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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.

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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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 upgrade

A contractor has been chosen to deal with Phase one of the project which will be the play area, MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area), and skate park area of the field and will include the addition of a grass pump track. The website will contain further information and plans in due course.

Road closures

The Parish Council has had notification of the following road closures over the coming months, in, or in the vicinity of, the village:-

- 27th June to 30th June between 8am and 6pm in Barrett's Way whilst installation of new telecoms pole and cab works are carried out. Diversion signs will be in place. Access for emergency vehicles and properties within the closure will be maintained subject to the progress of the works and upon liaison with the site manager. **Pedestrian** access will be maintained, and all pedestrians will be accompanied by a member of the workforce.
- 1st July to 6th July between 9am and 3.30pm – Abingdon Road Appleford. Road closure and 'No Waiting' restriction to facilitate carriageway patching works. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those frontages within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works and liaison with the works supervisor.
- Overnight closure 8pm on 1st August until 6am on 2nd August, B4017 Abingdon Road, Drayton, to facilitate carriageway patching works. Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works. The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the road.

For exact locations, please see the plans on the Parish Council website. These can be found in the "News" Section on the front page of the website.

Planning

The following planning matters were discussed

P22/V0800/HH - Single and two storey side extension, two storey rear extension, alterations to driveway and hardstanding around the house, erection of a detached garden structure for outdoor kitchen and internal alterations. Swanacre, All Saints Lane, Sutton Courtenay, Abingdon OX14 4AG

Comments: Council has no objection

P17/V2490/LDO - Land at Hill Farm, Appleford, Didcot
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER - Draft for Public Consultation (Revised April 2022)

Comments: Council has no objection but referred back to the comments in the previous order in relation to coalescence between Didcot and Appleford.

Councillor Vacancies

There are currently spaces for Parish Councillors on the Council. Should you be interested in becoming a councillor and making a difference in the village, please contact the clerk for more details.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 7th June at the Village Hall, Frilsham Street commencing at 7.15pm. Please check the website or the noticeboard outside Hari and Esha stores for further details.

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FROM THE EDITORS

It is lovely to see things opening out again after more than two years of limited social activity. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this month's edition. There is a lot going on! Please carry on sending us your plans, news and views.

I would like to remind you that the Sutton Courtenay News has no August edition – even editors need a holiday! So, if you have something exciting happening in August or September please let us know by 15th June for inclusion in the July edition, or it will have to wait until early September for publication.

The Platinum Jubilee is almost upon us. Let us hope we have lovely weather for the long holiday weekend, and especially for the Right Royal Knees Up and picnic on the Green.

Editor

Photo on cover page submitted by Bryony Landsbert



A warm welcome

Our school is an increasingly diverse and vibrant place to be. This month, we welcomed new children who are refugees from Ukraine. They are now staying with a family in the village. It has been good to step back and reflect on how much we have learned since we welcomed our Afghan refugees in October. We have been able to ask those children to advise us on what made a difference and how we can best help our new arrivals to settle in.

When children arrive in school with almost no English, it is a real opportunity to see the universal language of childhood. Children quickly find ways to play and to communicate without words. Smiles and gestures go such a long way. When they feel safe and secure, their language skills develop rapidly. The whole school community can learn from this.

The FOSCS Science Garden project

The Friends of Sutton Courtenay School are creating a science garden. As far as possible, materials are being sourced sustainably. Recycled railway sleepers are being used to construct the planting beds. On Sunday 15th May, children, parents, grandparents and friends all came to school for a working day to move top soil into the beds. We had a wonderful morning – it was hard work but it was also great to work together on a project that will benefit the whole community. The beds will be planted with sensory plants. An arch will house climbing plants but will also be a useful structure for linking parts of the garden with pulleys and other forces equipment. There will also be a solar fountain, a weather station and a clock with gears.



What's growing Mr Greenough?

Spring is fully underway now and there is a lot to do in the garden. Mr Greenough has been working as usual with a group of children each week, and they



have been busy planting seeds. All children take part in gardening in school on a rotational basis. This is a lovely opportunity to connect aspects of the curriculum. Of course, there are the obvious elements of science – understanding growth and life cycles. In addition Mr Greenough covers changing seasons with the children and the reasons for shorter and longer days, with the impact of this on plant growth and animal habitats. The school grounds are a fantastic eco-system. It is also a chance to develop elements of the personal development curriculum, such as inclusive participation (everyone working together) and self-care (developing interests and hobbies, and understanding the origins of healthy food).



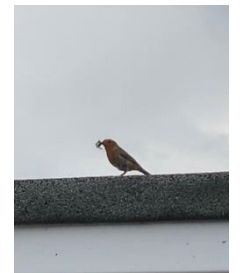
Robins for Robins!



Robins class have a very special responsibility at the moment. Some robins have built a nest and are raising a family of chicks in their outside learning area! So,

Robins have their very own robins! The mother bird has built her nest in the guttering. All day long the children can watch her coming and going with insects to feed to her babies. Robins children know that the area where the nest is must be left alone, and that they must be quiet when they are near it so that the baby birds are not disturbed. The children are fascinated, and it is a wonderful chance to observe the science of life cycles close at hand. You can watch a video of the baby birds here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OOa-PSV0oJs



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ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT



The young people of Sutton Courtenay have been busy in their drop-in sessions over the last few weeks by getting super arty! The young people wanted to make a new sign so after a few design choices they got down to it and spent a lot of time outlining, painting, and adding graphics to their board – now it is time to sign their names to it and it is complete!

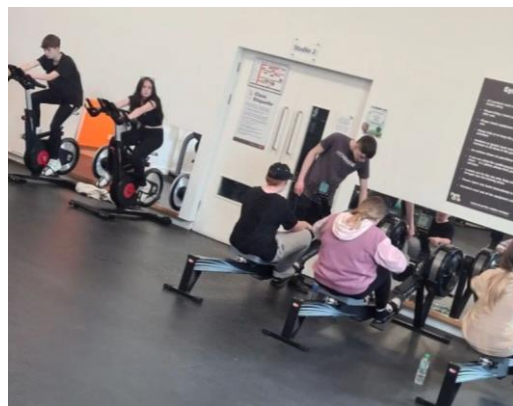


The young people were also busy walking the streets litter picking recently, and we hope the residents noticed the cleaner roads! In total they collected twelve and a half bags of litter!! These events always bring up great discussions and we are so grateful to have a group of young people that care about the environment so much!



The Nearly New Table Top Sale was a success, and it was great to see so many people from the community show up to grab a bargain and have a nice cup of tea. A big thank you to all the volunteers and people who donated items, without you it wouldn't have been so successful!

Following on from the recent workshops we have been holding in our drop-in sessions, some of the group opted to take part in a gym project which looked at body image, healthy lifestyles and fitness routines. They all put in some great work and have paved the way for more events like this in the future! Also, thank you to the Park Club Gym for hosting us!



It's that time of the year when we try to stay outdoors as much as possible and enjoy the British summer. Please keep your eyes peeled for session changes on our Facebook and Instagram pages for when we make the move to the Recreation Ground with our gazebo!

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

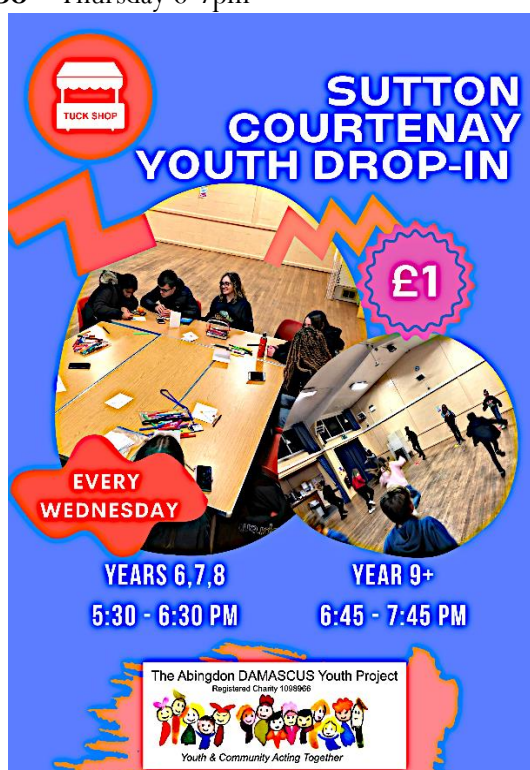
Website - www.damascusyouthproject.org.uk

Session times

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

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

Gazebo – Thursday 6-7pm



B4016

This has been the subject of much discussion for many years now. Indeed, my first piece of casework when elected in May 2013, was to try to get proposals for a buildout to happen. After months of arguing over first, the costing, then the type of buildout and its positioning and finally changes to Highway policy and Covid, the scheme was put on hold. Happily, a change in administration last year breathed new life and money into the proposal such that it will now happen this year. What this scheme, and others, have taught me is that it is impossible to get unanimous agreement on Highway schemes. Concerns about speeding and safety along the whole stretch of this road between Sutton Courtenay and Drayton have been around as long as the buildout. Indeed, I remember walking the road with our MP and OCC Highway officers some years ago to discuss what could be done to prevent any further fatalities.

The two new mobile speeding signs have now been commissioned but there have been further disagreements over the siting of the poles to support the signs. In an effort to get things moving, I have agreed with Highway Officers on the initial sites of the poles, but there is no reason why other poles could not be put up in the future. There is an increasing case for speed signs around Marcham – particularly Sheepstead Rd.

Drayton and Sutton Courtenay and Marcham Parish Councils are considering applying for 20mph zones within their villages.

Finally, if the HIF1 road scheme goes ahead (and there remains some uncertainty), the traffic modelling suggests that the new road would take away a proportion of the traffic currently using the road. It may be little more than a mile of road, but at last things are happening. Hopefully, many

of the proposals will make the B4016 a safer road to live beside.

Noise

Electric vehicles may well reduce traffic noise, but the amount of commercial activity in our area is giving rise to increasing numbers of noise complaints over lost sleep and impact on mental health. The trouble with noise is that it comes and goes so unless the measurements are taken at the worst time, the evidence is difficult to pin down. However, it is becoming apparent that the impact of heavy traffic is not just its effect on air quality and physical human health, but increasingly on mental health. It is not clear what can be done about this but it is something Councils need to be taking more seriously.

Elections

For many years, Oxfordshire has been a hotbed of political dispute. At first glance, last week's elections might seem to have heated the atmosphere even further. There is one positive in that politicians across the County are realising the need for compromise and the need to take account of all opinions if they wish to get things done. This has to be a good thing.

Holiday season

It seems we may be in for a long, hot summer. For those able to afford them, holidays postponed or curtailed thanks to Covid are, at last, possible. With the world in its current state, some time in the sunshine, time to reflect and reorganise, may be just what we all need.

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Photo by Zoe Osborne



I recently exceeded 25,000 constituent cases dealt with since I was elected in December 2019 (to those who don't like it when they don't get a fast reply, I hope this helps you understand why!). One of the first things to strike me when I became an MP was how the correspondence you get is so different from that in almost any other job, in a good way. Many MPs are councillors before they enter parliament, but even then, my ex-councillor colleagues might have represented 10,000 people at county or equivalent level and typically had a narrow range of topics they were contacted about. MPs represent tens of thousands – Wantage and Didcot is one of the largest constituencies at near 100,000 – and are written to about every issue under the sun; during the pandemic, veteran MPs said the rate of correspondence we received was 3 times the level they'd ever seen. But the more people who contact me with problems the better, as being able to help them is the most rewarding part of the job.

Alongside individual cases I've been supporting four campaigns recently. One is continuing to help the local AEAT Pensioners obtain redress and I am pursuing something that I hope will give them an avenue for this. Another is to help Didcot resident, Sharon Gaffka, with her campaign on spiking. The Government recently moved the GHB drug – used in the majority of spiking cases – up a category so that the prison penalties for carrying it or producing it are increased. I took Sharon to meet the Safeguarding Minister so that she could explain what else she wants to see happen, including better education of young people.

I'm then supporting the Epilepsy Society's Zach's Law campaign to punish people who – believe it or not – send those with photosensitive epilepsy flashing images online in the hope that they will induce a seizure in the recipient. We're hopeful the Online Harms Bill will clamp down on this. I was also pleased to join 70 colleagues in calling on companies not to digitally alter body proportions in pictures, which give people – particularly young people – an unrealistic body image to aspire to, with negative consequences for their mental health.

Visit highlights since I last wrote include Faringdon Junior School, where I took tough questions and learnt about dragons; the new Kingsgrove Café; Mission Motorsport in East Challow, a fabulous charity which supports those affected by military operations; and being in Wallingford for the first day of Wallingford Radio's FM license (tune in at 107.3FM!).

Don't forget you can sign up to my Climate Summit on 27th June at www.david-johnston.org.uk.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do get in touch 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

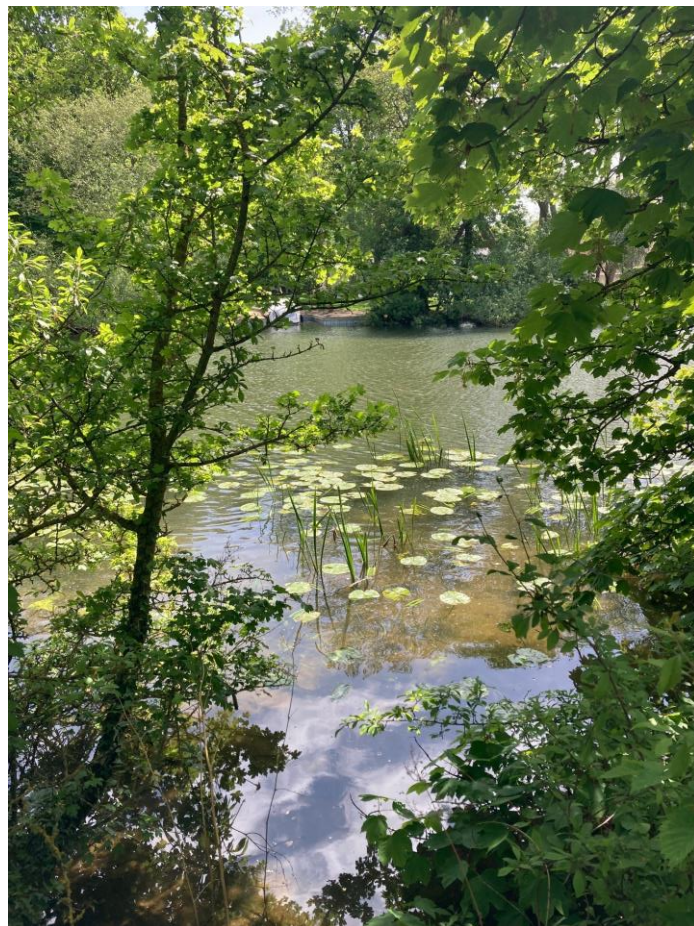


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St Peter's, Drayton
St Peter & St Paul, Appleford
St Blaise, Milton
All Saints', Sutton Courtenay
St Michael and All Angels, Steventon

From the Ministry Team

Our Jubilee celebrations are not only a reflection of the very best of community life - creativity, inclusiveness, commitment and relationships, they are a fitting tribute to our Queen on her Platinum Jubilee. The Queen has led by example; her model of duty and responsibility rightly earning her the respect and love of people around the globe.

I pray that the example shown by Queen Elizabeth II will continue as a beacon in the world, which sometimes feels as if it is in the grip of the destroyers rather than the creators. Let's make our village Jubilee celebrations an opportunity for further acts of creativity and compassionate friendships which will be in greater need than ever in what will be for many, a time of unprecedented hardship.

Now is the time to celebrate and give thanks for our community and to encourage ourselves for new expressions of both service and community building. We may soon be welcoming war-torn families into our homes, school and community. More households will be facing food and fuel poverty and be reliant on public or shared transport arrangements. It is in our giving that we can bring hope in dark times. Our Sovereign has set us the finest example that the duty and privilege to serve is our highest calling.

"For me, as a Christian, one of the most important of these teachings is contained in the parable of the Good Samaritan, when Jesus answers the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' It is a timeless story of a victim of a mugging who was ignored by his own countrymen but helped by a foreigner – and a despised foreigner at that. The implication drawn by Jesus is clear. Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour. The need to look after a fellow human being is far more important than any cultural or religious differences." (Queen's Christmas message, 2004)

The following prayer will be used at our Jubilee Celebration Services on Sunday 5 June. Please come and join us as we give thanks for our Sovereign's faith, service and steadfastness as we celebrate not just her Platinum Jubilee, but the gift of God's Holy Spirit to enable us to show his love in acts of faithful service, compassion and peace.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another,

With love and prayers,

The Reverend Philip Sutton
Associate Minister

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.

CHURCH DIARY FOR JUNE

Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th - QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

Saturday 4th – 14:00 Wedding of Gary Hibbins and Becky Stone

Sunday 5th – 10:30am Open Air Songs of Praise on the Village Green with the Abbey Brass Band followed from 12:00 by the BIG PLATINUM JUBILEE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH See page 11 for more details.

Monday 6th – 19:30 Baptism Preparation for all families interested in baptism – please contact the parish office on 01235 847179 to book a place.

Tuesday 7th – Thursday 9th – Helen on Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swanwick in Derbyshire

Thursday 9th - 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room

Friday 10th – Saturday 25th – Helen on annual leave

Thursday 23rd – 10:30-12 noon Community Café in the River Room

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'.

Monday 27th – 17:30 Abingdon Deanery Visitation

AND ADVANCE NOTICE

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

Holy Baptism

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

Amelia Alexandra Valentine PETERS (1st May 2022)

Elliott Samuel John PETERS (1st May 2022)

Isabelle Rose LEAHY (1st May 2022)

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH & RIVER ROOM

Holy Matrimony

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were married in All Saints' Church recently:
Timothy Adam FLETCHER & Charlotte Ellen May HOLCOMBE (7th May 2022)

Rest in Peace

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

David John APLIN, who was aged 60 and died from pancreatic cancer on 16th April 2022, was born on 8th December 1961 and grew up with his brother, Andrew. Sadly, their parents died 35 years ago, and they learnt how to survive without their support and love, and while they never lived in each other's pockets, they were always there for each other as close friends and Andy gave a tribute on behalf of the family at his funeral. David was a loving and supportive husband to Christine for nearly 36 years – they were married in All Saints' Church on 6th September 1986. He was an encouraging and proud father to Christopher and Daniel – an excellent Dad, the perfect role model for them both. He was an intelligent, diligent and hardworking man – a loyal employee at Mechadine, who provided incredible support to David and the family through the last 18 months. It was his family which motivated him to work and gave him the greatest pleasure in life. He was a devoted friend and brother, who, because of his own experience of bereavement early in life, really knew the value of this precious life and relished every moment spent with family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all those who attended the funeral wearing red in tribute to David's lifelong support of Arsenal. The funeral was held on Monday 9th May 2022 at All Saints'. *This is an edited extract from the tribute given by Andy and the address given by the Reverend Helen Kendrick at the funeral.*

RIVER ROOM 200 CLUB

In Support of the All Saints' Community Space
Winning numbers at the Draw on May 12 were:

1st–No.15 (£51.00)

2nd–No.92 (£26.00)

3rd–No.50 (£10.00)

New members are 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 June 9-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 9th June

Thursday 23rd June

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

MOVIE MATINÉES

The next Movie Matinee in the River Room is on

Saturday 2nd July – 4pm

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

Entry is free but donations to church funds welcome.



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'

Tickets – available in advance from Hari & Esha

News or from 01235 847179 or email:

admin@damascusparish.org.uk

Entrance to Craft Aisle – FREE!

£15 for Cream Tea and Talk

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

Fundraising for the River Room.

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 (SJenkins33@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)

Bridge afternoons are taking a break over the summer while afternoons in the garden are too irresistible.

We will return in October. Look out for our reminders in the Sutton Courtenay News.

SC LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY



After more than two years since the last public meeting due to the COVID pandemic the Local History Society returned for a special "Welcome Back" meeting on Monday 16th May. The society was founded in 2008 to promote an interest in local history and to encourage and support research into the village and family history.

The invited speaker was Liz Woolley, a local historian with an extensive repertoire of talks on the local history of Oxford and the surroundings. Her talk focused on Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian and Edwardian Oxford and featured many old photographs of establishments which sprung up at this time to provide entertainment for local people who had more leisure time and income to spend. Many of the buildings still stand and have been repurposed, but they still retain features and hints of their previous functions. Some leisure activities such as St Giles' Fair and Salter's Steamers are still going strong.

It was great to see residents returning to enjoy the evening and it is very much hoped that the society will be able to continue to offer a programme of regular talks in the future. **However, the society needs volunteers to help organise future events. If you are interested in being involved or would like more information about the society please email:**
enquiries@sclhs.org.uk

The society's website offers a wealth of information on the village's history, including many old photos. Details of future meetings are also available on the website and are published in the Sutton Courtenay News so keep an eye out for future developments. The website can be found at <https://sclhs.org.uk/>

John Talbot

JOIN US FOR A RIGHT...

ROYAL KNEES UP

SUTTON COURTENAY'S BIG JUBILEE LUNCH
SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN, SUTTON COURTENAY

- 10.30-11.30am -Songs of Praise with Abbey Brass on the Green (or if wet, in All Saints' Church)
- From 12 noon - Bring your own picnic (rug/chairs/tables) or buy pizza from the all-day Pizza Oven at The Swan or all-day BBQ from the George
- 2pm Judging of Fancy Hats
- 2.30pm Judging of Cakes
- 3-4pm FREE Tea and Cake served by the Church
- All day music from Abbey Brass

FANCY HAT COMPETITION

Come wearing your fanciest hat (can be one of your own creation or one you already have) in honour of the Queen's Hats. Prizes will be awarded to men, women and children!

Decorated Cake Competition

Use any recipe you like - Make any shape or size you like - Choose a decade from the last 70 years and then let your creative imagination run riot in decorating it as you wish!

COMPLETED CAKES TO BE IN THE CAKE TENT BY 2pm
Please note, that once judged, the cakes will ALL BE EATEN with a FREE Cup of Tea served from 3pm.

Come along and join in the celebration!

HOW TO GET HELP

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

info@abingdoncommunityfridge.org.uk

www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge/

The Fridge redistributes surplus food donated by local businesses and people to all members of the community.

No referral is needed.

Anyone can collect food from

Hadland Rd Community Centre

Hadland Rd, Abingdon OX14 3YH

Mondays 5pm-6 pm

Thursdays 1pm – 2pm

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.30am

DIDCOT EMERGENCY FOODBANK

Telephone 01235 813187

HOW TO GET A REFERRAL

Anyone wanting to access the Didcot Foodbank will need a referral from e.g., Citizens Advice Bureau, Vale Community Impact, schools, housings associations, GPs, social services, Job Centres, churches, local charities, voluntary organisations. 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

ABINGDON FOOD BANK

info@abingdon.foodbank.org.uk

07562247443

A FOOD BANK VOUCHER IS ESSENTIAL

A Food Bank Voucher can be obtained from agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Vale Community Impact, schools, housings associations, GPs, social services, Job Centres, churches, local charities, voluntary organisations. Each organisation will access what help is needed and issue a food bank voucher where appropriate. The vouchers can then be exchanged for a food parcel at either:

Christ Church, Northcourt Rd,

Abingdon, OX14 1PL

Tuesdays & Fridays 11am to 1pm

or

Preston Road Community Centre,

Midget Close, Abingdon, OX14 5NR

Wednesdays 1pm to 2.30pm

Abingdon Community Larder

Trinity Church Centre, Abingdon, OX14 1DB

Fridays 2pm – 4pm

Didcot Community Larder

The Marlborough Club, 227 The Broadway, Didcot,

OX11 8RU

Mondays 2pm – 5pm

Telephone 07377 181472

Open to everyone.

No referral is needed.

Low-cost food clubs.

Community larder members pay £3.50 per week to access up to 14 items from the store. These items would cost on average £12- £15. Other help is also available.

Useful contact details are:

Citizens Advice Bureau(CAB) which has offices in Didcot and Abingdon—telephone 0808 278 7907

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

CITIZENS ADVICE



ADVICE ABOUT LONG COVID

In March, the Office for National Statistics reported that approximately 1.7 million people in the UK were experiencing self-reported long Covid. Over half of these had symptoms such as fatigue, loss of sense of smell and inability to breathe, for at least a year. This can have a far-reaching impact.

In the short term, if you are employed and ill, sick pay may be available and there is information about this on our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk if you think you are not receiving the correct amount. If your income has dropped,

an online benefit calculator will show whether you may be entitled to additional financial help, such as Universal Credit,

Council Tax Reduction and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) etc. Details of how to claim benefits, including contact numbers, are on our website. An unexpected drop in income means that debts can quickly mount up and it is better to take action to manage the situation sooner rather than later. You can talk to an adviser on our Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420. There is also a link to webchat in the debt section of our website.

If you are being dismissed from work due to long-term illness, there is also advice about this on our website, or you can speak to an adviser by phoning Adviceline: 0808 278 7907.

There is ongoing research into long Covid as so much is still unknown, and new groups are forming to provide information and mutual support.

What is there to like about Nordic Walking?

I asked our walkers last week, 'Do you feel better physically and mentally, following your Nordic walk this morning, than you did before your walk?'

All said their mood had improved.

Is it the fresh air, the hint of spring with leaves bursting, the blossoms, birds singing, meeting other people, getting and keeping fit? All this benefit only costs you your time because Sutton Courtenay Nordic Walking is free. The lessons are free, as are the guided walks around the footpaths with our trained Walk Leaders. In addition, you can learn something about the history of these footpaths.

Thanks to the FOOTBALL CLUB Chairman, and our own volunteers, we can now enjoy coffee, tea, and sometimes even the well-known chocolate SPODGE cake, along with other homemade cakes provided by our wonderful bakers after our walks. These are yours for just a donation. Also, toilets and heating, if needed, are provided.

Just drop me an email at:

graymar.wells@btopenworld.com

or ring 01235 847322 for details of free courses and one-to-one tuition. Poles are provided.

Graham

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

Brookfield, 30 Chapel Lane. Sutton Courtenay,
OX14 4AN

morna28whitlock@gmail.com

01235 848335 or 07787 521039

We abide by Covid guidelines.



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



GIVE US A CALL ...

- or pay us a visit - find out what we're up to this summer! Our trip in June is to the Weald & Downland Living Museum

In July we're learning about 'Alpacas and a world of fabulous fluff'

- 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



PLEASE SUPPORT

'ALAN CALVER'S PARACHUTE JUMP'

Sunday 19th June 2022

Raising money for the
DEC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS APPEAL



Alan will be jumping from **15,000ft** in a freefall tandem jump!



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Some residents in the village have been participating in recent discussions about the future of The Abbey; others however have only limited information and rumour to rely on. I feel that now is a good time to share developments around The Abbey more widely as it has an important place in the history and life of the village.

Many will know that The Abbey was established about 40 years ago as a centre for spiritual and psychological enquiry with the aim of enabling individuals to seek personal growth so that they could make a deeper contribution to the problems of modern society. Many people have encountered the very special atmosphere of peace that is present at the Abbey. Unfortunately, the lockdown and its social and financial effects, together with the tragic death of a resident, mean that significant changes to life at the Abbey have had to be made.

At present the Abbey is open by appointment with the Administrator, and there is a team of volunteers looking after the place on a 24-hour basis. A number of trustees, company members and friends are urgently reviewing

options for the future. One line of enquiry is to look for potential partners to keep the Abbey open as a place of spiritual refreshment and enquiry, and we are contacting other organisations and charities with similar objectives to see if we can work together to find inspiration and the money to make this happen.

What happens if this initiative does not bear fruit? A serious option is that the Abbey is sold, and the charity closed. The other piece of work being done is therefore investigation of the legal and practical work needed if we were indeed to sell. (The charity could continue and become a grant-giving charity to support work by others, which would need further legal work.)

We cannot disguise the fact that the financial demands of maintaining and restoring a Grade I listed building are severe, and tend to increase with time and with stricter heritage requirements. The ongoing costs of maintaining the buildings and grounds must still be met so all this work is urgent, and we are looking to determine our way forward over the next few months. Please keep The Abbey and its future in your thoughts and prayers.

Brad Strachan
Chair of Trustees

LIBRARY BOOKS TO YOUR DOOR

If you or someone you know are finding it difficult to get to the library, the Home Library Service can help!

Run by Oxfordshire County Council, the Home Library Service is completely free and delivers books and other library materials to hundreds of people across the county.

Friendly volunteers choose items you like and visit every three weeks to deliver and collect them.

The service is open to people who struggle to physically visit a library. It's also available on a short-term basis after illness or hospitalisation, and to people with caring responsibilities.

Registering is easy, simply call your local library or the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Info: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homelibraryservice

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Planned Schedule of Works

Address 1	Start	End	Address 2	Project Reference	Traffic Management
Bradstocks Way	17/05/2022	30/05/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Katchside	17/05/2022	30/05/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-MRCHM	Some C/W Incursion
Milton Road	16/05/2022	01/06/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Harwell Road	23/05/2022	02/06/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Two-Way Signals
Barretts Way	23/05/2022	03/06/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Tyrrells Way	23/05/2022	03/06/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Tyrrells Way	06/06/2022	17/06/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Bradstocks Way	16/05/2022	15/07/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Milton Road	27/06/2022	19/07/2022	Sutton Courtenay	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion
Sutton Road	17/05/2022	23/05/2022	Milton	SE-STTCNAY	Some C/W Incursion

The planned schedule of work over the next few weeks is as in the table but is subject to change. Permit information can be found at the website one.network. This information will also be sent via email to all residents who have previously registered their details. Any other interested residents can also register for periodic permit updates at Gigaclear.com/mycommunity. If residents would like to get in touch with Gigaclear, please contact the dedicated Customer Operations team on:
Email: networkbuildqueries@gigaclear.com Phone: 01865 591131

Rezia Khan

Community Engagement Executive for Gigaclear

SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

STOP PRESS

News from the Sutton Courtenay Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has now resolved that the **Draft Neighbourhood Plan** is ready to move to the consultation stage. Consultation on the draft is a requirement that has to be undertaken before the Plan can be formally submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council for independent examination. The Parish Council is required to publicise the consultation in a manner that is likely to bring it to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area.

The Council has to:

- give details of where and when the Plan can be inspected and details of how to make representations.
- state the date by which those representations must be received, being not less than 6 weeks from the date on which the draft proposal is first formally publicised.
- consult any consultation body whose interests the Parish Council considers may be affected by the proposals for a neighbourhood development plan.

The documents and all details will be made available on the Parish Council website. Please look out for any notices on the Parish Council Notice Board (outside Hari & Esha's Newsagent on the High Street) and check the Parish Council website. A separate email address will be set up to enable you to respond with your comments.

This is just an early mention of the process; we hope very much that we will be in a position to formally start the consultation on Monday 6 June which will be after this June issue of the Sutton Courtenay News is delivered. Hence this is an early 'heads up'. We are keen to ensure that the six-week consultation does not run in to the summer holiday season.

If you have any queries please email:

Joanna at oatlands32@btinternet.com or ritaatkinson@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk or ring 01235 848694



Cyberhood Watch

NHW have teamed up with Avast, an IT security company, to create **Cyberhood Watch**, an initiative to help people learn more about the cybersecurity risks every time you go online.

Cyberhood Watch has reported that research by Avast has found that 85% of people have accepted cookies on a website without reading any of the policies, while more than a third (37%) said they have done so, only to later discover they had agreed to something they wish they hadn't.

They offer these tips:

1. Understand cookies: they are small bits of information that help computers interact with websites. They allow websites to remember information, such as logins or items stored in an online shopping cart. They also record your browsing activity so advertisers can use it for targeted advertising.
2. If you want to limit the information websites can access, choose a browser that blocks third-party cookies (those created by websites other than the one you're visiting) by default.
3. It's good digital hygiene to clear cookies regularly. You can do so in the setting or preferences of your browser of choice. Deleting cookies helps to keep your browser running smoothly.
4. Some websites allow you to control what cookies to accept or reject via a pop-up window that appears before you access them. It is good practice to only accept the cookies required for websites to function, such as language and region, and reject those related to advertising and tracking.
5. For more privacy-conscious people, consider rejecting all cookies but expect website performance issues. Alternatively, choose a secure browser with antitracking technology to block web trackers, including cookies, to minimise companies' amount of online surveillance.

Fake Emails

Action Fraud has received 752 reports in four days relating to fake emails purporting to be from **Ofgem**. The emails state that the recipient is eligible for a rebate as a result of a newly announced government scheme. The links in the emails lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal your personal and financial information.

- Remember, your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact the company using details from their official website or app.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - report@phishing.gov.uk

Courier Fraud

In 2021 alone, 181 Thames Valley residents reported a courier fraud with total losses of £1,506,131.

Typically, courier fraudsters target their victims by claiming to be a police officer or a member of staff from a victim's bank and they often pressure people into making quick financial decisions to assist with fictitious investigations.

This crime is often specifically targeted at older people, by exploiting their trust in the police and their bank, in order to steal from them. Courier fraudsters are nearly always part of broader, sophisticated criminal gangs.

Police and banks will never ask for full passwords and pin numbers or ask for money or goods to be handed or transferred to them.

Anybody being cold called and asked for personal details, to withdraw money or purchase high value items, is urged to end the call, and seek advice from trusted friends or family members, or to call their banks directly using the number on their bankcards.

For more information and advice on warning signs to look out for please visit Thames Valley Police website.

Water safety advice is being issued by Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service over concerns about the number of people getting into difficulty in the county's waterways and lakes.

Across the UK, in 2020, over 250 people drowned needlessly and thousands more suffered injury, some life changing, through near-drowning experiences.

Oxfordshire is criss-crossed by rivers, streams, canals. Activities that are known to lead to the highest number of fatalities are **walking or running beside a waterway** and **swimming, jumping or diving in**. **Cyclists** are also at risk. For further information: oxfordshire.gov.uk/water-safety-advice

Smart motorways are up and running in many places across the country, including parts of the Thames Valley. What used to be the hard shoulder is now a fourth lane and there are overhead signs above the lanes. These will display important information such as variable speed limits and lane closures.

It's important that you obey these signs for your safety and that of other road users. You'll see a red 'X' if a lane is closed. This can often be set far in advance of an incident to help those who are dealing with it. Make sure to leave gaps in the traffic to allow people to filter into an open lane.

Driving in a closed lane could result in a fixed penalty of up to £100 and three points.

For more information, please visit the National Highway's website.

Launching the '20 is Plenty' Campaign for Sutton Courtenay

You may be aware that now Parish and Town Councils can pass resolutions supporting 20mph speed restrictions where people live, work and play. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is changing the pace of our roads to make streets safer, encourage residents to walk and cycle more and to reduce noise and pollution.

OCC has been proactive and set aside some funding for implementing a 20mph speed limit if applicable. It has invited parish councils to consider implementing a '**20 is plenty**' campaign and make an evidence-based application to restrict speeds to 20mph through their communities.

Measures supported will be from a simple change of speed signs to more complex solutions in areas that can range from a whole village or a single street. Speed cameras and road humps will not be used.

More information can be found at:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/requesting-20mph#paragraph-10588
www.20splenty.org/parish_council_motion

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has asked NAG5, the Neighbourhood Area Group that covers Appleford, Drayton and Sutton Courtenay, to progress the work needed for the parish council to make an application to OCC. OCC wants

evidence that the community is engaging with the 20mph campaign and working to gain compliance. This requires raising the profile of the campaign.

Some suggestions are –

- Display bin stickers, car boot stickers and bike stickers
- Village School Sign Project
- Use of Street Tag
- Ask residents to drive at 20 and identify 'pace makers'
- Find ambassadors who will spread the word
- Carry out local 20mph surveys
- Spread the word
- Posters in local shops/notice boards etc
- Collect company names of commercial vehicles driving through the village & contact them to see if they would be 'pace makers' and drive at 20mph.
- Contact local businesses to join the campaign

If you are interested in making change happen by proactively supporting the campaign, please contact:

Joanna O'Callaghan on oatlands32@btinternet.com or
Rita Atkinson ritaatkinson@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk or
ring 01235 848694

Remember the sooner the application is made, the better the chance of being included in the current tranche of parishes for measures to be introduced. The more we can do together as volunteers the safer our community.

BEFORE AND AFTER

BEFORE



Healthy box hedge
mid April

AFTER



The same hedge two
weeks later.

The
culprits➡



The voracious box tree caterpillar (*Cydalima perspectalis*) has invaded Sutton Courtenay and is decimating box trees and shrubs. Foliage is eaten and covered in webbing. Please be vigilant and try to keep this invader under control. See www.rhs.org.uk for information.



Do any of the News readers recognize these Brownie faces from years ago? We were at "Revels" in the summer of 1966 in the Abbey Meadows in Abingdon (by the outdoor pool) with Brown Owl (Mrs. Musselles) and Tawny Owl (her daughter, Barbara) having spent the afternoon with all of the area's Brownie packs enjoying fun and games.

If any of these faces are familiar to you, please send me a message via the Sutton Courtenay News at:
editor@suttoncourtenaynews.co.uk

Bay

Table Top Sale

A huge **Thank You** to all the people who donated so many great quality items for our sale. Your outstanding generosity was very much appreciated. Thank you also to the many volunteers who devoted countless hours collecting items, setting up the village hall and those who helped on the day of the sale.

We collected almost £850 for great causes.

Rita Atkinson

Putting out a feeler

A few of us in Sutton Courtenay are planning to have a garage/ yard sale all on the same day. It struck us that others in the village might be interested in joining in, making it a village thing. It's a lot easier than bundling everything in the car!

Please contact us with your thoughts, by text or email only to:

Margaret Hamilton 07711 331385, maggie.70@icloud.com

Brian Johnson 07789 993885, bj_johnson@btinternet.com

FOOTBALL CLUB

Last month we hosted a charity football match in memory of Jack Bristow raising £610 that will be donated to Jack's family to help buy a bench in his memory. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Dean Chesshire

FAREWELL & THANKS

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to PCSO Sue Haynes as she is leaving the area and taking up a new job as the Schools & Youth Engagement PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for the South & Vale police area. She will be working alongside the schools' officer PC Mike Dix and help deliver informative talks to, and engage with, young people across the South & Vale area.

She has been working with the Abingdon Neighbourhood Team for 9 years, and supporting Drayton, Sutton Courtenay and Appleford for the past 7 years and, as many of you will know, has always been extremely supportive of our community.

We hope her replacement will be appointed soon.

Rita Atkinson





Sutton Courtenay Parish Council

(<https://www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/>)

Vacancy for Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Location: Home based - to provide administrative and clerical support to the Council, and as the Responsible Financial Officer, to manage the Council's finances.

Hours of work: Up to 80 hours a month to be worked flexibly as required. However, required to attend monthly Parish Council evening meetings except in August when there is no meeting.

Spot Salary: will be negotiated depending upon experience, CiLCA qualification and transferable skills and is expected to be pro rata in the range (LC2, SCP 17-22) (£12.95 - £14.30 per hour) reviewable annually. The Parish Council currently enrolls the clerk into the Local Government Pension Scheme.

A parish council laptop, phone facility and printer and other stationery will be provided. In addition, an allowance to cover the expenses of working from home will be paid.

The successful candidate will play an integral role in serving the parishioners of Sutton Courtenay and will be responsible to the parish council as a corporate body.

For further information, an application pack is available to download at www.suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk/ or please contact the present Clerk Helen Savery by emailing info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk or telephone 01235 364211.

If you are interested in applying for the post, please send a covering letter with a complete and current CV and names and addresses of two referees to info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk.

Deadline for applications: noon on Friday 10 June 2022 and Date for interview: 22 June 2022



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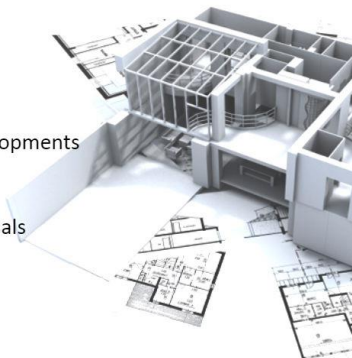


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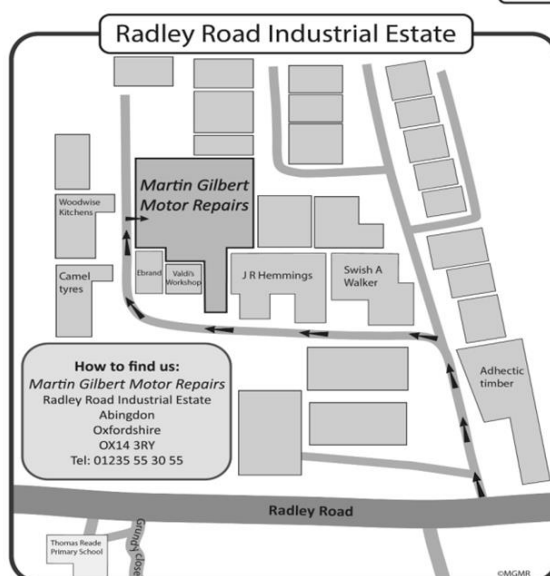
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