

# Friends of Iffley Village

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## Winter Newsletter, January 2019

### FOIV EVENTS

*All in Iffley Church Hall*

**Winter Supper 2019: Sat.  
26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7-9.30 p.m.**

### Film Nights

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7 p.m.**

Cole Porter's 1956 musical comedy *High Society* starring Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra & Bing Crosby. Tickets £5 at the Shop or at the door.

**Other 2019 dates:** 26 Feb., 9 April, 7 May, 25 June, 13-15 Sept., 1 Oct., 5 Nov., 10 Dec.

**Happy New Year 2019 to all of Iffley!**

### FOIV Winter Supper 2019

Join us on Saturday **26<sup>th</sup> Jan.**, doors open 6.45 pm. The main course is produced by JYC Catering, which raises funds for a local children's charity, and served with home-baked potatoes and salads (plus vegetarian option), followed by a variety of puddings home-cooked by Iffley volunteers, plus two glasses of alcoholic or soft drinks. Then ISIS Farmhouse stalwarts Noreen Cullen (violin) and Adrian Burns (guitar, vocals), who have performed together on UK and overseas TV and Radio, will play a variety of jazz, folk and country music. All are welcome, but numbers are limited by space in the Church Hall. Tickets are sold **ONLY** at **Iffley Community Shop** from now until 5 p.m. **Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan.**, adults: **£15**, children aged 5-11: **£12**. Please buy yours promptly!

### Parking Controls in Church Way and Iffley Turn

As reported in September's Newsletter, Oxford City Council & FOIV have discussed introducing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions to facilitate free flow of traffic in Iffley. Residents of homes directly affected have been kept informed. Oxfordshire County Council will soon consult the wider public on the formal proposals. Comments will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport in reaching a decision early in 2019. The FOIV website shows all information and links to relevant Council websites and will be updated promptly, so please check it frequently.

### Electoral Review of Southeast Oxford

The Local Government Boundary Commission's draft recommendations published on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov proposes incorporating 90% Iffley into Donnington ward (which extends N & E to Cowley Rd.), leaving only the east side with Rose Hill. FOIV moved quickly to alert locals to the scheme's implications and many wrote in before the consultation period ended on 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. The LGBC's map and letter plus FOIV's own response are on our website now, and the outcome will be added after it is announced on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### Oxford Local Plan 2036: Proposed Submission Draft Consultation

FOIV also attended meetings and submitted comments on planning aspects of this Consultation that affect Iffley. The Court Place Gardens employer-linked & graduate student accommodation will expand from the current 50 to about 100 rented homes. Land west of Meadow Lane to Church Way is designated for 49 homes, former Iffley Mead playing fields for 84 homes, both 50% affordable. What is built and when will be decided in the coming decades; as always FOIV will review all planning applications.

## Iffley Community Shop

The large freezer has been replaced with a smaller, one making the Shop cooler and quieter for all. The same range of products are available though some large items may be stored in the chest freezer in the stock room – please ask if you don't see what you want. Home-made cakes, bread, Iffley apple juice, fair trade goods also sold as usual.

## Glebe Field Annual Clean-up

Thanks to the many local people who, with Oxford Preservation Trust, cleared scrub and overgrown trees to maintain this field for wild flowers, hay and recreational uses.

## Swifts

The Landmark Trust & our Vicar have agreed to FOIV's request to put swift nest boxes on the eaves of the west front of Rectory: we hope that the slope down to the river and meadows will attract this formerly common migrant to breed in Iffley. If we can 'crowd-fund' buying the boxes (c. £30 each), TLT might be persuaded to install them for us. If you would like to sponsor a swift box, please contact [greenspaces@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:greenspaces@iffley-village.co.uk)

## Security

FOIV continues to monitor the sale and use of illegal drugs in and near Iffley. If you observe suspicious activity, please note the date, time, place and any vehicles involved and send the information to: [security@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:security@iffley-village.co.uk).

**FOIV Subscriptions** for 2019 are being collected now, £3 per person (concessions £2.50). The FOIV committee works hard to improve Iffley for everyone and to produce the newsletters, calendar and website, so please subscribe. If you are out when the FOIV collector visits, please send your contact details to [member@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:member@iffley-village.co.uk)

## Iffley News

*All events will be in the Church Hall with tickets, if required, sold in Iffley Shop*

**Iffley Music Society** Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 4.00 pm **One piano - Four hands. Kate Whitley & Richard Uttley** play Stravinsky, Milhaud & Satie, followed by the IMS Winter Party.

**Iffley History Society** meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm: **19<sup>th</sup> Feb.** *Morris's Motoropolis: the motor works and the transformation of Oxford*; **19<sup>th</sup> March**, *Chedworth Roman villa*; **16<sup>th</sup> April** Vivien Greene Lecture: *A domestic idyll? Life in Victorian North Oxford*.

**FoSM Quiz Night** with Fran Deacon **Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan.** 7.30 pm. *Poetry and Puddings*  
**Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> March** 7.30 pm. Annual outing **Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May**; Summer Party **Sat. 22 June**.

**Living Stones** *Drawing Iffley Church and its surroundings*. Iffley artists Phil Whiting & Sally Levell offer a whole day workshop on **Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> May**, 10.30-4.30. Mystery Play based upon Noah's Flood St Mary's churchyard on **29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon Group** Repair Café **Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10 am-1 pm** Rose Hill Community Centre. Mend anything: electrical, clothes, cycles, toys, tools.

(Guthlac) **Ceri (Klaus) Peach** died aged 78 on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 after a long illness. Born and raised in Bridgend, South Wales, Ceri studied Geography at Oxford University from 1958, becoming Tutorial Fellow at St Catherine's College in 1965 and Professor of Social Geography in 1992-2007. His pioneering research into the cultural assimilation of ethnic and religious minorities has informed social and educational policies in Europe, USA and Australia. He supervised many students and undertook several major College posts. He and his wife Sue lived in Iffley Turn from 1972-2012 where they made many friends, participated in community events and brought up Huw, Guy and Katie, who survive him, with seven grandchildren. **Peter Rogers** who taught at Cheney School, lived in Sheepway Court and served as FOIV treasurer, died in Totnes on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Condolences to Gina & their daughters.

The next FOIV Committee meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. This newsletter and previous ones are available in .pdf form on the Archives menu of the FOIV website.

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## Spring Newsletter, April 2019

### FOIV EVENTS

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**AGM 2019: Tues. 14<sup>th</sup> May 7 pm**

### Film Nights

**Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm Shoplifters**

(2018) [15] Palme d'Or winner directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda; in Japanese with English subtitles. Tickets £5 from the Shop, at the door & now pre-ordered by email: [iffleyvillagefilm@gmail.com](mailto:iffleyvillagefilm@gmail.com)

**Other films in 2019:** 7 May, 25 June, 1 Oct., 5 Nov., 10 Dec.

Plus: **European Film Weekend 13-15 Sept.** Classic films from Germany, Hungary, Italy & Spain

### Winter Supper

**Thank you!** to the many local people who helped to make FOIV's Winter Supper such a success. We all enjoyed the excellent meal cooked by Rose Hill's Junior Youth Club, FOIV Committee members and other local people, who also organised and served most efficiently. ISIS Farmhouse stalwarts, Noreen Cullen on violin and vocalist Adrian Burns on guitar, performed their exciting and varied jazz, folk and country music.

### FOIV Annual General Meeting 2019

Join us on Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> May**, doors open 6.45 p.m. Business includes reports and elections to the Committee, which needs more members: contact [chair@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:chair@iffley-village.co.uk) to discuss what committee membership entails. Agenda & tabled papers will be on the website (Archives>AGM minutes) by 13 May. The interval for drinks and

refreshments will celebrate FOIV's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, then Dr. Wendy Morrison of the Chilterns Conservation Board will give an illustrated presentation entitled:

### ***Beacons of the past: Iron Age landscapes revealed***

All are welcome but only current FOIV members vote. FOIV normally only investigates problems raised by members and always acts for Iffley as a whole, not for individuals.

### Electoral Review of Southeast Oxford

FOIV is pleased to report that The Local Government Boundary Commission was sufficiently impressed by criticisms of its draft recommendations received from Iffley and Rose Hill that on 6<sup>th</sup> February, it withdrew the proposals. The eastern end of Iffley will not be split off and the Rose Hill & Iffley ward will remain within its existing boundaries, as established in 2001. Details at: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/media/local-electoral-arrangements-finalised-for-oxford-city-council> We thank the many Iffley people who studied the documents and contributed constructive comments.

### Iffley Repairs & Improvements

In consultation with FOIV, Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon and Cyclox, the City Council generously agreed to install cycle racks for the use of visitors to the Church & Church Hall, Mill Lane & the Lock and the Shop. Improved facilities will encourage cycling and keep bicycles off the roads and pavements, leaving more room for pedestrians. The Mill Lane steps and its adjoining land have no known owner, and thus are not maintained. The owners of the adjoining home have kindly undertaken to replant and manage the scrub to the south and, at FOIV's request, Cll. Ed Turner has agreed to seek OCC funding to replace the fallen railings posts and repair unsafe stonework.

## **Parking Controls in Church Way & Iffley Turn**

Oxford City Council's detailed proposals for small-size double yellow lines near hazardous junctions are now with Oxfordshire County Council. They have just set up a consultation ending 19 April 2019 in which anyone can participate:

<https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/IffleyWolvercoteTraffic/consultationHome>

The FOIV website will show all updates promptly, so please check it frequently.

## **Swifts**

Several generous residents have offered financial support for swift nest boxes to be installed on suitable sites in Iffley. The RSPB supplied five nest boxes free, two are mounted on a local home and The Landmark Trust will install three more on The Old Parsonage. Financial offers not taken up now will be deferred while we monitor progress of the new boxes and accepted later if the swifts breed successfully in Iffley.

## **Security**

FOIV continues to monitor illegal activities in & near Iffley. If you see or hear anything suspicious, please note the date, time, place and any vehicles involved and send the information to: [security@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:security@iffley-village.co.uk).

## **2019 Subscriptions**

FOIV works with but is independent of Councils, run by volunteers and funded only by subscriptions and donations that pay for the Newsletters, Website, Calendar and other expenses. To maximise membership, we keep subs. at a modest £3 (concessions £2.50), so please join. Subs. can be left with names & address in the designated box at the Shop, or send your contact details to: [member@iffley-village.co.uk](mailto:member@iffley-village.co.uk)

## **Iffley News**

**Iffley Music Society** Piatti Quartet. Sun. **7<sup>th</sup> April, 3 pm** in the Church Hall. Tickets adults: £13, child/student: £5 from Iffley Shop or pre-order at [iffley.music@gmail.com](mailto:iffley.music@gmail.com)

**Iffley History Society** Tuesdays 7 pm Church Hall: **16<sup>th</sup> April** Vivien Greene Lecture, Malcolm Graham: *A Domestic Idyll? Life in Victorian North Oxford*. **21<sup>st</sup> May** Liz Woolley: *The Victorian and Edwardian Development of East Oxford*. Non-members £3.

**FoSM** Outing to Kenilworth and Warwickshire churches led by Dr Geoffrey Tyack;

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> May** coach leaves Iffley Turn **0830**; book with [susie.seville@gmail.com](mailto:susie.seville@gmail.com)

Summer Party **Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30 pm** at the Church Hall.

**Living Stones** *Drawing Iffley Church and its surroundings*. Iffley artists Phil Whiting & Sally Levell again offer a workshop on **Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30-4.30**. Fee £20 includes materials. Book online: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/penny-tyack-19695758929>

**Mystery Play** *The Creation and Deluge*. In St Mary's churchyard (indoors if wet) on **Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> June 7-9 pm & Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> June, 3-5 pm**. Tickets £10 (children £5) sold from May 1<sup>st</sup> online, at some village events and in the Shop. This community play with mediaeval music, sponsored by Living Stones and designed to appeal to audiences of all ages, asks how the world came to be as it is.

**Gardens Open for Charity** (National Gardens Scheme) Six of Iffley's most beautiful gardens will be open on **Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2-6 pm**, plus plant sale at 17 Abberbury Rd. and tea & home-made cakes in the Church Hall. Admission: £5 at the door (children free). See leaflets at the Shop or: <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/17811/>

**Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon Group's** Repair Café **Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April, 10-12.30** at Rose Hill Community Centre, to help mend anything: electrical, clothing, cycles, toys, tools.

**Artsweek 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May** Several Iffley-based artists are exhibiting their work at Oxford City's annual Arts event. For details, contact: [rob@figure-ground.co.uk](mailto:rob@figure-ground.co.uk)

The next FOIV Committee meeting will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This newsletter and previous ones are available in .pdf form under 'Archives' on the FOIV website.