

Tidmarsh with Sulham Parish Magazine

March / April 2012

Editorial

Welcome to the March/ April 2012 issue of the magazine!

With Spring approaching it is an ideal time to address the issue of litter which in the main is thrown from passing cars and looks very unsightly along our lanes. With this in mind – a date has been set for the annual village tidy ups and more information about this is contained in this issue of the magazine (see page 8). The date is the 1st April (and no it's not an April fool!). Both village tidy-ups end up around the Greyhound which makes it ideal to finish with a sociable drink. If it's before opening time, then I am more than happy to provide coffee and cake at Mill Corner Farm.

Richard and Rosemary have provided an excellent review of The Old Post Office (see page 16) and I wouldn't want to tread on their toes so I will not mention too much about the newly refurbished Swan in Pangbourne except to say that I went there with friends the night after it opened and was very impressed both with the layout, décor, service and quality of food. My husband also visited mid-week and had the lunch time special (2 courses for £11) and considered it to be excellent. Not being a great foodie myself, I am hoping Richard and Rosemary will pay a visit and give us a full review for the next issue.

If you are receiving this magazine for the first time in a while, this is because we have had a review of the distribution and reinstated properties where the owners asked not to receive it some years ago and we think may have changed hands. We also feel that the magazine does contain lots of information about what is going on locally and that every household should receive a copy. This has also been made possible by the support of the Parish Council which has removed the necessity to ask for payment. If you spot the magazine around in the doctors' surgery or the like and you do not receive one and your property is in the villages, then please let me know and I will ensure your property is added onto the distribution list.

As this is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year, we asked in the last issue whether there would be support for a 'Big Lunch' which would take the place of the traditional farm supper. This would be a daytime event and would include children. There is more information about this on Page 5 and if you would be interested in attending such an event, please get in touch with Richard by email or telephone and let him know.

As always, we look forward to receiving articles and information from you to include in your magazine!

Jenny Cope jenny@candcsystems.co.uk or 0774 777 5900

Dates At A Glance

2 March	Parish Walk	Meet at Village Hall at 9.30am
2 March	Coffee Morning	Village Hall starting at 11am
7 March	Book Club Meeting	Meadowside, Sulham
9 March	Music & Poetry	Pangbourne Vill Hall – 7.30pm
23 March	Book Club Meeting	Avenham, Pangbourne
25 March	Churchyard Tidy Up	St Nicholas Church 2-4pm
1 April	Tidmarsh Tidy Up	The Greyhound – 9.15am
1 April	Sulham Tidy Up	Meet at Home Farm – 9.30am
1 April	Book Club Meeting	Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham
12 April	Wild Flower Talk	St Nicholas Church, Newbury
4 May	Parish Walk	Meet at Village Hall at 9.30am
4 May	Coffee Morning	Village Hall starting at 11am
3 June	The Big Lunch	Sulham Farm (tbc)
10 June	Open Garden	The Tithe Barn, Tidmarsh 2-5pm
4 August	Tidmarsh & Sulham	Mill Corner Farm 2-5pm
	Village Fete	

Further details of all these events can be found within this issue

Dates for your diary

Village walks

On the first Friday of each month...

Village walks leave from Tidmarsh Village Hall at 9.30 .

The walk has grown in popularity with men and women joining in to enjoy easy routes lasting approximately 1hr 30 mins .

If you would like more information please call Gillian Alderton on 9842729.

Next dates are Friday 2nd March, and Friday 4 May

Coffee morning

Tidmarsh Village Hall

These are usually held on the first Friday of the month from 11am to 12noon. Normally the village walk precedes the coffee morning.

Next dates are Friday 2nd March and Friday 4 May

Village Bike Rides

There will be easy bike rides leaving from Sulham church. If you would like more information before coming on a ride please call Gillian on 9842729.

Hall of sound

On the last Friday of each month there is a music evening held in Pangbourne Village Hall. The music is performed by an ever-changing line up of talented singers and musicians of all ages and is always very varied. Bring your own drinks and have a really enjoyable evening not too far from home! All ages are welcome.

For more information, or if you would like to take part in future events, go to www.hallofsound.co.uk.

Village Hall News

The final 100+ Club draws for November and December took place at the Coffee Morning on Friday 6th January. The winners are as follows:-

January Draw:	1st prize £25	Mandy Rooney
	2nd prize £15	Jon Chishick
	3rd prizes £10	C Egan, Mike Smith
Bonus Draw:	1st prize £40	Ian White
	2nd prize £30	Carol Williams
	3rd prize £20	Jean Harland
	4th prizes £10	Roger & Linda Price, Mike Hall

The Tidmarsh with Sulham Village Hall is available for hire. For information on availability and cost of hire, please contact the Bookings Secretary, Denise Randell on 0118 326 6138 or by email at tidmarshvillagehall@hotmail.com

**Is there sufficient support in
Tidmarsh and Sulham for
"The Big Lunch"
on Sunday, 3 June 2012
to celebrate the
Diamond Jubilee ?
Please let us know by
31st March**

**rosemaryandrichardthomas@btopenworld.com
(or 0118 9845740)**

As part of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee all communities across the UK are invited to join in "The Big Lunch" on Sunday, 3 June 2012

In recent years Rosemary and Richard Thomas have run the Tidmarsh with Sulham Summer Supper. They have decided not to hold it this year due to the proximity of both the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and Olympic Games. Perhaps The Big Lunch could take its place.

To establish whether there is sufficient interest, please let them know if you would like to join in a Tidmarsh with Sulham Big Lunch.

Planning Applications

Below are details of recent planning applications made within the Tidmarsh and Sulham parishes. You can find more details on these planning applications, including their status, on the West Berkshire Council web site at:

<http://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Application Ref	Address	Proposal
11/00218/COMIND	Berkshire Retail Park Pincent's Lane Tilehurst	Erection of Class A1 retail store with associated car parking, landscaping, servicing and access arrangements. (IKEA)
12/00281/LBC2	Thatched Cottage, Sulham Lane	Alterations and improvements. Replacement doors.
12/00160/HOUSE	Ogmoor House Tidmarsh Lane	New garden hut
11/02727/FULD	Eaglesfield Stables Tidmarsh	Permanent dwelling for equine worker

NOTICE:

The Tidmarsh & Sulham Parish Magazine funds have recently been boosted by a payment from the Parish Council towards its production costs. Therefore, this year we will not be seeking an annual subscription from each household and hope that this will be the same thereafter if the donation continues. However, should you feel you would like to continue to support the magazine by way of the £3 annual donation, we would be most grateful. In summary, the magazine is funded partly by a donation from the Parish Council, partly by advertising and partly by donations. The members of the production team give their time and efforts without any remuneration or compensation and it is of comfort to know that there is not the added pressure to sell advertising to keep the magazine going! Thank you for your continued support!

The Production Team.

Bridges Over The River Pang



Did you wonder what was going on with the recent work to the bridges over the Pang beside Tidmarsh Mill?

The highways authority was simply carrying out routine maintenance. This consisted of having to go under the bridges to scrape the metalwork and repaint them. Perhaps the workmen were lucky that there was not much water in the Pang at the time. That probably gave them at least an extra 6 inches of headroom. You will see from the at-

tached picture that they really did not have much room for manoeuvre.

It will be another 15 years before the exercise is repeated. It used to be done every 10 years but apparently recent improvements in paint technology now allow the longer period.

Abseil 42 metres for charity

On Sunday 22 April we are holding an abseil event from Reading's iconic Blade building. A dizzy 140ft. The day will raise funds for some amazing services that Red Cross offers to vulnerable people across Berkshire.

You can enjoy the stunning panoramic views across Reading before taking the plunge down 13 floors, the equivalent of 32 double decker buses.

Places are limited so don't delay, book today! Souvenir photo of your descent if you raise £150 or more

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/bladeabseil> or call 0118 935 8221



Would you know
how to save a life?

Learn first aid >

Big Tidy Up

As part of the Parish Plan the Environment Group are planning a litter pick

SUNDAY 1st APRIL Meet 9.30 am Home Farm , Sulham Lane

We hope to pick litter along the roadside along Sulham Lane and then Mill Lane ending at the Greyhound.

Come and help to tidy up our hedgerows and verges.

We will have kits with refuse sacks, etc provided by West Berks Council and Campaign to Protect Rural England

For further details see www.thebigtidyup.org

John Haggarty

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Tidmarsh Street and Lanes Tidy up.

Are you able to help with a street tidy up around Tidmarsh on Sunday 1st. April ?

If so, please meet outside the Greyhound at 9.15am, just armed with gloves.

If you have a florescent jacket or hand picker, then bring them along. Rubbish sacks will be provided, and the whole task will be over by 10.30.

Hope to see you there

John Butler 9842621.

Autumn/Winter on Sulham Farms



October . The seedbed proved ideal dry conditions which allowed ploughing and seeding to be carried out without interruption. The crops have established really well over the winter and an early spring would be most welcome. The dry conditions in the latter part of the year have continued through the winter and measurements from the Environment Agency show that ground water levels are at an all time low for this time of year. The River Pang and the Sulham Brook both have low levels at the moment

which is not usually seen in February.

At this time of the year much of the work is taken up by the routine tasks of feeding the cattle. Along with the other jobs carried out during the winter which include hedge-trimming, fencing, maintenance work and the clearing of fallen trees following some of the high winds. We have 82 head of cattle on the farm at the moment and most of these are fed twice a day , seven days a week. The cattle have been inside since just before Christmas. The weather in the Autumn stayed dry which enabled them to graze the water meadows near Pangbourne without them damaging the grass. The calves were weaned from the cows at housing after spending all of the previous spring and summer with their mothers. The calves develop so that they can eat the grass ,hay and cereal diet and are less reliant on the supply of milk from the cow. This year we exhibited a bullock at the local Christmas Fatstock Show and though it did not come away with a rosette the taking part and entering was very enjoyable.

The majority of the crops grown on the farm were planted last September and

The grain harvest has all now left the farm The last of which was a 120 tonne consignment of Oats which was sold to Mornflake for the production of their breakfast cereals. The growing of oats has increased over the past few years and I must say a bowl of porridge in the morning was a welcome start during the very cold snap of the last few weeks. A large proportion of our cereal crop this year has been stored and marketed through a farmers cooperative which we have joined. This means we can pool our grain with other farmers to enable us to supply large orders with a known quality and hopefully obtain a price premium.

It will not be too long before we will be able to start with spring work on the fields. We have some spring barley to plant and autumn drilled crops will require fertiliser and weed control. The cows will commence calving in early April and so another year stars off again.

John Haggarty

Music and Poetry for World Kidney Day



*A light-hearted and entertaining evening
from Mozart to Mancini*

Friday March 9th 2012 at 7.30pm
At Pangbourne Village Hall, RG8 7AN

Martin Jones *piano*
Frances Jones *woodwind*
Catherine Side *double bass*
Poems brought to life by actor
Robert Baker-Glenn

Tickets £10 including refreshments;
£8 students, seniors, unemployed;
£2 under 18s.

Please send cheque payable to SCKPA and an SAE to
Ray Winger, PO Box 4142 Reading RG8 8BZ.

Free parking; refreshments included; raffle

All proceeds go to the Six Counties Kidney Patients Association (SCKPA)
Charity Number 282381 <http://www.sixcountieskpa.org.uk/>

Concert sponsored by Culaine For Me – Kidney-Friendly foods, and Green's of Pangbourne

The West Berkshire Countryside Society*

PROUDLY PRESENTS SPRING FLOWERS IN OUR WOODLANDS

Charles Flower of Flower Farms, an internationally respected authority on wild flowers, will present an evening talk on woodland flowers and their management, followed soon afterwards by a PRACTICAL WORKSHOP IN A LOCAL WOOD.

**THURSDAY 12 APRIL 7.30pm
in
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH HALL
NEWBURY**

Admission £2 (free to members)

*** Previously the Friends of the Pang, Kennet & Lambourn Countryside Projects, the Pang Valley Conservation Volunteers, and Bucklebury Heathlands Group.**

Notes From The Sul

By Richard Thomas

When out for a walk recently I was struck by just how many pillboxes there are in the Sulham Valley.

Research on the Internet ("Defence Area 7" a report probably written by Colin Alexander) had me truly amazed. It tells us that not all the concrete bunkers are pillboxes. They are the smaller ones giving protection to an infantry light machine gun. Most of the bunkers hereabouts, 24 of them apparently, are two pounder anti-tank gun emplacements, built in preparation against enemy armour. Ten, including an unusual double bunker, and a pillbox are within Sulham.

All over southern England there are lines of such bunkers, known as stop lines. Line Red ran along the Thames from Pangbourne to Abingdon and thence to Great Somerford in Wiltshire. Line Blue ran westward along the Kennet from Theale. These two were linked by what we see in the valley of the Sul. What we don't now see is the enormous anti-tank ditch, 55 feet across, dug in a zigzag from Theale to a point just short of the Thames and running through Oaklands Farm. The gun emplacements were positioned to enforce the anti-tank ditch. It is said that this short line was "perhaps the most important strategically" and "would undoubtedly have formed a key hinge to be forced open by the Germans for an assault against the anti-tank island of Reading, and ultimately London."



Take a walk from the bridge over the Pang in Tidmarsh through Oaklands Farm to Sulham. You will pass through a strong point of six gun emplacements. Each consists of a central chamber for the gun with embrasures firing in different directions along the anti-tank ditch and one or two side chambers for the firing of light machine guns. This strong point is close to the narrowest part of the valley, where overlooked by hills on both sides. An intended killing-field indeed.

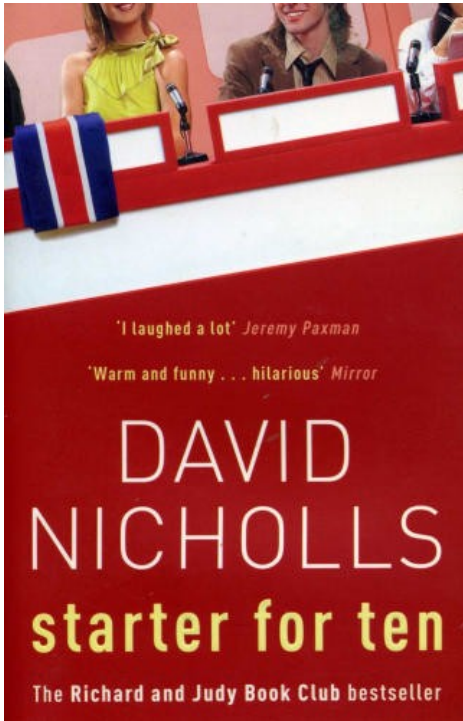
Where Mill Lane crossed the anti-tank ditch we can still see four anti-tank cylinders sitting beside the road. Others, of a different design, are not so visible in the corner of a field just round the right angled bend a little to the south-east. The report suggests that there should be a board providing information for the public on the 1940 anti-invasion defence of Sulham Valley. May I echo that suggestion? How about putting such a board in the intended new layby opposite the end of Sulham Lane?

Oh come with me, quietly by the Sul, and let us see what we shall see.

Richard Thomas. February 2012

Book Club

Review of Starter for 10 by David Nicholls (author of One Day)



The title of the book comes from the Starter question of each round of the television show University Challenge. Each chapter of the book begins with a question related in some way to the events that follow it.

The book is about a teenager called Brian Jackson and his misadventures during his first year at university in the 1980's. He is an only child from a working class family living

alone with his mother since his father's early death. The book deals with issues of bereavement and of class as he tries to fit in with the mainly middle class new intake at his university. He is desperate to be chosen as one of the team entering for University Challenge, his desire to take part in the show stems from his childhood, when he would watch the show with his late father. Whilst trying for a place he meets and falls for a female team mate, Alice. The writer cleverly makes the reader feel every cringing moment of his attempts at romance.

Starter for 10 has some laugh out loud moments. No one felt they had really warmed to the book's characters but the author captured the angst of being a teenager trying to fit into new surroundings very well.

A recommended read if you would like to recapture some of your university experiences!

Book club dates

March 7th; White Woman on a Green Bicycle by Monique Roffey at Meadowside, Sulham.

April 1st' Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck at Walnut Tree Cottage, Sulham.

May 23rd; Before I go to Sleep by SJ Watson at Avenham, Pangbourne.

If you would like more information about coming please contact Alison on 9845202

Countryside Matters

Tidmarsh's answer to 'The Good Life' with Cathy & Jerry

The Bees have been out already this year and having left them with sufficient stores from last year. Unfortunately we lost one hive to wasps at the end of last summer; they will kill a weak colony and gorge on the honey... The remaining two colonies, though, seem to be fighting fit.

As novice (very) 'small holders' we are expecting the patter of tiny feet 'clays' soon. Our first pigs of the year will be with us in mid March. Last years 'batch' and our first was such fun, raising, playing, caring for and eating them, that we have decided to do it again. Rare breed pork is fabulous, slow roasted (the crackling is divine) with red cabbage, grilled chops or as sausages.

We decided as an experiment to raise pigs last year in order to try and be more responsible for the food we eat. We already have chickens in the back garden so are self sufficient in eggs. The bees give us honey, and pigs seemed to be the next step. There are probably hundreds of people out there who have done just the same, lots of hard work but it is worth it! We chose local breeds. Four were 'Berkshire Blacks' (the oldest recorded pig and supposedly eaten by Cromwell's forces on the way to the Battle of Newbury in 1643); the other two were 'Oxford Sandy & Blacks' (called 'Plum Pudding Pigs' because of their markings). The Berkshires are 'porkers' and the OSBs are a dual pig, they can be porkers but if kept a little longer are 'baconers'. This is because they are longer in the back and make more bacon!



Countryside Matters (cont)

Rare breed pigs seemed to be the way to go. Why rare breed? They are slower growing, hardier and less troublesome than modern breeds. You also have to consider that there are approximately only 250 breeding Berkshires left! Compare this with the 9000 breeding Bengal tigers that are also rare and we had valid reason for doing our bit.

Last year taught us so much, yes we read the books, talked to lots of people, but doing it was the best education. There is nothing like trying to coax a recalcitrant gilt (girl piggy) to stand still while you weigh her when she is only interested in her ration of dinner.

There is a ham hanging in the barn, our first attempt, it looks and smells OK but we won't know the outcome until we cut into it! Will let you know in the next edition.

The vegetable garden did well last year, the strawberries excelled themselves, having made jam, frozen them and eaten loads in the summer, they had a second wind and we were still picking bowls full in October! The dogs are not so impressed; our time in the 'veg plot' is just an interruption to their play, although the terrier does like playing 'Hunt the Toad' between the bricks of the path. The result of that is frothing at the mouth when she finds and kisses one, she can pull some very funny faces and flick froth quite a long way!

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More news from the garden next month....

Restaurant Review by Richard Thomas

The Old Post Office, Wallingford

In recent weeks several people have suggested we try The Old Post Office in Wallingford. Thank you for the suggestion. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit in early February.

The Old Post Office is in Wallingford Square. As soon as we walked through the door we knew we were in for a good experience. You enter a very comfortable wine bar with well spaced large sofas and an open fire. In addition to a large range of wines by the glass or bottle, as well as beers and cocktails, there are excellent looking cakes, nibbles or a choice of three "plates to share" each for about £11.

We were there for lunch so went through to the restaurant: I would describe it more accurately as a bistro. This room was also most attractive. I thought it had an alpine feel, being light and airy with open plan kitchen and largely made of natural materials in wood and stone.

Prices were reasonable: two courses for £12.50 or three for £15.50: Very reasonable considering the attractive setting, comfortable seats and proper white napkin service. There was a good choice on the fixed-price menu and I again commend the large range of wines by the glass. No wonder there was a nice bustling feel to the place even on a cold Tuesday lunchtime in February.

An appreciative "mmm" came from Rosemary on the first taste of her Jerusalem artichoke and truffle oil soup. I felt much the same over my sautéed chicken livers with pine nuts and raisins: nicely sweet but not too much so thanks to a reduced balsamic dressing. For the main course I had



rigatoni with a creamy mushroom sauce: perhaps a little too creamy, but nevertheless very acceptable. Rosemary had fish and chips. That may sound very ordinary but the fish was a thick slice of nicely just-cooked Pollock in an excellent light crispy batter. She would have preferred fat-cut chips, but perhaps that simply tells of her own preference.

We felt no need of a third course. The sweets ranged from the ordinary standards to the interesting: lemon crème brûlée with lavender shortbread (£5.25 on the à la carte menu). A range of Italian ice creams and sorbets (£4.50) or a selection of cheeses with quince paste (£7.50) also caught my eye, but I resisted!

Do try The Old Post Office when next in Wallingford. It is worth travelling there just to experience it, even though a little outside the 10 mile limit that I had intended when writing these reviews. There seems no need to book a table, but you may wish to look up their website: www.opowallingford.co.uk

Richard Thomas February 2012

Gardening Matters

A Year In Your Garden March/ April Gillian Alderton

Planting and moving winter flowering plants such as snowdrops, winter aconites or cyclamen is best done in March when they have just finished flowering but are still making growth. Add some leafmould or garden compost to the soil before planting and if they are going to be at the foot of a hedge or close to shrubs sprinkle a little bone meal to get them off to a good start as they will be competing for nutrients with the larger plants. Always plant the clump slightly deeper than it grew before.



Winter Aconites



Plants such as willows and dogwoods are often grown for their lovely winter stem colour, to ensure bright new shoots, cut back between one and two thirds the old stems to within 2.5cms of the case, then feed the plant well. A lovely example of this type of plant is *Cornus alba*, 'Elegantissima', easy to grow and hardy, it has pretty white edged leaves in the summer and ruby red stems in winter.

***Cornus alba*, 'Elegantissima'**

As soon as winter flowering heathers are past their best clip them over to ensure they remain compact. If you have Hebes that have been damaged by the cold weather it is worth cutting them back to the ground as if the roots are still alive they will grow back from the base.

This is the time of year to clear the old thatch from your lawn by raking, if you are not an organic gardener, apply moss killer first. When the grass begins to grow more vigorously, apply a lawn feed.

In the vegetable garden March sowings can begin. Follow the planting advice on the packets of seeds. Early potatoes can be planted now, prepare the soil well with well-rotted manure or garden compost. Once shoots begin to appear watch out for forecasts of frost and cover with garden fleece. For extra early crops cover the planted area with clear plastic and when shoots begin to appear make slits to allow the growth to come through.



Winter Fleece

Gardening Matters

Purley Horticultural Society

Trading

The Trading Store in the Memorial Hall car park, Glebe Road is now open every Saturday & Sunday from 10am-11am until the end of October, also Wednesdays (March to April) from 5pm-7pm. If you wish to put in an early Sutton's seed order, please contact Margaret Rolfe on 9417247 for more details about discounts. Seed potato order forms are also available at the Store.

Talks

On Wednesday 21st March, Ken Tudgay and John Green will give the Society a talk on Growing & Showing vegetables. Ken and John have spent many years growing and showing vegetables. Ken is also a Show Judge and we have been fortunate in obtaining his services for our Spring & Summer Shows. This should be a very interesting talk and hopefully will encourage more people to enter our Summer Show later in the year. Please try and support this meeting so that we have a good audience for these two speakers and it is also our last talk until the Autumn.

Spring Show

This will take place on Saturday, 31st March, 2012 in Purley Memorial Hall and will be open to the public from 2.30pm until 4pm. Tea and cakes will be available. Schedules are available at the Trading Store or can be obtained by looking on the Purley-on-Thames web site – www.purleyonthames.net and the on-line notice board or Purley Groups. Entries must be handed into the Store by Sunday, 25th March or to Paul Humphreys, 20 Brading Way, Purley by Wednesday, 28th March.

Plant Sale

Saturday, 12 May, 9am-11.30am in Memorial Hall car park.

Happy gardening in 2012.

Marion Dabbs,
9422349

Local photograph

by Leah Maskell



Swans on River Pang

PR Motors

By Alan Maskell

Paul and Roger have been servicing local vehicles for many years from their base in Tidmarsh Lane.



Cathy and Gerry Tucker, residents of Tidmarsh have been using PR Motors for over fifteen years, keeping their cars, horse box, pick-up and Cherokee Jeep on the road.

They comment that they find Paul and Roger's business values are based on being honest with the customer. Certainly I have received a very friendly service from them.

Jerry describes the attraction of PR Motors as "Old fashioned customer service." He comments: "They will discuss the problem with you and even pick your vehicle up from Pangbourne railway station. They offer value for money because of the service they offer and the quality of work."

P & R Motors offer MOT, tyres, mechanical work, sophisticated engine diagnosis and can work on all type and size of vehicle including agricultural machinery.

Church matters

Tidmarsh Carol Singing *Jennifer Nutt*

The numbers who turned out to sing were very few. However what we lacked in quantity we made up in quality! The collection for the charity ,Parents and Children Together was just over £240. We are extremely grateful to those who donated so generously and to the two households who fed us and watered so well.

Jennifer Nutt



Crocus Sunday

On Sunday 29th of January St Nicholas Church, Sulham held it's annual Crocus Sunday open afternoon. Visitors were welcomed with tea and cakes and were able to enjoy the spring flowers in the churchyard. Sadly as the sun was not shining the crocus flowers stayed firmly closed but many people said they would return for a second look on a sunny day.

The donations made, including a generous cheque from a Sulham resident , came to over four hundred pounds. This money will be put towards major repairs needed on the main roof.

Many thanks go to all who came and supported the event and to those who helped with tea and cakes.

Sunday 25th March at 2-4pm
St. Nicholas Churchyard Tidy-up
All offers of help very welcome!

Church Dates

Tidmarsh 4th March 11.00 Family service
Tidmarsh 11th March 11.00 Family communion
Sulham 18th March 11.00 Family service
Sulham 25th March 3pm Evensong
Tidmarsh 1st April 11.00 family service
Tidmarsh 8th April Easter Sunday
Sulham 15th April 11.00 Family service
Sulham 22nd April 3pm Evensong



Church matters cont.....

Your parish churches in Pangbourne, Tidmarsh and Sulham

The three villages in our parish all have an historic church in which the Christian community gather for worship.

The oldest is medieval **St Laurence in Tidmarsh** where a lively family worship is held on the first Sunday of each month.

St Nicholas in Sulham is a beautiful Victorian estate church and is very popular for weddings and baptisms.

St James the Less in Pangbourne is the largest church and can seat 300 people for our community events.

Weekly worship begins with Prayer Book Holy Communion in the early morning followed by Sunday at Ten contemporary worship for all ages.

Each church has other services on a monthly pattern including a variety of evening services from Prayer Book to Contemporary, Quiet to lively Praise.

We are a worshipping community committed to the Word of God and being in Communion. We follow preaching series, keep the church seasons and celebrate Holy Communion three times weekly.

Your Roman Catholic church

Our nearest Roman Catholic church is **St Bernadettes** in Horseshoe Road, Pangbourne which has Sunday mass and childrens liturgy at 9 am and Tuesday mass at 10 am. Confession is by arrangement.

For more information, please contact Fr Dermott Tredget at Douai Abbey on 0118 971 5300 or see www.douaiparish.org.uk/stbernadette.html.

We welcome visitors, we invite all to join us in worship, we teach and baptise those seeking Christian faith and would like to encourage all members of the Church of England to For full service details, please see the church noticeboards.

contribute regularly to the mission of the Church serving the people in our villages.

Regular services St Laurence, Tidmarsh

Family service on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11 am.

Family communion is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11 am.

Regular services for St Nicholas, Sulham

Family service on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11 am.

Evensong is held on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6 pm.

Church matters cont.....



Holy Week and Easter 2012



Palm Sunday

April 1st

7:45am	Holy Communion	St James
10am	Sunday at Ten	
	Palm Procession	St James
11am	Family Worship	St Laurence
6pm	The Passion	St James

Monday – Thursday

10pm	Compline by Candlelight	St James
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Maundy Thursday

6pm	Passover Supper	
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Good Friday

10am	Family Workshop & Worship	
2pm	Meditation with Music	

Easter Day

April 8th



6am	Daybreak Service	
	Meet in the Rectory Garden	
10am	Easter Celebration	St James
11am	Easter Celebration	St Laurence
12noon	Easter Celebration	St Nicholas

For more details of services and venues see the church notice boards

Church matters Cont.....

Children's Church in the Parish



Noah's Ark for babies and carers Friday 10am St James the Less



JIGSAW Wednesday After School Club

in Pangbourne Primary School

SUNDAY AT TEN activities in St James
and/or CHCH in the Village Hall - meet in St James 10am



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