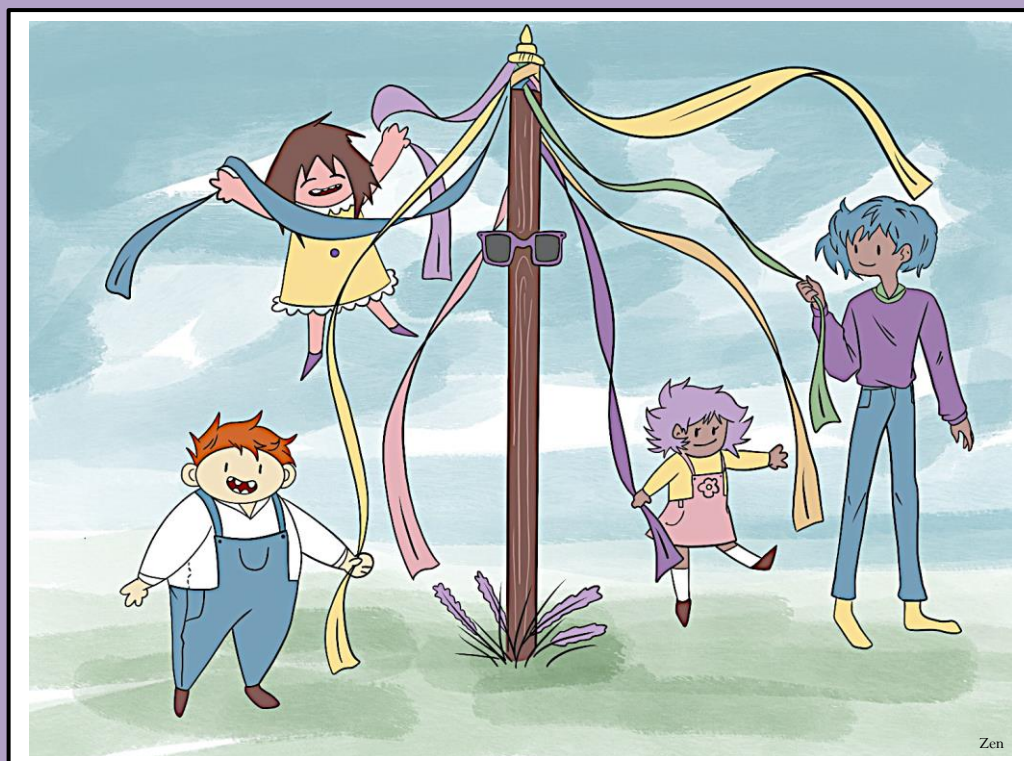


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For Services of Worship - Please see Page 8

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.

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall has a new website suttoncourtenayvillagehall.co.uk from where you can access a trial online-booking system. Please use it to make your booking inquiry. Full instructions are given. Also, any feedback would be appreciated so that we can fully evaluate the system. If you have any difficulties booking or you want to speak to someone about a booking, please contact Rita 01235 848694 or email: scvillagehallbookings@googlemail.com

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Sun: 09:00 - 12:00

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.





Council Vacancies

Following Merouan Hemamda's resignation, there is another vacancy on the Council making three in total. Two of these vacancies have been advertised and no election called and

can therefore be filled by co-option when candidates come forward. Should the electorate wish to call an election for the vacancy left by Merouan's resignation then they should confirm this to the Vale of the White Horse District Council's Returning Officer - should they receive 10 requests for an election then one will be called rather than filling the position by co-option.

Should you wish to make a difference in the village, please do consider becoming a councillor. Contact the clerk using the details below for more information.

Recreation Ground

Following comments made at the consultation, the works have now been put out for tender. Further updates will be forthcoming over the next couple of months in relation to this.

Planning application – extension of train delivery times – Appleford Sidings

The Council have objected to this County Council planning application, stating that operating hours of 6.00am and 10.30pm on Mondays to Fridays and between 7.00am and 6.30pm on Saturdays was excessive, and would affect people's enjoyment of their gardens and homes, particularly in summer when windows and doors may also be open.

Other planning applications

P22/V0390/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
61 Milton Road

Comment: Council has no objection

P22/V0069/LB & P22/V0068/FUL - retrospective planning for an existing cowl around an extraction unit on the roof, and a fan duct on a stand at the back of The George pub, Sutton Courtenay.

4 Church Street Sutton Courtenay

Comment: Council has no objection

P22/V0491/FUL - Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) on planning application P19/V1728/RM - to improve the overlooking by adjacent neighbouring plot 37 Reserved Matters application for details of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the proposed development following planning permission P18/V0069/O.

Land at Appleford Road

Comment: Council has no objection

P22/V0677/HH - Single storey rear extension to create dining/family area; conversion (part) garage area to create utility/WC areas; first floor front extension to create en-suite bathroom to front elevation above existing porch area.

Comment: Council has no objection

22 Frilsham Street Sutton Courtenay

Gigaclear Broadband

Gigaclear met with the Parish Council prior to the April meeting. Residents should have (or should be) receiving an invitation to a residents' meeting over the course of the next few weeks.

Next meeting – The next Parish Council meeting will take place Tuesday 3rd May commencing at 7.15pm at the Village Hall. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting. Details of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council Noticeboard outside Hari and Esha Stores on the High Street. Should you wish for a full copy of the agenda, please contact the clerk using the details below

Contact details: Helen Savery, Clerk to Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, 10 Sovereign Place, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 9GF. Email: info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk Tel: 01235 364211.

**IF YOU CARE ABOUT SUTTON
COURTENAY AND ARE PASSIONATE
ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY**

WE NEED YOU!

**If you are interested in having a say
about local issues, how local money
is spent and improving facilities
within the village, then why not
consider becoming a Councillor?**

A vacancy has arisen on the Council which we are looking to fill. If you are interested in joining the council, please contact the Clerk on info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01235 364211



The Show Must Go On!

This month represented another turning point – our first live performance for two years! Year 5 had been working on an English unit about play scripts. They analysed a script for a pantomime, “Snow White and the Eight Dwarfs”. Building on this, they wrote their own additional scenes. Of course, they were then very keen to perform these! Their enjoyment and ownership of the whole process was an absolute joy to see, and it felt wonderful to have parents and friends back in school to share their excitement.



A Journey Through History...

The following week, it was the turn of Year 3 and 4. They have been learning about pre-historic times and the Vikings in their planned curriculum. So, it seemed to make sense to present their learning in music, drama and song for their Spring production. The script was rich in historical knowledge, and the children had memorised complex speeches explaining the details of the periods. There were also drama sketches interleaved which brought the content to life, two sections of performance poetry and six lively songs with challenging pace and lyrics. The standard of performance was extremely high, and everyone involved can feel very proud! It was an awesome display of learning!



Developing musical knowledge...

We are lucky to be part of a Trust that values music highly. This year, all children in Key Stage 2 have been taught weekly by a specialist music teacher, Miss Melidis. They have learned correct musical notation and experienced reading music with tuned instruments and percussion. Children in Year 3 have been learning the recorder, and those in Year 4 have experienced keyboards and drums this year. These instruments were incorporated into the show to

give children the chance to perform live, which is, of course, an important part of music.



A musical extravaganza!

There was another sign that things are returning to normal this week; we held one of our end of term musical assemblies for our musicians in order to showcase their learning. This term we heard, and saw, our pianists play, along with the various bands in the iRock groups. It was lovely to be able to welcome parents to this assembly too. Performance to an audience is important. We were also really pleased to see how those children who were not performing listened politely, and to see how they clearly enjoyed watching their peers perform. Being an appreciative audience is also a skill!



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ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

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Youth & Community Acting Together

Our apologies that we are not able to give you an update of all our Easter activities as we have been busy enjoying being able to have more face-to-face time with young people during the school holidays. Full report next month.

Meanwhile please do come and support:

The Table Top Sale

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

Saturday 7th May

From 11am to 4pm

We are very grateful to the other organisations involved (Village Hall, Europa School and Sutton Courtenay Primary School) for joining with us in raising much needed funds to support facilities for the families, children and young people in our community.

Look forward to seeing you there – weather permitting we might have a BBQ and a Bouncy Castle. Please see Page 16 for details.

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

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YouTube – The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project –
MIND GYM

Website – www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk

Session times

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

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

Gazebo – Thursday 6-7pm



Before

&

After



Cars

As a member of two Councils, each with a top priority of doing what they can to address climate change, I am amazed at how much of my casework revolves around the problems of cars; parking, neighbourhood disputes, potholes, traffic speeds and congestion – at the heart of all these issues is the motor car.

Now I am as guilty as anyone. I own two cars. One is a much-loved old Citroen Saxo – high mileage in its early years – reliable and cheap to run in spite of high road tax due to its relatively high emissions. I know it is coming to the end of its days, but it will be sad to say goodbye after 20 years of reliable service. The other one is a 9-year-old Seat – with, at one stage, what seemed like low emissions, low road tax and more mpg than the Saxo. However, like so many of us, I am wrestling with the guilt that in the interests of a healthier world, I should be reducing to one electric car and finding a way of financing it.

My generation has never known a world without cars. The US grid layout of cities is down to the motor car. Our own cities and towns were built for the horse and cart. Adapting them for the motor car has been a problem for more than a century. I was recently shown two photographs of New York streets – the first in 1908 (only horses and carts in sight) – the second in 1913 (nothing but cars). The change was both dramatic and complete within 5 years. Major changes in transport can happen in a very short time. Are we now on the verge of such a dramatic change?

We all expect to own at least one car and to drive between 5000 and 15000 miles a year. Cars require roads and there is a common acceptance that as more and more cars appear, we need more and more roads to accommodate them.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Special Royal British Legion Poppy Pins and a new Representative for Sutton Courtenay and Appleford

My name is Melanie Jeffries and I am taking over from Georgia Broome as the RBL representative for Sutton Courtenay and Appleford. My first task is to say a huge **Thank You** to Georgia for all the hard work she has put in over the last few years both running the annual Poppy Appeal and organising amazing projects to support this. My second task is to tell you that the Royal British Legion is planning to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee with special poppy pins. These limited-edition pins will become highly sought after but we hope to be among the first to have some and to be able to offer them to you on the day of the village BYO picnic on 5th June. These will be available for cash donations on the day and all money donated will go to the Sutton Courtenay Poppy Appeal.

Melanie Jeffries

Induced Demand.

Since 1913, the evidence has been growing that building more roads itself generates more traffic. In our congested little island, this has now become a problem we ignore at our peril. More roads – more cars – more roads - in a never-ending cycle. There is also mounting evidence that, if a new road is built, the temptation to use our cars (rather than walking or cycling or using public transport) increases with induced demand. As all our roads become ever more congested, many are now arguing that we need to break this cycle and that road building is not the solution. Our resources might be better spent on maintaining our present system and repurposing our roads to positively encourage alternatives to car transport whilst actively discouraging the use of the car. I am always being charged with being anti-car. Guilty as charged.

If I am sitting in a traffic queue whilst regular buses in a dedicated bus lane are overtaking me, am I more likely to choose bus travel? If there is a safe, dedicated footpath and cycle way, will I choose to walk or cycle? At present, too many bus timetables are disrupted by car traffic. If my bus is held up in car and other traffic, I am much more likely to travel by car. Many young people in London choose not to own a car because public transport is quicker, easier and journey times more reliable. Discouraging single occupancy; congestion charging; toll roads - these will all have to be considered alongside measures to make public transport and active travel more attractive for everyone.

Local issues and possible solutions

The proposed new HIF Rd designed to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce environmental damage, and provide for further growth in our area, is being argued over as I write. It may be that we have to have this road to address immediate and past problems, however, conversations and studies over longer-term planning are likely to move us all away from new road building as a solution. Our money would be better spent on bus and rail, cycle and pedestrian lanes and so on. Is it just possible that this road might be the last built in Oxfordshire? Because if we want our children to enjoy a healthier, happier world, my generation may well have to accept that car ownership was a privilege we once had, but it can no longer be treated as a right.

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Since I last wrote, I have given two speeches on two very different topics, but they have one thing in common. The first was about rape conviction rates in this country. I talked about the fact they're too low and shared cases from constituents anonymously to highlight how the system doesn't work well enough for the victims. I shared stats I'd been given about public attitudes to rape that a constituent had given me and I stressed the need to educate boys about the right way to treat girls so they grow up to be men who behave in the right way towards women.

The second speech was about the lack of GP practices for the number of houses we've had built. Yes, I know, a regular topic that I talk about, but I've joined forces with colleagues who have similar issues in their constituencies to maximise our campaigning efforts. I set out in detail the level of housebuilding we've had, the fact that years and years have passed without additional, promised GP practices being built and I talked about what I thought should happen, including infrastructure going in first and setting a maximum number of patients per GP or practice (surprisingly, there isn't one at present).

What the two very different topics have in common – apart from being longstanding issues – is that no one organisation is responsible for solving the problem. Both are of course significantly affected by what Governments do (or don't do). But the failure to see enough rape prosecutions is also partly about what the police, the CPS and judges do, as well as about societal attitudes, which affect jury decisions. And on GP practices, it's partly to do with the actions of housebuilders and developers, councils, the Clinical Commissioning Group and national NHS bodies. People understandably look to Government to solve problems, but authority in this country tends to be well dispersed – and for good reasons – so, unfortunately, no one lever being pulled in Westminster will quickly solve them.

My Climate Summit this year will be on the 27th June, 9am – 1.30pm via Zoom, with Alok Sharma as the keynote speaker. One topic I know I want to cover is energy policy. We're having an important debate at the moment about our use of oil and gas, the cost of living and what role, if any, there is for things like onshore wind and nuclear power. As with the issues above, there isn't a simple answer. Sign up on my website www.david-johnston.org.uk to take part.

Alongside my usual surgery appointments and visits to schools, businesses, charities, etc, I had a fantastic visit to **11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search Regiment** in Didcot. They work tirelessly to keep us all safe and almost nothing they do will ever make it into the papers, but we should be very proud to have them in the constituency.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do contact me via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk



David Johnston OBE MP invites you to the

WANTAGE AND DIDCOT 2022 CLIMATE SUMMIT

with keynote speaker
COP26 President ALOK SHARMA

27th June 2022
09:00am – 1:30pm via Zoom

Join me and our local and national experts as we discuss the big issues and how we can build on the commitments made at COP26!

Register at: www.david-johnston.org.uk



SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS - NEEDS A NEW TREASURER

Could you spare an hour or so a month to look after SCN's finances and help with its administration?

What is involved?

Mainly it will be:

- Invoicing the advertisers
- Looking after the accounts (the vast majority of banking is done online)
- Keeping the distributor list up to date (it only needs updating if a distributor moves or retires)
- Arranging the AGM

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

VOLUNTEER SCN DISTRIBUTOR NEEDED PLEASE FOR PART OF MILTON ROAD

Florence has delivered SCN to some of the houses in Milton Road for many, many years. She has now decided to "retire" and have a well-deserved rest. We would like to thank her for delivering SCN over the years and we wish her well.

If anyone would like to volunteer to take over Florence's deliveries, please contact Clare on 847566 or 07778 284193 for more information or email scmail836@gmail.com

Many thanks,
The Sutton Courtenay News Editorial Team



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DAMASCUS
Parish**
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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



In amongst all the despair of the national and international news it has been heartening to see the response to the refugee crisis across the world; in this country and, more locally, in the villages of the DAMASCUS Parish, in many and varied ways. Every single act of kindness; every gift of money; every prayer said, all offer a sign of Easter hope in a Good Friday world.

John Rutter, the composer, has written a new choral work in response to the invasion of Ukraine. Funds raised from 'A Prayer for Ukraine', are going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine appeal. Rutter explained: "How can a composer respond to a global tragedy? I suppose by writing music: like everybody I have been shocked and dismayed by the events of recent days. The first thing I wanted to do was write music that would respond in my own way. I went to a late-night service in my old college chapel where they sang a setting of a lovely Ukrainian prayer, so having encountered the Ukrainian text...I wrote my own music. I hope the meaning of the text will resonate in people's hearts." The words of the piece, which are originally in Ukrainian, translate into English as: "Good Lord protect the Ukraine. Give her strength, courage, faith, and hope. Amen." He added: "I hope it speaks in terms which reach out to the Ukrainian people in their hour of need." You can listen to the new work at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bx4QFxfW2s.

We might not have the ability to compose a special piece of music but we can all look to using our gifts, our talents and our resources to serve and help others in whatever way we can. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell, have said in the light of the war that "all people of goodwill [are called upon] to join in prayer for the people of Ukraine and to work practically to support them in their hour of need...In these days of uncertainty and fear, we pray that each of us might again turn to the Lord and receive God's gift of peace, work for God's justice, and know God's reconciliation and love."

It has been humbling to witness the outpouring of love and care for the Ukrainian refugees. An open meeting was held in the River Room in early April to bring together people who were wanting to help. This has created a network of individuals and families, some of whom are already welcoming refugees into their homes; some of whom are in the process of registering; some who want to offer community support to refugees and to host families, and others who are willing to donate money or fundraise*. And in Sutton Courtenay we have the amazing example of Alan Calver who is planning a tandem parachute jump on 19th June

to raise money for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian fund (see advert for details of how you can sponsor him). And as we look at how we can help, in our own way, let's not forget refugees from other countries and situations. We still have Afghan refugee families living in hotels in Milton and our village school has done an amazing job in welcoming some of the children into their midst and offering a place of safety where they can learn and flourish. The school is still looking for volunteers to come and read with the children – if you would like to help, please contact the school directly. With love and prayers, Helen, Rector of the DAMASCUS Parish

*If you would like to be added to this contact list then please contact rector@damascusparish.org.uk for a consent form.

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

Holy Baptism

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

Amy Rose Sarah LITSTER (20th March 2022)

CHURCH DIARY FOR MAY

Tuesday 3rd – 19:30 Baptism Preparation Evening at St Michael's, Steventon. 19:30 Friends of All Saints' Church, AGM in the church.

Saturday 7th – 13:30 Wedding at All Saints'

Monday 9th – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting at St Michael's, Steventon

Thursday 12th – The Right Reverend Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford, visiting the Abingdon Deanery

Saturday 21st – 19:30 Murder Mystery Evening in the Village Hall – see advert and posters for details – tickets £20 each on sale now from Hari & Esha News or the Parish Office – 847179.

Wednesday 25th – 19:30 Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the DAMASCUS Parish to be held in St Blaise, Milton.

Thursday 26th - 19:30 Holy Communion for Ascension Day, All Saints' Church

Saturday 28th – 2.15pm English Music Festival Concert in All Saints' Church – pick up a booking form from church and get a 10% discount on tickets!

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

Sunday 5th – 10:30am Open Air Songs of Praise on the Village Green with the Abbey Brass Band followed at 12:00 by the BIG PLATINUM JUBILEE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH on the Village Green or enjoy the all-day BBQ from the George or all-day Pizza from the Swan. Also: a bouncy castle; Fancy Hat Parade and Jubilee Cake Competition celebrating the past seven decades (once the cakes have been judged they will be cut to share for free with a cup of tea). See poster for more details.

Sunday 26th – 2-5pm Cream Teas and a Craft Aisle in All Saints' Church. 3pm Act of Commemoration at George Orwell's Grave with the Orwell Society.

5-6pm Talk by Richard Blair (George Orwell's son on 'Life with My Father').

AND ADVANCE NOTICE

CREAM TEAS TO BE SERVED in the River Room from 2:30pm to 5.30pm on Sunday 31st July and Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August!

RIVER ROOM 200 CLUB

In Support of the All Saints' Community Space

Winners at the Draw on April 14 were:

1st – No. 15 (£51.00)

2nd – No. 24 (£26.00)

3rd – No. 89 (£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 May 12th at the All Saints' Community Café in the River Room at 10.30 am.

Community Café in the River Room



Run by the church for the whole community

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 26th May

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

Thank you to all those who donated at the Community Café in March for Down's Syndrome Oxford – we raised over £150.

NOTICE

Wednesday 25th May at 7.30pm – the Annual Parish Meeting of the DAMASCUS Parish will be held in St Blaise Church, Milton

This is a joint meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll, together with 'persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a Register of Local Government Electors' (Churchwardens Measure 2001 paragraph 5.1) and is held for the purpose of electing Churchwardens.

Following straight on from the Annual Parish Meeting will be **the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**. This is a meeting of those whose names are on the church electoral roll for the purposes of presenting the annual report and accounts for 2021 and for electing Parochial Church Council Members and Deanery Synod Representatives.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

19:00 for 19:30

Saturday 21st May 2022

Sutton Courtenay Village Hall

See advert and poster on Page 12 for details. This is a shared fundraiser for Sutton Courtenay Village Hall and All Saints' Church and we need some help please. If you can help with the catering or with setting up and decorating the hall and clearing up afterwards, please contact the parish office on 01235 847179.

BRIDGE AFTERNOONS

Come and play Bridge on Friday afternoons in the River Room 2-5 pm with a cup of tea and piece of cake - £5
Tables, cards and score cards all provided

We will be meeting on 6th and 20th May

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 learning.
Rubber or Chicago – you choose.

THE FRIENDS' GARDEN PARTY SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2022



The Friends of All Saints' Church have great pleasure in announcing the date of their annual Garden Party which will be held on Sunday 10th July from 12.30pm - 3.30pm in the garden of Teresa & Peter, 3 Drayton Road, Sutton Courtenay. We welcome all members of the Sutton Courtenay Community and beyond. There will be entertainment for the children and a buffet lunch will be served.

Tickets £12 adults £6 children
(Family ticket for two adults & 2 Children £30)

Tickets available from Sue Jenkins (SJJenkins33@aol.com)
or any member of the committee.

Please ring 07885 437454 for further details

The Friends of All Saints' is a Charity supported by villagers (both current and from the past) of various faiths (and of none). We welcome everyone who has a concern for this historic and wonderful Grade 1 listed building to help maintain it for today and for future generations.

Sue Jenkins (Chairman)

Entertaining This Summer?

Borrow a tent from
'The Friends of All Saints' Church'

The Friends of All Saints' Church have two good quality white tents that can be borrowed for your outdoor entertaining this summer. Each tent is 6m x 3m (20ft x 10ft) with sides that can be added or not, depending on weather.

A donation to The Friends of All Saints' Church would be appreciated.

To erect and strike the tents - Friends of All Saints will provide a supervisor but the borrower would need to provide an able-bodied team of four as labour. Times for this would be negotiable.

All enquiries to:

Morna Whitlock (morna28whitlock@gmail.com)

David McKenzie (d.j.mckenzie@hotmail.com)



George Orwell Afternoon Sunday 26th June 2022

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
SUTTON COURTENAY**

2-5pm - Cream Teas and Craft Aisle

**3pm Orwell Society Act of
Commemoration**

**5pm Talk by Richard Blair
'Life with my Father'**

Ticket Prices

Entrance to Craft Aisle – FREE!

£15 for Cream and Tea and Talk

£5 for Cream Tea only. £10 for the Talk.

HISTORY SOCIETY



**SUTTON COURTENAY
LOCAL HISTORY
SOCIETY**

MONDAY MAY 16TH
VILLAGE HALL 7:30PM

"LEISURE AND ENTERTAINMENT IN VICTORIAN AND EDWARDIAN OXFORD"

Illustrated talk by Liz Woolley

The History Society has previously enjoyed several well-presented talks by Liz Woolley. She is a well-known local historian who specialises in the history of Oxford and Oxfordshire. This illustrated talk will describe where and how Oxford citizens spent their free time to fulfil a demand for entertainment as working people found themselves with more leisure time.

Please note the meeting is on a Monday evening (not Tuesday as before) and there will be a charge of £5.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to being able to meet again after a break due to the lockdowns etc.

Mary Thompson

SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

3rd September 2022 (Show open for viewing at 2pm)

NB: entries must be staged strictly between 9.45 and 11am when judging begins. Early or late entries cannot be accepted.

GARDEN PRODUCE			49	a A decorated book mark	b 12-16
1	a Seed tray with mixture of vegetables	b 12-16	50	An item of crochet	
2	1 sweetcorn – kernel to be ½ exposed		51	A quilted item – max 1 m. sq. or displayed folded to 1 m. sq.	
3	3 potatoes, any one variety		52	a Something new from something old	b 12-16
4	6 runner beans		53	An item made from fabric	
5	Bunch of fresh herbs		54	a A hand-made get-well card	b 12-16
6	3 onions (trimmed)		55	a A piece of original craft work -ceramic, metal or wood	b 12-16
7	A lettuce		ART	<i>See rules at end of schedule</i>	
8	3 tomatoes		56	Drawing – pencil, charcoal or pen and ink – max 2’x2’	
9	A truss of tomatoes - any variety		57	Picture – any medium including collage -max 2’x2’	
10	2 courgettes – no larger than 6 ins		PHOTOGRAPHY <i>See rules at end of schedule</i>		
11	a Collection of 3 different vegetables (3 of each)	b 12-16	58	Black and white photograph	
12	3 carrots – with 3” tops		59	a Colour print – general	b 12-16
13	3 beetroot – with 3” tops		60	Colour print - Gates	
14	5 shallots (trimmed)		61	Colour print - Sunset or sunrise	
15	3 dessert apples		CHILDREN’S CLASSES a. 6 yrs and under b. 7-11 yrs		
16	3 cooking apples		62	A picture of a garden	
17	5 plums		63	A decorated wooden spoon	
18	3 pears		64	A monster made from scrap materials	
19	2 sweet peppers		65	A garden on a plate	
20	1 cucumber		66	A gingerbread person	
21	The curliest cucumber		FLOWER ARRANGING - Accessories to be within size limits		
22	3 leeks		67	Miniature - maximum 4” all dimensions	
FLOWERS			68	Arrangement with 5 flowers and foliage only	
23	Vase of 3 stems of roses		69	Arrangement in a jug – garden flowers only	
24	1 specimen rose		70	Song from a show – max 20” sq. unlimited ht. Accessories allowed	
25	Vase of 4 herbaceous flowers (different varieties)		RULES: Photographs: <i>to be taken by exhibitor and not previously shown. Mounted, overall size max 14”x10”.</i> Craft: <i>All items must be your own work, not worn or shown before.</i> Art: <i>All items must be your own work and not been shown before.</i> Class 38: Coffee and Walnut Cake Given recipe/ tin size to be used For the cake: 4 large eggs beaten, 2 heaped teaspoons of instant coffee (or 2 tablespoons Camp coffee), 8oz (225g) soft margarine, 8oz (225g) caster sugar, 8oz (225g) SR flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3oz (75g) chopped walnuts For the filling & topping: 2oz (50g) soft margarine, 6oz (175g) icing sugar, 1 teaspoon of coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water (or 1 tablespoon Camp coffee), 1 tablespoon milk (optional), walnut halves. Preheat oven 180c/160c fan/350f/gas 4. Grease & line 2 x 8inch (20cm) sandwich tins with grease proof paper. Place eggs in bowl & stir in coffee until dissolved. Add remaining ingredients & beat well until blended. Divide mixture evenly between tins and level out. Bake in oven for about 25 mins or until well risen and tops of the cakes spring back when lightly pressed with finger. Leave to cool in tins for a few moments then turn out, peel off paper & finish cooling on wire rack. Make butter cream by blending margarine, icing sugar & coffee until smooth, adding milk if necessary. Use half butter cream to sandwich cakes together. Spread remaining butter cream on top and add some walnut halves.		
26	4 dahlias				
27	3 stems from a flowering shrub				
28	Vase of 5 or more mixed garden flowers inc. shrubs				
29	A potted cactus or succulent – not shown before				
30	A potted geranium				
31	A flowering houseplant				
32	A pot plant shown for foliage				
COOKERY					
33	Jar of jam				
34	Jar of marmalade				
35	Jar of jelly				
36	Jar of lemon curd				
37	Jar of chutney				
38	A jar of honey				
39	Coffee and walnut cake * <i>See recipe</i>				
40	4 flapjacks				
41	4 plain scones				
42	6 meringue halves (unfilled)				
43	a.4 shortbread biscuits	b 12-16			
44	4 sausage rolls - 3” long				
DRINKS					
45	1 bottle home-made lemonade				
46	1 bottle home-made fruit flavoured spirit				
CRAFTS <i>See rules at end of schedule</i>					
47	A hand knitted scarf				
48	An item of hand embroidery- cross stitch or canvas work				



**SATURDAY
21ST MAY 2022**

**MURDER
MYSTERY
EVENING**



**SUTTON COURTENAY
VILLAGE HALL, OX14 4BB**

19:00 for 19:30 start

Tickets £20 per person

It is 1953 – Coronation year – and Sutton Courtenay is entered into the Best Kept Village Competition. The community is having a celebration in the village hall, but all is not as it seems. Murder, mystery and mayhem are just around the corner.

Come dressed in 1950s costume to add to the atmosphere!

**Includes a cocktail,
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Over 20K People Fell Victim To Remote Access Scams

More than £50 million was lost last year to scams where victims are tricked into handing over control of their computer or smartphone to criminals.

New data from Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime, reveals that **20,144** people fell victim to scams where they were persuaded to grant criminals remote access to their device. Victims reported losing a total of **£57,790,384** – an average loss of **£2,868** per victim.

What are remote access scams

Remote Access scams will often begin with a browser pop-up saying that your computer is infected with a virus, or maybe a call from someone claiming to be from your bank saying that they need to connect to your computer in order to cancel a fraudulent transaction on your account. Regardless of the narrative the fraudster's use, their goal is to steal your money or access your financial information by tricking you into allowing them to remotely connect to your computer.

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said:

"While remote access tools are safe when used legitimately, we want the public to be aware that they can be misused by criminals to perpetrate fraud. We often see criminals posing as legitimate businesses in order to trick people into handing over control of their computer or smartphone. "You should only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop-up or text message."

How to protect yourself

- Only install software or grant remote access to your computer if you're asked by someone you know and trust, such as a friend or family member, and never as a result of an unsolicited call, browser pop up, or text message.
- Remember, a bank or service provider will never contact you out of the blue requesting remote access to your device.
- If you believe your laptop, PC, tablet or phone has been infected with a virus or some other type of malware, follow the NCSC's guidance on recovering an infected device.
- Protect your money by contacting your bank immediately on a different device from the one the scammer contacted you on.
- Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via actionfraud.police.uk. If you are in Scotland, please report to Police Scotland directly by calling 101.

Message Sent By

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

Cold Callers

Residents are being warned to be cautious of cold callers offering to do driveway, landscaping or roofing work. They also often target consumers by leaflet dropping and creating fake profiles online.

Many traders will be booked up, so the advice is to be wary of traders who can arrive to start the work the following day and push for a quick agreement to use them. Always make sure you receive a final total cost in writing before agreeing to any work starting.

Oxfordshire residents can check the Local Authority's Buy with Confidence scheme for local traders who have been vetted and approved by Trading Standards.

If anyone believes that they have been the victim of such a rogue trader and wants advice, you can contact the Citizens Advice National Consumer Service on 0800 144 8848 or via its website at Citizens Advice.

Trading Standards Service

Oxfordshire County Council

Graham Hill House, Electric Avenue, Ferry Hinksey Road, Oxford OX2 0BY

Message Sent By

Rachel Ward (Police, Corporate Communications, Thames Valley)

FOOTBALL CLUB

Congratulations to Sutton Courtenay Football Club on winning the North Berks Division 3 title and securing their place in Division 2 for the 2022/2023 season.

The club are always on the lookout for new and talented players to join their team - if you are interested in playing football for us, please contact Dean Chesshire on 0776 9251176 or email: deanchesshire1989@hotmail.co.uk



The Real Legend of Robin Hood

Wow! Thank you so much to this amazing village. SCIDS does not work without all the support from the village and the fabulous cast and backstage crew. At SCIDS we all had a great time and loads of fun putting together this year's panto. Erin's idea of collecting for

Ukrainian children was brilliant and the village raised a whopping £620 so thank you everyone. We look forward to next year and always welcome new members! Here is what some of the cast had to say...

The play isn't just for us but for the whole community. It's an epic way to lose your stage-fright. *Abi*

SCIDS is great fun. You make new friends and get to try acting. I definitely want to do it again. *Miriam*



SCIDS is a great experience for all ages. It is a great way to start acting and socialising. Everyone is very friendly and we are always happy to have new members. *Bradley*

I really like performing in front of people and it's a great way to meet new people. *William*

SCIDS is a great way to spend Sunday afternoons. You meet new people, and everyone is very welcoming. *Juliette*

SCIDS is so much fun. The cakes each week are delicious. The performances that we put on always bring a smile to our audience. *Izzy*

I love SCIDS. I enjoyed giving my character an accent. When we do the performances my friends and family come to watch. *Lewis*

I love SCIDS. It makes winter Sunday's fun and interesting. You dance and learn new songs. I can't wait for the next one. *Jannah*

Anyone can be in it which makes it fun. If you come to watch the show it will make you laugh until you are 100 years old. *Freddie*



Basic Guidelines for Hosting Ukrainian Refugees

If you are one of those who have generously offered to host Ukrainian refugees, you need to know what is involved.

The government hasn't yet released complete details of how the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme will work, but as of the time of writing (mid-April 2022) the following guidelines apply:

First, you can volunteer for someone from the Ukraine to come to the UK and live with you. If you know of specific Ukrainians whom you wish to host, those people can apply to come to the UK. If you don't know of any particular people you want to host, you can sign up to be matched with one or more people. In either case, your local council will pay £350 per month per sponsor or property.

You must be able to provide the right kind of accommodation: it can be a spare room or an empty property, but it must be safe, suitable and large enough. The local council will visit you to make sure that the living space is appropriate. In addition, safety checks will be carried out on both hosts and guests, including police and criminal records checks.

Before you apply for the scheme, do check with your mortgage provider and/or your home insurance company, if applicable, to ensure that they have no objections.

You must be willing to let the refugee(s) stay with you, or in your separate accommodation, for at least six months - the longer the better. You may not charge them rent. Your guests will have the right to work and study, claim benefits, use the NHS, go to school and attend free English classes.

Citizens Advice can help with claims for benefits and other necessities. Our website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk has relevant information which is constantly updated as new rules are publicised.

You can also telephone the Citizens Advice Oxfordshire South and Vale Adviceline on 0808 278 7907.



Thank You

The family of Jack Bristow would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and kind words during this very difficult and sad time. Jack was a very special person and is very sadly missed.

Teresa White



A Recommendation

Should the need for a locksmith occur, I can recommend Colin Pizzie who advertised in the SC News. He lives in Abingdon.

I recently had trouble with the lock on the white uPVC patio door. He came and soon found the problem. He did an emergency job, ordered the necessary part and came the next day to fix it. Brilliant!

Name & address supplied

WECARE2

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

Wecare2

Wecare2 is a small group of people with dementia and, of course, their carers. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:15 to 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.

New members will always be welcome.

If interested either as a customer (transport can be arranged) or to help, please contact

Alan & Morna Whitlock

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We meet with the Covid guidelines.

PLEASE SUPPORT

'ALAN CALVER'S PARACHUTE JUMP'**Sunday 19th June 2022**Raising money for the
DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEALAlan will be jumping from **15,000ft** in a freefall tandem jump!

Please sponsor him to raise **£1,000** for the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal. You can donate by scanning the QR code above or via the **Just Giving** website to 'Alan Calver's Parachute Jump' page or by cheque, payable to 'DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal' and sent c/o The Reverend Helen Kendrick, The Rectory, 3 Tullis Close, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon, Oxon, OX14 4BD

TABLE TOP SALE

Please come along
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Great Items for
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**WHEN:** Saturday 7th May 2022**TIME:** 11:00 – 16:00**WHERE:** Sutton Courtenay
Village Hall

Refreshments & Cakes also available
Activities for children while you browse

Please donate your **NEW & NEARLY NEW** items or **UNWANTED GIFTS** for the sale.

We are asking for: great quality clothing, jewellery, glassware, books, handbags, knick-knacks, soft toys, toiletry sets, games, bottles for a tombola, special donations for a raffle & any other Great Items!

For information about donations or to arrange a collection, please contact:

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14 to 22 May Site 175 By appointment

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The 2022 Artweeks Festival Guide booklet is available at Vickery's in Drayton and from the artists. Or you can find information on www.artweeks.org.

CAROLYN HAWKES is looking forward to welcoming visitors to her venue, number 714, at **The Gallery Upstairs,**

28 Lammas Land, DRAYTON. She will be exhibiting over 30 paintings. Directions: from High Street turn into Furlongs and follow Lammas Land round to the end house, no.28.

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We will be dusting off the marquee, and it will once again be full of a selection of work from over 15 invited local potters and ceramicists. In addition, there will be a display of fused glass, and also work done by students. The work ranges from functional to sculptural, incorporating a range of techniques.

To make this a true Oxfordshire Arts experience there will be live demonstrations of pottery techniques and hands-on taster sessions, ceramic supplies from Bluematchbox, input from Oxford Archaeology highlighting the origins of pottery, and the essential cake and refreshments.

Free entry, all ages welcome, parking on site in a level field.

Approx. times of demos/taster sessions will be listed on our website/social media nearer the exhibition.

www.oxfordshirearts.co.uk

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Didcot Hash House Harriers

Would you like to run or walk with a sociable, local group, followed by a visit to the pub for a beer (or coffee) and, sometimes, chips? If so, how about joining Didcot Hash House Harriers? We are part of the international hashing family. We meet at 11:00 on a Sunday in the winter and 19:00 on a Tuesday evening in the summer.

We start and finish at a local pub, ending up in the bar or garden for a sociable drink and chat. We welcome anyone and everyone including families (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

Hashing is like a paperchase or hare and hounds in that a trail is laid in advance and the 'pack' then have to find the correct route. No-one is left behind and the trail is 4.5-6 miles for the run and 3.5-4 miles for the walk. There is no long-term commitment, just join us when you can.

There is no joining fee, your first run is free and we charge £1 each time you come along after that. If you are interested, please look up Didcot Hash House Harriers at dh3.azurewebsites.net/ or email lemonydh3@gmail.com.

Melanie Jefferies



JOIN US FOR A RIGHT ROYAL KNEES-UP

SUTTON COURTENAY'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

BYO Picnic Lunch or enjoy all-day BBQ from the George or all-day Pizza from The Swan. **FREE** Tea & Cake served from 3pm.
 Music from Abbey Brass. Fancy Hat Parade (come wearing a hat fit for a Queen) - Decorated Cake Competition (see separate flyer) - Bouncy Castle - Raffle.

WHERE & WHEN:

Sunday 5th June 2022
 10:30 Songs of Praise with Abbey Brass
 from 12:00 Lunch on the Village Green

The community celebration for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

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COME ON IN ...

- find out what we're doing this year !
 In May we look forward to hearing about
 'Pets for Therapy'

Our Summer Trip in June is to the
 Weald & Downland Living Museum

- lots more, so why not come and join us and
 see what you could be enjoying with us!

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

For details contact our Secretary on 847612



Melanie Brown

The Fifteenth English Music Festival

Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire

27 - 29 May 2022

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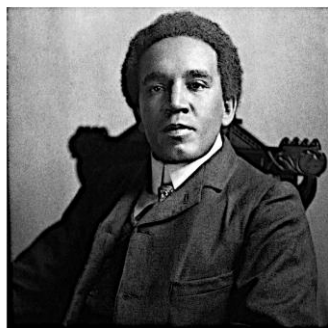
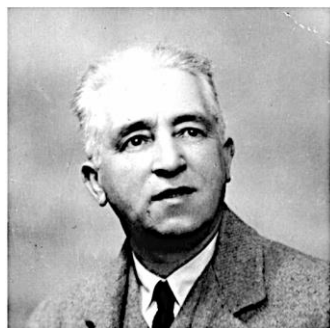
The Fifteenth English Music Festival returns to Dorchester Abbey, Oxfordshire, 27 - 29 May 2022, opening with the BBC Concert Orchestra, and including Coleridge-Taylor's Violin Concerto; Holst's 'The Cloud Messenger'; Vaughan Williams's 'Willow Wood' sung by Roderick Williams; a song showcase by Havergal Brian; Ivor Gurney World Première, and the part-song collection commissioned for the coronation, 'A Garland for the Queen', celebrating the Platinum Jubilee.

The annual English Music Festival celebrates the brilliance, innovation, beauty and rich musical heritage of Britain with a strong focus on unearthing overlooked or forgotten masterpieces of the late nineteenth to mid-twentieth century.

Further information including Festival programme:
www.englishmusicfestival.org.uk

Tickets are on sale now via the website, a postal booking form, and on the door during the Festival, subject to availability.

EM Records is the recording label of the English Music Festival, which includes many première recordings:
www.em-records.com



Rest in Peace

We send our condolences and the assurance of our prayers to the family and friends of the following person who died recently:

Nancy Jane Lyford (Jane) who died on 18th March 2022 was born into the Tomkins family on 13th June 1932, the youngest of eight children. Sadly, both her parents died whilst she was young and she was subsequently adopted by the Perkins family. She had a happy childhood, attending school in Banbury and then going to boarding school before getting a clerical job at Horton General Hospital and then becoming a student nurse at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Whilst training she met George, who was a patient on her ward. Jane gave up nursing to get a job with more money at the MG Car Factory, where George worked.

Jane boarded at the "George and Dragon" and often went to Abingdon shopping. One day, as she came out of "Masons" wool shop a girl stopped her and asked if she was Jane. It was Audrey – one of her long-lost sisters, who then lived at Marcham. After that meeting, they kept in touch and in time Jane was reunited with her other brothers and sisters. After saving up £500 Jane and George got married in January 1957 in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay. They initially lived in a flat in Tyrrells Way before moving to a house in Bradstocks Way which became the family home. Shirley was born in July 1958 and Judith in September 1961. Jane stayed at home until Judith was 12 when they both went to Secondary school, and then took a job at DOE, Milton, where she stayed for 20 years.

Jane enjoyed living in the village, amongst friends and neighbours who all supported one another as a real community. They would often work together potato picking for the Cauldwells or turkey plucking at Christmas. She was devastated by George's premature death from lung cancer but with sheer determination she rebuilt her life and focused her time on helping to bring up her grandchildren. Jane was always immensely proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved every moment spent with them. Sadly, she was diagnosed with dementia seven years ago and moved to Abingdon to live with Ju where she was cared for by the family with help from a wonderful team of carers. Her funeral was held in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on 12th April where tributes were given by various family members. *This is an edited extract from the tributes and the address given at the funeral by the Reverend Helen Kendrick.*

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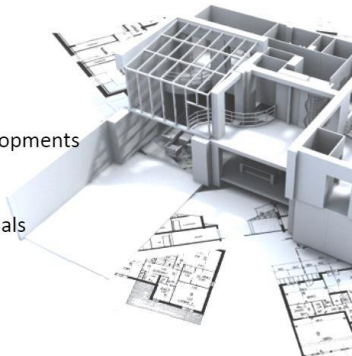
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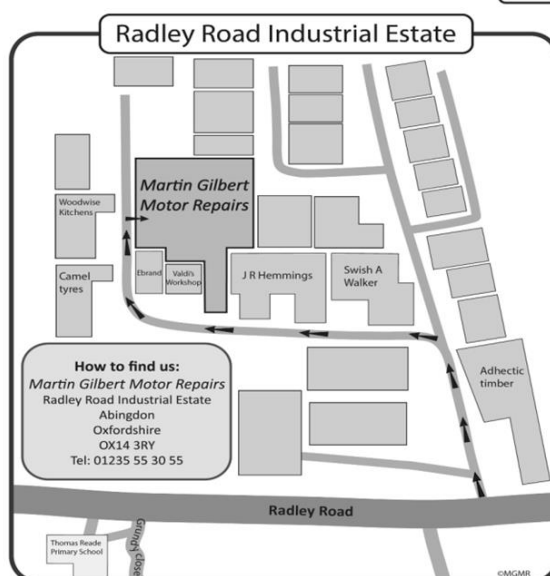
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