

# SUTTON COURTENAY NEWS

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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

The final equipment choices for Phase 1 of the upgrade are just being finalised along with the final aspects of funding. Once these are agreed, we will be able to formalize the contract and get dates for the installation. Please keep an eye on the website over the summer for updates and further details.

## Planning

We understand that the Hobbyhorse Lane application is due to be heard by the planning committee at Vale of the White Horse District Council in August. The Parish Council is approaching the District Council to request that this is delayed as many people may not be able to attend as they may be on holiday.

In relation to other planning matters, the HIF application relating to the new bridge crossing appears to have been halted for the present. However, the 5 Parish Joint Committee continue to work to commission reports into matters which will affect the parishes with the instigation of the project when the time comes.

Council has recently objected to a planning application made by Hansen to extend the movement times at the workings on the basis of the proposed hours being too long and having an effect on the villagers' enjoyment of their private residences due to excess noise.

## Farewell to Linda Martin

On 19th May, past and current members of Sutton Courtenay Parish Council gathered to present Linda Martin, retired clerk, with a token of appreciation for her contribution to the Council and our village community. (This was long overdue; the presentation being delayed by Covid 19 restrictions.)

A good clerk is essential if a Council is to function well, and we were so fortunate in that Linda was outstanding, and, incidentally, one of the first professionally qualified clerks in the country. The role of clerk is wide ranging; they are the proper officer, financial administrator and adviser. It is not easy giving sometimes unwelcomed guidance to chair and councillors!

Linda did all this and more. She spent many additional hours helping parishioners, and councillors resolve issues, and always found the time in a busy day which frequently extended into evenings.

There is so much that could be written about Linda's service but perhaps the best way I could sum up would be to say I am so glad she was the clerk for almost all my time as chairman. She was a pleasure to work with and I am pleased to call her friend. Thank you, Linda, from us all.

-Mike Jenkins

## New Chairman

At the June meeting of the Parish Council, Councillor Rita Atkinson was elected as Chairman for the remainder of the civic year.

## Vacancies on the Parish Council

There are still vacancies on the Parish Council for Councillors. Should you be interested in making a difference to the village, then please contact a councillor for more information.

## Contact details for the clerk

The current clerk leaves the role on 6<sup>th</sup> July. It is hoped that a new clerk will be in position very shortly after this date. The current telephone number will change. A new number will be published in due course once the new clerk is in position, but, in the meantime, should you need to contact the Parish Council by telephone, please contact the Chairman, Cllr Rita Atkinson, on 01235 848694.

The July Parish Council meeting was brought forward by one week and so the next scheduled Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please check the Parish Council noticeboard outside Hari and Esha stores for more information.

Helen Savery, Email: [info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk)

## Dear Editor,

May I, through your pages, sincerely thank those individuals who kindly made generous donations to my leaving gift. Vouchers were an excellent choice and I will put them to good use. In the 26 years, I served as Clerk I worked with well over 30 councillors, but only 2 different chairmen. In the early days there were no computers, no website, and the minutes were typed on a golf ball typewriter with eraser at hand. How times have changed. Over the years a significant number of projects have been achieved, and I have seen the village grow enormously.

A community benefits from a good team of councillors supported by the clerk, so I too thank councillors with whom I have worked, for putting themselves forward to serve the parish, and for all the voluntary hours that they have given. I wish the Council success moving forward in these challenging times of Didcot Garden Town, the new HIF road, the next Vale/South Joint Local Plan, and future developments.

Thank you all, once again, for the kind gift. It is very much appreciated.

-Linda Martin, Clerk to Sutton Courtenay Parish Council  
December 1993 – December 2019

(Ed: Please also see photo on page 12)





## Jubilee!

As we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on a national scale, we tried to give the children a sense of the context, beyond the parties and the bunting. To serve your country for seventy years is a huge achievement. We wanted them to have an understanding of the enormous changes that have taken place over the course of our queen's reign. We also drew attention to the way the Queen lives by her own values, in the way we hope our children will. There will have been times when she has found leadership challenging, and when maintaining a calm front in a time of crisis will have cost her dearly. Like all of us, she has shared family worries. The queen sees herself as a servant of God and of the people of our nation. We hope our children will grow up to serve their own communities in many different ways too.



## Celebration picnic

We had a wonderful day celebrating. Mrs Greenough, our cook, deserved a medal for preparing 160 individual picnic bags for the children for our celebration on the field. Each bag included a shaped jubilee cookie and a jubilee iced cupcake complete with red, white and blue sprinkles! Meanwhile, there was plenty of entertainment with the maypole out. Children took turns to have a go and we got in some incredible tangles – there was lots of teamwork and problem solving needed to sort it out! It was lovely to see children of all ages stepping up to have a go, with the older ones helping the younger ones and staying calm when we got in a mess.



## Experience Pentecost

On Tuesday, Year 6 visited the church again, this time to 'Experience Pentecost'. Again, the children were immersed in this important Christian event through drama and through provoking discussion. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated clerical team who can bring these important stories to life for the children. Regardless of their faith, we invite children to think about the deeper messages of having a sense of mission and finding inner power to achieve more than you ever thought was possible – this is the key message of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.



## The final term!

It is hard to believe we are already in June and the school year is moving far too rapidly to the end! This last term is always a busy one, with final assessments, several trips, preparations for sports day and all the rituals of transition as children prepare to leave their current teacher. Teachers are busy collating information to write final reports. For Year 6, this is a particularly important time as they prepare to say goodbye to us and move to their new schools. We are so proud of all the children and of the progress they have made this year. With six weeks left, there is still lots of learning to do. But we are all grateful to be coming to the end of a more settled year and looking forward to our final celebrations bringing the whole school community together in person for the first time in two years.



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## Scams - Beware

Scamming has become increasingly common in recent years. COVID has given Scammers many new opportunities and it seems that our ability to tackle the problem is permanently lagging behind the ingenuity/criminality of the scammers. Most financial institutions have improved their security, often at the expense of the customer's convenience and ease of use. Security phone calls and messages add an extra layer of complication to even the simplest of financial transactions. Until our systems have worked out how to trace Scammers, we are stuck with the system as it is. It is now more important than ever that we protect the vulnerable and our family and friends from Scamming and other types of sharp practice.

My recent experience has taught me that it is not only the elderly and vulnerable who can be very easily scammed. I have discovered the hard way that obtaining an "ESTA" form for foreign travel is open to such sharp practice.

The first contact details that appear on a Google search for ESTAs all appear to be bona fide government websites with all the official logos. When contacted, the applicant is invited to fill in a form (name, DOB, passport number etc.) for an official ESTA to be returned in a couple of days - all for a charge of somewhere between £120-150 per ESTA. What you are not told is that they are transferring the information to an official government ESTA service form – a form that is no more complex than the one you have just completed – which they then send to the official government ESTA-issuing authority. It costs them (in my case) \$14 for this non-service. In other words, they have pocketed well over £100 for doing something you can do for yourself.

I am still trying to explain to my wife why our visit to the US to greet our new grandchild has cost £280 more than intended.

## 20mph Initiative

There has never been an Oxfordshire County Council initiative more popular than the installation of 20mph zones in any village or town that wants it. True, there some hoops that have to be gone through to qualify, but the process is straightforward. I am not aware of anyone who has failed. It would be a brave politician who tried to unravel or challenge the initiative now.

I have received a couple of enquiries asking exactly what is the justification for this initiative. It's a fair question, so here is my attempt to answer it. Obviously, safety is the overriding justification. All Councils are trying to get people out of cars and make walking and cycling a more attractive and less risky option. The chances of death or serious injury are drastically reduced as speeds reduce from 30-20mph. With increasing numbers of electric cars, any concerns that 20mph produces more pollution are becoming less persuasive. Enforcement is an issue, but the safety benefits increase every 1mph reduction in traffic speeds. If some drivers are determined to drive at 30mph in a 20mph zone, other people are safer than if the same driver drives at 35mph in a 30mph zone. In other words, enforcement, in my view, should never stop us introducing speed limits. Every life saved, every injury less severe, is progress.

Much will be happening in the autumn with decisions on the Reservoir and major local road building. So, here's wishing everyone a good holiday, free of Covid and, if possible, free of travel disruption.

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## SUTTON COURTENAY AND ROYALTY

The recent Platinum Jubilee celebrations are a reminder of the village's links with royalty in the past.

Archaeological investigations have revealed an Anglo-Saxon settlement of significance, including several halls which may have been a royal centre. In AD 801 Sutton (or Sudtone) became a royal vill which would be visited by the king and his entourage as they travelled round the kingdom. The royal vill was an administrative centre with extensive lands and provided provisions for visits of the king.

The Domesday Book of 1086 shows that the manor of Sutton was held by the king, William the Conqueror, and farmed by tenants. As well as the cultivated land it included several mills and areas of woodland.

The royal connection continued when Henry I sent his wife, Queen Matilda, to Sutton for her confinement because of the medical skills of the monks of Abingdon Abbey, including

Faritius, the Abbot. A daughter, also called Matilda, was born about February, 1102. As a child she was betrothed to the Holy Roman Emperor, went to live in France and became the Empress Matilda on her marriage.

When the Emperor died in 1125 Matilda married Geoffrey, Count of Anjou and they had three sons.

Henry I had named Matilda as his successor but when he died in 1135 her cousin Stephen claimed the throne. Matilda returned to England in 1139 to pursue her claim and that of her son Henry and years of civil war ensued. With the support of his companion and fellow Crusader, Reginald de Courtenay, Henry II succeeded to the throne in 1154. In recognition of his loyalty, he gave custody of the manor of Sutton to Reginald de Courtenay and the village soon became known as Sutton Courtenay – but that's another story!

-Mary Thompson: (Sutton Courtenay Local History Society)

# ABINGDON DAMASCUS YOUTH PROJECT

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project

Registered Charity 1098966



Thank you to all the people who bought raffle tickets over the Jubilee weekend, we really do appreciate all the community support Sutton Courtenay has given us over the years! One more thank you to everyone who showed up to the Barretts Way bingo during the Half Term! It's always great bringing residents together and improving the intergenerational gap!



At the Drop-in sessions the young people have been busy continuing their conversations around politics, and delving deep into policies that affect young people directly! Some of the younger group have been focussing on the topic of body image, taking part in workshops and various other activities to promote a more attainable and realistic look towards positive body image.



The session is moving for the next few months of summer down to the Recreational Ground to allow us more space to play even more games! This session will run from 5:30-7:30 every Wednesday for anyone 10-18 years old. Please drop by the Gazebo and have a look at the amazing work being done with the young people. Our Summer plans will be announced shortly, so keep an eye on the social media account below to see what we have in store – it's going to be a busy summer in Sutton Courtenay!



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

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# INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 3pm

Sutton Courtenay Recreation Ground  
Old Wallingford Way, OX14 4AR

**Organised by the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project in  
conjunction with Sutton Courtenay Football and Cricket Clubs  
There will be activities for all ages and fitness levels**

Traditional and not so traditional family races and activities:

- 5-a-side football
- Match the speed of the fastest bowling ball ever thrown
- BBQ
- Tombola
- New to you Sale
- Wellie Wanging
- Bouncy Castle
- Seated Games
- Skate Park Jam
- Slow Bicycle Race

**We have also approached other clubs in the village. If you are part of a physical-activity club and we have not contacted you and you would like to participate, please get in touch.**

Please contact: [jakef.ycat@gmail.com](mailto:jakef.ycat@gmail.com) or  
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Or ring Rita on 01235 848694



Event subject to Parish Council permission for use of Recreation Ground and prior to start of refurbishment works. Please check Damascus Youth Project Facebook page or website or check with the Football Club for any changes to the event.





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



## From the Ministry Team

A few weeks ago, my daughter was teaching a group of students map reading skills as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Much to her surprise, one of the students suggested taking a short cut across some private land, saying it would be alright as long as they didn't get caught. It was the first time she had encountered this attitude and wondered if the young people were unconsciously picking up the current confusion in our political leadership.

Why does it matter that people in power tell the truth and keep the rules they've made for everyone else? Why do some of us find it difficult to forget the scandals and move on? Is it because we recognise that something much deeper is being questioned? As a country, we have taken for granted many values that hold our society together: truth, integrity, fair play, justice, and compassion towards those in need. Could we find ourselves unable to move on because alarm bells are going off? If the people in power exempt themselves from the values that hold together the common good, they are eroding the bonds of trust placed in them and their office.

In his sermon at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell said, *'The best leaders ... are those ... who lead for others not themselves. People whose heart's desire is to serve the common good.'* He was, of course, praising the Queen for her dedication in serving the country and commonwealth. She has often told us that she is sustained by her Christian faith and has said, *'For me, the life of Jesus Christ ... is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.'* Jesus had some challenging words about leadership for his disciples: *Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be the servant of all* (Mark 10:43-44).

Let's pray for those in leadership, whether in our workplace, in different levels of government and businesses, as well as in our recreational activities, so that we all may live quiet and peaceful lives.

*The Reverend Meg Heywood*  
Associate Minister, DAMASCUS Parish

## Holy Baptism

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were welcomed into the family of the church through baptism:  
Elsie Caroline Doris FRANKUM (29<sup>th</sup> May 2022)

## 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 JULY

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 Baptism Preparation in St Peter's Church Room, Drayton  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 DAMASCUS PCC Meeting in Appleford Church  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 19:30 Sutton Courtenay Local Church Council Meeting in the River Room  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00 Sutton Courtenay CofE Primary School Leavers' Service in All Saints.  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>** – 9:15 DAMASCUS Parish Service in Appleford with Guest Preacher the Rev David Tyler – Assistant Archdeacon, followed by Strawberries & Cream! (Please note there will be no service in Sutton Courtenay)

## CHURCH DIARY FOR AUGUST

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup>** – 19:30am Baptism Preparation at St Blaise, Milton  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>** – 15:00 Wedding in All Saints.

## Cream Teas

**Come and celebrate the  
English Summer  
(whatever the weather)  
With a delicious Cream Tea  
£5 per person  
in the River Room and Churchyard  
at All Saints' Church  
from 2:30 – 5:30 pm  
on the last Sunday in July – 31<sup>st</sup> July  
and every Sunday in August  
7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> August  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

## Holy Matrimony

We send our best wishes and congratulations to the following who were married in All Saints' Church recently:  
Gary Mark HIBBINS & Rebecca Michelle STONE (4<sup>th</sup> June 2022)

### Community Café in the River Room



**Run by the church for the whole community**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**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

### RIVER ROOM 200 CLUB

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

Winners at the Draw on June 9 were:

**1<sup>st</sup> – No. 77 (£51.00)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – No. 21 (£26.00)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – No. 20 (£10.00)**

New members always welcome.

Please see the information in All Saints' Church or email [landsbert@west-manor.co.uk](mailto:landsbert@west-manor.co.uk)

The next draw will take place on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> at the All Saints' Community Café in the River Room at 10.30 am.

### JUBILEE THANKS

Never has so much cake been eaten by so many!

A HUGE Sutton Courtenay thank you to all those who helped make the Big Jubilee Lunch possible.

- Brian and Yvonne Blakeman for putting up all the bunting
- The team who turned up from 7am to set up the gazebos and put out the chairs and tables and the team who came together at the end to put it all away again (led by Alan and Morna Whitlock and David McKenzie)
- Abbey Brass for providing rousing music for the service and during the day and to the Band Master for judging the Cake Competition
- Jon Smith – for the sound system and music from the past 7 decades
- Mary Thompson for being our Queen for the service and all the readers who helped tell the Queen's story of faith
- The Singing Saints for doing what they do best
- The cake makers and decorators who provided such fabulous cakes for the cake competition – they were amazing!
- To the cake cutters – who worked so hard, so intensively, to serve so many people
- To Alison & Tim Budd for serving so many cups of tea to wash the cake down
- Everyone who took part in the Fancy Hat Parade
- Hannah who manned the Bouncy Castle
- The George and the Swan for selling food and drink – we hope you did a roaring trade
- To Melanie Jefferies for running the RBL stall
- To Mary Warrington for litter picking the Green at the end
- To Victoria Jackson and Rita Atkinson for running the raffle and raising the incredible sum of £764 for the Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project - which is absolutely amazing in these difficult fiscal times. Victoria worked hard to create hampers which were in tune with the Platinum Jubilee theme, and we were very touched by people's generosity both in the donations for the raffle and in buying tickets. It costs £80,000 a year to run the Youth Project so any money raised makes a real difference to the lives of young people in our community.
- To the Parish Council for giving permission to hold the event on the Village Green
- And finally, to all the 100s of people who came to take part in the Big Picnic Lunch and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee as a community – thank you!

*The event was funded by All Saints' Church from our Fun Day Fund (which is money from individual donations and money raised at previous Fun Days to help support the community of Sutton Courtenay).*

## THE FRIENDS' GARDEN PARTY SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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)

**If anyone can help to put up and take down  
tents on Saturday morning 11am and Sunday  
afternoon at 3.30pm please ring Sue Jenkins on  
07885 437454**

### 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](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com))

David McKenzie ([d.j.mckenzie@hotmail.com](mailto:d.j.mckenzie@hotmail.com))

## CALLING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Can you write an informative article for our readers?

We welcome contributions about:

- Gardening
- Cooking
- Plants
- Birds
- Other animals
- Places of interest within the village
- Money-saving tips
- Sporting activities (get a team together)
- SC-CYCLE items (declutter sustainably!)
- A message to invite people who may wish to share your hobbies or interests

Everyone at Sutton Courtenay News wishes you all a safe and restful summer. The submission deadline for the September issue is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

The Editors

## The Sutton Courtenay Produce Show

The committee are delighted to announce that, after an absence of 2 years, the Sutton Courtenay Produce Show will take place this year in the village Hall on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have kept the schedule the same as the one planned for the years 2020/21, when Covid restrictions sadly meant that the show was cancelled, so that you may enter any items that you had made then, if appropriate. The schedule will be accessible on the Sutton Courtenay News website and, as usual, schedules and entry forms will be available from local shops and businesses nearer the time. There are children's classes for under sixes, seven to elevens and, also this year, some of the other classes have a section for 12 to 16 years old. However, children and young people may compete against the adults in any class if they so wish.

So now all you keen gardeners, knitters, craftspeople, artists and photographers get planning and making. The population of Sutton Courtenay has grown significantly since our last show in 2019 and we would love to see entries from people new to Sutton Courtenay as well as familiar faces.

Val Dalby



# SUTTON COURTENAY CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 See rules at end of schedule		
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 See rules at end of schedule		
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: to be taken by exhibitor and not previously shown. Mounted, overall size max 14”x10”. Craft: All items must be your own work, not worn or shown before. Art: All items must be your own work and not been shown before.  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 * See recipe				
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 See rules at end of schedule					
47	A hand knitted scarf				
48	An item of hand embroidery- cross stitch or canvas work				



I have just launched a campaign to help young people at local state schools get work experience with the great employers we have in the constituency. This was part of what I used to do when I ran charities, because most work experience goes to the relatives of existing employees or clients, meaning young people without connections struggle to get it. It's essential to get work experience, because it gives you an understanding of the world of work, teaching you what to wear, how to interact with people, how an organisation fits together. And it gives you something you can put on your CV – as well as your first connections. It has almost disappeared as a result of the pandemic, so I'm leaning on the employers at Harwell and Milton Park, in particular. If your organisation can help, wherever it is, do please get in touch.

On 2 consecutive days recently, we had debates that allowed me to raise some of the constituent issues I am most often contacted about:

- First, we had the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, which contains the Government's planning reforms. I am very pleased the Government has listened to those of you who raised objections to the zonal system that was being suggested. It is also going to put more weight on local plans and not require a 5-year land supply if your local plan is up to date – welcome news for us. The planning process will be fully digitalised; but I asked again for hybrid meetings to be permitted (as well as measures to ensure the digitally excluded can still participate). I banged the drum again for my campaign for new houses to be built to the latest environmental standard, not the one when they got planning permission, which is often several years earlier. I also stressed that there is still an issue with housing targets. South and Vale have typically exceeded their targets, but we continue to have an issue with the city of Oxford demanding the highest number of houses then hardly building any of them, meaning the burden falls on the rest of the county.

And, of course, I raised lack of infrastructure.

- The following day was a debate about Ofwat and I again brought up the issue of lack of infrastructure. The Government has just set new priorities for Ofwat, and I used a debate on these to talk about the sewage releases in Oxfordshire waters, the poor water infrastructure that often accompanies new homes and the objections to the reservoir proposal. You can find both speeches on my website/Facebook pages.

I had a great 4 days of Platinum Jubilee celebrations including in Didcot, Faringdon, Wantage, Grove, West Hanney, Harwell and Wallingford. Along the way there was lots of food, plenty of games, Vikings, Morris dancers, animals and an impressive array of classic cars – well done to everyone involved. God save our wonderful Queen.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do contact me via [david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk)



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Photo of past Parish Council Chairpeople Mike Jenkins and Eileen Daw and former Clerk Linda Martin



Live choral music returned to All Saints' church with a wonderful programme of music performed by the All Saints' Singers - their first concert since the Covid lockdown. The choir's Music Director Sebastian Thomson gave the choir clear direction throughout and had clearly prepared his singers with thorough and effective rehearsals; and the concert was ably accompanied by organist Ben Giddens.

The choir gave a spirited and committed performance of sacred music by Mozart, Haydn and Vivaldi. The opening piece was the Missa Brevis in C by Mozart (K220) – nicknamed the Sparrow Mass because some of the accompaniment has been likened to the chirping of these birds - with contribution from the evening's soloists: Hannah Fraser-Mackenzie (soprano), Clemmie Franks (alto), Dominic Bevan (tenor), and Michael Hickman (bass). There were a couple of late entries in the opening movement - any choir could be forgiven for a little rustiness in performance after such a long layoff - but these were soon forgotten during the emotionally charged later movements where soloists and choir interacted well.

Next, we had the ever-popular Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart (K618) which was beautifully delivered to a spell-bound audience. The Te Deum in C major by Haydn completed the first half of the concert, a piece taken in a single continuous movement and requiring some vocal stamina, especially the final section Non Confundar in Aeternum. Often this work can seem rushed owing to over-fast tempi, but this performance was taken steadily and benefitted from the singers' clear annunciation of the Latin text.

After an interval for drinks, the second half of the concert was devoted to Vivaldi. First Hannah Fraser-Mackenzie gave a beautiful rendition of the sublime motet Nulla in Mundo Pax Sincera (RV630). The evening finished with the wonderful Gloria in D (RV630) – one of Vivaldi's best-loved works. Some of the movements were taken at a rather pedestrian pace but overall, it was an effective performance.

It was clear from the smiles of the audience, choir, and soloists that this was a very enjoyable and well-received concert.

Alison Langton (Independent Reviewer)





### NORDIC WALKING

If done regularly Nordic Walking could help boost your fitness levels, and also your daily mood.

Nordic Walking outdoors in one of our groups, means that you will have social contact if that is your aim. Other walkers soon become your new friends on the walks. Following a walk, a chance for coffee and a chat with other walkers in different groups is encouraged in the adjacent Football Club House. People remark on how friendly this activity is when they join.

Tuition is free.

The venue is the Sutton Courtenay British Nordic Walking Training Hub (commenced in 2018) based on the Recreation Ground. The adjacent car park for 41 cars is free.

Contact the Local Instructor at [graymar.wells@btopenworld.com](mailto:graymar.wells@btopenworld.com) for further info. Or Annalie at [active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:active.communities@southandvale.gov.uk)

### Do You Enjoy Singing?

**All Saints' Singers of Sutton Courtenay  
are looking for new members**



Research has shown that singing in a choir is good for you – it improves well-being, helps memory, posture and breathing, and reduces stress.

Come and reap the benefits of singing together!

We are a friendly community choir with an excellent music director. There is no audition, and it is not necessary to be able to read music.

**Please visit our website for details**

[www.allsaintssingers.org](http://www.allsaintssingers.org)

or phone to find out more

**07870 506774**

\* Rehearsals start 9<sup>th</sup> September in the Matrix \*



SUTTON COURTENAY WI



### SAY YES . . .

- to friendship, fun and entertainment

**We've lots planned for summer and onwards. In July we'll have fun with 'Alpacas and a world of fabulous fluff'**

**Our 'Queen for a Day' BBQ for members is in August**

**In September we have 'The RNLI - Past and Present'**

**Lots to look forward to - come and see!**

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

**For details contact our Secretary on 847612**



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:morna28whitlock@gmail.com)

01235 848335 or 07787 521039

**We meet with the Covid guidelines.**

### **Saturday July 16th** **Put this date in your diary** **Sutton Courtenay Village** **GARAGE/ YARD SALE**

Forget the car boot sales, save time and money and join the

#### **Sutton Courtenay Garage Sale Day**

on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 a.m.

Start sorting out all those things you don't want or need.

Make some money for yourself, your favourite charity or give away some of those things that might be useful to someone else.

If you don't have a driveway then ask to share a friend's or a neighbour's.

There are lots of newcomers to the village, let's make everyone welcome, let's build on the community spirit just like we had during the lockdown.

If you really don't have anything to sell then let's all get out, have a look around and support the village

Look out for the list of addresses taking part in a  
**Driveway** near you.

To take part or get more information contact by text or email please:

Margaret Hamilton 07711 331385  
[maggie.70@icloud.com](mailto:maggie.70@icloud.com)

Brian Johnson 07789 99385  
[bj\\_johnson@btinternet.com](mailto:bj_johnson@btinternet.com)

### **Churchmere Pool Carp Syndicate**

I have not reported for some time, as there have been many changes with the running of the lake since I handed over to the new committee. However, many villagers have said they miss the general countryside comments.

Angling wise I don't get to hear as much, but the senior established anglers are catching well, the new members will need to settle in and learn the wiles of their new venue, and as there is now a recognised forty pounder resident, things are pretty special. As I write there is no fishing as the carp are spawning, so for the last two weeks it has been quiet. Albeit, the members have been busy tidying up and getting ready for the summer season and improvements. The water is low for this time of year, but thankfully there is plenty of oxygenating weed to keep the water in good condition, so long as it does not evaporate much more, as fishing through heavy weed can make for difficult angling.

The irises have all but gone over, but the lilies are making up with some glorious shows, I have not seen any bee orchids as yet, there's still time. I am told that the owner of the lake is having some of the large willows on the bank removed in the area called Kiddies, this, I am told, is for safety.

Bird life is healthy: moor-hens, kingfishers and woodpeckers are well in evidence though the coot numbers are down - so we have less arguing among these irascible birds. The geese have a fine family of four goslings, but I am not sure if the swans are going to breed this year. Please report any unusual sightings.

More soon, perhaps under a new title.

Roger Rance

### **MOVIE MATINEES**

The next Movie Matinee in the River Room is on

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 4pm**

For a full programme to be sent to you please

email: [admin@damascusparish.org.uk](mailto:admin@damascusparish.org.uk)

or pick one up from the back of the church

Entry is free but donations to church funds welcome.

We will be taking a break in August – but watch out for more films in the Autumn.

### **KITTENS**

Beautiful kittens available to good, responsible homes from 3 July

3 Boys & 1 Girl

No charge, but new owners will need to provide vaccinations and pet insurance with the local vet Ideally to go in pairs but all home offers considered

Please message 07920 487379



## PUZZLE PAGE

### Easy Sudoku

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3		8	6					9
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	2					7		

### Medium Sudoku

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		4	1	5				
7		6			9		2	
3		9				7		1
		5		7	6	2	1	
			4	1				
					2			9

Taken from [www.puzzles.ca/sudoku](http://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku)

## WORDSEARCH

The topic is Summer Fun!

S E A S H E L L Y F I Q B H P  
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 POPSICLE  
 RELAXING  
 SAND  
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 SIGHTSEEING  
 SUNFLOWERS  
 SUNSCREEN  
 SWIMMING  
 TENNIS  
 WATERPARK

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## Protect Your Home Against Rogue Traders

Often rogue traders persuade the homeowner to have work carried out on their property. This work is often unnecessary, may be charged at over-inflated prices, normally is very poorly done, and often the trader will charge for work that hasn't been completed.

Typically, it will involve roofing, guttering, gardening or driveway repairs. The rogue trader may bully or intimidate the victim and, on occasions, will drive the victim to the bank to get money from their victim.

Doorstep crime and scams are also considered a form of financial abuse. Help us prevent vulnerable people from becoming victims. Learn to spot the signs of doorstep crime and financial abuse and help protect your patients, clients, neighbours, customers, friends or family members.

For more information on how to spot rogue traders & protect your home follow the link below:

Doorstep crime | Oxfordshire County Council  
([www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/advice-communities/doorstep-crime](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/advice-communities/doorstep-crime))

Download free posters to put up outside your home  
ColdCallingSticker.pdf ([oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk))  
([www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/trading-standards/ColdCallingSticker.pdf](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/trading-standards/ColdCallingSticker.pdf))

If not in place already, if there is sufficient community interest you can contact the council to set up a No Cold Calling Zone to help stop door to door selling in your area.

Contact **Trading Standards** to report any rogue traders  
**0808 223 1133**

In an emergency contact the **police** on **999** or for non-emergencies **101**

Alternatively contact **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040**

### Message Sent By

Victoria Allan (Police, Neighbourhood Administrator, South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse)



## Tourist Scams Which Could Ruin Your Holiday

Direct Travel have produced a useful infographic in which they point out 50 holiday scams. It may be worth a look before you head off on your holidays.

([www.direct-travel.co.uk/infographic/50-holiday-scams-which-could-ruin-your-holiday/](http://www.direct-travel.co.uk/infographic/50-holiday-scams-which-could-ruin-your-holiday/))



Jubilee Celebrations – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## STOP PRESS

### NEWS FROM THE SUTTON COURTENAY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Sutton Courtenay Parish Council has now set up an email for receiving consultation responses. The Pre-submission Draft Plan has been uploaded to the Parish Council website. A response form is being prepared and the link will be uploaded to the parish council website. A formal notice of consultation will be posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside Hari and Esha Newsagent.

If you have any queries please email:  
[nhp@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk](mailto:nhp@suttoncourtenay-pc.gov.uk) or  
ring 01235 848694



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Are you looking for a new challenge and want to give something back to your community? Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice is looking for volunteers to work in our friendly offices in Abingdon, Didcot, Henley or Thame.

We give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are and whatever their problem. Last year, our 127 volunteers supported over 9,200 people. We were able to help four in five to resolve their problems.

We are looking for:

- **Advisers:** after comprehensive training you will be giving advice to clients in person or via the telephone or webchat. We give advice on a broad range of topics including debt management, benefits, employment, housing and relationship issues. You will need good IT skills and a desire to help people in your local community.
- **Receptionists:** you will be meeting and greeting clients, inputting client data, sorting out the post and paperwork from clients, sending out reminder texts to clients and making and receiving phone calls.
- **IT specialists:** to help to maintain our IT systems and support the service. Help staff and volunteers with day-to-day IT issues, for example with trouble logging on, connecting to Wi-Fi, and locating or accessing files. We also would welcome support to maintain our local Citizens Advice website.
- **Training & HR Administrator:** to assist our Training & HR Manager we are looking for an experienced administrator to help produce training materials, organise training sessions, maintain training records and help with HR administration. You will ideally be used to using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

We would like you to be available for two sessions per week, if possible, either mornings or afternoon or a whole day. We offer a rewarding, flexible and supportive working environment.

**If you would like to make a contribution to your local community, gain new skills and meet new people, please follow this link:**

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale/volunteer/>

**Or if you would like to discuss these volunteering roles please email:** [recruitment@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@osavcab.org.uk) and one of our team will be in touch with you.

## NEW TRUSTEES NEEDED

**Role:** Trustees

**Organisation:** Oxfordshire South and Vale Citizens Advice

**Location:** Head Office, Abbey House, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

We are looking for new Trustees to join our Board. As well as those with broad experience, we would particularly welcome applicants with skills in governance or with a legal background. We encourage applications from people of any age, background or identity and are committed to equality and diversity.

We are a local charity providing free, confidential and independent advice to help people in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of the White Horse resolve their problems. The main issues people bring to us concern benefits, debt, employment, housing, relationship and consumer problems. Following advice, four in five people are able to resolve their problem and we help most to find a way forward. We also use evidence to influence policies and practices that affect people's lives.

Our 118 volunteers and our 23 (mainly part-time) staff, advise over 9,000 people each year from four main advice centres. At present our advice centres are partially open and many of our staff and volunteers operate our Adviceline service from home.

We are members of National Citizens Advice, which means we have access to its services, resources and support and it sets and audits our advice standards. However, as an independent charity, we are responsible for running our own affairs and much of our funding comes from District, Town and Parish Councils and local charities.

Trustees are asked to attend six Board meetings a year, held in the evening at various locations. Each Trustee is encouraged to take an interest in a particular aspect of the charity's work.

### What's in it for you?

- make a positive impact for people in your local area by ensuring the local Citizens Advice is sustainable and serves the needs of the community
- meet people and build relationships with trustees, staff and other volunteers
- build on your governance, leadership and strategy skills
- increase your employability
- and we'll reimburse expenses too.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Jane Richardson, the Chair, via

[jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk](mailto:jane.richardson@osavcab.org.uk) or email

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## 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:

Diana Marion HASTING, who died on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022 was born on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1936 and her funeral was held in All Saints' Church, Sutton Courtenay on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 followed by burial in Milton Cemetery. Tributes were given at her funeral by her grandchildren and by her cousin, Edmund Sixsmith, of which this is an edited extract:

As a child Diana attended Abbots Bromley school where she was clever enough and bossy enough to be head girl but too mischievous to get the job. She got several effortless A-levels and could have gone to Oxford or Cambridge but she told her father it would be a waste of his money and her time and she would go to secretarial college because within a few years she would be married and have several children. She came top at her secretarial college and was recruited by 10 Downing St. to be one of the 'garden room girls' working for the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden and then Harold McMillan. She did indeed marry young and rapidly produced four delightful children.

Diana's life was marked with two tragedies. The death of her younger brother Philip in the canoeing accident in Austria in 1965 age 28; and the death of her son Toby in 2008. Diana bore these tragedies and other difficulties with fortitude and faith.

Diana was a pillar of the church and certainly considered becoming ordained. She gained a degree in theology at a mature age. She would, one suspects, have made an excellent vicar. She would almost certainly have been rapidly promoted to Abbot. She was active in the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute, both at a national level and presided over a Jamboree in Westminster in 1985 attended by a thousand members. She was also the backbone of the Abbots Bromley Old Girls' network. The charity Parents and Children Together benefited from many years of Diana's tireless efforts and she was awarded MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2016 - richly deserved! Diana was head of the Sixsmith family for the last 30 years and as all members of the family know, kept everyone well informed and well under control. She will be greatly missed by us all. Her radiant smile, often infectious, will never be forgotten.



And an edited extract from the address given by The Reverend Helen Kendrick:

Most of us knew Diana through her involvement in church life; her work with the Conservative Party; or through her many charitable endeavours. Throughout all of this she was a perfectionist who worked to extremely high standards and expected others to do the same. Straight talking and honest - she demanded a lot of herself, and she demanded a lot of those around her. She was passionate about those things in which she believed –and she held strong opinions on numerous topics, which she was never afraid to voice. Intelligent and deep thinking, she enjoyed discussing everything from theology to world affairs. Diana would always have an opinion to express – whether in a Parochial Church Council or Deanery or Diocesan Synod meeting; a bible study group or on the numerous committees across the church and the charities she supported and with which she was involved. She liked nothing better than a lively discussion on some thorny theological issue and she always had something of value to contribute. However, her manner of delivery could be intimidating to some, and this did not always make life easy for those around her. She was never afraid of disagreeing with someone else – often seeming to relish a good confrontation! She certainly knew her own mind, but I think age did mellow her and she appeared more willing to consider the views of others in recent years. Nevertheless, Diana was a woman who got things done. Her heart was always in the right place, and she was often the first to offer to take up a job – even those that no one else was prepared to do. If you did ask Diana to do something you could always guarantee that it would be done – and probably twice as quick as you had anticipated. She was a gifted proof-reader and would not hold back from pointing out mistakes made – particularly if it involved an inadvertent addition of an 's' to her surname! Diana loved good food, good wine and good company. She was generous with her hospitality and enjoyed joining in with all the social occasions she could. She and Peter had a wide and varied circle of friends – in the church community and further afield through naval connections and charitable work. She was also very caring, kind-hearted and supportive – often in unseen ways. Her faith gave meaning to her life and underpinned all that she did. And I know that she drew great strength from worshipping over the years – at St Peter's in Drayton and at All Saints', and indeed across the DAMASCUS Parish – and she has been an important part of our parish community for many, many years. She witnessed several vicars come and go and found wry amusement in the slow progress of change in the church and the repetitive nature of much of the church decision making process. But whatever the vagaries of church life, Diana's faith was pivotal to how she lived. She believed firmly in the virtues of duty, of service to the community and generous giving – of her time, her talents, her energy and her money. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and her family who gathered for her funeral on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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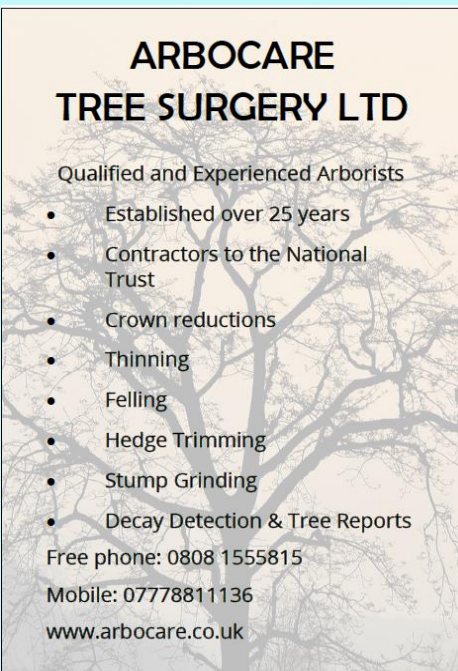
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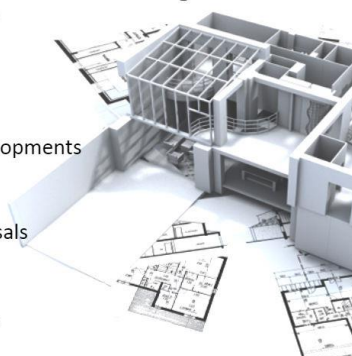
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