we are looking at adding some new features. Some new ideas have been suggested by a couple of people. But I would love to know of anything else you would like to see. The first idea is to look at doing a profile on a local person so we can learn some more about them. Who are you curious about and would like to know more about?

The second draws back to the very first editions of the newsletter. Remarkably, it has been over 20 years since Paul and Roy took over the Newsletter. Looking through the old editions, there is some lovely reflections and history about the village and so we will be enjoying sharing some snippets of this in the future. In fact, just glancing through the January 2002 edition, I spotted the announcement of the birth of Matthew and Jonathan Archer. And they featured in the very last edition picking up their Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards!

So, we would welcome any other ideas or thoughts people might like to see.

As we are approaching the festive period, we have notification of a myriad of events coming up over the next few weeks. To try to make it a little easier, we have tried to put the key dates all in one place so you can easily see what is going on and pop them into your diaries.

There is a lot going on. The usual magic events that Sydenham are renowned for. Plus, obviously there will be the traditional Boxing Day quiz and lots more going on in both The Crown and The Inn at Emmington. And where better to really get into the Christmas spirit than at Waterperry Gardens who have Christmas Craft Markets, lots of chances to buy local handmade crafts and festive food treats, chance to help Rudolph 'Find Santa's Reindeer' and even real reindeer visiting.

The next newsletter will probably be out in January, so if you have any news, thoughts, upcoming dates or anything else you think may be of interest we would love to hear from you. Please send it to [rachel@curvemarketing.net](mailto:rachel@curvemarketing.net) by **Friday 30th December**.

Rachel



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# upcoming FESTIVE DATES 2022

How wonderful to celebrate Christmas in true Sydenham style. Below are dates throughout December to make a note of and come and join in with. All welcome!

## 17TH NOVEMBER

7.30PM OSR - WI MEETING WITH AUTHOR CLAIRE FULLER

## 18TH NOVEMBER

THE TRADITIONAL TRACTOR RUN FROM THAME WILL PASS THE INN MID-MORNING

## 26TH NOVEMBER

10 - 12 NOON - CHINNOR CHRISTMAS MARKET

## 3RD DECEMBER

12 - 2.00PM - SYDENHAM CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM

DELICIOUS SOUP, CRUSTY BREAD, PUDDINGS CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS AND GOOD CHEER AWAIT YOU! IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A GIFT STAND OR ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANYWAY, PLEASE LET FIONA KERMACK KNOW

## 3RD - 11TH DECEMBER

10-12 NOON - CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 'REJOICE AND RECYCLE'

## 11TH DECEMBER

4PM - CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

## 21ST DECEMBER

LEAVING THE INN AT EMMINGTON AT 5 PM  
- SANTA'S SLEIGH THROUGH THE VILLAGE

## 22ND DECEMBER

5.30PM - CAROLS ON THE GREEN

## 23RD DECEMBER

'BIG CHRISTMAS BASH' AT THE INN

## 24TH DECEMBER

4PM - CRIB SERVICE - JOIN FOR A DELIGHTFUL SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY

## 24TH DECEMBER

11.30PM - MIDNIGHT MASS

## 26TH DECEMBER

BOXING DAY QUIZ AT THE CROWN - BOOKING ADVISED

## 27TH DECEMBER

'BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH' AT THE INN

MAKE SURE YOU TAKE PLENTY OF PHOTOS FOR OUR JANUARY EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER.



# church NEWS

Dear All,

This is the great unveiling of our new service pattern! This is how it's going to be and utterly fixed in stone until things like Remembrance, Christmas, Easter, and all kinds of other things cause changes and require flexibility.

As you are probably aware the service pattern has been tinkered with a number of times since we came out of the Covid lockdowns. There are a number of things I'm trying to achieve with the service pattern. First of all, (and most importantly), I want to keep all four churches open and having regular services held in them all. This does mean I have had to look at the pattern from a United Parish perspective rather than as four individual churches. I've tried to maintain a sense of an early morning service, a mid-morning service and an evening service happening across the Parish each Sunday.

I'm also trying to be kind to our wonderful ministry team who give their time freely and who gift their ministry to us. I don't want to wear them out! In each church, I have enlisted members from the congregation to help plan and lead services. These services will be known as "Parish Worship" and won't include Holy Communion. Having these lay-led services is the way that we can have two services running at the same time on a Sunday.

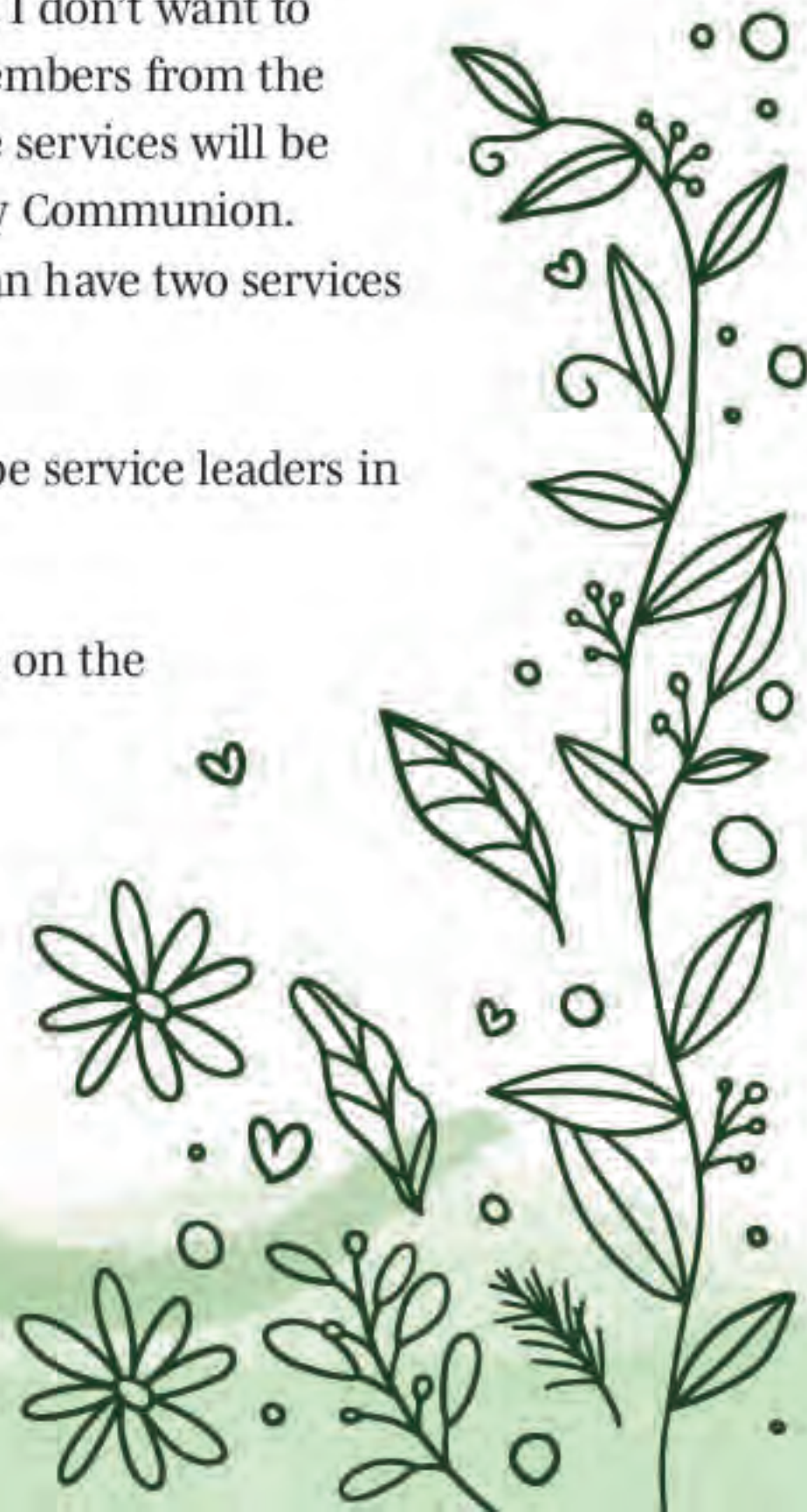
Thank you so much to those who have agreed to be service leaders in our Parish.

There is also a return of a regular 8 o'clock service on the first Sunday of the month.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

With many blessings

*Jacky*



## UNITED PARISH SERVICE PATTERN MOVING FORWARDS

	ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S	ST ANDREW'S	ST MARY'S	BVM
FIRST SUNDAY		8:00AM HOLY COMMUNION		
	10:30AM ALL AGE WORSHIP/ FAMILY SERVICE	10:30AM HOLY COMMUNION		
			6:00PM PARISH WORSHIP	
SECOND SUNDAY	9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION			
		10:30AM ALL AGE WORSHIP	10:30AM BCP HOLY COMMUNION	4:00PM/6:00PM BCP HOLY COMMUNION
THIRD SUNDAY	9:00AM PARISH WORSHIP			
		10:30AM HOLY COMMUNION		
			6:00PM BCP EVENSONG	
FOURTH SUNDAY	9:00AM HOLY COMMUNION			
		10:30AM HOLY COMMUNION		
				4:00PM/6:00PM BCP EVENING PRAYER
FIFTH SUNDAY	UNITED PARISH SERVICE			





# church NEWS cont.

## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH SIGNS UP TO CHINNOR COP26

### What is CHINNOR COP26?

It is the local version of the global climate summit, Glasgow COP 26.

Chinnor Churches Go Wild! were encouraged by Chinnor and Thame Friends of the Earth to commit to this increase biodiversity and reduce emissions. During the first two weeks of November 2021 the Glasgow 'Conference of the Parties' brought leaders from every country together in a united effort to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss. Thame COP 26 invites the 'parties' of Thame: businesses, schools, faith organisations and groups, to do the same. So far over 50 organisations have committed to specific actions to reduce emissions and increase biodiversity.

### SHOE BOXES WITH GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

Wednesday 16 November from 10.00am to 12noon - St. Andrew's Church Hall.

Shoe boxes with gifts for children will be being packed. These will then be delivered to a central warehouse, ready to go on the lorries to arrive by Christmas. If you could spare just a short time to help us, they would be very grateful.

## FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 26th November : 10am-12 noon

There will be stalls selling crafts, Christmas decorations, jewellery, gifts, books, toys, £1 and 50p stall, jams, pickles, cakes, etc. Fundraising will go towards the ongoing care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church.

[www.chinnorunitedchurches.co.uk](http://www.chinnorunitedchurches.co.uk)



## FANCY ADVERTISING WITH US?

Raise awareness of your business and get your message out to the many homes in Sydenham, Emmington and Chalford from as little as £20 for a half page advert. Sydenham Newsletter is an integral part of our community and is read cover to cover and often kept as a reference for many years too! So, we also welcome editorial copy and images.

Please contact Fiona Kermack at [fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com) for more information.



Waterperry  
Gardens

November & December  
At Waterperry Gardens

### Christmas at Waterperry Gardens

Get into the Christmas spirit with Christmas shopping from our Gallery, Gift Barn & Christmas Shop along with British grown Christmas trees & hand-made wreaths. A shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family!

**Christmas Markets - Sat 19 & Sun 20 Nov and Sat 3 & Sun 4 Dec: 10am till 4pm**  
Join us for our Christmas Markets - Arts and Craft Stalls with gorgeous handmade gift ideas and festive food and drink (free entry to markets).

**STOP PRESS: Come & meet REAL Reindeer**  
**Sat 19 & Sun 20 November - 11.30am till 2.30pm**

A little taste of the North Pole will arrive right here in the Walled Garden at Waterperry Gardens! You'll get the chance to learn all about these unique creatures and their natural habitats (normal garden entrance fee applies).

**Find Santa's Reindeer! - 19 Nov till 23 Dec 10am - 5pm**

Help Rudolph find his friends lost all around the gardens and win a prize! £2.50 per child. Children must be accompanied by an adult paying garden entrance fee.

**Christmas Closure - We will be closed between Christmas and the New Year**  
For more information please visit [www.waterperrygardens.co.uk](http://www.waterperrygardens.co.uk)



# church NEWS cont.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: 'REJOICE AND RECYCLE'

Saturday 3rd – 11th December 2022

The festival brings together schools, businesses, charities, churches and communities, offering space for everyone to reflect, celebrate and wonder.

This year's theme is 'Rejoice and Recycle' emphasising the link with the church's ethos of being sustainable and caring for the planet. As Christians, we're called to care for God's creation, and the climate issues facing our planet are hugely important to us. The festival is an opportunity for the whole community to be part of a spectacular display within our beautiful medieval church by decorating a Christmas tree.

During the festival, the public will be invited (for a small entrance donation) to wander through the forest of decorated trees while soaking up the festive atmosphere. All monies raised during the festival by the Friends of St Andrew's Church are in aid of the care and maintenance of St Andrew's Church.



The Festival is always a joyous well-loved event for all the family – young and old - and a wonderful way to celebrate our great community.

## OCTOBER HARVEST FESTIVAL

The October Harvest Festival was such fun! St Mary's was pleasingly full of villagers and neighbouring visitors. Produce and groceries were presented at the altar ready to be distributed to local food banks, joyful songs sung, readings and poems beautifully read by the children and heartfelt blessings shared.

Afterwards everyone piled into the OSR for a good chat and delicious food.

Thank you to one and all.

Also, keep an eye on the church noticeboard and Sydenham mail for updates and regular church services throughout the Parish.

*If you have not yet joined us for a service or more informal family event, please do. We have a busy Christmas calendar plus regular concerts, themed songs of praise as well as quiet reflective times.*

*It's what being part of a village is all about...and very rewarding.*

For further details/offers of help, contact Fi Kermack on 352990 or [fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.patrick1@btinternet.com)

*Fi Kermack*





# parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS



## WASTE WIZARD

Oxfordshire County Council have a handy search tool called the Waste Wizard which provides different ideas and places for an item you may no longer need. It includes:

- Passing them on to be reused, by selling or giving items away for free through charity shops or online exchange sites.
- Using your local district council kerbside collection service (including bulky item collection).
- Taking large household items to a household waste recycling centre (charges apply for certain DIY type items)

More information can be found at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard)

## ULTRAFAS T FIBRE BROADBAND IS FINALLY HERE!

The Openreach ultrafast fibre broadband to property project has been completed! Everyone in Sydenham and around the Stert junction, as well as anyone who signed up for the project vouchers, can now order their ultrafast broadband from their preferred supplier. Huge thanks to Michael May for leading this project and liaising with Openreach to get it completed.



## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

The flowering tubs have been replanted for winter and include bulbs for a show of colour in the Spring – many thanks to Hayley Smith for all her work on these. The village gates have been refurbished with new 'Welcome to Sydenham' signs at either end of the village.

The Parish Council are planning their budget for next year and are looking at the annual maintenance programme to keep the village looking fabulous. This includes hedge and verge cutting, refurbishing the bus shelter and telephone box on the green, and ditch clearance to reduce flood risk. As ever, we remain hugely grateful to the volunteers who do so much to help, especially all the mowing.



## FOOTPATH ACCESS

The gate heading towards the allotments has been replaced thanks to a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire (TOE) provided by Grundon Waste Management Ltd, together with funding from Munday's Gift. The access has been widened and the surfacing improved with hardcore.

## B4445 CHICANE

Following the County Council approval of the scheme, revised quotations for the works are being sought and will be presented to Chinnor Parish Council in early November for final approval.

## LITTLE REMINDER IF YOU RUN OUT OF MEDICATION

Ever get that problem? 'Visit NHS 111 Online'.

With GPs and our 111 call service across the region recently being under pressure from increasing numbers of patients, and we are being encouraged to promote 111 online services and to make people aware they can collect medicine from their local pharmacy.

**Run out of your regular medication?**

Request a limited emergency supply online at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk) to collect from a pharmacy.

Your health matters. Help us help you.





# parish COUNCIL INSIGHTS cont.

## USEFUL RESOURCES FROM AGE UK

With costs of living increasing and worries beginning to surface about how to budget for the winter, we thought it would be helpful to share some resources that you may wish to use to assist parishioners.

These are a number of great resources and contacts on their website [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) that may be helpful and are designed to be accessible to anyone.

- Age UK online benefits checker
- Information sheet on how to check your benefits entitlement
- Summary of recently announced cost-of-living grants
- Age UK information booklets on topics including benefits and support
- Advice and support on heating your home, insulation and grants for new boilers (including home visits where needed) from Better Housing, Better Health

In addition, there is advice available for people of working age from Citizen's Advice: [thame@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:thame@osavcab.org.uk) or on 0808 278 7907.

Advice for people over retirement age from Age UK: Oxfordshire 0345 450 1276.

Age UK Oxfordshire are also working on putting together a short overview of older people's benefits and entitlements that will be available to view online very soon.



## Retired and worried about the cost of living?

Even though you may have modest savings, a retirement income or own your own home, it's worth checking if you're entitled to Pension Credit.

Call 0345 450 1276 or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/cost-of-living](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/cost-of-living)



# Changes to your waste collections over the Christmas and New Year period

	Normal collection day	Revised collection day		
Christmas and New Year 2022/23	Monday	26 December 2022	Wednesday	28 December 2022
	Tuesday	27 December 2022	Thursday	29 December 2022
	Wednesday	28 December 2022	Friday	30 December 2022
	Thursday	29 December 2022	Saturday	31 December 2022
	Friday	30 December 2022	Tuesday	3 January 2023
	Monday	2 January 2023	Wednesday	4 January 2023
	Tuesday	3 January 2023	Thursday	5 January 2023
	Wednesday	4 January 2023	Friday	6 January 2023
	Thursday	5 January 2023	Saturday	7 January 2023
	Friday	6 January 2023	Monday	9 January 2023
	Monday	9 January 2023	Tuesday	10 January 2023
	Tuesday	10 January 2023	Wednesday	11 January 2023
	Wednesday	11 January 2023	Thursday	12 January 2023
	Thursday	12 January 2023	Friday	13 January 2023
	Friday	13 January 2023	Saturday	14 January 2023

Please remember that we suspend garden waste collections over the holiday period to concentrate on Christmas waste collections. Collections resume in January 2023. For more information, please see our garden waste page on our website.

Find out more about recycling tips and waste collections over Christmas and New Year on our website [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)

We will post information about any disruption to waste collection services on our websites and social media sites.

Our call centre is open for queries from 9am – 3.30pm on 23 December, 9am - 5pm on 28, 29 and 30 December on 03000 610610.



# planning IN SYDENHAM



## P22/S3275/S73 AND P22/S3289/LB

Forge Cottage Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4LT.

Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) on application P21/S2977/HH - 3 conservation rooflights instead of approved rear dormer (Double storey side extension).

SODC decision - planning permission granted.



## THE DASHING WHITE SERGEANT

We had a wonderful evening this month with a visit from The Berkhamsted and Strathspey Reel Club (Scottish Dancing).

They have just celebrated their Platinum Jubilee (but, of course these members were certainly not there at the beginning!). They had planned a great evening: they started with a demonstration of 2 different dances, followed by a very funny poem, a couple more dances and then it was our turn to join in with the Dashing White Sergeant. We then all sang a few Scottish songs and finished with us joining in with the Gay Gordons.

# sydenham WOMENS INSTITUTE



## THE CHINNOR & PRINCES RISBOROUGH RAILWAY

We invited Jane Turner, a volunteer from the Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway "A Little Bit of Heritage", to come along and gives us an insight into its background.

It was a very informative and interesting evening. The railway is manned completely by volunteers and depends on donations to keep it rolling. Jane is very enthusiastic about the railway which she and her husband joined as volunteers over 20 years ago.

The Railway runs lots of different events to raise money, which include a Fish & Chip Quiz. Our WI have attended one of these and enjoyed it enormously.

You can read about its history on their website [www.chinnorrailway.co.uk](http://www.chinnorrailway.co.uk)

## MEET A PRESTIGIOUS AUTHOR AT THE NEXT MEETING

For the November meeting (17th, 7.30pm OSR) we're delighted to welcome author Claire Fuller, born and raised in Sydenham, who has written five novels published by Penguin and is the winner of the Costa Novel Award. The title of the talk is: 'Becoming a Published Author at 48'. Some of you may have read one of her books; currently the book club is reading: 'Unsettled Ground'.

This meeting is open to anyone, so please just come along.

*Siobhan*

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?





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# out AND ABOUT

## WARM SPACES IN CHINNOR

Both the Village Hall and the Parish Council at the Pavilion have made warm and comfortable spaces available for us all to use – free of charge, at the times detailed in the poster:

These are both places in the village that have their heating on anyway, and so can provide a way for us all to save a little on our own bills, and to be more environmentally friendly.

The space at the Parish Council is aimed more for those who are working from home, and the space at the Village Hall is more a social space, free WiFi is available at both. And there are some smaller spaces available at the village Hall that could be used for Working from Home.

Tea and coffee making facilities are available at both so bring your tea bag and coffee along and make to yourself at home!

And don't forget the Library is also another warm and welcoming space that we are lucky to have in the village.

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**Chinnor Village Hall**

Mon - Wed: 11:30 - 16:00  
Thurs - Fri: 09:30 - 15:00

**Chinnor Parish Council Chambers**

Mon/Tue/Thu: 09:00 - 15:00

www.chinnorwarmspaces.org

DON'T FORGET CHINNOR LIBRARY IS ALSO OPEN AND AVAILABLE!

WITH SUPPORT FROM:

[www.chinnorwarmspaces.org](http://www.chinnorwarmspaces.org)



We also thought it was worth sharing the opening hours for our local library in Chinnor.

### MONDAY

9.30am - 12.30pm and  
2.00pm - 5.30pm

### TUESDAY

Closed

### WEDNESDAY

9.30am - 12.30pm and  
2.00pm - 5.30pm

### THURSDAY

2.00pm - 7.00pm

### FRIDAY

2.00pm - 5.30pm

### SATURDAY

9.30am - 1.00pm

### SUNDAY

Closed

## 200 CLUB *reminder*

It's that time...payment is due for the 'new year's' entry! This raises much needed funds to support our wonderful Old School Room, for both its upkeep and maintenance. In fact, this well supported fundraiser brings in over £1,000 annually. It's only £12 a year for each number purchased for the monthly draw for cash prizes, which will commence again in November. It's a charitable draw, just a bit of fun and all your support is gratefully received. Reach out to Roy Harrison or email him at [royharry@gmail.com](mailto:royharry@gmail.com)

*Roy Harrison*

## christmas FAYRE

**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER - 12:00PM - 2:00PM**  
SYDENHAM OLD SCHOOL ROOM

COME AND JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS LUNCH OF HOMEMADE SOUP AND BREAD, DESSERTS, REFRESHMENTS AND BROWSE THE FESTIVE STALLS.

**A GREAT START TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!**



## out AND ABOUT *cont.*

### FAREWELL YOUR MAJESTY

We thought that you might like to see these pictures which William recorded on his phone.

They show the route of the RAF C-17-A Globemaster carrying the Queen's coffin as it flew from Edinburgh to Northolt. You will see that it flew directly over Sydenham and the Stokenchurch Telecom Tower, before turning towards Northolt.

Although there was solid cloud cover at the time, the cloud was high over the village, so the aircraft was in clear air at around 6,000 feet and very visible.

I suspect that it was the closest that some of us will get to the coffin at this sad time.

*Paul Stancliffe*

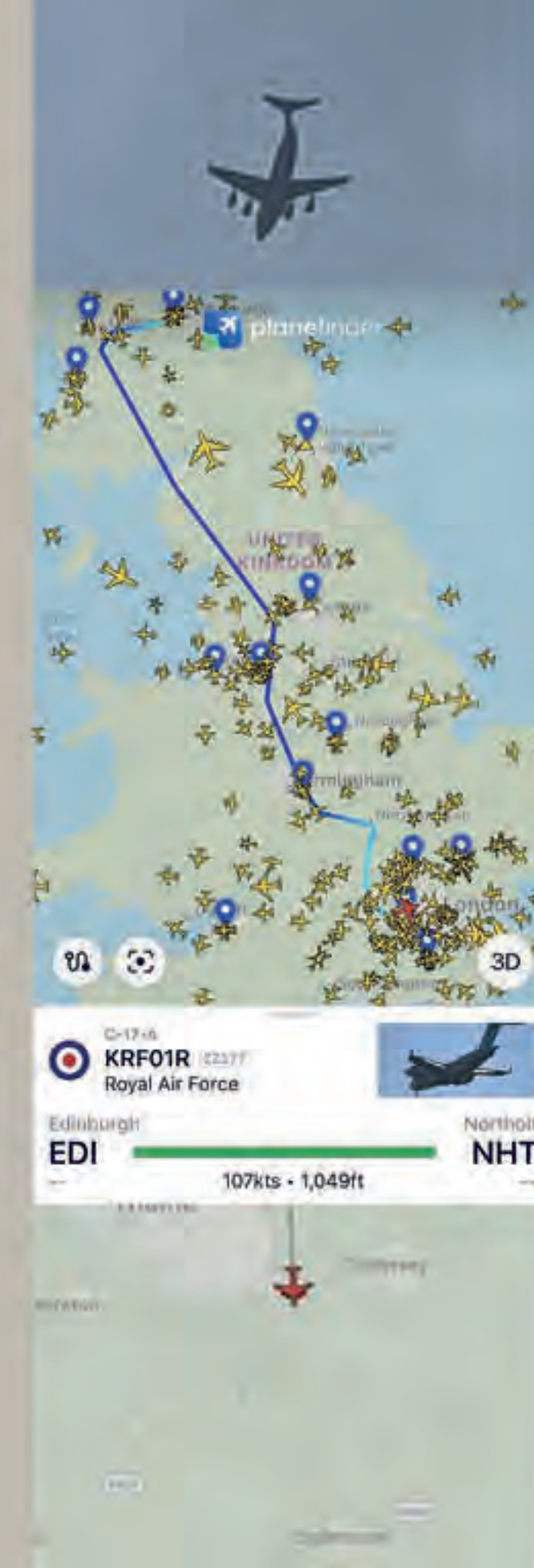
### OLD SCHOOL ROOM

It was recommended that it would be good to share all the various clubs and exercise sessions that are run in the OSR through out the week. Here is a quick synopsis and if you are interested in any then do reach out either to the contact details or ask in the village as many people from across the community attend the sessions.

**Yoga** – If you're looking to continue or begin yoga there are Wednesday morning classes for everyone running - 8:30am-9:30am. All levels welcome, £10 drop in. Please message Sarah, for more info or text 07958 984232 [info@yogapath.co.uk](mailto:info@yogapath.co.uk)

**Pilates** – There is a men's Pilates class on a Tuesday at 7:45-8:45pm and another class on a Wednesday at 7:15pm-8:15pm.

**Bodyweight Conditioning and Stretch** – This is on a Monday 7:00pm-8:00pm - find out more: [chinnorkettlebells.co.uk](http://chinnorkettlebells.co.uk)





# sydenham CHOIR

AN EVENING OF SONG AND FUN ON 15TH OCTOBER 2022

This eagerly awaited concert since Covid did not disappoint.

On the 15th October Sydenham Choir was joined by guest choir of The Military Wives RAF Benson. The first half was mainly Sydenham choir, incorporating variety with a solo of "Pie Jesu", a couple of skits acted by choir members, a fun piano duet, a lovely duet rendition of "All I ask of you" culminating with both choirs singing "Hallelujah" before the scrumptious eats in the interval.

The second half opened with the two young Hood brothers playing a viola duet after Mrs Caroline Hood gave a moving tribute to a former choir member Sandy Watson for whom Amber Shanklin sang two songs. The Military Wives came into their own with several thoughtful numbers including "Poppy Red" knowing that some of their husbands would not come home again. The evening finished with audience participation in the solo of "Rule Britannia" and concluded with "God Save the King".

The whole event was enjoyed by all but would not have been possible without the expertise of conductor Dr Chris Hood, Judy Thompson accompanist, Hugh Mackay the pianist and all the soloists.

*Adele*

## DO YOU LIKE SINGING?

You don't need to be professional or have any grades to your name...

Just a love of singing and joie de vie! If so, please come and join Sydenham Choir. All welcome with a particular plea for male voices! We practice in St Mary's Church every Tuesday from 6.15pm for an hour. We put on concerts, perform special pieces at high days and holidays and even organise an annual outing to sing in a local church ...then go to the pub!

Just come along or contact Siobhan for further info via 07733 437641.

*Fi*



# Waterperry GARDENS

Get into the festive spirit at Waterperry Gardens with Christmas shopping, festive events, British grown Christmas trees and hand-finished wreaths.

The Gallery, Gift Barn and Christmas Shop are a shopper's delight with great gift ideas for all the family this Christmas, from handmade ceramics and jewellery to Christmas decorations and linens, there is something for everyone. If you're looking for something different our Waterperry Gardens Annual Passes make an ideal present.

Don't miss the Christmas Craft Markets, for a chance to buy local handmade crafts and festive food treats – 19th & 20th November and 3rd & 4th December. Enjoy some pre-Christmas fun with the children with an afternoon helping Rudolph 'Find Santa's Reindeer', running from the 19th November through to the 23rd December, family fun and Christmas excitement!

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# the CROWN INN



Well, the clocks have changed; which thankfully gave us another hour of drinking following our Halloween quiz, which was full of witches, wizards, ghouls and several beautiful cats...a sight to behold indeed! Thank you to all who attended.

Phil Archer arrived with his magic potions and music, the gorgeous feline Cheryl Belson hosted the event with her assistant Matt for the 2nd time, so another big thank you for making this such a special night in our calendar.

The winning team, Mr & Mrs Brine & friends from Aston Rowant kindly donated their prize money to the George Oliver Trust. Cheryl has kindly offered to be quiz master again next year (early table booking advised).

Bookings for the festive season are already being taken; we are offering a Festive Roast Sunday Menu with crackers and all the trimmings throughout the end of November & December, party bookings of course being offered during the week, a festive menu being offered for booking the whole restaurant out only.

We open from midday until 2pm on Christmas Day.

Boxing Day we are closed, but we have our quiz on Boxing night, booked teams only please.

Christmas opening times will be finalised a little nearer the day.

We thank you all for your valued custom here, and wish you early season's greetings.

Tina, Pete & Sparky



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### Opening Hours

Monday - closed

Tuesday - Friday 4pm until late  
Food from 6pm until 8.30pm

Saturday - Midday until late

Food from Midday until 3pm, then 6pm to 8.30pm

Sunday - Midday until 5pm

Food from Midday until 3pm



# *the* INN AT EMMINGTON

*It's November, the clocks have gone back, the nights are drawing in, and the cost-of-living crisis means you've had to turn the Aga down a notch or two! I'm sure we all therefore need something to cheer us up and lift our mood, and we have plenty going on at The Inn over the next 2 months to do just that.*

*The 25th November weekend sees the start of the football World Cup, this year held in that footballing superpower Qatar, and to break with tradition further, at Christmas!! We will be showing games at The Inn with a couple of England games in the first week kicking off at ideal times to visit the pub and enjoy the match in the company of others:*

**Friday 25th November 7pm - England v USA**

**Tuesday 29th November 7pm - England v Wales**

*All other matches will be available to watch when we are open so why not book a table with friends to eat, or just drink and experience this first ever Winter World Cup!*

*Our Christmas menu will be available from 1st December and will be served each midweek evening, weekends and selected midweek lunchtimes. Bookings and food pre orders are needed for our Christmas menu although we will be serving our normal menu alongside it for those looking for a 'non festive meal'. Our Christmas menu is available to collect from The Inn and also visible on our website and includes items such as a salmon, avocado and prawn parcel as a starter, traditional turkey with festive trimmings and additional treats such as Bailey's Hot Chocolate and a cheese and port platter!*

*Sunday 18th December looks set to be a bumper day - the traditional tractor run from Thame will pass The Inn mid- morning, and we will again be serving mulled wine, bacon rolls and hot drinks at the front of The Inn. This will be followed by our last December Sunday Lunch which is already filling up fast and then at 3pm the World Cup Final takes place - will it at last be coming home - get your festive jumpers and sleigh bells ready to celebrate!*

*Another event not to be missed is the Sydenham Santa Sleigh that departs from The Inn on Wednesday 21st December - pop in for a drink and warm mince pie beforehand and wave the sleigh and its helpers off as it winds its way through the village?*

*Friday 23rd December, the last 'working day' of the year sees our now traditional 'Big Christmas Bash' where local party band MFU will be playing to a packed house. Limited tables available for food before the music starts but singing and dancing compulsory. This Christmas Eve party promises to be an event not to be missed. Open all day from 12 noon (but don't peak too early!) with music starting from 8.30pm.*

*Over the Christmas 2-week period our opening times and food serving times will vary slightly from normal and will be displayed on our website and facebook page but we will be open from 12 noon all day on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas Day and open 12 noon to 6pm on Boxing Day.*

*Bank Holiday Tuesday 27th December sees us once again hosting our 'Bottomless Brunch' available from midday. Choose from our breakfast menu and enjoy unlimited Prosecco or beer for a 2-hour period, priced at £35 per person or without the alcohol at £10 per person. Bookings essential!*

*On New Year's Eve will be holding our traditional 'house party' with music, dancing and bar nibbles to cheer in 2023 - free admission, all welcome!*

*All that remains is to thank everybody who has supported us this past year, have a wonderful Christmas and here's to a peaceful and better 2023.*

*David, Sharon, Alice, Ed, Pickles, xx*

*Sid and Fred - woof, woof x*