# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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NOVEMBER IN SUTTON COURTENAY				
$5^{\mathrm{th}}$	Bridge Club	River Room	2.00-5.00	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jumble Sale	Village Hall	1.00-5.00	
$7^{\text{th}}$	Pop up Poppy shop	Village Green	10.00-2.00	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	River Room	10.30-12.00	
11 <sup>th</sup>	ADYP AGM	Zoom	7.00 pm	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service	All Saints and Village Green	From 10.00	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Royal British Legion Curry Lunch	Steventon Village Hall	12.15	
$18^{\text{th}}$	WeCare2	River Room	11.15-12.30	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Bridge Club	River Room	2.00-5.00	
21 <sup>st</sup>	SCIDS sign up	Village Hall	3.30-5.00	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Community Cafe	River Room	10.30-12.00	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Matinee	River Room	7:00 pm	

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Matrix Music School:

WI - Sutton Courtenay

Village Hall – SC:

All Saints Singers:

Non-urgent Police:

**Environment Agency:** 

Thames Water (leaks):

Power Cuts:

Parish Council:

Oxfordshire CC:

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The Abbev:

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#### SUTTON COURTENAY DEFIBRILLATORS



The village has three defibrillators.

One is located outside the front roller doors of Sutton Courtenay Tyres on the High Street. The

second is in the old BT phone booth opposite the Nursery on the High Street. The third is outside the Fish, Appleford Road.



#### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**

The Ministry Team

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#### VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is a registered charity available for hire for community related recreational activities. It is located in Hobbyhorse Lane (OX14 4BB).

It has a large main hall, a smaller meeting room and kitchen. There are regular activities that take place on some weekday evenings. To find out more or book the hall please contact the Secretary to the Village Hall Management Committee Rita Atkinson on 01235 848694, email scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com.

Hire charges vary depending on the nature of the use of the hall. The maximum hire charge for the main hall is £16 per hour. Commercial bookings and regular hire are negotiated separately. Visits prior to hire are welcomed.

In accordance with government rules to prevent, and protect against, the spread of the coronavirus, the Village Hall Management Trustees have prepared risk assessments, guidance and new conditions of hire for users. These are being kept under constant review as the government guidance changes. Please do get in touch to check if your activity is permitted under the regulations.

#### **SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS CONTACTS**

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#### Hobbyhorse Lane development

Roebuck Homes, the applicant for the proposed Hobbyhorse Lane Development will be presenting to the Council prior to the Council meeting on  $2^{nd}$  Nov,

2021. The presentation will commence at 7.00pm and all members of the parish are invited to attend.

#### Annual budget and precept meeting

The Council's budget and precept will be discussed at a Finance and General Purposes Working group meeting on Monday  $22^{nd}$  Nov, commencing at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Village Hall and all residents are welcome to attend. After this meeting, the Working Party will make its recommendations to Full Council at the meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

#### Grants

The Parish Council is able to award grant funding to charities and organisations. Should you have a cause which may benefit from funding, please do contact the clerk on the address below for further details and an application pack. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and these will be considered at the budget and precept meeting referred to above.

#### Councillor Vacancies

There are now four vacancies on the Parish Council. We have received confirmation from the District Council that two of the vacancies can be filled by co-option and we hope to fill these places at the November meeting of the Parish Council. The remaining two are currently being advertised as casual vacancies. Should a member of the electorate wish to call an election rather than the vacancies being filled by co-option, they should confirm this wish, in writing, to the Returning Officer of Vale of the White Horse District Council. Should 10 members of the electorate request the same within 14 days of the notice being issued (20<sup>th</sup> October 2021) then an election will be called. The District Council have confirmed that the date for the receipt of such request is 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021.

#### Church Street Footpath Repairs

You will, no doubt, have seen that the repairs to Church Street Footpath have now been completed. The project was undertaken by a number of volunteers and the Council would wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who gave their time to undertake the works. These works were able to be undertaken thanks to grant monies received from Oxfordshire County Council, which is responsible for the upkeep of public rights of way in the county. We would like to thank our County Councillor, Richard Webber, for providing these funds from his Councillor Priority Fund.

#### Recreation Ground Upgrade

The Parish Council is hoping to be able to publish the initial draft plans of the proposals imminently. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council website for updates. It should be noted that these initial plans are in a very draft form based on feedback from the survey carried out earlier this year and are subject to revision/alterations/omissions once further costings and investigations have been carried out.

#### New Litter Bin

A new litter bin has been provided on Mill Lane by the Council, following a request from residents - Photograph page 13. This will be emptied by our Grounds Maintenance Contractor along with the other bins for which we are responsible.

#### Waste Recycling Centre 2 day Closures

The Parish Council has received confirmation that during November, Oxfordshire County Councils Household Waste Recycling Centres will all be closing for two days each to carry out a deep clean and essential maintenance. None of the closures will be carried out at the same time. The closing dates are:

- Alkerton, near Banbury: Tues. 2 and Wed. 3 Nov.
- Ardley, near Bicester: Thurs. 4 and Fri. 5 Nov.
- Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt: Tues. 23 and Wed. 24 Nov.
- Drayton, near Abingdon: Tues. 9 and Wed. 10 Nov.
- Oakley Wood, near Wallingford: Tues. 16 and Wed. 17 Nov.
- Redbridge, Oxford: Thurs. 18 and Fri. 19 Nov.
- Stanford, near Farringdon: Thurs. 11 and Fri. 12 Nov.

The Sites will re-open at 8am the next day.

#### **Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were discussed at the October meeting:

 P21/V2440/O (Outline) – Outline application for the erection of three dwellings and garages with access provided by existing access track from High Street.

Land at the rear of Buckridges, High Street

 $Comments-Objection-full\ details\ of\ the\ objection\ can\ be\ obtained\ from\ the\ Vale\ of\ the\ White\ Horse\ District\ Council\ planning\ application\ database\ or\ from\ the\ clerk$ 

 P21/V2401/FUL – Proposed Liquified Natural Gas storage tank and supporting equipment with two number dispensers to create fleet truck refuelling facility at the existing distribution centre supporting ASDA conversion to a more environmentally operation.

ASDA ADC Sutton Courtenay

Comment: Council is unable to consider this application as no emergency zone/blast zone information is provided therefore the effect of the application on residents cannot be considered fully.

- P21/V2650/HH Demolition of existing detached garage and store, erection of extension to form attached garage with room in roof and a ground floor bedroom and study.
- 71 High Street Sutton Courtenay Abingdon OX14 4AT Comment: Council has no objection

#### Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the Village Hall, Frilsham Street. The meeting will be preceded by the presentation referred to above which will commence at 7.00pm. Details of the matters to be discussed can be found on the Noticeboard outside Hari and Esha Stores on the High Street or on our website. Should you wish to receive the agenda emailed to you prior to the meeting please contact the clerk.

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#### SUTTON COURTENAY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Living our vision

#### "... I was a stranger and you invited me in."—Matthew 25:35

This month, we welcomed six new children of different ages across the school who are Afghan refugees. It has been a fastmoving situation and we have had to work hard to prepare. We held a special assembly where I showed the children a short video about what it means to be a refugee and discussed with them how our actions in the next weeks would be very memorable for the Afghan children. We hope to be that safe 'House on the Rock' we talk about with the children.

#### Making a great start with reading

The children in Robins class have made a great start with their reading and writing, working hard to learn their letter sounds in phonics. There is a lot to think about, with the shapes of the



letters, the sounds they make, and the way we can put them together and blend them to make words. In school,



we use the Phonics International programme. This builds the children's

knowledge of the sounds in a highly

systematic way, and the routines it establishes can be used for spelling right the way through school (and into adulthood!). The programme is one of only a handful recommended by the Department for Education, and the author, Debbie Hepplewhite, just happens to be an old friend of Mrs Hornsey!

#### A curriculum to be proud of

We are rightly proud of the standards of English and Maths in our school. In the last National Assessments recorded in 2019, we had strong progress scores in relation to other local schools. Our internal assessment against past papers showed us that had testing taken place in 2020 and 2021, our progress would have continued to be strong in these core areas. However, a curriculum cannot be assessed by the results of tests. A really strong curriculum develops strong foundations in a whole range of learning – in particular, in self-confidence and creativity.

This week in assembly, we had a visit from one of the Trustees, Andrew Kaye. Andrew has had a successful career in science, but came to talk to the children about his difficulties with reading. He shared how he enjoys audio books, and he explained that one of the things that has helped him in his life is being able to tell a good story. He told the children he was proud of his life story, and he wanted them to be proud of theirs.

Meanwhile, as I have



been walking around the school this week and talking to the children about their progress in different classes, I have seen a whole range of creative and thoughtprovoking lessons. The children are showing an increased level of confidence in talking about their responses to different starting points and in justifying their own original ideas. This is a curriculum to be proud of.

Headteacher: Ms Rachel Hornsey Asst. Headteachers: Lisa Knight and Louise Potter office.3243@sutton-courtenay.oxon.sch.uk Tel: 01235 848333











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#### **ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT**



Youth & Community Acting Together



The colder months are here, and our sessions have moved indoors where we can stay nice and warm! This gives us a chance to explore topics with some new activities and games. Our sessions are now split into three age groups to make it more manageable and to allow for more focussed work to take place.

This month we have been busy exploring gender stereotypes and looking at how we can challenge gender norms and, further to this, how we often move between feminine and masculine stereotypes regardless of the

gender with which we identify.

We are lucky enough to have partnered with the Food Bank in Abingdon who have been supplying us with a few ingredients to help improve cooking skills with simple nutritious recipes at our sessions – keep your eyes peeled to see what the young people have been making!



Over the coming weeks we will be working very closely with the people from Discovery College at our sessions. They will be delivering sessions based around developing emotional literacy, understanding our own emotions better, and exploring healthy ways to cope when experiencing strong emotions.

Our Team has grown – Oliver Blagrove has joined as a youthwork apprentice doing his Level 3 in youth work and Loren Knowles has joined as a part-time support youth worker with responsibility for our social media content. We are very proud of Roxy who has now taken on a parttime role with Oxfordshire County Council as an Education, Employment & Training (EET) Officer – no one could do the job of re-engaging 16- to 18-year-olds, who have slipped through the net, back in to EET better than Roxy.

Finally, as mentioned in previous editions we have been selected as one of the Abingdon Mayor's two Charities for this year. At the time of writing, we are eagerly looking forward to an Autumn celebration planned to take place on Saturday 23rd October in the Market Square. Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time or donated prizes for our stalls.

The ADYP Team – Roxy Elford, Jake Fleetwood and James Quartermain, Emily Astley-Madge

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YouTube – The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project – MIND GYM

Website - www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk

#### You are warmly invited to the

#### ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT AGM

To be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm, virtually on Zoom, due to the continuing high rate of Covid.

We are planning a bigger, face to face, celebration of the young people's achievements next summer.

If you would like to attend the AGM, please make contact by email - anne.whitehead284@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

Anne Whitehead ADYP Secretary



#### FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM



#### Years 1972 - 2022

#### We Need Your Help

While you are relaxing over the next couple of months please give a thought to the past and let us know your recollections of Sutton Courtenay as it was in 1972. Why? The Sutton Courtenay News was established in 1972 and we are having our Golden Jubilee next year. We want to celebrate by looking back to how things were 50 years ago. So, if you have any photos or memories of 1972, please let us know.

There are three voluntary roles advertised in this copy of the Sutton Courtenay News: a Treasurer to help us, also a Clerk of Works for All Saints' Church and a Booking Secretary for the River Room. Please consider whether you can give up some time to support your community, your input will be valued. We are feeling the loss of our regular Neighbourhood and NAG5 updates. The editors are keeping a watch for articles of interest and were pleased to hear of **Stop, Hang Up, Dial 159** on Radio 4 recently. This is a new emergency Hotline pilot scheme for people to report and check financial scams as they happen. If you get a suspicious call that seems to be from your bank, or someone else, asking for access to your bank details, it could be a scam. It is recommended that you hang up and check with 159 who will put you through to your bank. Only 70% of banks are currently signed up but it nevertheless seems useful and hopefully will grow. **StopScamsUK.org.uk** 

Also, please remember that we only produce 10 copies of the Sutton Courtenay News every year and the December copy covers both December and January. If you have items that need to be out there in January please let us know by  $17^{th}$  November.

Editor

#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

This year marks the centenary of the Royal British Legion. To celebrate this milestone there will be a

#### Pop-up Poppy Shop

on the village green on Sunday 7 November 10am-2pm. It will have Poppy Appeal items and homemade poppy items - including knitted poppies made by Sutton Courtenay Craft Group - for sale, and will be manned by 2 veterans from the village. There will also be a hook-a-duck for the younger crowd. 100% of the money made will go directly to the Royal British Legion.

Alan Calver will also be marking the centenary by **displaying 100 poppies** on his gate on the High Street, alongside posters aimed at children that explain the history of the Royal British Legion and Remembrance. The display will be in place from 23 October until 15 November.

#### Please come and support the Poppy Appeal.

Poppy Appeal Organiser for Sutton Courtenay & Appleford



#### Royal British Legion Steventon and District Branch

Your local branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a **Curry Lunch** on Remembrance **Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**, in the Steventon Village Hall at 12:15 for 12:30.

This event is open to all whether they are members or not. The cost is £15 and there will a cash bar. Tickets will be sent out at your request. Please pay by cash or cheque payable to "The Royal British Legion Steventon and District Branch", and delivered or sent to: Brigadier Nick Thompson 27 Stocks Lane, Steventon OX13 6SS.

#### Home to School transport

This is a topic that raises its head every year as parents struggle to understand and navigate their way through the rules and regulations. Every year there are complaints of unfairnesses in the system as some parents are faced with bills for hundreds of pounds they were not expecting. I thought it would be useful to get a County expert on this issue to explain the rules. For those short of bedtime reading, the result is below...

It is only in a minority of cases that children are eligible, under the law and Oxfordshire's Home to School Transport Policy, to free travel to school. If children move to an address outside the administrative area of Oxfordshire County Council, the responsibility for determining and, where appropriate, providing free or assisted travel passes to the child's new home authority.

The legal basis for the provision of home to school transport is set out in sections 508A, 508B, 508C, 508D and 509AD and Schedule 35B of the Education Act 1996 (as amended by Part 6 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006) and, where appropriate, the Equality Act and English and European case law. In addition, local authorities are under a statutory duty to have regard to the Home to School Travel and Transport Guidance and the Post-16 and Transport Travel Support Education to and Training guidance. Both sets of statutory guidance were issued by the Department for Education.

Normally eligibility for free travel is determined at the time that a school place is allocated through:

Oxfordshire County Council's Coordinated Admissions Scheme for entry at the normal points of admission; and/or, the issuing of an Education, Health and Care Plan; and/or, the operation of the Fair Access Protocol; and/or, the In-Year Coordinated Admissions Scheme.

Children are eligible for free travel if they attend the nearest available school or educational placement to their address, if the distance from home to school is over the "statutory walking distance" of 3 miles if aged 8 or over or 2 miles if less than aged 8 and of school age. If the nearest school is outside Oxfordshire, children are also eligible for free travel to the nearest school in this council's area, if the distance from home to school is over the "statutory walking distance" of 3 miles if aged 8 or over or 2 miles if less than 8 and of school age. In addition, children attending the nearest available school to their address, even if it is less than the statutory walking distance, are eligible for free travel if it would not be safe for a child, accompanied by an adult, to walk from their home to the school. If the route is subsequently determined to be safe to walk the parent will be given up to 6 weeks' notice of the withdrawal of free transport. At the end of that period, free transport will be discontinued.

Also, children aged 11 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals or whose parents are in receipt of the maximum level of Working Tax Credit and who attend one of their three nearest suitable schools (or places other than school at which they might receive education under section 19(1) of the Education Act 1996), are eligible for free travel where they live more than 2 but not more than 6 miles from that school. The 2 mile distance is measured by "walking route" and the 6 mile distance is measured by road route. This entitlement applies to all children of the relevant age for the schools concerned, and applies whether a child does or does not have an Education, Health and Care Plan.

However, there is no statutory entitlement to free travel based on living in a catchment area or parental preference. The Home to School Transport Policy did provide free travel to the catchment school, subject to the address being beyond the statutory walking distance, up until 2014 but this was removed for new entrants from September 2015 after a large-scale public consultation. If the policy had remained unchanged, given the increasing academisation of schools, the council would have lost control over this element of public expenditure. Essentially academies can set or amend a catchment area and could therefore quite legitimately expand their catchments and so, if there had been no change of policy, expand the financial commitments of the council.

If you have managed to wade your way through that, I reckon you deserve free home to school transport for your children. For most of us, the regulations are a minefield, and most parents choose schools for their children without realising the financial implications.

Suffice it to say, I am pushing for a clear summary of the above to be issued to all parents together with school application forms.

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Holly





Woody Nightshade

Apples

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St Peter's, Drayton St Peter & St Paul, Appleford St Blaise, Milton All Saints', Sutton Courtenay St Michael and All Angels, Steventon

#### From the Ministry Team.....

November, the month in which "the raw afternoon is rawest, and the dense fog is densest, and the muddy streets are muddiest." *Bleak House, Charles Dickens*.

November can certainly be a most dreary month; our church and public life has a sombre tone to match the weather. It is the season of remembrance and what we do with our remembering matters. Right remembering is about more than setting a day or month to remind ourselves of the people and events that have shaped our lives.

Remembering rightly is about how we live in the light of those facts. In the Old Testament the Israelites were forever being called by God to remember – to remember who they were, where they had come from - a call that was usually made at times in their lives when things were going wrong. But that call to remember wasn't about just reminding themselves how they had got into their current mess, it was also a call to a future that would be different. God's promise for a different future is for all nations, not just one. God asks his people to remember not only with honesty about historical events, but also with gratitude, sorrow, humility, and above all, with hope and vision.

I carry a small wooden cross given to me when I became a hospital chaplain. It has been shaped over several decades by many hands griping and rubbing it in their hardest of times. I find myself holding it much more frequently in November. It reminds me of past stories and people, but it always reminds me that Jesus has gone before through the darkness of death; that I can remember the past with a sure and certain hope. November, is a good month to 'get your hands on' a small wooden cross and keep hold of it. It puts the past, present and future into God's safe and faithful hands. November may be a gloomy season but if winter comes then Spring will surely follow. Remembering the seasons reflects the message of resurrection hope.

Phil Sutton, Associate Minister



#### CHURCH DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** - 19:30 Baptism Preparation for all families interested in a Christening Service in the River Room, All Saints' Church, SC – please contact rector@damascusparish.org.uk

**Saturday**  $6^{th}$  – 1-5pm Church Jumble Sale in the Village Hall (we have lots of items for sale – we now need people to come and buy!

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 The DAMASCUS PCC Meeting, River Room

**Tuesday** 9<sup>th</sup> – 19:30 Singing Saints Practice in the Church

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10:00 Shortened service of Holy Communion. 10:45 for 11am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. 11:15 Service of Remembrance.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 Singing Saints Practice in the church

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 19:30 Sutton Courtenay Local Church Committee in the River Room

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room. 19:30 Abingdon Deanery Synod on Zoom **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** – 7pm Movie Matinee in the River Room

#### CHURCH DIARY FOR DECEMBER

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 18:30-20:30 Friends of All Saints' Church Yuletide Evening in the Abbey

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#### Holy Baptism

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the family of the church through baptism:

Lily Grace ROBERTS (26<sup>th</sup> September 2021) Harry Alan ROBERTS (26<sup>th</sup> September 2021)

#### Burial of Ashes

Doris BOLTON (20<sup>th</sup> September 2021)

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#### Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family service at 10:30 am 2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist @ 10:30am +Junior Church 3rd Sunday: Morning Worship @ 10:30am + Junior Church 4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist @ 10:30am + Junior Church 5th Sunday: Special services across the Damascus Parish – please see church noticeboard for details. Wednesdays: BCP Holy Communion at 9:45 am.

#### **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**



#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The plan this year is to hold our usual services on Remembrance Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

10am (NB earlier start time) Shortened Holy Communion10:45 for 11:00 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial11:15 Service of Remembrance in the Church

2021 marks 100 years of the Royal British Legion and the Standard Bearer for the Steventon and District Branch of the RBL will be present at the Act of Remembrance and for the Service of Remembrance.

Please note that we recommend the wearing of facemasks in the church building during services and that this service may be subject to further Covid-19 restrictions.

Phil Sutton, Associate Minister

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#### CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION AND BONFIRE

Thank you to all those who have responded so generously to our appeal for funds to run this event. It looks like we have enough to cover the costs for this year and any extra money we receive will be held to help cover the costs for Christmas

2022. The plan is to hold the Procession from outside the School to the Churchyard for the Carols around the Bonfire in the churchyard – but this is obviously subject to any Covid-19

restrictions which may be in place at that time. We will provide another update in the December issue of the Sutton Courtenay News and via the All Saints' Church Facebook

page. All being well, torches will be on sale in early December from local shops – more details next month.

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All are welcome as we pause to reflect on the Climate Change crisis facing our planet and pray for the COP26 Conference as it continues in Glasgow.

As Christians we believe that prayer changes things. When we pray for the COP26 Conference, we can underpin the meeting of world leaders who may make significant commitments to carbon reduction. We can pray for hearts to be moved, for perspectives to change and for guidance on actions we, as individuals and as a community, can take to help.

#### THANK YOU!

HARVEST FESTIVAL THANKS Thank you for the donations of food items which were taken to the Abingdon Food Bank and for £141.00 of donations which have been sent to Farm Africa. Also, many thanks to Alison Budd and her team for the delicious Harvest Lunch which was enjoyed after the service.

**AND ANOTHER THANK YOU...** To Tim Budd for sharing his experiences of the Lanfranc Air Disaster in a moving and informative talk in the River Room in October. £255 was raised in donations which will be shared between the Norwegian Red Cross and Church Funds.

**AND A REALLY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the Cream Teas over the summer. We raised over £1000 for the River Room Building Fund in sales of Cream Teas, and the Bric-a-Brac stall has raised nearly £400 (so far). This in addition to the River Room Raffle which raised over £600. We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support.

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#### WINNERS OF THE RIVER ROOM RAFFLE

#### DRAWN SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	00182	Visit to UK Ship Simulation Centre
$2^{nd}$	00186	A trip on the Thames for 4 people.
		Includes picnic lunch with glass of bubbly
$3^{\rm rd}$	00589	An afternoon of Croquet for 4 people
		followed by afternoon tea and a glass of
		Champagne
4 <sup>th</sup>	00060	Personal Tour around Milton Manor, with
		tea and cake for 4 people
5 <sup>th</sup>	00731	Bottle of single Malt Whisky- Speyside
		'Tamnavulin'
6 <sup>th</sup>	00749	Decorated Christmas Cake
$7^{\text{th}}$	00100	Hamper of homemade Marmalade
$8^{\text{th}}$	00613	Photographic View on Canvas
9 <sup>th</sup>	00692	A large Cuddly Rabbit
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#### **RIVER ROOM 200 CLUB**

#### In Support of the All Saints' Community Space

Winning numbers at the Draw on October 14 were:

 $1^{st}$  - No. 43(£45.00)  $2^{nd}$  - No. 23 (£23.00)  $3^{rd}$  - No. 17 (£8.00)

New members always welcome. Please see the information in All Saints' Church or email landsbert@westmanor.co.uk. The next draw will take place on Thursday November 11 - at the All Saints' Community Café in the River Room at 10.30 am.

#### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thanks once again to a very generous anonymous donation from someone who simply wants to give back to the community, we are planning to make up Christmas Hampers for distribution around Sutton Courtenay in the week before Christmas. If you know of an individual, a couple or a family who would appreciate a gift of a hamper then please let us know their name and address and we will ensure a hamper is delivered to them in the week before Christmas. The aim of the hampers is simply to spread the love of Christmas around the community.

Please email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk or 'phone 01235 847179 by **14<sup>th</sup> December 2021**.

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# At the heart of Christmas

KNITTERS NEEDED FOR HEARTS OF ALL COLOURS!

We have already had a great response to our request for heart makers this year – thank you! We still need more, so, if you would like to knit (or crotchet) a heart of any colour with wool, ribbon or string attached so that we can hang them up, please contact us for a pattern or use one of your own. The completed hearts will need to be delivered to the Parish Office at All Saints' Church by **SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**. You can use any wool of any colour – we have plenty of wool if you need supplies.

If you can help with the 'heart drop' around the village on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December then please do let us know at the Parish Office. Just ring 01235 847179 or email admin@damascusparish.org.uk

## bargains galore! Jumble Sale

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1-5 pm Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

With tea and coffee available

RAISING MONEY FOR THE CHURCH GENERAL FUND

#### QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC CLOTHES – TOYS – BOOKS etc.

Donations on the day between 11:00-12:00 or to arrange collection beforehand please contact 01235 847179 Or email rector@damascusparish.org.uk



#### Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10:30-12:00 all welcome!

Why not drop by for coffee or tea & delicious homemade cake & conversation and to browse the books or jigsaw puzzles on offer? Open to all – a good place to meet with friends. If you need transport to and from the church please 'phone the Parish Office on 01235 847179

#### DID YOU KNOW?

All Saints' Church has crockery, cutlery and glasses etc. available for parties and events, in exchange for a donation to church funds. Please contact the Parish Office 01235 847179 if you are interested.

#### MOVIE MATINEES

On a monthly basis (usually the last Saturday of the month) we are running a series of films in the River Room – raising money for church funds through donations. For a full programme to be sent to you please email: admin@damascusparish.org.uk or pick one up from the back of the church



Field maple

#### SITUATIONS VACANT

#### **TREASURER NEEDED**

for the Sutton Courtenay News. Clare Pennicott, who is currently in post, wants to stand down and we need a volunteer to take over the role.

Please contact Clare on 847566 or editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk for further information

#### CLERK OF WORKS – VACANCY

After many years of caring for the fabric of All Saints' church, David McKenzie has retired as our Clerk of Works. We are extremely grateful for all he has done – both practical tasks and coordinating minor and major works.

If anyone is interested in this voluntary position – helping to look after the fabric of a Grade 1 Listed Medieval Church - then please contact the Pro-Warden, Alison Budd, on 01235 527853 or email: alison@pbudd.me to find out more. It is interesting and varied work – involving liaising with craftsmen and contractors; coordinating the maintenance programme through the year and carrying out some practical tasks as necessary

#### WANTED: RIVER ROOM BOOKING SECRETARY

We are looking for a volunteer to help with bookings of the River Room. The role will involve keeping an electronic diary of bookings, answering queries, issuing invoices, processing payments, and showing people the facilities when required. The role is currently taking 2 hours per week. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Office on 01235 847179 or email rector@damascus.org.uk

River Room Committee

#### **BRIDGE CLUB**

Come and play Bridge on  $1^{st}$  and  $3^{rd}$  Friday afternoons in the River Room (November  $5^{th}$  and  $19^{th}$ ), 2-5 pm, with a cup of tea and piece of cake - £5

Tables, cards and score cards provided.

Just come along and we make up tables based on experience/choice. All standards of play welcome – from experienced players to those who are just in need of a refresher, very rusty or still learning.

Rubber or Chicago – you choose.

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TIDE EVENING AT THE ABBEY

Saturday 11th December 2021 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Join us for food, drinks and entertainment, ending with the singing of Christmas Carols

Tickets £10 adult £6 child

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Do you live with, or care for, someone living with Dementia?

Wecare2

Wecare2 is a new group for people living with dementia at home, and their carers.

Our first meeting is on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 11.15 until 12.30 in the River Room at All Saints' Church.

Our aim is to sing a little, socialise a little and have an 'elevenses' together. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

If interested, either as a customer (transport can be arranged), or to help, please contact Morna Whitlock Brookfield, 30 Chapel Lane. Sutton Courtenay, OX14 4AN, morna28whitlock@gmail.com 01235 848335 or 07787 521039

Numbers will be limited at the moment and governed by Covid 19 restrictions



#### Citizens Advice on coping with Universal Credit shortfall

This year, the month of September ushered in more ominous portents than

chilly winds and dark nights: the Government reduced Universal Credit payments by £20 a week. This move could put many floundering people in a critical situation. Rising prices and the coming end of the pandemic furlough have joined other negative trends to put millions in serious debt, unable to pay vital bills and about to see life get even worse.

But, if you are in this position, remember that support and help are available, and you need not suffer alone.

Take charge of your situation. Start by making a list of what you owe and add up what you need to pay out each month. This list puts your financial position clearly in front of you in black and white. Next, prioritise your debts. There is advice on the Citizens Advice website to help you do this: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money Some bills are more urgent than others. Rent or mortgage arrears, gas and electricity bills and Council Tax count as priority debts as there could be serious consequences if you don't pay them.

Get in touch with the companies to whom you owe money. Not everybody feels confident about doing this but the organisations expect such calls and they might be able to help by letting you pay smaller amounts over a longer period or even take a temporary payment break.

The government-backed Breathing Space scheme could also give you extra time to pay. See our website for details or www.gov.uk If you are eligible, you could get 60 days during which your creditors can't contact you, take any action against you or add interest and charges to your debt. A Citizens Advice adviser can check your debts to see if they are covered by the scheme.

If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call the Citizens Advice debt helpline on 0800 240 4420. It really helps to make personal contact with somebody who understands. You can also call our Adviceline free on 0808 278 7907 (Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm) or try our webchat (click on "chat with us online about debt").







#### Hello Autumn!

We've celebrated October with a tasty Harvest Supper. In November Paul Dalby will show us how he carves some wonderful wooden ducks and we're planning our December meeting with some special festive fun!

Come and join us -

We meet every third Tuesday monthly in the River Room, Sutton Courtenay at 7.30 pm For details contact our <u>Secretary</u> on 847612





#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### Dear Editors,

There have been several letters recently in the SC News about litter in the village, and the noble efforts of those who have been collecting the rubbish that others have left behind, not least in the field by the Ginge Brook near Mill Lane. Thanks to the Parish Council, there is now a fine new Litter Bin, just before the stile by the Brook in Mill Lane (see the picture in the Parish Council News).

So, everyone who enjoys this beautiful area now has no excuse for leaving their rubbish there.

Please do make use of the new Bin, and don't leave it to others to clear up after you!



Nicholas and Jenny Richardson



Rose hips



Spindleberries



Seeds of Stinking Iris



Rowan berries



Photo taken on 4<sup>th</sup> October from Sutton Bridge during the recent filming of 'Wonka', said by Wikipedia to be a prequel to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Submitted by Joanna O'Callaghan

#### NORDIC WALKING

Little Angel Music is celebrating the starting of a children's concert ser from Jan 2022, aimed at preschoolers and their parents/carers at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay.



We'd love to welcome you all for this special opening event to celebrate!

#### ★ Family Christmas Concert★

On: 11am, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 At: All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay

Featuring Christmas Favourites

\* Performers \*

Clarinet/Sax: Lucy Downer Trumpet: Junior Nascimento French Horn: Jasmine Tan Organ/Piano: Noriko Motomatsu and three little angels & the helper



Doors will open at 10:30 and tea/coffee and cakes available

Tickets will be on sale from 15<sup>th</sup> November, socially distanced seats also available. Ticket price £7 each or £24 for family of 4. More Information, visit: https://www.facebook.com/LittleAngelMusic Or call 07733 590 356

#### **S.C.I.D.S.** The Real Legend of Robin Hood

#### 'The Team' are set to go, we need a cast, backstage crew, musicians and all the rest. Everyone from aged 8 to 80 is welcomed.

The day to sign up to this extravaganza is ..... Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 - from 3.30 until 5.00 pm in Sutton Courtenay Village Hall.

Rehearsals will start on Sunday 2nd January 2022

#### The show dates are Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022

From January until the end of March your winter Sunday afternoons can be spent preparing a pantomime for Sutton Courtenay to enjoy. Whether you have joined us before or are new to S.C.I.D.S. do come along.

Any information needed - please contact Morna Whitlock on - morna28whitlock@gmail.com or 01235 848335

Leaf of Virginia Creeper

If you are looking for exercise. Not just to build up physical strength, but also to improve your cognitive and mental health, no matter how well you are at present, Nordic Walking may be for you. Please put your name down for a course as dates become available.

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If you wish to continue then you can purchase poles, which are adjustable for height, at a cost of £21. You can also join our group to enjoy a choice of six walks a week, which vary in distance and intensity. Again, these supervised walks are free.

A warning - Nordic Walking can become addictive as people learn to enjoy this way of exercising. They soon realise that the perceived effort in walking is reduced by use of the poles. This means they can walk faster and further, and get a more enhanced workout, without the jarring o n the joints experienced in running, as they now have four 'legs' to spread the load of weight and impact.

Come and visit us any Wednesday or Friday at 10:00 at the Recreation Ground and find out from our members why they come week after week, and how Nordic Walking has improved their well being.

Graham British Nordic Walking Instructor

To book your place for tuition please contact Annalie at active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk



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