

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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Food Banks,
Community Larders
& Community Fridges



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Thames Water (leaks):	0800 71 46 14
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Power Cuts:	105
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Sutton Courtenay News:	www.suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk
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Vale of White Horse DC:	www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk
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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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For Services of Worship - Please see Page 8

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 & new conditions of hire for users. These are under constant review as the government guidance changes. Please get in touch to check if your activity is permitted under the regulations.

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS CONTACTS

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To advertise, telephone 07761 375991 or email advertising@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

For distribution enquiries please contact Sue on 847158 or Shirley on 847241 or any of the editors.

The Editors have been contacted by people outside the village who would like to continue receiving a copy of Sutton Courtenay News. It can be viewed on-line at suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk but please contact the editors to discuss what other arrangements can be made for those unable to access the website.

SUTTON COURTENAY POST OFFICE

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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.





Recreation Ground refurbishment

Plans for the refurbishment continue. By the time of printing, a consultation event will have taken place. This was an opportunity for residents to view the plans and vote on some equipment for the play area. Should you not have been able to attend, there is still the opportunity to vote for your equipment choices online. Simply visit the Parish Councils website (www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk) and click on the recreation ground tab. The link to the survey (along with pictures of the choices are on the “February 2022 consultation” page. The survey should take less than two minutes to complete. The survey will close at noon on Friday 4th March. You can also see the plans and various other related documents on the website.

Fix My Street Super User

Oxfordshire County Council are looking for “Super Users” across the county to help report Highway matters which are their responsibility – such as potholes or damaged kerbstones. Please find below a brief description of the role provided by OCC. If you are interested, please contact the clerk on the details below and she will put you in contact with the County Council.

Oxfordshire County Council created OXTOG – Oxfordshire Together – to mobilise and support a team of volunteers around the County to help look after their own roads, pavements and public rights of way. As part of OXTOG there is a growing team of volunteers known as Fix My Street Super Users.

The Super Users are, in effect, the ‘eyes and ears’ of the County Council Highways Officers and are trained to report and action certain road repairs, specifically potholes and damaged kerbs, on low-speed, minor roads using Fix My Street.

The Volunteer Co-ordination team at Oxfordshire County Council is currently recruiting more Fix My Street Super Users in this area. The training takes place online in small groups.

Planning applications

Bypass and river crossing – The Parish Council continues to work with other local parishes in relation to this application.

The following planning applications were also discussed:

P21/V3509/HH – new chimney, loft conversion and new hard roof to the conservatory, 2 Asquith Park
Comment: Council has no objection

P22/V0056/HH & P22/V0057/LB – Conversion of existing outbuilding, Buckridges 13 High Street
Comment: Council has no objection but requests the planning authority to add conditions to ensure that the conversion stays ancillary to the main property and cannot be a separate dwelling

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in making a difference to the village, please contact the clerk for further information.

The date of the next Parish Council is Monday 1st March 2022 at the Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm

Details of the meeting will be placed on the noticeboard outside Hari and Esha stores prior to the meeting. A full copy of the agenda will be posted on the website prior to the meeting. Agendas can also be emailed or posted, please contact the clerk for further information.

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Website: www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.
Facebook page: Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

Proposed formation of Sutton Courtenay Community Footpaths Group

- Are you a keen walker or rider?
- Are you interested in the natural environment?
- Do you view our footpaths network as an essential village amenity?
- Would you like to see our footpaths kept in good repair and ‘walkable’ all year round?
- Would you like to contribute to the quality of life in our village?

Maintenance of footpaths are the responsibility of Oxfordshire County Council. However, they are an important amenity for the village. Many parishes have voluntary Footpaths Groups that are concerned with maintaining, repairing and promoting the local footpath network and liaising with the County Council.

The Parish Council would support the formation of such a group with an information pack, helpful contacts and possible small funding opportunities.

To facilitate the formation of such a group, the Parish Council can arrange a public meeting as soon as is practical. Meanwhile, if you are interested, please contact me on email:

eileendaw@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk

(Please note amended email address)

or phone: 01235 848437.

Councillor Eileen Daw,
Sutton Courtenay Parish Council



**MP David Johnston says
"Well done!"**

Our Member of Parliament, David Johnston, has sent us a short video to thank the children for the letters they wrote during the COP 26 Climate Conference. He was so impressed that he sent the letters on to Alok Sharma, the president of the COP, who has also written to the children.



See Mr Johnston's message to the children here:

youtu.be/yRwUNhfHmOw

COVID comes to town!

It has been a trying term. Parents and carers have seen less of me on the gate this month. This is because I have been teaching a great deal; covering classes due to staff absence. I have had a wonderful month with the children, but trying to manage a full teaching load with my other duties has been a trial at times! The Early Years team has not been complete since the beginning of January due to staff Covid cases. We have all been sustained by the huge positivity and helpfulness of the children and the staff team working together to cover each other, showing true teamwork.

Our wonderful pets!

Our school pets help us to stay positive and support the children's learning in many different ways.

Cessy the school cockapoo continues to delight the children. This week she has visited the Robins class and Kestrels, getting to know these children and encouraging them to read to her. The children love to talk to her. They also learn to take responsibility for making sure her needs are met. This means keeping her water topped up but also watching her body language carefully so that they can see signs when she is becoming tired or when she wants to play- skills that also help them in their interactions with other humans!



Here is Nutmeg working hard. He was inspiring the Robins children with their writing today. They were acting out the story of 'We're Going On A Carrot Hunt.'! They used the whole school site for their re-telling and then came in and wrote their ideas down independently. Our animals can really

help the children's engagement with their learning.

Kestrels class are the proud owners of three stick insects. They are extremely difficult to see! The children can really understand the concept of camouflage by observing these fascinating creatures, who are ideal classroom pets.



In Wrens' aquarium there is a frog called Natterjack, a snail called Shelley, a shrimp called Steven, and a fish called Mr Bean. Every day, the child, or children, who was the Star of the Day the previous day, gets to feed the residents. The children love to watch the movement in the bowl, which is very calming. Once a week, an adult drops some frozen blood worms in to the tank. These specifically feed the Natterjack, but the children are fascinated that some of the fish show an interest too in these, as does Shelley the Snail.



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ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

Registered Charity 1098966



Youth & Community Acting Together

Throughout February, a small group has been working closely with Discovery College Oxfordshire around dealing with emotions in tricky situations, looking at coping strategies and identifying trigger points. We are so proud of all those who are taking part and will be seeking their feedback at the end of the sessions. Alongside this, we have worked with Louise (a manager at McDonald's) to provide mental health self-care packs which include lots of sensory calming equipment that help in stressful times. McDonald's is teaming up with BBC's Children in Need to help improve the lives of young people.



We have had a few new faces at our sessions recently and it has been great to see new friendships blossom over the past month. If you live in the village and would like to send your child along, please do – it is safe space to get to know other young people in the village. We have also added a new gazebo session into our plan of work, so if you see the gazebo in the village come over and say hello – we love a good chat with community members! If you have any questions, please get in touch with one of the staff using the contact details below and we will be more than happy to help.

Young people have been busy preparing decorations, menu cards etc for our Senior Citizens' Tea party in half term – we hope to have some photographs to share in the April issue.



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

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Jake Damascus, Roxy Damascus,
James Damascus, Emily Damascus



Jake_Damascus; James_Damascus:
Roxy_Damascus; Emily_Damascus

YouTube – The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project – MIND GYM

Website – www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk

SUTTON COURTENAY YOUTH DROP-IN

EVERY WEDNESDAY

YEARS 6,7,8 **YEAR 9+**

5:30 - 6:30 PM **6:45 - 7:45 PM**

£1

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Session times

Street work – Monday 3-4pm & Wednesday 4-5pm

Drop in – Wednesday (Sutton Courtenay Village Hall) from 5:30pm

Gazebo – Thursday 6-7pm

For the past 15 years, my colleague, Cllr Bob Johnston of Kennington and Radley has been trying to persuade me to explore Thrupp Lake as a haven of peace and wildlife. This last Valentine's weekend, my wife and I went on a bicycle ride to see if he was right. In spite of the mud and rain, we thoroughly enjoyed the journey and would recommend it to anyone on foot or bicycle. Living next door to Sutton Wick gravel pits, which is still a major active quarry site, as we do, it was great to imagine how our area might look after many years of restoration.

Havens of peace are in short supply in my own area at present. With the threat of the Thames Water Reservoir, whose banks may well cast early evening shadow over Drayton, and the proposed HIF1 Road between Sutton Courtenay and Appleford potentially affecting traffic, noise and air quality in both villages, peace, quiet and wildlife could all become distant memories. The two projects together have a cost tag amounting to billions and dwarf any other projects in the whole of Oxfordshire. It begins to feel that the infrastructure gods have got it in for us. Decisions on both will be made in the next few months.

In the case of the Reservoir, it is important that all those of us who have views on the need and advisability of the scheme should engage with and support GARD* – the group of scientists who believe there are better options, and also respond to the Thames Water consultation. Silence from local residents can be seen as acquiescence by those who wish to see these schemes coming about.

In the case of the HIF1 Road, please engage with your Parish Council and write in to OCC*, the planning authority, with

your views on this scheme. I am aware, from residents who contact me, that there is a great deal of concern over already growing noise disturbance from Appleford Sidings. Few complaints have been received by the environmental health team so far, so please write in to them with your concerns, if you have any. Given the potential addition of noise from the HIF1 Road together with any reverberation from the banks of the proposed flyover, it is essential we have a full understanding of the present baseline noise levels before we inflict any more on local residents.

In the end, it will be the data which decides if, when and how these massive projects go ahead. The more data we can give them, the more we will be heard.

Points of contact for any of the above:

To register your response to the TW Reservoir consultation: wrse.uk/engagementhq.com (you only need to answer the questions you wish to in this overlong document).

If you cannot cope with the questionnaire, email your response/feelings to:

contact@wrse.org.uk and please copy your email to your MP and local Councillors

To contact GARD with help/IT expertise/Video modelling: Gard.secretary@gmail.com

For full details on the HIF1 scheme and how to make comments on the planning application, go to:

Oxfordshire.gov.uk > Consultations have your say > Current consultations > Planning > Planning applications > Search for an application > Find a planning application or appeal and search for R3.0138/2

SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sutton Courtenay News will be held at Sutton Courtenay Village Hall on Tuesday 26th April at 2022 at 6pm

Nominations for Chairman, Editor, Advertising Manager, Treasurer & Administrator together with the details of two seconds should be sent to Clare Pennicott at scmail836@gmail.com or 8 Church Street, Sutton Courtenay.

If government Covid restrictions require the meeting to be held virtually, please email scmail836@gmail.com with a request for a link to the meeting if you would like to attend.



FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE THE FOOD SHOP LAST UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK?

Local Foodbanks, Community Larders and the Community Fridge can help make the weekly shop go further, but do you know the difference between them?

There are a number of different organisations locally that can help provide food in these difficult times of increasing prices. In Sutton Courtenay we are fortunate to have access to Foodbanks, Community Larders and a Community Fridge.

Each Foodbank, Community Fridge and Community Larder operates slightly differently so it worth checking their requirements before making contact. Generally, to access a:

- Foodbank a referral is necessary
- Community Fridge NO referral is necessary
- Community Larder NO referral is necessary but a small subscription is payable.

The local Foodbanks work with a variety of local agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Vale Community Impact, schools, housings associations, GPs, social services, Job Centres, churches, local charities, voluntary organisations. If anyone is in contact with any of these organisations and is struggling to put food on the table it is worth asking them for a referral.

Anyone experiencing financial difficulties or other problems can get independent, confidential advice from:

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) which has offices in Didcot & Abingdon – *telephone 0808 278 7907 (see also pg 12)*

Vale Community Impact (VCI) has an office in Wantage - *telephone 01235 765348 or email help@vci.org.uk*

They will help provide support, give advice on how to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants that may be available.

DIDCOT EMERGENCY FOODBANK

Telephone 01235 813187

HOW TO GET A REFERRAL

Anyone wanting to access the Didcot Foodbank will need a referral from one of the agencies mentioned above but there should already be a connection with the referrer or those applying should be known to them. Just ask for a Foodbank referral. A voucher will be issued or an email referral made. Parcels can be collected from:

Didcot Baptist Church
Wantage Road, Didcot, OX11 0BS
Tuesdays & Fridays 11am - 1pm

PLEASE NOTE: All information was taken from the websites of each organisation and was correct at the time of going to print. For up-to-date information and opening times please check with each individual organisation as they may have changed in the meantime.

ABINGDON FOODBANK

info@abingdon.foodbank.org.uk

07562 247443

THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS TO GET A FOODBANK VOUCHER

HOW TO OBTAIN A FOODBANK VOUCHER

The Abingdon Foodbank works with the local agencies mentioned already mentioned. Each organisation will access what help is needed and issue a foodbank voucher where appropriate either as an electronic referral or in paper form.

ONCE A VOUCHER HAS BEEN ISSUED

A paper voucher can be exchanged for a food parcel at either of the two local centres which are at:

Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, Abingdon, OX14 1PL
Tuesdays & Fridays 11am to 1pm

Preston Road Community Centre, Midget Close, Abingdon, OX14 5NR
Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm

The identity of electronic referrals will be verified at the centre. At the centre, trained volunteers will discuss any dietary needs and see if any other help is available.

If anyone is unsure what to do, they can email or call the foodbank for guidance. The foodbank will then put them in touch with a relevant local agency.

COMMUNITY LARDERS

Telephone 07377 181472

These are open to everyone. **No referral is needed.** They are low-cost food clubs but other help can be available. They also help to reduce food waste.

Community larder members pay £3.50 or £7 a week for access to 10 or 20 cupboard goods (eg. tins & pasta) and it may be possible to receive unlimited fruit and vegetable too. Each larder operates slightly differently and the food offered usually varies each week, but the prices are the same for all. The nearest larders to Sutton Courtenay are:

Abingdon Community Larder
Trinity Church Centre, Abingdon, OX14 1DB
Fridays 2pm – 4pm

Didcot Community Larder
The Marlborough Club, 227 The Broadway, OX11 8RU
Mondays 2pm – 5pm

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

info@abingdoncommunityfridge.org.uk

www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge/

Abingdon Community fridge redistributes surplus food donated by food businesses and local people to all members of the community. **No referral is needed.** Anyone can collect food from:

Hadland Road Community Centre
Hadland Road, Abingdon OX14 3YH
Mondays 5pm-6 pm
Thursdays 1pm – 2pm
Saturdays and 10.30 - 11.30am



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DAMASCUS
Parish
Drayton | Appleford | Milton
Sutton Courtenay | Steventon

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



Find Life – Read in Lent!

Many of us will remember from school days talking about what we would 'give up' for Lent. It was usually chocolate, sweets or biscuits. Lent, being the time between Pancake Day (this year 1st March) and Easter, has become associated with, 'giving up, usually enjoyable things, to become a better person.' It was following Jesus' example of the time he spent in the desert before He began His ministry.

Today there are many articles, books and podcasts about how to become a better person: eat well, rest more, take exercise, meditate, read, do voluntary work, avoid alcohol, be mindful, look at your carbon footprint . . . and so on. For many of us, it tugs at something inside. We do want to become better people and leave the world a better place. The list can often feel very daunting, and sometimes we feel guilty for not trying or for failing. Or, if we do achieve it, we can feel superior to others. So, what do we do with these inner 'side-effects' of wanting to be better?

Christians believe that becoming a better person is something that God does for each one of us by His Holy Spirit. He starts in our hearts. This is what happened for Jesus when He was in the desert. He was being challenged about what kind of person He was – where did His identity lie? Was it in what he did (turn stones into bread)? Or what He had (I will give you all the Kingdoms of the world)? Or what others said about Him (do something spectacular – jump off the Temple and come down unharmed)?

Jesus overcame all these temptations because He believed what He was told at his baptism. He is God's Son – loved and accepted for who He is – no self-improvement plan, no achievement necessary. Later in His life, through dying on the Cross and rising again, Jesus offered that gift to us – the gift of becoming a son or daughter of God, loved and accepted. Like a present, it can be received and opened.



Intrigued? Try and read through one of the stories about Jesus told by his friends at the time – Mark, Luke, Matthew or John, on the internet (BibleGateway) or in the Bible, for

Lent! Get a version that you will find easy to read or listen to – there are plenty around, and just enjoy finding out about Jesus through their eyes and see what you think. Many Christians will be doing something similar as we too want to get to know Jesus better this Lent and to remind ourselves of what He did in order to know that we are loved and accepted by God.

May we all become aware of the touch of God's grace and love in our lives this Lent.

Meg Heywood, on behalf of the DAMASCUS Team

CHURCH DIARY FOR MARCH

Tuesday 1 st	19.00 - 'Living in Love and Faith' River Room 19.30 – Singing Saints in Church
Wednesday 2 nd	19.30 - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at Steventon
Saturday 5 th	Marriage Preparation Course at All Saints 19.00 – Friends of All Saints' Quiz Night
Sunday 6 th	10.30 – Family Service in All Saints' Church
Monday 7 th	19.30 - Baptism Preparation at Drayton
Tuesday 8 th	19.00 – 'Living in Love and Faith' River Room 19.30 - Singing Saints in Church
Wednesday 9 th	19.30 – Lent Group at Drayton
Thursday 10 th	10.30 – Community Café in River Room
Sunday 13 th	10.30 – Holy Communion at All Saints
Tuesday 15 th	19.30 – Singing Saints in Church
Wednesday 16 th	19.30 – Lent Group at Drayton
Sunday 20 th	10.30 – Morning Worship at All Saints
Tuesday 22 nd	19.30 – Singing Saints in Church
Wednesday 23 rd	19.30 – Lent Group at Drayton
Thursday 24 th	10.30 – Community Café in River Room
Sunday 27 th	10.30 – Family Communion for Mothering Sunday
Tuesday 28 th	19.30 – Singing Saints in Church

APRIL

Sunday 3 rd	10.30 – Family Service
Thursday 14 th	10.30 – Community Café 19.30 – Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion in church
Sunday 17 th	10.30 – Holy Communion for Easter Day

Services of Worship

1st Sunday: Family service at 10:30 am
2nd Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 10:30am + Junior Church
3rd Sunday: Morning Worship at 10:30am + Junior Church
4th Sunday: Parish Eucharist at 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

LENT GROUPS & SERMON SERIES

This year we are offering a sermon series across the Parish, exploring "Holy Habits", to be followed by opportunities to explore in more depth on Wednesday evenings in the Church Room at Drayton.

Sunday 2 March: 'Jesus guided by Scripture' and Wednesday 9 March (on biblical teaching).

Sunday 13 March: 'Jesus serving with gladness' and Wednesday 16 March (on generosity).

Sunday 20 March: 'Jesus Praying' and Wednesday 23 March (on prayer, fellowship and worship).

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH & RIVER ROOM

Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community

Thursday 10th March

Thursday 24th March Charity collection
In aid of Downs Syndrome Oxfordshire
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

We send our best wishes & congratulations to Steve Lynn & Vanessa Frost who were married at All Saints' Church on 29th January 2022.

BOOK THE DATE!

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

19:00 for 19:30

Saturday 21st May 2022

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Cocktails; Two-Course Meal and Cash Bar

A 1950s themed evening of mystery and intrigue – will you be able to solve the crime?

More details to follow and tickets on sale soon!

A shared fundraiser for Sutton Courtenay Village Hall and All Saints' Church

Do you live with, or care for someone living with Dementia, or would you just enjoy a time of companionship?

Wecare2

Wecare2 is a group where we can meet, greet and sing along a little, one morning a fortnight in the 'River Room' at All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay from 11:15am to 12:30 on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

All are welcome, so please get in touch to let me know if you would like to join us.

Morna Whitlock morna28whitlock@gmail.com
Brookfield, 30 Chapel Lane. Sutton Courtenay,
OX14 4AN, 01235 848335 or 07787 521039

To stay safe, we will be guided by Covid 19 advice.

In Support of the All Saints' Community Space

Winners at the Draw on February 16 were:

1st – No. 92 (£51.00)

2nd – No. 50 (£26.00)

3rd – No. 86 (£10.00)

New members always welcome.

Please see the information in All Saints' Church or email landsbert@west-manor.co.uk

The next draw will take place on Thursday March 10th at the All Saints' Community Café in the River Room at 10.30 am.

HAVING A SPRING CLEAR OUT?

Then please spare a thought for the River Room Committee, who are still fund-raising – and who would very pleased to receive items large or small for sale on eBay. Alex Landsbert can collect, though may have to decline things that are too big to go in her car! Email her on: landsbert@west-manor.co.uk or ring on 01235 847443.

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SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 2022



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PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN SUE JENKINS to enter a team/s either by email: SJenkins33@aol.com or ring 07885437454

The Friends of All Saints Church are a Charitable Organisation who help to support the upkeep of the 12th Century grade 1 listed Norman Church in Sutton Courtenay

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Sunday 5th June 2022

Village Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the Village Green...

On the 3rd of April 1972 Richard Mathews & Judith Hartwright were married at Appleford Church. Their reception was held in the Sutton Courtenay Village Hall. About 100 guests attended and many of them 'mucked in' to help with the food and preparations.



Zen

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IT'S TIME ...

TO RE-DISCOVER OUR SOCIAL LIFE !

At our February meeting we had fun making decorations for Easter

Spring is on its way -

Our 'Social Evening' is in April and you need to come and join us to see what exciting things we will be seeing and doing in the rest of the year !

We meet every third Tuesday monthly in the River Room, Sutton Courtenay at 7.30 pm

For details contact our Secretary on 847612



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May 7th

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So, come along any Friday morning in March and April at 09:00 and see if Nordic Walking is the exercise for you.

DOLLY & HER FELLOW GUIDES

Thanks to Averil Sawley for this photograph from 1948 of Kingfisher Patrol, 1st Sutton Courtenay Girl Guides.

Dolly Charles (néé Buckle) died on 28th October 2021, and her obituary was published in the February issue of SCN.

In this photo, Dolly is standing centre and her lifelong friend Averil is kneeling in front of her.

Kneeling on the left of Averil is Joan Carter and to the right is Rosy Warwick (néé Brookland).

Dolly is much missed by Averil and all her neighbours in the High Street. -Eileen Daw



WE NEED A NEW TREASURER

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- Arranging the AGM

If you would like more information, please give me a ring (07778 284193) or email me (scmail836@gmail.com)

Clare



Didcot towers drawn by Nathaniel Brown

I would like to thank the very kind person who found my dog's identity disc and posted it through my letter box in the High Street.

Heather & Gabriella

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I would like to express how grateful and thankful I was for such a lovely Christmas Hamper I had delivered. It had a wonderful selection of goodies that I enjoyed over the holiday period. Once again, many thanks.

Jill

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Recreation Ground

With new plans for the recreation ground, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Sutton Courtenay football club committee and the volunteers who have worked hard since the nineteen-forties to keep the recreation ground such a lovely open space and at very little cost the parish.

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However, much can be done to manage the expected debacle, and setting your own personal budget is a key step. Start preparing now, making a budget and seeing if you can maximise your income. Look closely and objectively at your financial figures – how much comes in every month, how much goes out, so that you have a clear picture of your situation. Take an average over a period of, say, six months, so that quarterly bills are taken into account. Decide what the priorities are and reduce your costs even on essentials if possible. Do remember that inflation will increase your outgoings.

There are various helpful resources which you can take advantage of. Citizens Advice can tell you about fuel vouchers, benefits or government grants and Covid support that might be available, as well as the Household Support Fund, administered by the local district councils of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse at <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk> and <https://whitehorsedc.gov.uk> The Citizens Advice website at <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> has tips on how to reduce your living costs. You can also contact your energy suppliers and ask about affordable options to pay.

If you need more specific support or don't feel able to manage your situation alone, call Citizens Advice for general advice on 0808 278 7907 or the debt helpline on 0800 240 4420.

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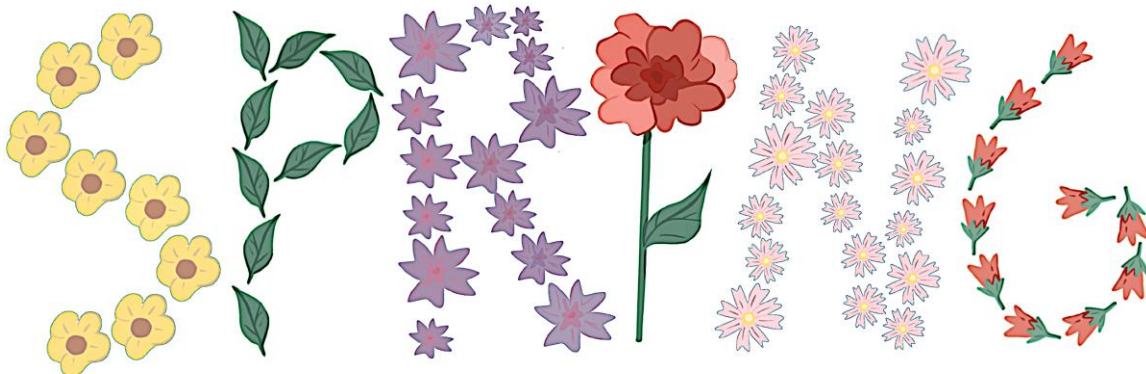
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Money Seized From Criminals by Thames Valley Police Given Back to Communities

£100,000 is being made available for local voluntary and community groups following the sale of items seized by Police in multiple operations, which cannot be returned to their rightful owners.

Thanks to this success, community and voluntary groups are now able to apply for funding to deliver projects that tackle one of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) [Police and Criminal Justice Plan](#) priorities:

- Strong Local Policing (preventing crime & protecting communities)
- Fighting Serious Organised Crime (protecting vulnerable people)
- Fighting Fraud & Cybercrime (fighting modern crimes)
- Improving the Criminal Justice System (reducing re-offending)
- Tackling illegal encampments (reducing the impact of encampments)

The fund is jointly managed by Thames Valley Police Chief Constable, John Campbell and Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Barber and aims to put money that has been made following the sale of items seized from criminals, to worthy initiatives within the community. Funding is made available twice a year and organisations from across the force area are invited to apply.

The closing date for this round of applications is 4pm on Friday 4 March and applications will be considered jointly by the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Chief Constable John Campbell, said: "Using money generated from the sale of items seized from criminals that cannot be returned to their rightful owners is a great way of funding worthy projects and other work across the Thames Valley.

"This funding will play a big part in helping voluntary and community groups across the Thames Valley. It will allow them to continue to run projects that play such a big role in preventing crime and protecting our communities.

"As ever, we are particularly keen to receive bids for this money from organisations that support our priority areas."

Further information and the application form can be found at: www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/community-fund

Successful recipients will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony, due to be held in April 2022.

Alex Gloster (Police Communications Officer, Thames Valley)



Flexicare is Recruiting a Full Time Manager

Flexicare is an Oxfordshire based charity providing a home sitting service for families with severely disabled children. Flexicare is fun, friendly, joyous, exhilarating, fulfilling (sometimes exhausting!) and always different. The team is comprised of a Manager (this post), Office Manager, three Co-ordinators and a cohort of volunteers. Hours of work are fully flexible, designed to fit around your existing commitments. If you believe in a learning journey where small steps make big strides, this may be the role for you.

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The charity has always been run from the home of the manager, and ideally this will continue. However, do not let this be a bar to chatting to us, if you believe you are the right person to take on this role.

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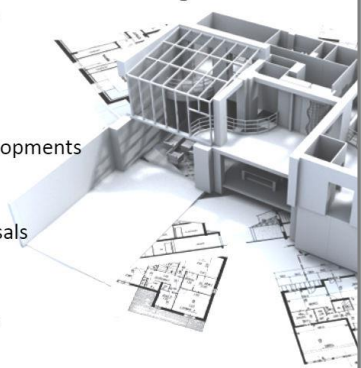
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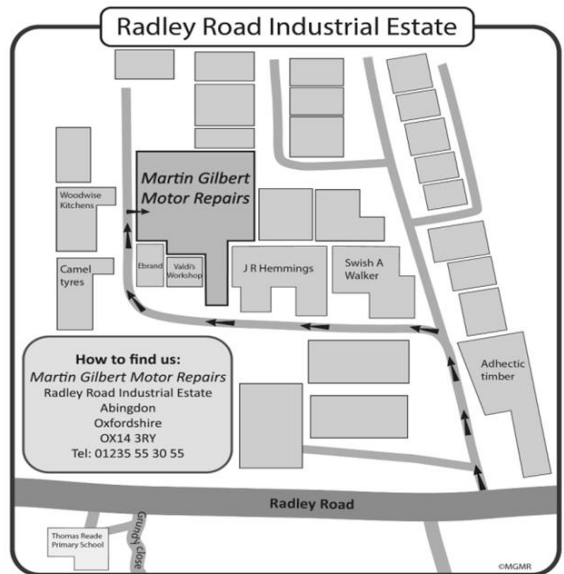
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