

Friends of Iffley Village

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Winter Newsletter, January 2019

FOIV EVENTS

All in Iffley Church Hall

**Winter Supper 2019: Sat.
26th Jan. 7-9.30 p.m.**

Film Nights

Tues. 15th 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 **26th 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. 24th 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 6th 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 4th 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 6th 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

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.

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

Iffley News

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

Iffley Music Society Sun. 10th 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: **19th Feb.** *Morris's Motoropolis: the motor works and the transformation of Oxford*; **19th March**, *Chedworth Roman villa*; **16th April** Vivien Greene Lecture: *A domestic idyll? Life in Victorian North Oxford*.

FoSM Quiz Night with Fran Deacon **Tues. 8th Jan.** 7.30 pm. *Poetry and Puddings*
Tues. 5th March 7.30 pm. Annual outing **Sat. 11th 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. 25th May**, 10.30-4.30. Mystery Play based upon Noah's Flood St Mary's churchyard on **29th & 30th June**.

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

(Guthlac) **Ceri (Klaus) Peach** died aged 78 on 2nd 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 21st Dec. Condolences to Gina & their daughters.

The next FOIV Committee meeting will be on Monday 18th 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

All in Iffley Church Hall

AGM 2019: Tues. 14th May 7 pm

Film Nights

Tues. 9th 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: ifflevillagefilm@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 **14th 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 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 60th 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 6th 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 be 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.

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

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

Iffley History Society Tuesdays 7 pm Church Hall: **16th April** Vivien Greene Lecture, Malcolm Graham: *A Domestic Idyll? Life in Victorian North Oxford*. **21st 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. 11th May coach leaves Iffley Turn **0830**; book with susie.seville@gmail.com

Summer Party **Sat. 22nd 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. 25th 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. 29th June 7-9 pm & Sun. 30th June, 3-5 pm**. Tickets £10 (children £5) sold from May 1st 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. 9th 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. 6th April, 10-12.30** at Rose Hill Community Centre, to help mend anything: electrical, clothing, cycles, toys, tools.

Artsweek 4th-12th May Several Iffley-based artists are exhibiting their work at Oxford City's annual Arts event. For details, contact: rob@figure-ground.co.uk

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

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Summer Newsletter, July 2019

Parking controls decided for Church Way and Iffley Turn

County Council approval was given on May 31st to the City Council's proposal for 'no waiting at any time' restrictions for safety reasons in two places. One covers the blind bend on Church Way by Lucas and Remy Place and the corner of Meadow Lane. The other is at the corner of Iffley Turn and Anne Greenwood Close.

The decision followed a public consultation in which 14 replies were received. Nine were in support, there were no objections and there were three expressions of concern, including a call for a disabled parking bay on Meadow Lane for users of Lucas and Remy Place. The Council proposes to implement narrow (rather than standard width) yellow lines, to help conserve the character of Iffley Village. The implementation date has not yet been fixed.

Parking and traffic issues elsewhere

The Friends of Iffley Village receives many complaints about the parking and traffic congestion further down Church Way, near the Prince of Wales and the shop -- another stretch with a blind bend. We've had several suggestions either for restricting parking or for restricting traffic in this area. With a rise in custom to the Isis Farmhouse, there has also been a renewed call for parking restrictions in Mill Lane. The issues here are complex, with sets of conflicting interests to take into account. Restrictions in one area, of course, can simply add to the pressure on another. We have set up a small task group to analyse and assess the suggestions we've received and will report back on the findings.

FOIV event

The Iffley Village Film group is following its popular French film event last year with a weekend of four Western European films. Kathryn Wilkinson, who leads the group, says: "This year it seems more important than ever to engage with the rich culture of European cinema. While most films these days are co-productions, there is still something unique about the film powerhouses of our European neighbours."

Autumn in Iffley: some diary dates

European Film Weekend

*September 13th, 14th and 15th
Iffley Church Hall*

Including the Italian classic, **The Bicycle Thieves**, directed in 1948 by Vittorio de Sica, and the Spanish film, **The Olive Tree**, directed in 2017 by Iciar Bollain.

September 21 st	Friends of St Mary's	AGM and lecture by architectural historian, Tim Tatton-Brown 3 pm Church Hall
September 27-29	Living Stones	Talks, tours and stone carving Iffley Church and Churchyard
October 1 st	Film Night	'The Ladykillers', Alec Guinness 7 pm Church Hall
October 6 th	Music Society	Concert: London Brahms Trio 3 pm Church Hall
October 15 th	History Society	AGM and lecture 7:30 pm Church Hall
November 3 rd	Music Society	Concert: Tedesca String Quartet 3 pm Church Hall
November 5 th	Film Night	7 pm Church Hall
November 19 th	History Society	Lecture, 7:30 pm Church Hall

After the triumph of the medieval Mystery Play, presented by Living Stones and directed by David Wiles, will Iffley now see a return of amateur dramatics? Certainly, there was plenty of acting talent on display.

Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre

This charity, which provides advice on benefits and debt management to its community, marked its 30th anniversary this summer. Local MP Anneliese Dodds, who formerly chaired it, was the principal guest at a celebration event in June. Now financed by an Oxford City Council grant as well as by donations, the Centre was originally founded by Sue Tanner, its current Secretary, and Phil Powell. Sue pays tribute to the support the Centre has received from Iffley over the years, "through donors, board members, legal and financial advisers, fund-raising events and charitable help from St Mary's Church."

Iffley Community Shop

The Shop needs to recruit more volunteers to serve behind the counter. Pictured here is Emily Williams, having her first day's training under the guidance of Cheryl Sharp. New volunteers receive as many sessions of training as they need, usually around three, and help is nearby on their first day going solo. "It's a great way of meeting people", says Emily. "The shift between 11 am and 1 pm is normally the busiest but there's always time to be sociable".



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Autumn Newsletter, October 2019

We are a voluntary organisation, set up 60 years ago to preserve the essential character of Iffley village and its Conservation Area and to foster community spirit. We concentrate on monitoring and guiding plans for the future of the village, liaising with the Council and making representations on proposed developments. We also organise meetings and social events, including an annual Winter Party which will next be on February 29th (Leap Year). We also support the separate group who provide the Film Night shows – and who, last month, presented a very successful weekend of European films.

Membership of the FOIV costs £3 a year, with a £2.50 charge for seniors.

Some dates for your diary:

October 15 th	History Society	AGM and lecture 7:30 pm Church Hall
November 1 st	Peggy Seeger folk concert	7:30 pm Church Hall
November 3 rd	Music Society	Concert: Tedesca String Quartet 3 pm Church Hall
November 5 th	Film Night	'The Ladykillers', Alec Guinness 7 pm for 7.30 Church Hall
November 16 th	Friends of St Mary's	Bric-a-Brac sale 10 am Church Hall
November 19 th	History Society	Lecture, 7:30 pm Church Hall
December 3 rd	Friends of St Mary's	Forum, 7:30 pm Church Hall
December 10 th	Film Night	'Topsy Turvy' Mike Leigh 7 pm for 7.30 Church Hall
December 17 th	History Society	Lecture, 7:30 pm Church Hall

Committee contacts

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Pemberton, Rosie Penna, Marianne Puxley (secretary), Tina Reid, Suzette Reynolds, Martin Reed, David Wiles (newsletters).

Tribute to Caroline Pond



Caroline Pond retired after four years as Chair of FOIV last June. During this period she also fronted the planning group. She has worked indefatigably and her many achievements include instituting the website, archiving FOIV records, and helping fend off inappropriate local government boundary changes. Michael Starks said: "Caroline has been a tower of strength, showing outstanding commitment and energy, and I am delighted that she is staying on the Committee in the all-important Planning role in which she shines." Caroline's ability to penetrate acres of bureaucratic prose at short notice in order to unearth malign intent is unrivalled. She is still active as a research biologist, and recent activities include transcribing manuscripts related to Wytham Woods. By way of thanks for all her work, committee members presented Caroline with an atmospheric framed photograph of the Mathematical Bridge at Iffley Lock by local photographer Rob Farrands.

Parking Controls

The scheme approved by the County Council at the end of May has resulted in action over two dangerous corners. You will now see double yellow lines at the junction of Anne Greenwood Close with Iffley Turn and on the bend that reaches



the junction of Meadow Lane with Church Way. A short gap has been left outside Lucas and Remy Place to take account of the needs of residents and carers. The photo shows a bus taking advantage of the new "no waiting" restriction to wait for customers staying at Hawkwell House (!).

If you look carefully you may spot that the lines here are narrower than normal (50 mm rather than 75 mm to be precise), in order to minimise intrusion on the distinctive character of the Conservation Area. You may also consider whether the Council is right to say that the lines are not in fact yellow but deep cream. Local householders gathered the money needed to cover all the extra work involved in doing the job by hand.

More to come?

Across the city there is a pattern of increasing regulation and, while Iffley has been hostile to 'yellow lines' in the past, we have detected a slight change of

attitude. Iffley residents have made representations to the FOIV about two particular problem areas. One is the narrow bend near the Prince of Wales where there is congestion around parked cars, which often park illegally on the pavement to ease the route for vehicles (or protect their wing mirrors). The other tricky area is Mill Lane, where emergency vehicles need access to the lock. Because residents have made a range of suggestions for some form of parking restriction in these two specific places, FOIV has set up small task forces to review the evidence and assess the options. When their enquiries are complete, recommendations or suggestions will be passed on both to village residents and to our Councillors. Action is, of course, a matter for the Council.

Isis Farmhouse

Caroline Pond, as leader of the planning sub-group, represented FOIV on Sept 17th when the Isis Farmhouse applied for an extended licence, voicing our concerns about noise, access, parking and security alongside appreciation of the amenity that the pub represents for the village. The application was turned down by the licensing sub-committee in the light of Police objections and concern about standards of management. A small group of local residents has submitted an application for the Isis Farmhouse's existing licence to be reviewed and the hearing is scheduled for October 14th.

The shop anniversary

Volunteers at Iffley Community shop gathered for tea on Wednesday 25 September to celebrate 20 years of operation. The occasion was an opportunity to say 'thank you' for all the work put in by a very large number of supporters, past and present.



(photo: Caroline Pond)

Older residents will remember Cyril and Hilda, who ran our post office until the early 1990's. SIPOS ('Save Iffley Post Office and Shop') was formed in 1992 and raised some £3000 in an effort to secure the shop's future. Initial attempts to run the shop on a commercial basis with a salaried manager proved disastrous, and may or may not have culminated in a prison sentence (rumour uncheckable).

The decision was taken in 1999 to operate the shop with volunteers only. Herman Huyg succeeded Audrey Richards in 2002 to run the Post Office at the back, while Sue Reynolds oversaw the shop, with the good will and support of many villagers. When the Post Office closed along with countless other 'rural' post offices in 2008, Herman Huyg devised the present ingenious system for providing a surrogate service, a mystery still understood by no one but himself.

The Tree Hotel

Pubs are the traditional centre of community life, and in places like Wolvercote and



Marsh Baldon villagers have got together to buy their local pub in order to preserve it. Iffley is fortunate here at present and in the next couple of newsletters we will give you some background on our local pubs. We begin with the Tree Hotel, named after an elm planted in 1614 and killed by Dutch Elm Disease. For the last 18 years it has been owned by Rajinder Pal, a Sikh and longterm Oxford resident who also owns the Marlborough House and George Street Hotels in Oxford. Namit Julka (pictured) came over to the job from Delhi in 2010, where he worked as a restaurant manager. He employs an Indian chef, who also cooks Thai food, and a 'conti' chef, i.e. one who cooks continental food. Friday quiz nights are a contribution

to the social life of the village. The annual Diwali evening is coming up on October 26, when some 100 people will come along, maybe half of them from the village, to feast and see fireworks. After the summer beer festival, this is Namit's biggest event of the year.

And the tree

The present tree, replacing the ancient elm, is an English Oak. It was planted on a wet November morning in 1977 in a semi-mature state by the then Chairman of FOIV and two professional planters, watched by a gathering of 25-30 people and the local press. The cost was covered by FOIV raising £234 in a house-to-house collection, the Donnington Trust donating £100 and a £95.50 donation by Oxford Preservation Trust. Once the tree was in the ground, the party predictably adjourned to the Tree to celebrate.